Capital improvements underway following Bond approval

As part of its continuing program to improve the Mack and Jefferson commercial area the City Council, at its January 8th meeting, awarded bids for the demolition of several vacant buildings along the Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park border. Several buildings at the corner of Mack and Alter will be removed to make way for new construction. Presently the city is studying several proposals for the site which will encompass approximately 2.7 acres.

At the same January 8th meeting the City Council also awarded bids for the demolition of the now vacant Deck Bar and Grosse Pointe Party Store located at the corner of Jefferson and Alter. Removal of these buildings will give the City control of the entire block between Alter and Wayburn and will provide a basis for future development of the area between Alter and City Hall. Council is also reviewing bids for the demolition of the two vacant Jefferson buildings formerly occupied by a bar and laundromat.

According to Mayor Heenan “the removal of these vacant buildings should provide a drastic improvement for the Mack and Jefferson entryways to our city. This is part of a long-range plan for the improvement of Mack and Jefferson which the Council has patiently implemented over the past several years. It is the product of many people’s efforts and will have a significant impact on city improvements”.

Another benefit of the recently passed bond issue is the addition of significant capital dollars to the city’s road resurfacing budget. According to City Manager Dale Krajniak, the reduction in state revenue sharing funds and the substantial price increases for asphalt and cement have reduced the number of streets that could be resurfaced in the regular budget. “The bond funding will allow the City Council to, at least, double the number of roads to be paved each year” says Krajniak. “At this time the Department of Public Services is reviewing priority roads slated to be resurfaced beginning in the Spring”.

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Grosse Pointe Park Centennial Celebration 1907 - 2007

Among events under discussion to observe the city’s 100th birthday are guided and self guided bike/rollerblade and walking tours, photo displays, Palmer Heenan Historical Lecture Series, street banners, school programs, planting of Centennial Trees, Centennial Gardens and special days at the Park’s Farmers Market. Parks and Recreation is considering additional ways to mark the occasion. Watch for these events in the May Communicator.

Kiki Herfert, Chairwoman of The Centennial Volunteer Committee, is asking the community to share historically relevant items of interest. Included are photos, neighborhood, street and family histories, as well as essays, papers and other city memorabilia. Items should be clearly marked on the reverse side in pencil or on the margins of photos. Identify the people or places shown in photos and include a stamped, self addressed envelope for return of items. Do not send valuable, irreplaceable or fragile items. Merchants and businesses are also invited to suggest events and ideas or submit items of interest.

Items and ideas may be sent to Kiki Herfert c/o City of Grosse Pointe Park / 15115 Jefferson / Grosse Pointe Park MI 48230 or kikiherfert@gmail.com

The following are a few items of interest when Grosse Pointe Park was founded in 1907.
- President of The United States was Theodore Roosevelt
- Population of the country was 87,008,000
- Population of Grosse Pointe Park was less than 290
- Oklahoma became the country’s 46th state
- Cost of a first class stamp was 2 cents
- Federal spending was $0.58 billion
- The Chicago Cubs defeated the Detroit Tigers in the World Series
- The NCAA Football Champions was Yale with a 9-0-1 record
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2 - Water & Sewerage Billing
3 - Public Safety
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PARK PASSES PLEASE READ!

It is the goal of the City of Grosse Pointe Park to continue to provide to you, the residents, with the best possible service and recreational facilities. As a result we are going to institute a few changes in the park pass system that we believe will make your visits to our beautiful parks even more enjoyable.

We ask that you take a few moments to read the following rules that we will be enforcing this year. The majority of them already exist but we do have a few changes. It is extremely important that everyone complies with the rules so we can all enjoy our parks. Again, we thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to serving you throughout the upcoming year.

- Homeowners passes will be renewed beginning with the 2007 season. Current passes are valid until June 15, 2007.
- Complete and return the enclosed application in the provided envelope before March 15, 2007. Your new pass will be mailed back before June 15. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED FOR VALIDATION. Park passes are required for residents age 7 and older.
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New Event!
FOR SALE! Windmill Pointe Park!

