Mark your calendar for our Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market that will take place at Windmill Pointe Park, outside and inside the Tompkins Community Center on Wednesday, November 28.

The Tompkins’ Center’s doors will open for shopping at 2:00 p.m. and stay open until 6:00 p.m. Four hours of browsing and shopping for those hard to find gifts along with live holiday roping, wreaths, table centerpieces and various Christmas decorations, ornaments and knick-knacks. At 6:00 p.m. we will close the gift market and have the tree lighting festivities outdoors at 6:30 p.m. Santa Claus will join us to receive the key to the city from Mayor Pro Tem, Greg Theokas, and flip the switch to illuminate our beautiful tree. Songs will be sung by the Grosse Pointe South Choir and hot chocolate and cookies will be served. After 7:00 p.m. we will re-open the gift market for one more hour of shopping. Also a FREE 30 minute movie, “The Snowman” will be shown at The Okulski Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Make your lists, check them twice and bring your neighbors, friends and family to kick off the holiday season at this festive occasion.

Lunch with Santa
Saturday, December 1,
Tompkins Community Center
Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children from Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 1. Lucky for us he is willing to stay all afternoon, so we have scheduled three different times for lunch, pictures and crafts. We can only accommodate 25 children and their parents for each lunch time. We will take registration until November 30 or until capacity is reached. Make reservations by sending in the registration form on page 5 with your payment, or visit the Parks and Recreation office at Windmill Pointe Park.

Lunch Times:
10:30-11:30 a.m.
12:00-1:00 p.m.
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Fee: $5.00 per child, $3.00 per attending adult (this includes lunch for all, a craft and a framed digital photo with Santa for the children).

Santa is kept busy during his annual luncheon from hopeful youngsters.

Be certain to obtain a First Issue “Merry Christmas” Grosse Pointe Park commemorative tree ornament that will be available at the Gift Market for $6.00 each.
**Park Hours**

**Patterson Park**
8:00 a.m. to dusk

**Skating Rink**
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Windmill Pointe Park**
8:00 a.m. to dusk

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**CITY PHONE NUMBERS**

911 - EMERGENCIES ONLY

**Municipal Offices - Automated Telephone System**

Main Number: 313-822-6200
0 - For the operator
1 - Public Services, Building Department and Assessment
2 - Water & Sewerage Billing
3 - Public Safety
4 - Municipal Court

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**Direct Lines:**

Public Safety: 313-822-7400
Public Service: 313-822-9020
Voting & Elections: 313-822-4380
Tax Information: 313-822-4267
Building Inspector: 313-822-4368
Water Billing: 313-822-7659

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Municipal Court: 313-822-3335
City Forester: 313-822-6200 (ext. 271)

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**Parks & Recreation**

313-822-2812

- Okulski Theatre Information
- Lavins Activity Center
- Park Office / Tompkins Center
- Inside Gate/ Harbormaster
- Outside Gate / Windmill Pte.
- Patterson Park Gatehouse

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**Election Calendar and notes**

- **November 3**
  - Last day absentee ballots can be mailed from city hall.

- **November 5**
  - Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m.
  - and vote must be cast at city hall.

- **November 6**
  - Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.
  - Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**POLLS ARE OPEN FOR MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, SCHOOL BOARD and WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILLAGE**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VOTERS**

- Picture identification will be required prior to voting. Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver’s license or a Michigan personal identification card.
- Voters who do not possess a photo document may show any of the following forms of picture identification as long as they are current:
  - Driver’s license or personal identification card issued by another state.
  - Federal or state government-issued photo identification.
  - U.S. passport.
  - Military identification card with photo.
- Student identification with photo - from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.
- Tribal identification card with photo.

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**Picnic Permits**

Picnic Permits will be issued at the Parks and Recreation office starting Wednesday, January 2, 2008 for next season. Call 822-2812

- Permits are available for Windmill Pointe and Patterson Park
- You may apply for a permit Monday-Friday from 8-4 p.m.
- A maximum of 25 guests are allowed on a permit
- Charge for permits are $10 week-days and $20 week-ends
- There are picnic limits per day. Make your reservation early.

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**Grosse Pointe Park Communicator**

The Park Communicator is published four times a year: February, May, August and November by the City of Grosse Pointe. The Park Communicator is the voice of the City and City Council.

