Don’t let the winter blahs get you down this year. Join us for this enjoyable, fun filled event. The more snow, the better!

But snow or not, our annual Chilly-Fest will be held at Patterson and Windmill Pointe Parks on Saturday, February 6 from noon to 4:00 p.m. There will be plenty of fun activities. This year when you enter the parks you will be given “event give-away coupons”. Visit each event or demonstration and place your filled out coupon in the box provided for a free gift! Some highlights are:

- Ice skating to the music of “Circuits of Sound” on the Hutton Ice Rink.
- An ice sculpture demonstration with completed sculptures on display.
- Snowman building contest and snowball target throw.
- Face painting.
- Snowboard demonstration (depending on the amount of snow on the ground) at the top of the sledding hill at 2:00 p.m.
- Snow shoes to try on and walk around the park.
- Ice fishing at Windmill Pointe Park.
- One horse drawn trolley ride (at Windmill Pointe Park) pulled by a team of Clydesdale or Belgium draft horses.
- Putting green games.
- A hot dog and chili lunch will be on sale in the comforts of the Tompkins Community Center.
- Pine cone bird feeder craft.
- Hot chocolate, muffins, cookies and brownies will be available in the Lindell Lodge.
- Smore stations at each park.

Anyone who would like to volunteer, please call Terry Solomon at 822-2812 ext 200.

City Continues To Control Costs
By: Greg Theokas

As Mayor pro tem and Chairman of the Finance Committee I am responsible for monitoring how our City spends its money. During these difficult economic times, controlling costs has become a top priority for most cities. However, we have been doing it for a long time, in part because our city has an added economic burden - spending money to acquire and monitor properties along our western and northern borders with Detroit. Unlike the other Grosse Pointes, we have had to allocate significant resources to the prevention of blight.

During the past 24 months overall staffing has been reduced by six employees (reducing the budget by approximately $400,000) while City services have been maintained at the same level. We now have 80 full time employees and anticipate some further reductions through attrition. Many employees act in dual roles saving the cost of additional salaries and benefits.

Our dedicated employees have helped us to achieve our cost cutting goals by agreeing to the implementation of higher health insurance deductibles and co-pays and reduced retirement coverage. In addition, our City Manager and Treasurer have been relentless in seeking lower costs from those who provide goods and services to the City. As a result of all of these efforts, we have been able to operate with the same millage rate for the past several years.

Recently, the Park was awarded a $1.2 million grant from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to purchase foreclosed properties and rehabilitate them. This further reduces pressure on our budget and enables us to continue our program of blight prevention.
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.

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 (First hour)
- $ 50.00 (Every hour after)

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.

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313-822-2812

Okulski Theatre Information Press 1
Lavins Activity Center Press 2
Park Office / Tompkins Center Press 3
Outside Gate / Windmill Pte. 822-5155
Patterson Park Gatehouse 822-1681

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

Direct Lines:

Public Safety: 313-822-7400
Public Service: 313-822-5020
Voting & Elections: 313-822-4380
Tax Information: 313-822-4267
Building Inspector: 313-822-4368
Water Billing: 313-822-7650

Municipal Court: 313-822-3535
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The City routinely receives inquiries about a variety of pests which typically include yellow jackets, possums, rodents and an occasional raccoon. As a first step we usually request that the resident inventory their yard to assure that mulch piles, firewood and building materials are off the ground. This eliminates areas where pests can harbor. Crawl spaces beneath any structure should be screened to prevent pest access. Also, pet litter should be picked up so as not to attract rodents.

In the event these actions do not rectify a rodent program, you should contact the Department of Public Services at 313-822-5020. The City will investigate and in most cases, at the request of the resident, place traps. These specially locked traps are placed and regularly monitored by a trained City employee. They are designed to be pet and child proof and contain a very low dosage of active ingredient. No rodent materials of any kind should be placed in the open.

Our Municipal Court by: Judge Carl F. Jarboe

The Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court is committed to organizational excellence. Four principals guide the operation of our Court in 100% of our case load.

- **Equal Protection.** Persons of every background, social-economic status, age group, national origin and class appear in our Court. All persons are treated the same regardless of class status. Equal protection under the law is paramount. No favoritism is permitted.

- **Respect.** All persons having business with the Court are treated with respect. Whether appearing as a plaintiff or defendant, victim or accused, police officer or witness, each person is treated with the proper respect due in a court of law.

