This addition to Windmill Pointe Park was worth the wait!

With the temperature near 90 degrees it was a perfect day on Friday, July 18 to officially open the new Children’s Pool and Fountain at Windmill Pointe Park. The zero depth pool and cascading 12 ft. fountain was largely funded by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation as have many other major improvements in the city. The pool will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. through Labor Day. Many years of fun and enjoyment will be had by all ages at this new facility.

Officiating at the ribbon cutting were left to right, Councilmember Dan Grano, Parks & Recreation Director Terry Solomon, Councilmember & Grosse Pointe Park Foundation President Robert Denner, Mayor Palmer Heenan and Councilmember Shirley Kennedy.

West Park Farmer’s Market
“Beer Taste Fest & Corn Roast”
Saturday, August 9
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Atwater Block Brewery will once again be providing a selection of their specialty beers for the “Beer Taste Fest”. A representative from Atwater will be on hand to offer people a free taste of a variety of their specialty beers. Also, the popular “Corn Roast” offers an abundance of Michigan grown corn at no charge to our patrons with a variety of flavored salts, peppers and melted butter.

We have added a couple of fun features to this year’s event with a 20 ft. high “Kahuna” water slide (have the kids wear their swimsuits) and the always popular “Dunk Tank”. You can try to “Soak” your favorite city personality with 6 balls for $1.00.

All of the regular farmers and other vendors will be offering the usual array of products during the day. Bring the entire family for this fun filled “corny” event.

Our men with “THE” man

Clint Eastwood, Star and Director of his new film “Gran Torino” takes a moment to have his picture taken with DPW workers left to right, Pat Thomas, Jason Battle, Tommy Vandeputte and John Wilson.
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Community

PARK PASS INFORMATION
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.

We ask that you take a few minutes and read the following rules that we will be enforcing this year. 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.

- Park passes are required for all residents age 7 and older.
- Residents age 17 and under will be allowed 1 guest per visit and residents age 18 and older will be allowed 3 guests per visit. YOUR GUESTS MUST ACCOMPANY YOU WHEN YOU ENTER THE PARKS.
- Homeowners applying for passes for the first time must show proof of residency i.e. driver’s license, bank statement or bills. ALL family members age 18 or older who are not the homeowner MUST show proof of residency.
- Drivers licenses and other forms of identification will not be accepted for entrance to the parks. Gate Guards will require you to produce your pass.
- If you plan to have more guests, a picnic permit will have to be applied for at the Parks and Recreation Office (822-2812 ext.201) Further information regarding picnic permits are below.
- Lost passes will be replaced ONCE per season through an adult person only at a cost of $5.00 each at the Public Service Department at City Hall. Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Telephone 313-822-4465.

Picnic Permits
Picnic Permits are issued at the Parks and Recreation office for this season. Call 822-2812 ext. 201

- 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
- Permits will not be issued Memorial Day, 4th of July or Labor Day
- There are picnic limits per day. Make your reservation early

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The Police Beat
by Chief David A. Hiller

I just want to spend a few minutes discussing a few areas that we are working on in your behalf. We constantly strive to improve the living conditions for our residents and in order to do so we sometimes need to make changes.

One area that we are working on is in the area of dog complaints. We understand that barking dogs or dogs running loose can be a problem for the community. Currently, the City Ordinances prohibit this activity, but the violation is considered a misdemeanor, which is punishable by fines up to $500 and/or 90 days in jail. Obviously, this is not a practicable punishment for this type of offense. We are working with the City Attorney’s office to make these violations a civil infraction. Once that is accomplished, the violation will have a predetermined fine that increases with repeated violations.

At the same time we are working on language in that ordinance that would prohibit ownership of what we will consider vicious dogs. Included in that prohibition would be ownership of what is commonly known as “pit bulls.” The language for this ordinance is still in the draft form and we continue to work on it. We will keep everyone updated as time goes on.

Schools are opening soon and another area that we want you to be aware of is the increase in traffic in the area of the schools. Last year we changed the traffic routes at Defer school and have found it to be very effective. Kids still forget at times about safety and we need you to be the extra eyes for them. Our officers who drive your children to the schools pay special attention. Kids still forget at times about safety and we need you to be the extra eyes for them. Our officers who drive your children to the schools pay special attention.