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George Blair III

*Editor's note: Any correspondence can be mailed to Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 *
It’s Fall once again in Michigan, and our Farmer’s Market has come to a close. The 2007 season was alive with new vendors, special events, and farmers aplenty! Our 2004 Farmer’s Market opened with two farmers, and Pete and Frank’s produce providing what the farmers could not. This year the Market hosted six farms on a regular basis, and eight on special event days with the Green Grocer bringing in produce from out of state.

The beer taste fest/corn roast, in August tempted our taste buds with Michigan sweet corn and flavored butters. To wash it down, Atwater Block Brewery brought in plenty of samples for us to try. I have to say though, my favorite day this year was the last day of the market. We couldn’t have asked for a more beautiful day weather wise, and the vendor and patron participation was tremendous.

I would like to send out a few special thank you’s for people who added to the success of the Market. Our own Department of Public Works and driver of the street sweeper, Dave “Cookie” Cook, for cleaning the Market area very early every Saturday morning. The electrical department, for hanging the banners to identify our Market area. Jim Odell at Pointe Printing, for the use of his bathrooms and electricity when needed and Kiki Herfert for the added bonus of a few classic cars to add to the special events of the last day.

Work has already begun on the 2008 season and our hope is that all aspects of the Market continue to grow. See you next year.

Thanks again,
Jennifer Meldrum

2007 West Park Farmer’s Market concludes with sensational weather and record attendance

2008 Chilly-Fest
Saturday, February 9
Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Patterson Park

Bundle up and come to the Chilly Fest!

Activities will include; ice-skating with D.J. services, snowball target throw, an ice-sculpture demonstration, make your own bird feeder with pine cones and seed (yes, we will supply baggies to put them in), a trolley ride pulled by Clydesdales, snowman building and more activities!

Plan on eating lunch here. We will have chili and hotdogs for sale in an outdoor tent and our sweet treats, coffee and hot chocolate will be available for purchase inside the Lindell Lodge.

Mark your calendar and bring your family and friends to this exciting outdoor event!!

An abundance of farm fresh produce as shown above was available to a record turnout of shoppers on Kercheval Avenue.

Kathy Tobias of Fair Haven purchases apple cider from Jerry Garrett at the final Farmer’s Market on September 29.
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.

Forms Class
The Forms Class 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 training.

Beginners classes are for students ages 5 years to 8 years old that are new to Karate or have attained a Junior Ranking from Junior Yellow Belt to Junior Red Belt.

Advanced classes are for students 9 years old and up that are new to Karate or students that have attained the rank of 8th Gup Purple Belt and up.

Sparring class is for all students regardless of age or rank. Sparring class should be taken in conjunction with a Beginner or Advanced Karate class.

Weapons class is for students who have attained the rank of 6th Gup Green Belt or higher and should be taken in conjunction with an Advanced Karate class.

Teen class is for all students born in or before 1995 regardless of rank.

Testing: Saturday, December 8, 11:00 a.m.
Karate Olympics: Saturday, February 2 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Parent’s Night/Karate Demonstration: Friday, April 4 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Gymnastics Class
Instructor: Barb Thomson

This class is for Boys & Girls

Tumbling skills including rolls, cartwheels, handstands, front handspring, etc. will be taught according to the skill level of the class. Emphasis will be on coordination, strength and flexibility. With positive reinforcement the students will gain the confidence to learn new skills.

Boys apparel: Shorts and T-shirt No shoes or socks
Girls apparel: Bike unitards preferably No shoes or socks

SESSION III 5 weeks $45.00
December 1, 8, 15 January 5, 12
Ages 5 - 10 11:15 a.m. - Noon
Registration and classes will be held at the Lavins Activity Center.
A Pajama Party!

Friday, January 4  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, February 1  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 7  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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!