- **Fair Hearing.** All persons are constitutionally guaranteed the right to be heard. Our Court ensures that all persons are provided the opportunity to fully explain their position and arguments, to hear the arguments of the other side of the case, and to ask questions.

- **Reasoned Decision.** All persons receive a reasoned decision which explains how and why the decision was reached and considers the argument made.

These principals apply to the entire Court, including the Judge, court administrator, civil clerk, criminal clerk, and probation officer. Our Court averages a docket of 10,000 cases each year. Court sessions are held an average of eight times per month, including evenings and weekends when required. Our guiding principles apply to each case without exception.

Our Court is a model for sound financial management and efficient business practices. The Court is self funded through fines and costs and does not operate at taxpayer expense. Our community service program permits those convicted of minor offenses to make amends and enhance our community through work on our City’s streets, parks, and gardens.

Safe homes and streets are of paramount importance. Over the last twenty-five years our City has enjoyed a significant reduction in its crime rate. The Court works diligently to discourage repeat criminal behavior and to rehabilitate criminal defendants.

Fighting Crime

By: Councilman Jim Robson

Our City is one of the safest in Michigan and getting safer. Last year our outstanding Public Safety Department reduced crime by 18%. Our crime rate can be reduced even further with a little help from the people. The best way this can be accomplished is by being a little more security conscious around the home.

Some of the steps you can take are:

1. Make sure all windows and doors in the house are locked.
2. Keep the garage door closed and locked at all times.
3. Make sure items inside the garage (bikes, lawn mowers and snow blowers) are secured and locked.
4. Always keep vehicles locked and remove laptops, iPods, brief cases, etc. when you exit the vehicle.
5. Install outdoor lighting.
6. Remind the kids to lock their bikes when not in use.
7. Help yourself and neighbors by calling our Public Safety Department if you observe any suspicious activity.
2009 Co-ed Volleyball Champions

“See Ya Later Alligators”
Back to Back Recreational League Champs

Left to Right: Andrew Tignanelli, Maggie Tignanelli, Patrick LaRiviere, Ann Stavale, Brette Carroll, Garret Cox and Cheryl Carroll.

The See Ya Later Alligators, lead by captain Brette Carroll took 1st place for the 2nd year in a row. They are the youngest team in the league bringing all their enthusiasm and energy to the court.

“Summer Wolves”
Competitive League Champs


The Summer Wolves have played in the Park’s Competitive volleyball program for the last 20 years. The win was determined by the third game.

2009 Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament Champions

Men’s Singles “A” Champion  Alex Parker
Men’s Singles “B” Champion  Drew Costakis
Men’s Doubles Champions  Matt Halso Ryan Leslie
Women’s Doubles Champions  Stacey Brown Jayne Carson
Mixed Doubles Champions  Gary Hoslet Joanne Petz
Parent/Child Champions  John Halso Matt Halso

We had a great turn out, as always, for this year’s Tennis Tournament. There were not as many women participants due to the USTA qualifying events, but it was still a success. Each participant received a souvenir hat and enjoyed refreshments and prizes provided by our generous sponsors Buscemi’s in the Park, Irish Coffee, Atwater Block Brewery, Harper Sport Shop and the Okulski Theatre.

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.
Nov. 10, 17, 24 Dec. 1, 8, 15

SESSION II 5 weeks $40.00
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 Feb. 2, 9

Payment at “sign up” required for all classes

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 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Nov. 10, 17, 24 Dec. 1, 8, 15

SESSION II 5 weeks $40.00
Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 Feb. 2, 9
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 is designed to give students confidence in themselves and their abilities. These classes are ongoing and new students are always welcomed. Classes are held in the gymnasium of the Lavins Activity Center. Class sizes are limited.

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 an 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.

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

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

Please Note:
Each 8 week session is $50.00 per student.
Parent/Child Class is $50.00 for parent and child is free if participating in another class. If child is not in another class, then fee is $25.00

**Registration**
(From 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Lavins Center.)
- Session II Karate Registration day is Saturday, November 7th.
- Session III Karate Registration day is Saturday, January 23th.

**Session II**
Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18
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 - 11/17, 11/24, 11/31, 12/8, 12/15, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19
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 - 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/6, 1/13, 2/10, 2/17
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/14, 1/21 1/28
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child - Same dates as above.

**Session III**
Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29
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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Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teen Class - Same dates as above.

