West Park Farmer’s Market

“Beer Taste Fest & Corn Roast”
Saturday, August 15
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. 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. Smokey Joe’s BBQ will also be on sight cooking your main course for a nominal fee.

The day will be filled with fun events for the entire family including a 20ft. high “Kahuna” water slide (have the kids wear their swimsuits). There is a $2.00 all day fee for the water slide. There will also be the always popular “Dunk Tank” and you can try to “Soak” your favorite city personality with 3 balls for $1.00.

All of the regular farmers and other vendors will be offering there usual fare. Bring the entire family for this fun filled day.

Information regarding all Market events is posted on the City’s web page at www.grossepointepark.org or may be obtained by contacting the Market Manager, Jennifer Meldrum, at (313) 822-2812 ext. 202.

West Park Farmer’s Market
Dog Contests A Hit!

The West Park Farmer’s Market has hosted three of the five “My Best Dressed Friend” dog contests so far which featured “Western Attire”, “Best Dressed Beach Bum” and “Show Your Colors” events. Owners can still bring their beloved pets to the Beaumont Internal Medicine Parking Lot for the last two contests.

There are two winners each month and the winners receive a $30.00 gift certificate to be used that day at any of the vendors’ booths, as well as some treats for “feido”. Owners are responsible for maintaining order and cleaning up after their pets. Clean up bags are available at the event for your convenience.

So, don’t forget there are two more events, the “Black Tie” on August 22nd and the “Best Halloween Costume” on September 26th. No entry fee is required and please feel free to be as creative as you want!
Community

PARK PASS INFORMATION

It is the goal of the City of Grosse Pointe Park to continue to provide to you, the residents, the best possible service and recreational facilities. It is extremely important that everyone complies with the Park Pass rules so that we all enjoy our parks.

Current renter passes are valid until May 15, 2010. Lost passes will be replaced ONCE per season, through an adult only, at a cost of $5.00 each at the Public Service Department at City Hall. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding Park Passes, please contact Public Service at (313) 822-4365.

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 2010 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.

Thurs., Oct. 1, is the first day for bookings for 2010.
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 $160.00 (min)
- Each additional person $5.00
- 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

Checks/payments must be in the renting residents name and they must be in attendance at the event.

Please call 822-2812 ext 300 for further information.

GROSE POINTE PARK COMMUNICATOR

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

PARK HOURS AFTER LABOR DAY

Patterson Park
8:00 a.m. to dusk

Windmill Pointe Park
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

911 - EMERGENCIES ONLY
Municipal Offices-
Automated Telephone System:

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1 - Public Services, Building Department and Assessment
2 - Water & Sewerage Billing
3 - Public Safety
4 - Municipal Court

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

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Outside Gate / Windmill Pte.
822-5155
Patterson Park Gatehouse
822-1681

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Our Municipal Court
By: Judge Carl F. Jarboe

Here are the answers to some of the most Frequently Asked Questions concerning the Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court and the Public Safety Department:

Q. Where is the Court located?
A. The Court is located on the top floor of the City Hall Municipal Building at the corner of Jefferson and Maryland.

Q. When is the Court open?
A. The Court is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Court sessions are held an average of two days each week depending on demand. Wednesday is the busiest.

Q. What types of cases are heard in the Court?
A. The Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court is the busiest of all state municipal courts. The Court processes over 10,000 cases each year, including felonies, misdemeanors, civil cases, landlord-tenant matters, building violations, fishing and boating matters, traffic cases and appeals from other municipal courts. The Court also performs weddings.

Q. What is meant by “Public Safety Department?”
A. The Public Safety Department combines police, fire, and ambulance services into one department. The Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officers are cross trained in police work, fire safety and emergency medical procedures. In one day a single public safety officer may make a felony arrest, investigate a crime, extinguish a building fire, respond with an ambulance to a heart attack victim, issue a speeding ticket and testify in court. These officers are truly “public servants.”