Not really. But now that we have your attention we wish to announce our first “Tailgate Treasures”. This will be a yard/garage sale that will be held in the auxiliary parking lot at Windmill Pointe Park on Saturday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residents that would like to find a new home for that old moose head, sporting goods, clothes, furniture, kitchenware, lawn equipment, collectables or just about anything else you might want to put a price tag on, then this is the special event you want to attend.

A vendor space consisting of 4 parking spots may be reserved for $10.00 per site by calling the Parks and Recreation office at 822-2812 ext 200 or 201. Reservations will be taken until Friday, May 11. Multiple sites will be assigned if available. You may drive a vehicle to your assigned area and set-up your sale items from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. You will need to provide your own tables and chairs. Free standing tents or canopies will be allowed and your vehicle may remain on site, however no one will be allowed to bring sale items or vehicles into the sale area after 9:30 a.m. Our concessionaire, Marty Peters, will also be on site with hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pop, water, coffee and other light refreshments.

“Tailgate Treasures” will be a fun and profitable venture for both buyers and sellers. Call early to reserve your spot.

New Event!

Picnic Permit guidelines and fees for 2007

Picnic permits are now available at the Parks & Recreation office for picnics at either Windmill Pointe or Patterson Park for the 2007 season.

A family may have up to 25 non-resident guests (age 7 and over) at either park by obtaining a picnic permit. The fee for a permit is $10.00 for a Monday - Friday picnics or $20.00 for a Saturday or Sunday event. Permits will not be issued for Memorial Day, the Fourth of July or Labor Day. Picnic Permits and fees must be received no less than one week prior to the reservation date. Permit reservations may only be made between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday at the park office or by calling 822-2812 ext. 201. Refunds will not be made for cancelled reservations.

Please remember that a permit is only needed for your guests.

Lindell Lodge rental guidelines

We are pleased to announce that it is available to rent for tea’s, clubs, birthday and card parties, meetings and other small gatherings from April 15 to November 1. The lodge features a 32” HDTV flat screen television and surround sound audio system with a gas fireplace, 2 leather club chairs and 2 wooden cafe tables with accompanying wooden chairs. The side windows open and there is a ceiling fan. There is also a handicap accessible restroom. There is no refrigeration, kitchen, sink or serving utensils. Coolers are allowed and the counters may be used for serving food. Total capacity is 25 people. An 18’ x 22’ landscaped brick patio with a charcoal grill and 2 sets of patio furniture add to the charm of this facility.

BUILDING RULES:

No smoking allowed.
Balloons and table decorations are permitted. No wall decorations allowed.
The lodge is an “AS IS” rental room. Additional seating and tables are not allowed in the lodge.
Picnic permits will not be issued for use with the lodge, however a grill will be available for your barbeque needs.

RENTAL FEES:
The lodge is available for morning or afternoon rentals. Rental times are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (4 hr. rentals)
Monday - Friday rentals are $50.00 per booking. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are $75.00 per booking. A seperate security deposit of $100.00 is also required. Security deposit checks will be returned immediately following an event provided there are no damages to the facility.
All fees must be paid 1 week in advance at the Parks and Recreation office.

For additional information or reservations please call 822-2812 ext 200.
Windmill Pointe Park
Egg Scramble
Wednesday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.

All children 8 years of age and under are invited to our outdoor egg scramble on Wednesday, April 4 at Windmill Pointe Park. The scramble will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m. rain or shine. Plastic bunny eggs will cover the grounds waiting to be found and turned in for candy and surprises. Egg collection bags will be provided as the children arrive.

This event is for the children. Parents are asked not to hunt for eggs but are welcome to videotape this event. Also, be sure to have their picture taken with Mr. & Mrs. Bunny and visit our assortment of farm animals for petting and feeding.

Tickets for this event are $5.00 per child and will be available starting March 1 at the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. You may also purchase tickets by mailing your check with the registration form in this paper.

Grosse Pointe Park “Mutants”
Swim Team News

Winners of 4 consecutive Championships!
The summer swim team, The Grosse Pointe Park - CHAMPION “MUTANTS” is open to all residents 17 and under. Competitive meets are held with the neighboring Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

After February 5 we will have an eligibility and registration form on the city’s webpage for you to download, fill out and turn in along with the team fees to the addresses provided.