Calendar Hi-lites and other dates of note:

November 6  Election Day
November 12  Veterans Day (observed)
City offices closed
November 22/23  Thanksgiving
City offices closed
November 28  Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market
Tompkins Community Center
December 1  "Lunch with Santa"
Tompkins Community Center
December 6  Skating Extravaganza
Patterson Park
December 24/25  Christmas
City offices closed
January 1,  Happy New Year 2008!
City offices closed
February 9  Chilly-Fest
Patterson Park

REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES AND EVENTS

Please do not use for Karate

Name:____________________________
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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

Ice Skating Extravaganza '07

Thursday, December 6,  7:00 p.m.
Patterson Park

We will be hosting an Ice Skating Extravaganza this year on December 6 at Patterson Park on the Hutton Ice Rink. This half hour performance will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge for this event. Programs will be furnished as you enter the park. Complimentary hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the Lindell Lodge. Bundle up because the best and only seat in the house will be outside. Watch this skating show under the lights while performers skate in rhythm to their choreographed music. Come and see for yourself the skating talent in the Park!
Mutant dynasty continues with 5th consecutive championship!

On Wednesday, July 25 at the Lakefront Swim Association Finals held at Lakefront Park in Grosse Pointe Woods, the Grosse Pointe Park Mutants brought home the finals trophy for the 5th straight year. The team was led by Swim Team Manager, Brett Read, with veteran coaches Pete Stevens, Amanda Paffly and Emily Richardson-Roszbach and rookie coaches Courtney Graham, Lezann Moceri and Jack Hosburg. These coaches did a remarkable job with these young athletes pulling everything together to make it happen. Their leadership and mentoring qualities along with their energy and enthusiasm and a team filled with talent is how championships are won.

Jubilant Mutant swimmers enjoyed a well deserved celebration and it never gets boring, even after 5 straight years. Congratulations to all!

2007 Co-ed Volleyball Champions

“Supreme Court II”

Back to back Recreational League Champs

Left to right: Nick Manikas, Shelly Daywalt, Kim Manikas, Pati Bekowies, Kent Bekowies and Rich Daywalt. Not pictured: Nicole Galt and Drew Contakos

“The Trilobytes”

Back to back Competitive League Champs

Left to right: Ann Lightbody, Michael Brennen, Ellen Puls, Tony Notarangeli, Karen Gianetti, Arman Puls. Not pictured: Wally Kircher, Dave Puls, Paula Denson, Donna Denisk, Laurie Oaks, Susie McDonald, and Jennifer Biernat

2007 Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament

Men’s Singles Champion
Alex Parker

Women’s Singles Champion
Victoria Grams

Men’s “B” Champion
Jim Gajewski

Women’s “B” Champion
Kim Conley

Men’s Doubles Champions
Michael Parker
Alex Parker

Women’s Doubles Champions
Leslie Trudell
Stacey Brown

Mixed Doubles Champions
Ken Praher
Joanne Petz

Mixed Doubles “B” Champions
Kevin Daudlin
Mary O’Donnell

Parent/Child Champions
Joanne Petz
Brendan Petz

As a result of uncooperative weather, this year’s tournament seemed longer than a fortnight at Wimbledon but with the superb diligence of Tennis Director, Julie Jason, and the patience and cooperation of the players, the tournament was a success. Congratulations to all who participated.
This winter we will be offering several outdoor skating classes and sessions held at the Hutton Ice Rink at Patterson Park. Call 822-2812 ext 200 or 201 to register or sign-up at the park office.

**Snowplow Beginners**
First time on the ice.
Ages 3 - 6 Noon - 12:30 or 12:30 - 1:00 pm
Tues. Dec. 4, 11, 18 Jan. 8 & 15
Tues. Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 12, 19
Tues. Feb. 26 March 4, 11, 18, 25

**Advanced Snowplows**
Must have been in the snowplow beginners class or equivalent time on skates.
Ages 3 - 6 Noon - 12:30 or 12:30 - 1:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 21 - 28 March 6, 13, 20

**Basic Skills Skaters**
Must be comfortable with the basic forward and backward glide, snow plow stop, rocking horse, dip, getting up, swizzles, jumping, and march.
Ages 6 - 8 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Thurs. (same 3 sessions and dates as snowplow beginners)

**Adult Skaters**
All levels of adult skaters. 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Tuesdays after the basic skills skaters. The same 3 sessions and dates.
Registration started Sept. 4. All 5 week classes are $40. Class sizes limited for more individual needs.