Recently I attended a training session that dealt with possible child predators and computer matters. I was amazed at what is available to our children on a regular basis. I encourage every parent to know and monitor what their children are doing on the computers. Our Department is exploring the possibility of having a training session for parents so that we may all be better educated. Watch the City web site or the Communicator for further information.

Our Municipal Court
by Judge Carl F. Jarboe

The Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court is one of only four remaining municipal courts in Michigan. Municipalities in Michigan without municipal courts have instead district courts, with full-time judges, magistrates, and larger court staffs. Our court has a smaller staff, a “part-time” judge who is available full time, and no magistrate.

Municipal courts in Michigan began to be replaced by district courts after the adoption of Michigan’s 1963 Constitution. This change coincided with the expansion of state governmental in general, including the legislature and executive agencies. Many of the efficiencies of our municipal court system have made it the preferred model for the Grosse Points.

Our court handles approximately 10,000 cases per year, including traffic, landlord-tenant, leasing matters, criminal misdemeanors and felonies, and civil. The number of cases handled by our Court is similar to the number in many single-judge district courts in the state, but without the need of a large staff.

The court is open for business five days per week and open-court sessions are held on an as-needed basis, usually on two different days per week. Most matters are scheduled for Wednesdays when practical, but arraignments, preliminary exams, evidentiary hearings, and trials are often held on other days.

Unlike district courts, our municipal court receives no funding from the state. Operating expenses are covered by assessed fines and costs, with certain revenues sent to the state and the surplus deposited in the city’s general fund.

Appeals from our court are handled by the Wayne County Circuit. Of the approximate 150,000 cases handled by our court over the last 15 years, not one case has been reversed by the circuit court on appeal.

Our court conducts weddings on Wednesdays. The city has a $10.00 marriage fee. There is no charge for use of the courtroom.

The courtroom and chambers are located on the top floor of the city municipal office building on the corner of Jefferson and Maryland. Visitors are always welcome.

Election Calendar and Voter Information

October 6, Last day to register to vote in Nov. 4 election.

November 3, Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at city hall.

November 4, Early voting is available.

November 4, Pre registers may cast ballot.

November 4, Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Donna Costa at 822-4380 or dcasta@grossepointepark.org

Precinct 1 & 2
Trombley Elementary School
822 Beaconfield

Precinct 3
Municipal Building
15115 E. Jefferson Ave.

Precinct 4 & 7
Pierce Middle School
15430 Kercheval

Precinct 5 & 6
Defer Elementary School
15425 Kercheval

New voters may register at city hall or any Michigan Secretary of State office.

Reminder: College students that are registering for the first time and wish to receive an absentee ballot must do so in person at city hall.
Community

Concerts in the Park

With the end of summer approaching we are holding on tightly with the sights and sounds of it in the Park. Join us at two free entertaining summer concerts at Patterson Park with your family, picnic basket and favorite lawn chair or blanket. Most of the band members in each of these bands are Park residents.

Sunday, August 24 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Gazebo

“THE RELICS”
Rick Berg, Darryl Nihem, George Humphry and Dean Caputo
the Relics will entertain us with Classic and modern rock

Sunday, August 31 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Gazebo

“LI’L WILLIAM”
Barry Hull, Hugh Kerr, Pete Logan, Jim Feiker and Scott Tyler
LI’L William will play an eclectic mix of bluegrass, blues colored originals and folk rock.

Windmill Pointe Park’s first annual “Paws In The Park” 5K Walk was a success! On Saturday, July 19th people and pups came to participate in the walk and make their donations to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and the Detroit Branch of the Michigan Humane Society. We would like to thank everyone who so generously donated, participated and offered their services, especially the Sponsors: Fishbone’s Restaurant, Vitamin Water, Greater Development, GP Gecko, the Summers Family, the Steiman Family, the Hathaway Family, and William H. Canney, Jr. We would also like to thank the band “Cutty Mash” who provided the awesome musical entertainment, as well as the following Vendors: The Barkery, Biggbys Coffee, The Yoga Shelter, Pointe Pet Supply, Dapper Dog Wash, Detroit Manufacturing, Sole Sisters, GP K-9, Woof it Works, Panera Bread Co., Where the Crow Flies, Kensington Ln., and Central Bark.