Please go to: www.grossepointepark.org and click on Parks & Recreation then click on the Mutant swim team link and go to forms. Taking care of this form and payment in advance will eliminate long lines on our registration day.

If you have a child who is new to the team or a child who wants to change levels then they must try-out to qualify. Wednesday, May 30 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. TRY-OUTS are at the pool.

From 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. swim suits and mutant wear can be purchased. Registration for new and returning swimmers and parent volunteer sign up will take place in the Lavins Lounge. From 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. parents and coaches meeting will be in the Okulski Theatre.

You can also pick up a registration form at the Parks & Recreation Office.

Swim team fees are: (please make out 2 checks)
1 swimmer: GPP Mutants - $40.00 City of Grosse Pointe Park - $30.00
2 swimmers: GPP Mutants - $56.00 City of Grosse Pointe Park - $50.00
3 or more swimmers: GPP Mutants - $72.00 City of Grosse Pointe Park - $60.00

If you have any questions you can call Terry Solomon at 822-2812 ext 200 or the swim team Parent Committee Chairperson, John Smith at 884-1644.

Valentine’s Day Skate
Saturday, February 10, 2007 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

This one hour time slot will be exclusively for the Valentine’s Day Skate participants. (All others will be asked to stay off the ice until after the event) All ages are welcome to come and participate and should have basic skating skills. (skating forward, backwards, getting up after falling) All participants must be wearing skates. We will match skating games to the number of participants. Example: If there are a lot of skaters we will not have relay games so skaters are not standing in the cold. Our D.J. will play lively music for skating, which we will do a lot of. Come and join the fun. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be served after the event in the Lodge. Please remember that skate guards are required when in the lodge.

Dodge Ball for Kids

Sign your children up for an hour of play in running, ducking, catching and throwing in an assortment of dodge ball games in the Golden Family Gymnasium. This popular game is lots of laughs with the kids and went over so well last year that it’s back! Players don’t need to worry about getting hit because all the balls that are used are soft coated foam balls. We will have our instructor explain the rules, monitor the games and set up the teams. Sign up and pay at the Lavins Center Reception Desk by Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

Saturdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. 5 - 10 year old girls and boys
5 weeks $17.00

Session II February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17
Participants need to wear gym shoes and comfortable clothes.
Karate for Kids
Instructor: Lisa Santi

This popular martial arts program continues another season of learning, skill development and advancement. The “Turn of the Tide”, Martial Arts program works to teach students to gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. These classes are ongoing and new students are always welcomed. Classes are held in the gymnasium in the Lavins Activity Center. Class sizes are limited.

The Forms Class is new this year and is designed for students to improve their Forms training. This class is offered to students who have attained the rank of Junior Red Belt or 9th Gup Blue Belt and higher. In this class students will perfect their current forms making them tournament quality and begin working on their next form. This class is good for both the student that enjoys the beauty of the art of “forms” and the student who struggles with forms and wants to improve in this area of their martial arts training. In a normal 8 week session of Karate, forms are practiced for two weeks. In this class we will work on forms every week helping you to improve and retain your learning, skill development and advancement.

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Karate for Teens

Designed by teens for teens, each class will start with a fun warm up to music and then the traditional karate training that enhances the physical skills of strength, fitness, balance, coordination, and flexibility with the mental skills of focus, patience, courage, confidence, perseverance, respect, discipline and dedication being applied. Issues that teens face today and self defense techniques will also be woven into this specially designed class. Sensei Marino Santi a teen himself will be co-teaching this class.

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Registration for Session IV will be on Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at The Lavins Activity Center.

Adult Karate Class

Thursdays 7:45 p.m. Lavins Center
8 week course $50.00

Come and join this on going Tang Soo Do class held on Thursday evenings from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Your age, your sex, even your physical condition does not matter in karate. There is room for everyone. As a classical martial art its purpose is to develop every aspect of the self, mind, body, emotions, and spirit. Training in the martial arts can help alleviate the stresses and tensions in today’s society. Learning a martial art is something that truly changes your life, and not only makes you physically flexible and strong but also strengthens your mind.