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Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

Gymnastics Class
Instructor: Barb Thomson
A class for Boys & Girls
Ages 5 - 10 11:15 a.m. - Noon

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 No shoes or socks
Girls apparel: Bike unitards preferably No shoes or socks

SESSION I 5 weeks $50.00
November 7, 14, 21 December 5, 12
SESSION II 5 weeks $50.00
January 2, 9, 23, 30 February 6

Registration and classes will be held at the Lavins Activity Center.
DOLORES & PAUL LAVINS’ ACTIVITY CENTER

Lavins Activity Center

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 or a Class Membership to participate in many different classes like Yoga, Body Sculpting and Cycling, 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 and enjoy overlooking the park and the waterfront. 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. 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 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 lobby for class days and times. Classes are ongoing unless otherwise noted.

Fitness Center Hours

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Lavins Center Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Day.............................................. Closed

Friday after Thanksgiving ............ Open, but no classes

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day............. Closed

New Year's Eve................................. Close at 4:00 p.m.

New Year’s Day................................. Closed

Fitness OR Class Membership Pricing

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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 at the reception desk. 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:

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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.

Winter Season Reminder

This Winter we would greatly appreciate it if you could wear boots and carry your fitness shoes to the center to help us keep water and street salt off the fitness center equipment. Remember, the locker rooms are available for changing and storing coats and boots.
Fitness Class Membership Offerings

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.

A Pajama Party!

Ages 2-8 years - $12 per Family
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Come join us for an evening of fun. Bring a blanket to sit on and wear your pajamas and a smiling face. We’ll have music, stories and lots of silly fun.

Bedtime will never be the same!
Friday, January 8  Friday, April 9
Friday, February 12  Friday, May 7
Friday, March 12

Note: Prepayment is not necessary. Simply pay at door.

Group Personal Training!
Taught by: Rory McKeown
Certified Performance Enhancement Specialist
10 Week Class - $80
Wednesdays at 11:30 am
November 11th through January 20th

This group training class is an up tempo mix of various functional exercises comprising a total body circuit. The exercises will utilize various types of equipment such as medicine balls, stability balls, dumbbells, barbells, body weight, balance, explosive power and floor core work. The program design will vary weekly and will be based upon the abilities of attendees.

Acting For Stage, Screen and Life!
Taught by: Michael Maurice
Age 12 and Up
Thursdays - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
2 Weeks - $160.00
January 7th - February 25th

This new and exciting class will cover the three main requirements in order to be a success at acting: Self Confidence, Your Unique Vision and Technique. At its simplest, acting is just pretend with a purpose. We have all been doing pretend since we were little children, but we were the ones who decided who we were going to be and what we would say.

As actors, we have to take someone else’s words and give them a sense of reality by using our ability to pretend. So come join us. *Let’s Get Real, Even Though We’re Just Pretending!*
**Skating lessons**

With our outdoor refrigerated ice rink and the charming Lindell Lodge, how can you pass up 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, swizzles, 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.

**Upcoming Winter activities in the parks**

**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. - 6:00 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.

**ICE SKATING EXTRAVAGANZA ‘09**
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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 Sharon 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**
**WED. DECEMBER 2, 4:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

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 pm. Four hours of browsing and shopping for those hard to find gifts along with live holiday roping, wreaths, table centerpieces and hanging balls.

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!
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 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9
Session II February 16, 23, March 2, 19, 16
Session III March 23, 30 April 6, 13, 20

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

Afternoon Out Is Back!

Starting Wednesday, November 18, 2009 “Afternoon Out” will return! Come join us for a FREE movie, coffee and cookies twice a month on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. It’s just a nice way to spend the afternoon.

The movie schedule will be as follows:

November 18 “Oliver” (starring Mark Lester and Oliver Reed)
December 2 “Meet Me In St. Louis” (starring Judy Garland and Margaret O’Brien)
December 16 “Miracle on 34th Street” (starring Maureen O’Hara and Natalie Wood)
January 13 “Bringing Up Baby” (starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant)
January 27 “Wuthering Heights” (starring Merle Oberon and Lawrence Olivier)
February 10 “Roman Holiday” (starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn)

For more information, call the Lavins Center at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.

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.