We’re hoping to top this year’s goal next year, so please bring your four legged friends and join us!

Windmill Pointe Park
Tennis Tournament
August 14, 15, 16, 17

$20.00 for adults (up to 3 entries)
Open to all park tennis players of all abilities. Registration forms are available at Windmill Pointe and Patterson Park’s gatehouses. The entry deadline is Sunday, August 10. Doubles partner can be non-residents. Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday, August 17.
Event dates: Thursday, Aug. 14 through Sunday, August 17.
Events: Parent/Child, Women’s open, Men’s open, Women’s doubles, Men’s doubles and Mixed doubles.
Our tournament is run by our tennis instructors. It is a fun, friendly and competitive event for all levels of players.
Any rain delays or postponements will be re-scheduled as soon as weather permits.

Second Annual Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Waterfront Parks Tour
In partnership with the Grosse Pointe Communities
August 11 to 15
6:00 until 9:00 p.m.
See the new harbors, pools and boardwalks and don’t forget the fabulous lake views!
Residents MUST have park passes to tour. Your home park is free of charge. All others are $5.00 per person or $15.00 to tour all five.
Details of each park’s activities are listed on the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce website at www.grossepointechamberofcommerce.org

Schedule is as follows:
MONDAY Grosse Pointe City Neff Park
TUESDAY Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park
WEDNESDAY Grosse Point Park Windmill Pre. & Patterson Park
THURSDAY Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park
FRIDAY Grosse Pointe Shores Ocean Park

Contact Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce at 313-881-4722 to make reservations!
New this year we are offering a Parent/Child Karate Class. Come and learn the art of Tang Soo Do together. This class is open to children ages 7 & up and adults of any age. All adults are welcome to attend this class, with or without a child. All aspects of Tang Soo Do will be covered in this class including self defense, forms, sparring, stances, kicking and hand techniques. Come train with us!

Karate for Kids
Instructor: Lisa Santi

A teen karate class is now being offered that is designed just for you. 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 will be co-teaching this class.

Karate for Teens
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.

Beginner’s classes are for students ages 5 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 toKarate 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.

Black Belt/Red Belt Class
This class is a specialty class for all Red Belts and Black Belts. This class will focus on advanced level skills to prepare Red Belts for Black Belt and to give current Black Belts a chance to work very advanced skills on a regular basis.

Session I
Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Sept 22, 29 Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov 3, 10
Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Black/Red Belt Class. Same dates as above.
Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class ages 9 & up. Same dates as above.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Sparring Class - Sept 23, 30 Oct 7,14, 21, 28 Nov 4, 11
Tuesdays - 4:30 p.m. Advanced Class. Same dates as above.
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teen Class. Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Sept 24 Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov 5, 12
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class ages 9 & up. Same dates as above.

Thursdays- 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov 6, 13
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class. Same dates as above.

Session II
Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Nov 17, 24 Dec 1, 8, 15 Jan 5, 12, 26
Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Black/Red Belt Class. Same dates as above.
Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class ages 9 & up. Same dates as above.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Sparring Class - Nov 18, 25 Dec 2, 9, 16 Jan 6, 13, 27
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Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teen Class. Same dates as above.

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Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Nov 20 Dec 4, 11, 18 Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class. Same dates as above.

Gymnastics Class
Instructor: Barb Thomson
A class for Boys & Girls (5 to 9 yrs)
$45.00 per session  No refunds
Minimum 8 students per class
Tumbling skills including rolls, cartwheels, handstands, headstands, 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
Girls apparel: Bike unitards preferably
NO SHOES NEEDED

Beginner class: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Intermediate class: 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Session IV
August 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
August 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Sign up now for the Fall Gymnastics Saturday class.
$60.00 6 weeks 11:15 a.m. - Noon
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct. 4, 11

Please Note: All Karate classes are $50.00
DOLORES & PAUL LAVINS’ ACTIVITY CENTER

MEADE FITNESS CENTER

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, the Meade Fitness Center, Membership in the Fitness Center (work-out room) can be purchased at the front desk in the Lavins Center. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and cardio equipment. It’s a great place to burn a few calories and have a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair while you’re at it. Certified Personal Trainers are also available to give you a complimentary assessment and orientation. You may also make an appointment for a Personal Training Session to obtain a weight training program designed specifically for you.