Gymnastics Class
Instructor: Barb Thomson

Basic tumbling skills taught, working on floor mats only. Rolls, cartwheels, handstands, etc. will be taught according to the level of the class. Emphasis will be on strength, flexibility and coordination. With positive reinforcement the students will build the courage to try new skills. For both boys and girls. Comfortable gym clothes with no zippers should be worn to class. Must have a minimum of 8 students per class to run. Please register at the Lavins Activity Center.

| Session II |
| 5 - 7 yr. olds Sat. 7 weeks $56.00 11:15-Noon |
| 5 - 7 yr. olds Sat. 7 weeks $56.00 Noon-12:45 p.m. |
| January 27, February 10, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 |

| Session III |
| 5 - 7 yr. olds Sat. 8 weeks $64.00 11:15-Noon |
| 5 - 7 yr. olds Sat. 8 weeks $64.00 Noon-12:45 p.m. |
| April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, June 2, 9, 16 |

20 students maximum in a class
Kids Kare Drop-In

For fitness class and fitness room members we have a drop-in room so you can work out while knowing your kids are near-by. Kids may be between six weeks and 5 years of age. Parents must be present and are encouraged to participate in the children's activity. Drop-in is first come, first serve basis. Please be sure to check-in at the front desk before entering.

Lavins Activity Center

The Lavins Activity Center has locker rooms to shower and change in if you choose. Please do not leave locks on lockers overnight as these lockers are used by all, for other Lavins Activity Center programs.

Fees

Movie theater rental for up to 35 people $150.00 (min)
Additional person $5.00
Theatre for power point (8-hour or noon to 4) $160.00
Power Point for 8 hours $320.00
Lounge for up to 4 hours $60.00 for first hour, $50 for each addl. hour
Full Gym rental if available (one hour, limited capacity) $50.00
Security Deposit for security purposes $150.00
Check payments must be in the renting resident’s name and they must be in attendance at the event.

Lavins Activity Center Rental Centers

The Lavins Activity Center can be rented for various functions when it is not scheduled for parks and recreation activities, classes or events. Reservations are requested to be made at least 1 month in advance. For complete details please stop in at the reception desk in the Stevens Atrium.

Capacity

Okaliski Theatre: 130 persons
McKeefer Lounge: 25 persons

Kids Kare Drop-In

In addition to the above, we also offer a Kids Kare Drop-In service. This service is available for children ages six weeks to 9 years of age. These children are supervised by trained, experienced staff in a safe and secure environment. Please call after 12 noon the day before to reserve a space.

Service

Drop-In Fee

$5.00 per child

Gym Rentals

Occasional Half Court gym rentals of the Golden Family Gymnasium are available. Reservations may be made only 24-hours in advance (maximum) for basketball, volleyball, badminton and running games. The fee is $20 per hour for the half court. Park passes are required for access to the park and the Lavins Activity Center. Park passes will be available for purchase in the Stevens Atrium. Please be sure to check-in at the front desk before entering.

Service

Half Court Gym Rental $20.00 per hour

Gym Class Memberships

Membership in the Fitness Center can also be purchased. Stop by our front desk for a list of current prices and membership combinations.

Fitness Class Membership

Monday – Thursday 5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday 5:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gym Class Membership

Cardio Step & Stretch

Monday & Wednesday 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Thursday 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Friday 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Short Spin

Monday 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Fat Burning Friday

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Fitness Class Membership Offerings

Body Toning with Weights

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Strengthening training is beneficial for men and women, no matter what their age or fitness level. Weight training can help lose unwanted pounds and inches to prevent gradual accumulation of body fat that otherwise accompanies aging.

Do not abandon aerobic activity, the two diverse workouts complement each other.

Body X-Celescene

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we offer another class that is a combination of strength training and cardio. Please stop by our front desk for complete details.

Group Indoor Cycling

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we offer another class that is a combination of strength training and cardio. Please stop by our front desk for complete details.