Q. How many Public Safety Officers serve Grosse Pointe Park?
A. The Public Safety Department includes 42 trained officers, detectives and command staff members. Officers generally are divided into four platoons that work twelve-hour shifts. The department is supported by dispatchers, school crossing guards, one secretary, one typist and an ordinance officer.

Q. Is crime up or down?
A. Grosse Pointe Park is one of the safest cities in Michigan. Crimes categorized as the most serious are at the lowest point in ten years. The robbery rate has dropped over 70% from 1995. Motor vehicle theft has dropped almost one-half since 2003.  Many types of serious crimes experienced elsewhere simply do not occur in our City.

Q. How is traffic enforcement?
A. Both the Court and the Public Safety Department work to encourage safe driving and reduce accidents. Our elementary school patrols contribute to this effort. Grosse Pointe Park has not suffered a pedestrian fatality for 37 years. Property damage accidents have fallen by almost one-half from 2003 and injury accidents have fallen by almost one-half from 2006. The incidents of drunk driving have dropped almost fifty percent in the last two years.

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Q. Do Public Safety Officers ride bicycles?
A. Yes they do! Reminiscent of the foot beat of officers, bike patrol officers average twenty miles per day patrolling our streets. These officers have proven very effective during night patrols in locating and arresting suspects.

The Police Beat
By: Chief David A. Hiller

As summer comes to a close here are a few important things we ask you to remember. The goal of our Police Department is to work with the residents to maintain the safe and enjoyable community we live in. We need your continued support if we are able to accomplish this.

School will be starting soon, and that means children will be out walking to and from school. Our officers will be enforcing traffic regulations as we deem necessary, obviously to the displeasure of some. We will also deploy our speed trailer to keep you aware of your speed. You can help by staying conscious of your driving speed as you go about your business. I also have another very serious concern. As I go about the City, I observe a great number of our drivers talking on the phone as they travel. It amazes me that someone can talk on the phone, drive their car and then make a turn all at the same time. I do not think we need to develop traffic regulations to enforce this. I would hope that a gentle reminder is sufficient and I would especially urge parents to talk to their young drivers about this.

I would also ask that you can continue to keep in mind the points we have discussed over the years on the crime of larceny. Larceny is the number one crime in any community and that is because it is a crime of opportunity. We are our own worst enemies when it comes to larceny. How many times have you left your laptop on the front seat of your car overnight; or a bike on the front lawn because it was late and you didn’t feel like putting it in the garage? These present opportunities for the loss of your property. Remember to lock car doors and don’t leave valuable items in plain view. Put toys, bikes and lawn equipment away at night or when you are done with them. It takes just a few minutes and it will help us tremendously in reducing crimes of larceny.

Lastly, and this is something that I cannot stress enough, you are our additional eyes and ears. You know best what is normal or routine in the neighborhood. When you think something is not quite right, chances are it may not be. Give us a call. We would rather investigate and determine it was nothing, than have to make a report the following day after the fact. Sometimes people feel they are being a pest or overreacting. Please just give us a call and let us decide. I can’t tell you how many times we have made arrests for various crimes based on calls from our residents who just “had a feeling” that something was wrong.
**Going greener**

While Grosse Pointe Park has had curbside recycling for years, the Park City Council has just made it easier! The Council awarded a contract to a new company at our June 22, 2009 meeting that will allow residents to use their old red containers or purchase a new bigger container that has wheels. The hope is that those residents that wish to recycle more will be able to easily. These containers will also compliment the larger array of items that are available to recycle.

The City is committed to protecting our part of the planet without raising costs or taxes on our residents, and this plan accomplishes our goal. If you are interested in a new recycling bin with wheels please contact the Department of Public Works at 822-5020. Once again, if you are happy with your old red container, the City will still collect those.

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**Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament**

**August 13, 14, 15, 16**

Entry Fee: $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 gatehouses. The entry deadline is Sunday, August 9. Doubles partners can be non-residents. Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday, August 16.


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.