**Skate Guards**
Skate guards are available for purchase in the Lindell Lodge.

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**Tiny Tots**
Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski
Tiny Tots is a developmentally based gross motor 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 I**
6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
January 8, 15, 22, 29 February 5, 12

**SESSION II**
6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
February 26, March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 8

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**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. There must be at least 6 children enrolled to run a class.

**SESSION I**
6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
January 8, 15, 22, 29

**SESSION II**
6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
February 26, March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 8

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**Dodge Ball for Kids**
It’s time once again to sign the kids up for a recreational game of dodge ball. This year, the game is going to be split into two time frames according to age.
The first age group will be five to seven year olds and run from 12:15-1:00, and the second age group will be eight to ten year olds, and run from 1:00-1:45.
Children should be prepared for forty-five minutes of running, ducking, catching, and throwing in an assortment of dodge ball fun. Players don’t need to worry about getting hit because all the balls that are used are soft coated foam balls. The instructor will explain the rules, monitor the games, set up the teams and introduce some stretching and warm-ups before the game. Sign up and pay at the Lavin’s Center Reception Desk by Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

**Session I**
January 5, 12, 19, February 2
**Session II** February 16, 23, March 1, and March 8
4 weeks $17.00

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**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 I** January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6
**Session II** February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13
Instructor: Matt Bodde, Golf Pro at the Country Club of Detroit
A combined Fitness Center AND Class Membership can also be purchased. See below for current prices:

**Personal Training Sessions** can be arranged at the front desk. Single sessions are $55.00 and a Three Session Packet is $150.00.

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**One Month trial** $48.00  Single day pass $10.00

**Lavins Activity Center Rentals**

The Lavins Activity Center can be rented for various functions.

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**Gym Rentals**

Occasional Half-Court gym rentals of the Golden Family Gymnasium are available. Reservations may be made 72 hours in advance. The fee is $20 per hour for half the court. Park passes are required for access to the park and the Lavins Activity Center. Park Passes will be asked for at the reception desk to prove residency. Patrons can invite one non-resident per resident for gym rental activities. However, non-residents must arrive WITH residents. Passes will be collected and held at the desk. The maximum number of people in the gym is limited to 25 persons per side.

Proper tennis or gym shoes are required and shirts must be worn. If you are under the age of 18 you will need your parent/guardian to be in attendance while you play.

Water bottles and energy drinks are permitted in the gym, but no food is allowed. Basketball and volleyball are available. A complete list of gymnasium rules is posted at the front desk.

**The Okulski Family Theatre**

The Okulski Theatre offers a variety of movies on the BIG SCREEN. Call 822-2012 and press Ext. 1, to hear the latest upcoming movie titles, times and dates. The aroma of freshly popped popcorn and convenience to home are sure-to-reasons to make it a date.

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Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day.
Lavins Activity Center

Give the gift of health this holiday season! Purchase a quarterly membership gift certificate for a friend or family member in December and receive a FREE gym towel or t-shirt.

Fitness Class Membership Offerings

Attention Class Members

Starting November 1, 2007 we will begin swiping your park passes at the front desk when you sign in for class. This will help us make sure everyone’s membership is current and enable us to keep a closer tally of participants in each class.

Members who forget their passes will not be permitted to attend class.

Body Toning With Weights (Taught by Jane Blahut)
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:00-7:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:30-11:00 a.m.

This class is beneficial to both men and women. It will help you lose unwanted pounds and inches and prevent the gradual accumulation of body fat.

Body X-Cellence(TM) (Taught by Beverly Ruskus)
Monday & Wednesday 6:00-7:00 a.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:30 a.m.

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

Group Indoor Cycling® (Taught by Jane Blahut/Carrie Moore)
Tuesday & Thursday 6:00-6:45 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 6:45-7:30 a.m.
Saturday 7:00-8:00 a.m.

We will guide you through a challenging ride and build endurance and leg strength. This is a popular class. To reserve a bike, you can call after 12 pm (noon) the day prior to class. Be sure to arrive at least 10 minutes early, for bike setup and instruction. *Limited to available bikes.

Cardio Step With Weights (Taught by Kelly Maher)
Monday 9:15-10:30 a.m.