Short Spin

Monday & Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This class involves 20 minutes of low impact movements. Rest of the time is spent on weight training the arms and legs. Abdominal and back work is included followed by relaxation and stretching. Working at one’s own pace is encouraged.

DOLORES & PAUL LAVINS ACTIVITY CENTER

Activity Center programs.

Gym Class Membership

Monday – Thursday 5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday 5:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.p.

The classes that make up the Fitness Class Membership are varied. They run the spectrum from Indoor Cycling to Fat Burning Friday. If you’re first time attending a class we strongly suggest that you arrive 15 minutes earlier than a class is scheduled to meet the instructor and find out the class routine. Fitness class memberships can be purchased at the front desk in the Stevens Atrium and classes are conducted in the gym. Monthly calendar schedule is available at the Lavins Activity Center for class days and times. Classes are ongoing unless otherwise noted.

A combined fitness center AND class membership can also be purchased. Stop by our front desk for a list of current prices and membership combinations.

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Additional cost.

Activity Center programs.

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Ticket Prices:

Adults $4.00
Children under 12 $3.00
Seniors over 60 $3.00
Matinee (Movie starting before 5 p.m.) $4.00

Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day.

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Movie Theatre Rental

Capacity: 130 persons

Catering

Meals: 130 persons

Lavins Activity Center

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Guidelines

Lavins Activity Center

The Lavins Activity Center has locker rooms to shower and change in if you choose. Please do not leave locks on lockers overnight as these lockers are used by all, for other Lavins Activity Center programs.

Short Spin

Monday & Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

We are just going for a short spin... 30 Minutes of intense indoor cycling. Bikes must be reserved starting at noon the day before short spin class.

Activity Center programs.

Gym Class Membership

Monday – Thursday 5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday 5:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Tiny Tots  
Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Tiny Tots is a developmentally based gross motor skill class designed for children 18-36 months old. Along with their parents, the children learn how to move in fun and challenging ways while dancing to music and playing games with new friends.

SESSION II 6 weeks $42.00

Tiny Tots:  Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4

Pipsqueaks P.E.  
Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Pipsqueaks is a class for children 3-6 years old who are ready to move, dance and play independently from their parents. This is a great class designed to get their bodies moving in a fun and energetic way while learning new developmental skills.

Enrollment is limited to 12 children per class. If necessary, we can add an additional class on Tuesday or Wednesday depending on demand. We could add a 2:00-3:00 p.m. class either day. There must be at least 6 children enrolled to run a class.

SESSION II 6 weeks $42.00

Pipsqueaks:  Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4

A Pajama Party!

Featuring “The Merry Music Maker”

Friday, February 16 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tonights theme will be “Let it snow!”

Friday, March 16 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tonights theme will be “Think Spring!”

What to wear: Your pajamas and a smiling face.

What to bring: A blanket to sit on.

Cost: $12.00 per family

Ages: 2 to 8 years and the young at heart.

What to expect: Music, stories, and silly fun. Bedtime will never be the same!

Adult Golf Instruction

This class is designed for beginners and for those of you who need to brush up on your skills. You will need to bring 4 clubs to the first class. A wood, 7 iron, pitching wedge and a putter. Practical hands-on instruction and video taping of each golfer will take place during each session. Golf lessons will be taught in the Golden Family Gymnasium accommodating up to 15 participants. Sign up early with your friends to reserve your spot!

Tuesdays, 5 classes 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. $65.00

Session II February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13

Instructor: Matt Bodde, Golf Pro at the Country Club of Detroit

REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES AND EVENTS  
Please do not use for Karate

Name:____________________________
Age:________

Name:____________________________
Age:________

Address:__________________________

Phone:____________________________

Class/Activity:_____________________

Amount: $_____________

Please make check payable to and mail to:
City of Grosse Pointe Park
15115 E. Jefferson Ave.
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
Attn: Parks & Recreation
WATER DEPARTMENT NOW OFFERING ELECTRONIC WITHDRAWALS

Automatic Debit Payment Sign-Up Form

The Grosse Pointe Park Water Department is now ready to sign up all water customers with ACH debit payment for paying your water bill. This service will allow you to have the City’s water department deduct the balance of your water bill from your bank checking account on the due date. Once it is established, you will never pay a late fee or worry about your mailed check arriving at City Hall; and no more changing your mailing address when you are out of town.