The classes that make up the Fitness Class Membership are varied. They run the spectrum from Indoor Cycling to Zumba. If it’s your first time attending a class we strongly suggest that you arrive 10 minutes earlier than class is scheduled to sign up, meet the instructor and find out the class routine. Fitness class memberships can be purchased at the front desk of the Lavins Center and classes are conducted in the gym. A monthly calendar/schedule is available in the Lavins Center, or you can call the Lavins Activity Center at 822-2812, to hear the latest upcoming movie titles, times and dates. The aroma of freshly popped popcorn and convenience to home are surefire reasons to make it a date.

Ticket Prices:
- Adults $6.00
- Children under 12 $5.00
- Seniors over 60 $5.00

Matinee (Movies starting before 5 p.m.) $4.00

Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day. The guest policy is one non-resident guest to each attending resident and guests must arrive with the resident to gain access to the park. Residents are encouraged to arrive early as movies start promptly at listed times. Teens are advised to have their park pass available for PG-13 rated movies.

Note: The Lavins Activity Center will be closed on Labor Day Sept. 18.

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Locker Rooms

The Lavins Activity Center has locker rooms to shower and change in if you choose. Locks for the lockers are available free of charge at the front desk. Simply leave your park pass with the front desk while you use the lock. Please do not leave locks on lockers overnight as these lockers are used by all for other Lavins Activity Center programs.

Gym Rentals

Occasional Half-Court gym rentals of the Golden Family Gymnasium are available. Reservations may be made 72 hours in advance (maximum) for basketball, volleyball, badminton and running games. 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; otherwise they will be denied entry. Passes will be collected and held at the desk. The maximum number of people in the gym is limited to 25 persons per suite. Proper tennis or gym shoes are required and shorts 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 are permitted in the gym, but no other food or drinks are allowed. Basketballs and volleyballs are available. A complete list of gymnasium rules is posted at the front desk.

Gift Certificates

Gift Certificates make great gifts for friends, family and neighbors. Gift Certificates are available for a variety of combinations to fill the needs of any fitness level. A great gift for anyone looking to get into shape, visit with friends, or just looking for a place to relax? The Lavins Activity Center offers many recreational options for residents to take part in year round. Membership in the Meade Fitness Center is required for access to the park and the Lavins Activity Center. Park Passes will be asked for at the reception desk to prove residency.

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Toning With Weights  
(Taught by Jane Blahut)  
Monday & Wednesday  6:00-6:45 a.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday  6:00-7:15 p.m.  
This class is designed to strengthen the major muscles, stabilizers and assistors of the body. It will help you create a balance of strength and flexibility necessary to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle. All levels welcome!

Body Sculpting  
(Taught by Jane Blahut)  
Monday & Friday  6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Saturday  8:15-9:15 a.m.  
This class is for 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. It’s an ideal class for seniors.

Power Yoga  
(Taught by Mary Walsh/Carrie Moore)  
Monday & Wednesday  7:40-8:40 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday (in lounge)  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.

Chicken Mix  
(Taught by Cristi Henderson)  
Tuesday & Thursday  9:20-10:20 a.m.  
Mix up your workout with a variety of cardio that will keep you moving! This class will alternate intervals of intermediate cardio with glutes and abs for a full body workout. Open to all fitness levels.

TAKE OFF WITH 30 MINUTES OF CARDIO TO EXCITE, ENERGIZE AND ENHANCE YOUR WORKOUT!

Attention Class Members
Participation in classes requires a “Class Membership”. Classes are ongoing unless otherwise noted. See monthly schedule for days, times and possible changes. Park passes must be presented and swiped at the front desk when you sign in for class.

Fitness Class Membership Offerings

Fitness Membership price increase
As of September 1st, 2008, Fitness Membership fees will increase slightly. This will only affect new memberships. Current members will be able to retain their original membership rate permanently, as long as they renew within one month of their expiration date. If the membership is allowed to lapse beyond that one month grace period the new pricing will apply.