This 60-minute class will shape and sculpt your entire body. It includes 30 minutes of cardio sculpt with weight and step bench and 30 minutes of lower body training (abs, glutes and hamstrings).

Yoga-Lates (Taught by Kelly Maher)
Wednesday 9:15-10:30 a.m.

We will be using various kinds of equipment: Resist-a-Ball, light weights and other resistance equipment to reach a higher state of conditioning. The workout begins with a warm up and then moves on to a combination of yoga, pilates and weights. No intense cardio.

Power Yoga (Taught by Mary Walsh/Carrie Moore)
Monday & Wednesday 7:40-8:40 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 9:15-10:15 a.m.

This class is physically challenging with flowing sequences of yoga postures. It is designed to enhance strength with flexibility, while reducing stress and invoking a sense of calmness and inner peace.

Mobile Body (*formerly Senior Aerobics) (Taught by Beverly Ruskus)
Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-12:30 a.m.

This is an ideal class for seniors, beginners and those who want to work at a lower intensity and strength. It’s a complete workout that will encompass movement from mobility to a slow stretch.

Tai Chi (Taught by Arlene Wetherby)
Monday 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This is a famous tradition of “soft style” Chinese martial arts. This training concentrates on relaxed breathing techniques, looseness, coordination, stability and balance to generate power for self-defense applications.

Body Sculpting (Taught by Mary Walsh)
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

This class is designed to strengthen the major muscles, stabilize and assistors of the body. Create a balance of strength and flexibility necessary to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle. All levels welcome!*

Short Cycle (Taught by Carrie Moore)
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

“We’re just going for a short spin” Forty minutes of intense indoor cycling. Bikes can be reserved starting at noon the day before class. Limited to available bikes.

Fat Burning Fridays (Taught by Kelly Maher)
Friday 9:15-10:30 a.m.

This is a class combining strength training tools, yoga postures and core conditioning to increase heart rate without impact. Bring a mat and shoes.
Landlords Take Notice:
Renewing a property requires a Certificate of Occupancy permit and all landlords must, for the safety of the renters acquire a C of O inspection. As in most industries laws and regulations change periodically and for the safety of your renters retrofits and repairs must be made. Inspections and dates for inspections must be made in a timely fashion. All inspections will be AM or PM. No exact times will be given as our inspector has many inspections and times vary greatly. No extensions will be granted. Be sure to schedule your inspection giving yourself time to complete your repairs and allow access for the inspection. A reinspection because of no access or not finished with repairs will cause a $50.00 reinspection fee to be charged to the landlord. Inspections and dates for inspections must be made in a timely fashion. All inspections will be AM or PM. No exact times will be given as our inspector has many inspections and times vary greatly. No extensions will be granted. Be sure to schedule your inspection giving yourself time to complete your repairs and allow access for the inspection. A reinspection because of no access or not finished with repairs will cause a $50.00 reinspection fee to be charged to the landlord.

Curbside Leaf Pick-up
Curbside leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 15, 2007 and continues until December 14, 2007 (weather permitting) Due to equipment break-downs & weather, there is no set schedule. Once the truck has been on your street the approximate turn around time will be 2 weeks.

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 it ceases to fall.

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 22
No Trash or Recycling, All pickups delayed by one day.

Christmas Tuesday, December 25
New Year’s Day Tuesday, January 1, 08
No Trash or Recycling, All pickups delayed by one day.

Park Pass Reminder
Please remember that you must display your Park Pass all year round for entry to Windmill Pointe or Patterson Park. Further information will be in the next Communicator or call the Public Service Department at 822-4365 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Being green makes life easier
It’s easy being green. Kermit the Frog may sing the blues about being green, but Grosse Pointe Park residents can crow about taking steps to protect Lake St Clair. Most steps also save time on chores: Does your grass need mowing? Probably not. Car dirty? Have someone else wash it. Yard work and outdoor washing are necessary for a well run household. But they generate waste, such as grass clippings and soap suds, that can flush into storm drains feeding to the lake. In the Park, storm lines route runoff to a settling tank where large debris is removed and kept from entering the lake. But tamid runoff, called non-point pollution, is a major problem in Michigan.