Many of our residents already have utility, loan and mortgage payments deducted from their checking accounts, so they are aware of how quick and simple the process is. Please fill out the form below and return it, along with a voided check, to the Grosse Pointe Park Water Department, 15115 East Jefferson Ave. Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Please contact the water department with any questions or concerns at 313-822-7650 or e-mail to jennym@grossepointepark.org.

Additional information (please read carefully)

1. You will receive your water bill in the mail as always. When the ACH debit is set up, the pay stub will have “Do not pay” printed at the bottom. The funds will be deducted from your checking account on the due date.

2. After you sign up for the service, the first bill you receive will NOT be deducted from your account. Your bank information must first be ‘Pre-noted’, which means: the information received from you must first be verified with the bank to confirm its accuracy. If we do not receive an error message from our bank, then the information was deemed accurate, and the ACH debit will occur with your next billing.

3. Final payments will never be automatically deducted. When a final read is requested, the auto draft information will be inactivated.

NAME: _____________________________________________
ADDRESS: _____________________________________________
PHONE #: _____________________________________________
WATER ACCOUNT #(S)_______________________________________

I hereby agree to allow the CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK to deduct, from my checking account, the balance owing on my water bill on its bimonthly due date.

SIGNATURE: _____________________________________

Grosse Pointe Sail Club

Interested in having fun? The Grosse Pointe Sail Club has fun year round. 2007 begins with our annual Commodores Ball, Winter Ski Weekend, Spring Mexican Fiesta Party and more. In May we begin our Tuesday night race series.

There are many ways to get involved. Chair a committee, be part of Tuesday night race management (those people by the flag pole keeping score), race your sail boat (beginners welcome), be a stake boat (power boaters welcome), attend the rendezvous or attend the parties at the Tompkins Center.

Why don’t you consider joining the Grosse Poine Sail Club? We have a lot of fun all year round and are always looking for new members. If you would like to inquire about joining please call Commodore Peter D’Angelo at 313-823-2671.
News and Notes from the Public Service Department

2007 Board of Review notice

The 2007 Board of Review will meet on March 20 and March 27. Hearings will be by appointment only. Property owners will receive assessment notices approximately 10 days prior to the meetings. Notices will contain instructions on how to schedule an appointment. The 2007 S.E.V.’s will be based on sales from April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2006. This period indicates an average increase in value of .96%.

Taxpayers must give evidence to show that the assessment is incorrect. The Board of Review needs good reasons to alter an assessment. Petitioners need to be prepared. They need to have evidence that an assessment is incorrect. Sales of comparables cannot be different from subject in size, age or quality.

Board of Review decisions are binding only for the current assessment year. The Board of Review’s decision will be mailed to the petitioner. Along with the decision will be information about the Michigan Tax Tribunal which is where an appeal of the Board’s decision can be made. Their appeal deadline is June 30. Only assessments reviewed by the Board can be appealed to the tribunal.

Understanding the Assessment Cap

The passage of Proposal A in March of 1994 drastically changed the property assessment and taxation system. One such change is the “assessment cap.” The language in Proposal A stated that, starting in 1995, the taxable value can be increased only by the amount of the consumer price index (C.P.I.) or 5% (whichever is less). However, other laws still require that the State Equalized Value (S.E.V.) is to be 50% of the current market value. Since 1982, the S.E.V. and assessed value have been virtually the same. The capped value and the S.E.V. could be totally different.

As a result, there will be three different “values” recorded for each property: the State Equalized Value; the Capped Value; and the Taxable Value. PROPERTY TAXES ARE CALCULATED ON THE TAXABLE VALUE.

Since 1995, the Assessor has still been required to estimate the market value of every property and record 50% of that as the State Equalized Value. In addition, the Assessor is required to multiply individually each years taxable value by the C.P.I. (3.7) for 2007 to calculate each individual Capped Value. The lessers of the two will be the taxable value.