Windmill Pointe Park T-Shirts
The Lavins Center has Windmill Pointe Park T-Shirts for sale! We’ve got all sizes and they are available in Red, White, Blue, Black and Pink! They are $17.00 ea. or 2 for $30.00. We also have fitness towels in Black and White with the Park logo on them for $10.00 ea. Both are great gift ideas along with a membership gift certificate for birthdays and/or the upcoming holidays!
**Upcoming Winter activities in the Parks**

### Skating Lessons

With our outdoor refrigerated ice rink and the charming Lindell Lodge how can you pass on our ice skating classes taught on an outdoor manucured rink with the beautiful landscape surrounding you? Step into the Lodge after skating where you can warm up with a cup of java or the best hot chocolate in town along with cookies, brownies or muffins. The perfect place to unwind and watch the snowflakes fall. All of our classes are $45.00 for five 1/2 hour classes. Sign up early since class sizes are limited for more individual needs. All skaters must have single bladed skates and proper outdoor winter attire. Helmets are required for the Snowplow Beginners and Basic Skills Skaters.

- **Snowplow Beginners**
  - **TUESDAYS**
  - First time on the ice.
  - Ages 3 - 6
  - **Session I**
    - Tues. Dec. 2, 9, 16 (off Dec. 23, 30), Jan. 6, 13
  - **Session II**
    - Tues. Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17
  - **Session III**
    - Tues. Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

- **Basic Skills Skaters**
  - **TUESDAYS ONLY**
  - Must be comfortable with the basic forward and backward glide, snow plow stop, rocking horse, dip, getting up, swizzles, jumping and march.
  - Ages 7 - 10
  - **(the same 3 sessions and dates as above Tuesday classes)**

- **Tweens thru Adults**
  - **THURSDAYS**
  - All levels.
  - **(the same 3 sessions and dates as above Thursday classes)**

Classes are taught by Sharron Nelson and Sue Watts who bring years of experience to the Hutton Ice Rink.

It’s time to dust off your old ice skates or those gently used skates that your kids have outgrown and bring them to the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. Each pair of skates must be tagged with your name, phone number, address, asking price and whether or not you want them back or donated. If your skates are not bought at the swap and you are not present, we can either return them to you or donate them. If they are purchased you will be sent the check or if present you can accept the check yourself. (all purchases must be made by check)

We will be accepting skates from now until November 30. Our skate swap will take place on Monday, December 1 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Lindell Lodge in Patterson Park. Arrive promptly to get the best selection.

### Ice Rink Information

- **The Hutton Ice Rink generally opens around Thanksgiving. (weather permitting)**
- **You can call Patterson Park at 822-1681 to get rink updates. Skating hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Skaters are asked to stay to one side of the rink while skating classes are being conducted. All skaters are welcomed in the Lodge but must have SKATE GUARDS on their blades. Skate guards can be purchased at the Lodge.**
- **To keep the rink in tip top shape we have a few rules. There is no hockey, food or beverages allowed on the rink. We ask that everyone on the ice surface is wearing skates.**

- **ICE SKATING EXTRAVAGANZA ‘08**
  - **Thursday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.**
  - **PATTERSON PARK**

We will be hosting an Ice Skating Extravaganza again this year at Patterson Park on the Hutton Ice Rink. This half hour performance will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge to watch the performance. 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 led by Sharron Nelson. This year we will have two synchronized teams that will add to the program.

Come and see the talent of these young skaters.

### Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market

Mark your calendar for our Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market that will take place at Windmill Pointe Park on Wed. Dec. 3. The Gift Market will be inside the Tompkin Community Center. The Tompkin Center doors will open for shopping at 3:00 p.m. and remain open until 7:00 p.m. Four hours of browsing and shopping for those hard to find gifts along with live holiday roping, wreaths, table centerpieces and hanging balls.

If any resident has a special "craft" that they would like to sell at the Gift Market, please contact Terry Solomon before Sept. 1 at 822-2812 ext 200.

At 6:30 p.m. we will have the Tree Lighting festivities outdoors. A FREE holiday movie will be shown in the Okulski Family Theatre immediately after the Tree lighting ceremony.