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**Spin Stroke Clinic!**

Improve your strokes, starts and turns! All strokes will be covered. One week Sessions are $20.00 per swimmer. (Half of the sign up fee will be donated to the Special Olympics, so cash at sign up would be appreciated).

Please sign up at the pool. For questions or more information, please contact Rick Cozad at (313) 822-2812, ext. 303.

Where: Windmill Pointe Park Olympic Pool
Ages: All ages
What to Bring: Swimsuit, goggles, towel and ambition to learn!

Sessions:
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Monday, August 3rd - Friday, August 7th
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday August 10th - Friday, August 14th
Monday August 17th - Friday, August 21st
Monday August 24th - Friday, August 28th
Monday August 31st - Friday, September 4th

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**Pool Hours Reminder!**

Windmill Pointe Park pool hours will be adjusted again for the end of the season. Starting August 10th through September 7th they will be as follows:

Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

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**Mutant Swim Team**

By: Rick Cozad

It was an outstanding swimming season for the Mutants. They took second place to the Farms by a narrow 11 points at the finals on July 22. The Mutants took first place in the 17 and under, 14 and under and 12 and under Combined Competition at the Lakefront Swimming Association held at the Grosse Pointe City pool.

A thankful praise goes out to all the coaches, Jack Hessburg, Joe Hessburg, Leeann Moceri, Courtney Graham, Rob Eckert, Jackie Stevens and volunteers who helped make this year run so smoothly.

Just a reminder! We are hosting the championships at the Park next year. Volunteers will be needed to make the meet a success.

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**Sprinkler Day**

**Wed. August 12**

(Rain Date - Aug. 13)

11:30 - Noon

Wear your swim suits and aqua shoes, bring your beach balls and slip-and-slides, and come down to Windmill Pointe Park to run through the sprinklers between the pool and marina.

**ALL AGES WELCOME!!!**

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**Are You ready For The 2010 Census?**

In February and March of 2010, the Census Bureau will mail or deliver census questionnaires to households across the United States. Residents are urged to promptly complete and return the forms by mail before April 1, 2010. By law, all personal information is kept confidential and cannot be shared with any other government agency or entity. Census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute $300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year. For more information, please contact the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce at (313) 881-4722.
Have you sat on the side lines watching your child train, when you really wanted to train too? We now offer 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 registration day is Sat. Sept. 5 at 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Lavins Center

Please Note: All Karate classes are $50.00

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 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 welcome. 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 to Karate or students that have attained the rank of 8th Gup Purple Belt and up.

Padded Sword classes are for all students regardless of age or rank. Padded Sword 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 21, 28 Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov 2, 9 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. Beginner Class - Sept 22, 29 Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov 3, 10 Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Weapons Class - Sept 23, 30 Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11 Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded Sword Class - Same dates as above.
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teens Class - Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Sept 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov 5, 12 Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

Session II

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Nov 16, 23, 30 Dec 7, 14, Jan 4, 11, 25 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.

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Gymnastics
Instructor: Barb Thomson
A class for Boys & Girls (5 to 9 yrs)
$50.00 per session  No refunds
Minimum 8 students per class

Tumbling skills including rolls, cartwheels, handstands, head-stands, 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

(Final Summer Camps)
Camp IV  Camp V
August 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  August 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

Sign up now for Fall Saturday Sessions
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - $50 per week
Session I - Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10
Sessions II - Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7 & 14
Want 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. Memberships to the Meade Fitness Center for a weight and/or cardio workout to get into shape, or a Class Membership to partake in over 14 different classes like Yoga, Cycling, and Body Sculpting, just to name a few. Or if you’re just looking for a place to relax, the McKeever Lounge may be the place for you to sit back, relax and enjoy overlooking the park and watching the boats go by. Maybe you’re looking for a “night out at the movies”. The Okulski Family Theatre offers movies on the big screen! All this is just minutes from your doorstep!