Structural items not previously assessed, for example new construction, are to be added to the new values.

The capping process continues until ownership is transferred. When this occurs, the taxable value and State Equalized Value will be the same figure and should represent 50% of the usual market value. Legislation states that the actual sales price must not be the sole basis of the new S.E.V.

TO SUMMARIZE:

STATE EQUALIZED VALUE
(S.E.V.) is half of the appraised market value

CAPPED VALUE (C.V.)
is last year’s taxable value increased by the amount of the Consumer Price Index (max of 5%) plus construction changes.

TAXABLE VALUE (T.V.)
is the lesser of the State Equalized and Capped Values

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

Presidents Day Monday, February 19
Good Friday Friday, April 6

Trash and recycling on regular schedule

Snow Removal

As a courtesy to homeowners, snow and ice is cleared from sidewalks. In the event that the city is not able to do so, the occupant and/or owner of every lot adjoining any street shall clear all ice and snow within (12) hours after the snow ceases to fall.
The Tompkins Community Center

The Tompkins Community Center is located at Windmill Pointe Park. The Center’s main function is to host parties. The Center’s capacity is 129 people, and can comfortably seat 100 people. It is available for Park residents to rent for various family functions.

Rental rates for 2007 are:
Monday - Thursday (daytime or evening function) $250.00
Fri., Sat., & Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. $350.00
Wedding Receptions $550.00
Monday - Thursday hourly rate (up to 3 hours maximum) $75.00 1st hour $50.00 per hour after.

For additional information or reservations please call 822-2812 ext 201.

West Park Farmer’s Market update

The West Park Farmers Market is entering its forth year and has blossomed into a diverse open-air market. The market provides such products as certified organic and non-organic produce, cheeses, baked goods, art, candles, jewelry, crafts, plants and flowers in season, gift items, holiday ware, and an array of delicious delicacies in case you get hungry. Not only is the market a great place to shop, it is also a place for families to interact and take advantage of the number of activities the market has to offer including easy listening music and crafts for children to name a few. There are 20-30 vendors available on any given Saturday and an increase in vendors and a variety of wares for special events. These special events in 2007 will run at least once monthly and will be published on our web page when available. (www.grossepointepark.org)

Additional off street parking is available this year thanks to the public parking lot conveniently located within walking distance to the market. The parking lot is off Kercheval between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield. The market is located in the downtown business district of Grosse Pointe Park and encompasses the entire streetscape. It runs from May 26 to September 29. The market is open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. regardless of holidays and the weather is rarely a cause for closing. Special events occasionally offer extended hours. Vendor space can be obtained by contacting the Market Manager, Jennifer Meldrum at 313-822-2812 ext 300 or Terry Solomon at 313 822-2812 ext 200 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Submitted by Jennifer Meldrum

Dawgggy Walk at Patterson Park

Free Event

The following dates are when we will allow your dawg, big or small but on a leash, into the park! Enjoy a walk with your four legged friend around Patterson Park. Pet owners and dawgs should meet at the windsurf area where we will begin our walk and talk around the park. Also, please note that this event is not only for children. We would love to see all of our dawg walkers attend. Please be prompt as we will all walk as a group. Bring your own doggy bags and treats for your dog. The cold weather will not allow water bowls to be available. Also, have footwear for all terrain walking.

February 11, 25, March 11, 25, April 8, 22

Grosse Pointe Artists Association

1005 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park, 313-821-1848

Year-Long Collaborative Workshop February 28 to March 17 Curated by Artist-in-residence, Phaedra Robinson

There are on-going children’s and adult art classes throughout the month. There are a number of children’s classes on two days during the week at four different levels. Call the Grosse Pointe Art Center for details.

Beautification Commission Award

Recipients for 2006

The following residents were recognized for enhancing the appearance of our community through landscaping, floral displays, renovation, preservation and maintenance.