Start your lists, bring your neighbors and don’t forget your wallets.

More information on this event will be in the next Park Communicator.
Get out of the house and "rough it" at an outdoor sleepover at Windmill Pointe Park. Check-in is on Saturday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. Find your site, set your tent up and let the kids fish, play in the park and enjoy a camping experience minutes from home. Later in the evening we will have organized games and our popular campfire with the "Merry Music Maker" providing entertainment. No campfire would be complete without smores. All the makings to enjoy them will be provided.

Rise with the sun and with an appetite on Sunday and join us in the Tompkins' Community Center for a wonderful breakfast. Check out time is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Sites are limited, so be sure to come to the Parks and Recreation office during office hours (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) to select your campsite, pick up your paperwork and pay the $25.00 campsite fee.

This is a wonderful family event for those of you who enjoy being outdoors.

**Halloween in the Park**

**SAT. OCTOBER 25, 08**

Windmill Pointe Park

This exciting costumed event is for young children and elementary school students. The picnic grounds of Windmill Pointe Park will turn into a hay path that leads from candy station to candy station, all decorated differently. The date is Sat. Oct. 25. It begins promptly at 4:30 p.m. and will end at 6:00 p.m. Trick-or-treaters may select arrival times of 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 5:30 p.m. (trick or treaters must arrive before 5:45 p.m. in order to get through all the stations). Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. They will be on sale for $5.00 per child from Oct. 1 through Oct. 24 at the Outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. Tickets sold on the day of the event up until 2 p.m. will cost $10.00. Every child trick or treating must be in a costume and accompanied by an adult.

TRICK OR TREAT BAGS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE EVENT AND THIS WILL BE THE ONLY BAG THAT OUR VOLUNTEERS WILL FILL WITH CANDY.

Resident volunteers are needed for candy stations. Sign up to decorate one of the trick-or-treat stations. Use your creative talents to set up a Halloween scene with pumpkins, scarecrows, tombstones, themes, characters, and other festive ideas. Candy will be provided by the Parks & Recreation Department for you to give out at your station. Volunteering is a great way to be part of the excitement even if you don't have any ghosts or goblins of your own. Please sign up to be a volunteer by October 17. Decorating your station will take place on the day of the event starting at 2:00 p.m. and must be completed by 4:00 p.m. Be creative—there will be a "thank you" gift for each volunteer station. If interested, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 822-2812 ext 201.

REMINDER

**Wednesday, October 1 is the first day that you may reserve the Tompkins Community Center for a function in 2009.**
Curbside leaf pick-up
Curbside leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 1 and continue until December 12, 2008 (weather permitting). Due to equipment breakdowns & weather, there is no set schedule. Once the truck has been on your street the approximate turn around time will be 2 weeks.

Recycling
Put your bin, when full, at the curb or in the abutting alley by 7:00 a.m. on your weekly rubbish collection day or no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the preceding day.

Checklist for preparing recyclables
Items must be clean and uncontaminated. Dirty, improperly prepared or unacceptable materials will not be collected. Remove plastic tops and lids from containers and dispose of kitchen oil in your regular rubbish bin. Glass, tin cans, plastic number 1 and 2 only and aerosol cans may be placed together in the bin. Please reuse all recyclables and flatten cans and plastics if possible. Place AAA, AA, C, D and 9-volt batteries in a clear plastic bag and put in your recycling bin.

Newspapers—remove plastic bags, strings and rubber bands. Magazine, paper bags, office paper, junk mail, flyers, brochures, post cards, phone books.

Cardboard—no wax coated cardboard, paperboard—cereal boxes, popcorn boxes, etc. Box board and plastic bag and put in your recycling bin.

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Garbage
It is the duty of every owner of every lot or property to keep their lot or property free of rubbish and debris. Grose Pointe Park City Code Section 12-1 states that the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of the premises shall be responsible for keeping their lot or property free of rubbish and debris.

Yard Waste
Yard waste is defined as garden, lawn or tree trimmings, leaves and aerial garden plants from the normal household. It shall not include rubbish from the work of a landscape gardener or private companies.