**Meade Fitness Center**

Located on the second floor of the Lavins’ Activity Center is 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. Certi

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| One Month trial | $40.00 | Single day pass | $10.00 |

**Note: We only accept cash or checks - no credit cards.**

**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 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 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.

**The Okulski Family Theatre**

The Okulski Theatre offers a variety of movies every day on the BIG SCREEN. Call 822-2812 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 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.

**Meade Fitness Center Hours**

- Monday-Thursday: 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 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.

**Note: The Lavins Activity Center will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 7**

**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.
Toning With Weights  (Taught by Jane Blahut)
Monday, Wednesday & Friday   6:00-7:00 a.m.
Saturday (Starting Sept. 12)   8:30-10:00 a.m.
This class is beneficial to both men and women. You will tone all the major muscle groups to help you lose unwanted pounds and inches. Muscle is your “fat burning machinery”!

Body X-Cellence(TM)  (Taught by Beverly Ruskus)
Monday & Wednesday   6:30-7:30 p.m.
This class includes aerobics to get your heart rate up and burn calories. Weights and tubing are used for upper and lower body strength and toning. Pilates and exercise balls are used for balance and core work. Yoga is used for flexibility, range of motion, cool down and relaxation.

Indoor Cycling*  (Taught by Jane Blahut, Carrie Moore, Cristi Henderson & Mary Lutfy)
Tuesday & Thursday   6:00-6:45 a.m. and 6:40-7:25 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday   7:15-8:00 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  8:30-9:15 a.m.
Saturday (Starting Sept. 12)   7:15-8:15 a.m.
Sunday (Starting Sept. 13)   8:15-9:15 a.m.
These classes are popular with our members. We guide you through challenging rides that build endurance and leg strength. Come along for the ride! Be sure to arrive at least 10 minutes early for bike set-up and instruction. *This class is limited to available bikes. However, you may reserve a bike 24 hrs. in advance of this class.

Mobile Body  (Taught by Beverly Ruskus)
Tuesday & Thursday  11:30-12:30 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.

Body Sculpting  (Taught by Mary Walsh)
Tuesday & Thursday   8:30-9:15 a.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!

Zumba!  (Taught by Terri McCartney)
Monday & Friday   9:30-10:30 a.m.
The class combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves so you can dance away your worries! Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music-dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting and effective fitness system.

Yoga  (Taught by Mary Walsh)
Monday & Wednesday   7:40 - 8:40 p.m.
Wednesday (in McKeever 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.
**Upcoming Winter activities in the parks**

**Skating lessons**

With our outdoor refrigerated ice rink and the charming Lindell Lodge, how can you resist our ice skating classes taught on an outdoor manicured 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. It’s 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 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**Session I** Tues. Dec. 1, 8, 15 (off Dec. 22, 29) Jan. 5, 12

**Session II** Tues. Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

**Basic Skills Skaters** **TUESDAYS ONLY**

Must be comfortable with the basic forward and backward glide, snow plow stop, rocking horse, dip, getting up, swirlies, jumping and march.

Ages 7 - 10 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

*(the same 2 sessions and dates as above Tuesday classes)*

**Snowplow Beginners** **THURSDAYS**

First time on the ice.

Ages 3 - 6 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**Session I** Thurs. Dec. 3, 10, 17 (off Dec. 24 & 31) Jan. 7, 14

**Session II** Thurs. Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

**Snowplow Beginners** **THURSDAYS**

All levels. 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

*(the same 2 sessions and dates as above Thursday classes)*

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

**Skate Swap**

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.

Tags will be provided for each pair of skates. 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. If more than 1 pair of skates is purchased be prepared to write a separate check for each pair.**

We will be accepting skates from now until November 29. Our skate swap will take place on Monday, November 30 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. outside the Lindell Lodge at 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 welcome 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 wear skates.

**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. 2. The Gift Market will be inside the Tompkins Community Center.