Residential Awards

Area 1
Charles Tryer Beaconsfield
Rodger & Kathleen Hunwick Lakepointe
Suzanne McDonald Nottingham
Anita Fischer & Daniel Hanneman Wayburn
Matthew J. Tepper Wayburn
Allen E. Wire Wayburn

Area 2
Rob & Julie Boggs Barrington
Dr. L. Murray & Pauline Thomas Berkshire
Ron & Diane Strickler Middlesex
John M. Jones Middlesex
JoMarie & Jimmy Schmidt Pemberton
Dr. Wm. & Mary Coyro Westchester

Area 3
Stacey Chen & Susan Dimoff Bedford
Edie & Cormac O’Byrne Bishop
Carol & Ron Kotz Bishop Lane
Stephen & Cheryl Winter Trombley
Dale & Robin Johnson Trombley
David & Margaret Lujan Whittier

Area 4
Larry & Liz Bsharah Audubon
Amanda Conti-Duhaime Trust Bishop
Gregory Urbiel & Cindy Drost Kensington
Kay Wasinger Kensington
Steve Marr Three Mile
Amer & Cynthia Aboukasm Whittier

Area 5
The Weidig Family Balfour
David F. Kelley Bedford
Timothy Sullivan Bishop
William Young Bishop
James Corbett Cadieux
Tony & Mary Ann Henrichs Whittier

Spring Garden Awards

Rudy & Susan Vandenbroeck Bedford
Sharon Goldsby Devonshire
Dr. Garver Three Mile
**Branching Out!**

**Bond Proposal Benefits**

Thanks to additional funds available from the passing of the bond proposal, dead ash tree removal will continue through the winter months. Replacement trees will be planted this spring and fall. If you think you have a diseased ash in front of your house or if one was already cut down and you want a replacement tree, call me at the number below.

Furthermore, it should be pointed out that there is an ordinance which states “Dead trees on private property must be cut down within nine months”. If you have had trouble getting a contractor out to remove your dead tree, call me. In some cases, if the tree is easily accessible in the front yard, the city’s contractor can remove it at the city’s price. Also, if you have a large dead tree but can’t afford to have it removed, the city may be able to remove it and set up a payment plan where you would have up to one year to pay off the balance.

2007 promises to be a very busy year. We are planning on removing twice as many diseased ash than we did in 2006. This is amazing considering that we cut down more trees last year than in any other year, ever! Emphasis will be on diversification when we replant. There are several desirable species of trees out there that are underutilized. Plus, since Grosse Pointe Park is in a sub-climate hardiness zone 6, we will take advantage of planting some species which won’t grow in neighboring cities.

The passing of the bond proposal has enabled the city to accelerate the removal of diseased ash and replace them with more desirable species of trees. Pictured above is a dead ash stump being removed. A replacement tree has already been planted for future enjoyment.

Contact Brian Colter at 822-6200 ext 271 or arbor2000@aol.com

**Twice the number of Ash trees will be replaced in 2007**

**By Brian Colter**

**Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission 2006 Awards Presentation**

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission held their 2006 Award Presentations at the Tompkins Community Center on November 9, 2006. Recognition is bestowed on individuals and businesses that improve, enhance and maintain the ambience and beauty of our community.

Pictured at right are three recipients receiving their awards from Mayor Palmer Heenan.

At top is Business Award recipient, Eugene Mulier, recognized for the many years of operating Mulier’s Market, a Grosse Pointe Park landmark and noted “Old fashioned market”. At center is Civic Award recipient, Ed Gruca, who has been instrumental in the drive to inject mature American elms with a fungicide to preserve them from Dutch-elm disease.

At bottom is Civic Award recipient, Timothy Greening, who inventoried every commemorative tree in Windmill Pointe and Patterson Park using a Global Positioning System to plot their positions. He also photographed each plaque and submitted the information to the city web site. It should be noted that Tim’s effort was part of his Eagle Scout project.

Please see the list of Residential and Spring Garden Award winners on Page 11.

Congratulations to all!

**Spring Perennial Plant Exchange**

Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission

Saturday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. - Noon Tompkins Community Center

Composting demonstrations. Master gardeners available to answer questions. Exchange planting ideas with fellow gardeners. No plants for exchanging? Gardeners happily share their extras.

Free Mulch courtesy of the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

For more info visit www.grossepointepark.org or select “current information” at www.bcsedm.org