About half of water pollution comes from non-point runoffs, said Cyndi Roper, Grosse Pointe Park, is promoting ways residents can keep pollution out of storm drains. Tips range from landscaping and car care to picking up after pets.

Landscaping
Choose native plants, like black-eyed Susans, Steinberg said. They need less water and fertilizer, so you can be lazy with your garden and it will still look good.

She said grass doesn’t need to be less than three inches tall. Longer, fuller lawns insulate roots and protect soil from drying out on sunny days.

You’ll get less weeds. Steinberg said. Fertilize lawns once per year, if at all, during fall. Instead of hosing away fertilizer that’s spilled on the driveway or sidewalk, sweep it onto the lawn.

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Car care: When Steinberg’s car gets dirty, she goes for a drive.

“Take the car to the car wash,” she said. “The water is treated before it goes into storm drains, so you don’t need to worry about that.” For do-it-yourselfers, she said. “Put your car on the lawn, give it a nice bath and get that soap suds going right into your lawn.”

She said lawns and gardens only need about one inch of water per week.

Use mulch, she said. “Mulch keeps moisture in.”

Other tips: Maintain cars to avoid oil leaks. When leaks happen, soak up the spill with kitty litter. Dispose of household hazardous waste properly. Examples include motor oil, paint thinner, antifreeze and common cleaners.

Pick up after pets. Most people pick up after their pets to be a good neighbor, but it’s really for water quality, she said, adding, “You can watch geese, but don’t feed them.”

Submitted by Chris Reimel
Public Service Director

Vote on November 6
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 2008 are:
- Monday - Thursday (daytime or evening function) $250.00
- Fri., Sat., & Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. $350.00
- Weddings 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.

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission is pleased to announce the 29 residential award winners for 2007. They are as follows:
- Constance C. Ausherman
- Justin and Leslie Karr
- Sylvia Orttenburger
- Richard Jacob
- Mark and Marie Derosier
- Jeff Lee
- Anne Claire Van Ash
- Mr. & Mrs. David Graham
- Robert and Susan Ottosen
- Allen Klein and George Grunberger
- Lisa and Brian Barbish
- Kevin Braye
- Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Remus
- David and Theresa Klaasen
- Amanda and B. Campbell
- Jeff Lee
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- David and Theresa Klaasen
- Amanda and B. Campbell
- Shery Cotton
- Ramifs Fahim
- Thomas Hayden
- James Eggleton
- Glennna C. Ross
- Marc Gosselin
- Mimi Chen
- Antonio Tallinato
- Ron, Jane and Gabriel Omilian
- James Polman
- Dawn Piechock
- and Michael & Antonia Schoenith.

In addition to the residential winners, Matthew J. Franzen III will receive the 2007 Civic Award for his work in facilitating the purchase and planting of 100 trees in the Park to celebrate the hundred year birthday of Grosse Pointe Park.

Just Delicious at 15110 Kercheval is the only 2007 Business Award Winner for the excellent exterior appearance of the establishment.

Congratulations to all the winners.

The Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court tries all misdemeanor offenses committed in Grosse Pointe Park. Sentences for convicted offenders may include jail time, probation overnight, fines, costs, restitution, rehabilitative programs, work force programs, and community service. Fines and costs imposed cover all operations of the Court and a yearly surplus supplements the city’s general budget.

Working with the Grosse Pointe Park Forester, Brian Colter, the Court instituted the Grosse Pointe Park Forestry Department Work Force. Non-violent misdemeanor offenders may be assigned service hours with the Forestry Department as an alternative to jail or other programs.

Since October 2002, 328 community service workers have performed 6,021 service hours in Grosse Pointe Park. Work performed has included planting trees and flowers, watering, pruning, matching trees, bagging woodchips, picking up tools, distributing trees, bagging bulbs, cleaning equipment, and office and clerical work. Notable recent projects include the floral garden on the south side of the new library on Jefferson, the flower arrangements on the east entrance to the municipal building, and new trees at Windmill Pointe Park.

Not all community service workers are assigned to the Forestry Department. Some defendants are assigned to work with Habitat for Humanity refurbishing houses on Detroit’s eastside, to serve the homeless through the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, or to perform work through other local charities. In most instances, these community service workers have learned from their mistakes, taken pride in their work, and have contributed back to our community.
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