The Tompkins Center doors will open for shopping at 4:00 p.m. and remain open until 8:00 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.
Parks & Recreation

### Calendar Hi-lites and other dates of note!
A reminder of pertinent dates & events coming up in our city. Please note the dates that may be of interest to you or your family.

- **August 6** Park-It Movie 6:00 p.m. Patterson Park
- **August 12** Co-ed Volleyball Championship finals at Windmill Pointe Park at 6:00 p.m.
- **August 13, 14, 15, 16** Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament
- **September 7** Labor Day City offices and Lavins Center closed Pools close at 8:00 p.m.
- **September 19 & 20** Camp Wind-Y-Mill Windmill Pointe Park
- **October 1** First day to reserve dates in the Tompkins Center for 2010 8:00 a.m. Parks & Recreation office, (Door on Lakeside)
- **October 3** Fall Perennial Plant Exchange Tompkins Community Center 10:00 a.m. - Noon
- **October 24** Halloween in the Park 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Windmill Pointe Park

### Camp Wind-Y-Mill
**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009**
Windmill Pointe Park

**Registration begins on Wednesday, August 12**

Get out of the house and “rough it” at an outdoor sleepover at Windmill Pointe Park. Check-in on Saturday, September 19 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 campsites, pick up your paperwork and pay the $30.00 campsite fee.

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

### “Halloween In The 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. 24. It begins promptly at 4:30 pm and will end at 6:00 pm. Trick-or-treaters may select arrival times of 4:30 pm, 5:00 pm, or 5:30 pm. (Trick-or-treaters must arrive before 5:45 pm 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. 23 at the Outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. Tickets sold on the day of the event up until 2:00 pm will cost $10.00. Every child trick-or-treating must be in a costume and accompanied by an adult.

TRICK OR TREAT BAGS WILL NOT BE GIVEN OUT. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.

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 16. Decorating of stations will take place on the day of the event starting at 3:00 p.m. and must be completed by 4:00 p.m. Be creative! A complimentary movie ticket will be given to all volunteers. If interested, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 822-2812, ext 201.

REMINDER:

**Thursday, October 1st**

**IS THE FIRST DAY THAT YOU MAY RESERVE THE TOMPKINS COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A FUNCTION IN 2010.**
Curbside Leaf Pick-Up
Curbside leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 1 and continue until December 12, 2009 (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.
Glass, tin cans, plastic number 1 and 2 only and aerosol cans may be placed together in the bin. Please rinse 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, box board, etc. (Fold, flatten or cut into bundles 2” x 2” x 6” and tie.)

Garbage
It is the duty of every owner of every lot or property to keep their lot or property free of rubbish and debris. Grosse Pointe Park City Code Section 12-1 states suitable garbage and rubbish recepticles shall be provided and used by the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of the premises.

Containment of Refuse
Watertight metal or plastic containers equipped with tight fitting lids and handles sufficient to keep out water and to prevent disturbance by animals should be used. GARBAGE RECEPTACLES SHALL BE NO MORE THAN THIRTY-TWO (32) GALLON CAPACITY WITH A MAXIMUM OF 50 POUNDS COMBINED WEIGHT. NO EXCEPTIONS.
Toters with 80-gallon capacity can be purchased through the Public Service Department. Toters are for household rubbish only. No yard waste.
No refuse container will be collected if the combined weight of the container and its contents exceeds 50 pounds except for mechanically handled containers (toters) or special pick-up items.

Refuse
Refuse is defined as animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of foods and all other organic matter subject to rapid decomposition, as well as cardboard, paper, cartons, boxes and ordinary wastes from residential and business establishments. It shall also include items too large for regular pick-up such as discarded furniture, appliances, toys, clothing and other similar materials. The Department of Public Works picks up the large items.
Concrete, brick pavers, stones, logs etc. are the homeowners responsibility.

Hazardous Waste
Hazardous wastes need to be disposed of properly. A hazardous waste product can be toxic, flammable, corrosive or react with other substances to create harmful fumes or explosions. These products are labeled with DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, CORROSIVE or FLAMMABLE on the container.