Containment of Yard Waste
Waste containers shall not be placed out at the curb line for collection prior to 6:00 a.m. preceding the day of collection. After receptacles are emptied, they shall be removed from the street on the same day that collections are made.

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule
Labor Day Monday, Sept. 1
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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 2009 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.

Wed, Oct. 1, is the first day for bookings for 2009. For additional information or reservations please call 822-2812 ext 201.

Lavins Activity Center Rentals
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:
- Okulski Theatre: 138 persons
- McKeever Lounge: 25 persons
- Power Point presentation: 40 persons

Fees
- Movie theatre rental for up to 35 people $140.00 (min)
- Theatre for power point (8-noon or noon to 4) $160.00
- Power Point for 8 hours $320.00
- Lounge for 3 hours $75.00
- Full Gym, if available (one hour, limited activities) $ 40.00
- Security Deposit required for all theatre and lounge rentals $175.00

Cheques/payments must be in the rental resident’s name and they must be in attendance at the event.

Please call 822-2812 ext 300 for further information.

City Forester, Brian Colter and 4th graders from Trombley Elementary School planted a disease resistant elm on the school grounds on Arbor Day, April 25, 2008.
The day an air tragedy struck close to home

Fifty years ago on October 24, 1958, an RAF Vulcan B1 jet bomber lost electrical power at 35,000 ft. and crashed into Ashland Avenue in Detroit, directly across Fox Creek from Windmill Pointe Park’s north lot.

The plane was on a training and goodwill mission from Lincolnshire, UK to Lincoln, Nebraska when the electrical system failed. A backup system should have provided 20 minutes of additional power that would have allowed the aircraft to make an emergency landing at Kellogg field in Battle Creek. The backup system lasted only three minutes and when that failed the controls were locked and the big jet went into a 60-70 degree dive before crashing into the Ashland neighborhood leaving a 70 ft. crater. All six crewmen were lost. However, by some miracle no one on the ground was killed although there were numerous (mostly) burn injuries. The co-pilot’s ejection seat was recovered later in Lake St. Clair but his body was never found.

“Mutant” Swim Team News

The Mutants 5 year run of winning the Lakefront Association Swim Team Finals has come to a halt.

The finals were an exciting, nail biting, close competition between all the Pointe Communities and St. Clair Shores with Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Park battling to the end with the Farms winning the Lakefront Championship. The Mutants finished third.

Our swim team manager, Pete Stevens and the coaches, Courtney Graham, Robert Eckert, Jack Hessburg, Amanda Palffy, Leann Moceri and Jackie Stevens did a wonderful job with the Mutant Swim Team and want everyone to know that next year...we’ll be back!

Tailgate Treasure is back!

Windmill Pointe Park
Saturday, September 20

The Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting another tailgate treasure event. This will be a yard/garage sale that will be held in the Windmill Pointe Park parking lot in front of the Tompkins Community Center on Saturday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Residents, this is a chance to sign up and have your sale with other residents on the same day and at the same time. (advanced registration is required before Mon. Sept. 15) A vendor space is $10 for one parking spot and each household can have up to 4 spots. Reserve your spot by filling out the attached form and mailing it along with your fee to the Parks & Recreation Office or call 822-2812. Vendors must bring their own tables and chairs and can set up between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. by pulling up to their area and unloading their treasures. Free standing tents or canopies will be allowed, however, no cars will be allowed in the tailgate treasure area after 9:30 a.m.

The Salvation Army will be on hand to take away anything you didn’t sell and would like to donate. Items that can’t be picked up are; furniture, major appliances and baby car seats. All other donated items can be and should be in bags or boxes.

Jo Joe’s Galley will be here bright and early to sell and serve coffee and muffins and a light lunch menu.

So if you are looking for that special nick-nack, household item, sporting equipment, lawn equipment, clothing or collectable, mark your calendar for Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Tailgate Treasure Vendor Form
15115 E. Jefferson Ave.
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Name:_________________________________
Address:______________________________
Phone No. where you may be reached during business hrs__________________
Number of spots requested__________
Check amount $____________
$10.00 per spot, not including car 4 spots maximum

Fall Perennial Plant Exchange
Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission
Saturday, October 4, 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 will be at Windmill Pointe Park.

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