Yard Waste
Yard waste is defined as garden, lawn or tree trimmings, leaves and dead 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
All yard waste must be in decomposable brown paper bags or in 32 gallon containers (no lids) with handles, that have a yard waste sticker on them.
If you choose to use containers, you may pick up stickers for them at the Public Service Department.
Containers can be no larger than 32 gallons. Toters are not acceptable yard waste containers.
Please do not place sticks, brush or weeds on top of your trash container. Improperly contained yard waste will be left at the curb.

Brush
Brush is described as tree and shrubbery trimmings, cuttings, branches and limbs exceeding one inch but not more than 5 inches in diameter with all stumps and roots removed for disposal by the chipper machine. Length shall be 6 - 8 ft. long.
Chipper brush will be chipped at the curb on or as close to your rubbish day as possible.

Building Materials
It shall be the duty of the owner, contractor or other person responsible for construction work to maintain the site clean and free of excess debris during construction and to remove excess material from the premises within a reasonable time after the completion of such construction work.

When can waste containers be put out?
Waste containers shall not be placed out at the curb line for collection prior to 6:00 p.m. preceding the day of collection.
Please have receptacles out by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. After receptacles are emptied, they must be removed from the street on the same day that collections are made. This includes alley pick-up.

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 7
No trash or recycling.
All pick-ups delayed by one day for this week only.
Ever Thought About Mulching?
By: Roger L. Garrett

How would you like to save money, time and energy, while improving your lawn and reducing the use of toxic chemicals? Sound too good to be true? Not at all. Start mulching your grass clippings into the lawn instead of bagging and hauling them away. That’s a time and effort saver. In the fall, mulch those leaves into the lawn instead of dragging them to the curbs.

Again, a time and effort saver as well as saving our City the cost of removing the leaves from the street. Mulching your clippings and leaves back into your lawn will result in a much healthier and stronger lawn while at the same time allowing you to significantly reduce the need for fertilizing. Mulching is good for your lawn and your wallet, and good for the environment.

This is the ultimate winning situation. Don’t have a mulching mower? You can purchase a mulching blade and convert almost any mower into a mulching machine. Happy and prosperous mulching!

Branching Out!

Bald Face Hornet - Friend not Foe

The bald-faced hornet (Dolichovespula maculate) is a large, black and white insect common in Michigan. The name is a misnomer since it is technically a wasp. The wasp itself is rarely seen by people. Instead, their unique, large, football-shaped paper nest is quite conspicuous, especially after leaves start dropping from the trees in the fall. I’ve seen some as big as 3 feet long. The nest is then abandoned by winter and not reused.

These insects are beneficial in that they eat many pests and can pollinate desirable species of plants. In my experience, the only time they sting humans is when their nest is disturbed. Homeowners should not attempt to remove a nest. I recommend leaving it. If you have small children, teach them about this beneficial insect and to respect it by leaving it alone (i.e. not throwing baseballs at it). However, if they can’t resist, they will quickly learn on their own never to do so again. Bald-faced hornets are extremely protective of their home and will sting repeatedly if provoked.

Of course, public safety is our first priority here in Grosse Pointe Park. So if you see a nest in a City-owned tree that is within reach of a child too young to know better or someone with a known allergy to stings is living nearby, call City Hall. If there is a concern on private property, there are local exterminators listed in the Blue Book that can safely take care of it at a fair price.

Each year I receive phone calls pertaining to this misperceived nuisance. Again, I would like to urge residents to be tolerant of the bald-faced hornet, for their own good! It’s been well known for some time that pollinators are in distress. So if you observe a nest, don’t spray or destroy it, be eco-intelligent and help protect and promote pollination!
Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Reaches $2,500,000 Milestone

By: Dale Ehresman, President - Grosse Pointe Park Foundation

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation celebrates two important milestones this year. It has passed the $2,500,000 mark in donations dedicated to local civic improvements to enrich the lives of Park residents and the Park community. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of its founding in 1984.

This past year the Foundation contributed $300,000 for two park recreation projects, a new zero-depth tot pool and large decorative fountain at Windmill Pointe Park, and a large multi-green putting and chipping golf facility at Patterson Park. That project also included a new Bocce Ball Court.

The Foundation is an independent non-profit organization. It is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by its members. They are all civic-minded residents of Grosse Pointe Park who serve without compensation.

Some other projects funded by the Foundation in the past years include:

- Lavins Activity Center
- Tompkins Community Center
- Splash Pad at Patterson Park
- Artificial Ice Rink and Summer Fountain Pond at Patterson Park
- Lindell Lodge, ice warming and tennis building
- Flower pots in the Kercheval Avenue business area
- Movie projector for Okulski Theatre
- City entry landscaping flowers and trees on Jefferson Avenue
- Waterfront Boardwalk at Patterson Park

The current fundraising target project is a new traditional style brick gatehouse at the entryway of Patterson Park. A future project remains a proposed Arts Center Auditorium planned for property next to the City Offices.

These wonderful enhancements to our parks and city facilities have contributed to the high quality of life enjoyed by Park residents. Please consider joining the Park Foundation. Call Kathy Willmer at (313) 822-4379 for more information and application forms. Join with the Park Foundation as it starts its second 25 years.

Park Receives Federal Grant

By: Dale Ehresman, President - Grosse Pointe Park Foundation

The City just received $1.2 million in grant money from the federal government to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed, bank-owned homes. The government created the Neighborhood Stabilization Program about three years ago to help cities improve and repair housing conditions in some of their hardest-hit areas. The program is especially helpful in Michigan, where even solid communities like the Park have suffered the harsh economic realities and falling home values. Our City Council stated that the City plans to give makeovers to homes on Lakepointe, Maryland and Wayburn and put them back on the market as owner-occupied properties.

On another positive note, the City millage rate will remain at 11.47 mills for operating, with another 1.72 mills for trash collection and disposal. The City Council also unanimously approved a general fund budget of a little more than $10.5 million for 2009-2010 at its May 11th meeting. The Mayor noted the City is operating as lean as possible and has been able to maintain service levels, in part due to contracting out some services and having a workforce that has become increasingly proficient. Also, in an effort to keep costs down, the City has no major capital projects planned for this year and no wage increases are expected in the new fiscal year. These efforts by the administration, along with the guidance of the City Council, are working to help keep the Park on track financially.

Fighting Blight

By: Councilman James Robson

Grosse Pointe Park is one of the most beautiful and well kept cities in Michigan. Whether it is a starter home on Maryland Ave. or a large estate on Windmill Pointe Drive, pride in home ownership is obvious. But even upscale communities are not immune from creeping blight, especially in this unfortunate era of foreclosures and abandoned homes.

The following are some of the most common property code violations in Grosse Pointe Park:

- The storage of inoperable and unregistered vehicles in yards and alleys.
- Grass length (in excess of 5”).
- Debris on property (discarded furniture, appliances, uncontained and strewn trash).
- Exterior disrepair (hanging gutters, boarded up windows, decaying porches and steps).

Our code enforcement officers are doing a great job in identifying and citing these and other violations. We all can do our part in helping in this effort by reporting violations in our neighborhood. You can do so by calling the Public Service Department at 822-5020. Or, if you wish to remain anonymous, simply send a letter to City Hall, c/o Secretary of State of Michigan.

Election Calendar and Voter Information

October 5, Last day to register to vote in Nov. 3 election.

October 31, Last day an absentee ballot can be mailed from City Hall at 2:00 pm (City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

November 2, Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at city hall.

November 3, Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

November 3, Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

Precinct 1 & 2
Trombly Elementary School
820 Beaconsfield

Precinct 3
Municipal Building
15115 E. Jefferson Ave.

Precinct 4 & 7
Pierce Middle School
15430 Kercheval

Precinct 5 & 6
Deiter 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.