November 3 Election Day Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
November 11 Veterans Day City offices closed
November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving City offices closed
December 2 Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
December 5 Lunch with Santa Tompkins Community Center
December 10 Skating Extravaganza Patterson Park 7:00 p.m.
December 24 & 25 Christmas City offices closed
January 1 Happy New Year 2010 City offices closed

REMINDER: Election Day is Tuesday, November 3
Recycling

Put your container, 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. Dispose of kitchen oil in your regular rubbish.

- Glass, tin cans, plastic numbers 1 through 7 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.
- Cardboard, paperboard cereal boxes, popcorn boxes, box board, etc. (No paper milk or juice cartons or other wax coated cardboard).

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 receptacles 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. Do not dispose in your regular rubbish.

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 yard waste from the work of a landscape gardener or private companies. Landscape gardeners and private companies must dispose of yard waste at their own expense.

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.

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

- Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 26
- Christmas - Thursday, December 25
- New Year’s Day - Thursday, January 1, 10

No trash or recycling pick-up. All pick-ups delayed by one day.
Community

Branching Out!

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees are indelibly associated with the holiday. The first electric Christmas tree was reported by a Detroit paper in 1882. “I need not tell you that the scintillating evergreen was a pretty sight. One can hardly imagine anything prettier” wrote Detroit Post and Tribune reporter Croft. While Scotch Pine is the most popular species measured by the number sold, the more expensive Fraser Fir is generally considered the best due to its excellent needle retention and nice scent. My personal favorite though, is a relative newcomer, the Canaan Fir (pronounced “Ka-nane”) which is similar to both Fraser Fir and Balsam Fir.

By: Brian Colter

Michigan ranks 4th in the nation in Christmas tree production. It’s a major agricultural crop for the state. Nationwide, more than 30 million real trees will be harvested this year for Christmas. The vast majority of Christmas trees are grown on Christmas tree farms, not removed from the forest. Real Christmas trees are a renewable resource. For every tree harvested, at least two trees are planted in its place. Christmas tree plantations absorb carbon dioxide and other pollutants while giving off life supporting oxygen. Every acre of Christmas trees planted gives off enough oxygen to meet the needs of 18 people. Thus, buying a real Christmas tree actually is better for the environment than buying an artificial one.

Grosse Pointe Park residents Judy and Alan Ramberger needed to remove a large blue spruce that has outgrown its place in their landscape. “I couldn’t stand the idea of simply wasting the tree” Judy said when she called me to ask if the City wanted it. A tree this large isn’t really feasible for us to relocate, but it sure would make a great Christmas tree. This is the seventh year Director of Parks and Recreation Terry Solomon will be hosting the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Windmill Pointe Park. The City has never had to pay for the tree. We “recycle” trees that would be cut down anyways. Generous residents like Judy and Alan agree to wait until November to cut them down so we can use them as our official City tree. Jennifer Meldrum and her gardening crew always do an outstanding job decorating them.

To help keep your real tree fresh, cut the bottom of the trunk just before you set it up. Water is the most important thing. Make sure there is always water in your stand. Also, it is very important not to set up your tree near a heat vent. That will really dry it out. After the holidays, simply drag your tree out to the curb on your trash day. Make sure you remove all lights and ornaments because the trees will be fed through a chipper. The City recycles the trees by turning them into useable mulch.

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.

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Election Calendar and Voter Information

October 31, Last day 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
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

Farmer’s Market Concludes With A Crowning Moment

Another great season at the West Park Farmers Market has come to a close. I want to thank all of my vendors and especially all of the patrons who came out and supported our Michigan farmers and the other independent businesses.

One of the new events at the Market this year featured our beloved family pets and turned out to be enjoyable for everyone involved. I would like to extend a thank you to all of our judges for volunteering their time. We will definitely be adding this as a regular event.

Our annual “Fall Festival” was also a huge success, not only for the Market, but for Defer as well. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2009 Market Princess, Phelen Johnson. Phelen fulfilled all the requirements asked of the participants in a timely manner and received her crown and recognition at the festival. She was crowned by Mayor Palmer Heenan and Councilwoman Shirley Kennedy.

We’ll be looking for a new princess for the 2010 season. Thank you once again and we’ll see you in the spring.

Jennifer Meldrum
Market Manager

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission will be looking again this year for outdoor winter holiday decorations. We will be looking from December through the first week of January. Be sure to leave your lights on! Addresses clearly visible from the street are appreciated.

Lunch With Santa
Saturday, December 5, Tompkins Community Center

Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children from Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday Dec. 5. 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 December 1 or until capacity is reached. Make reservations by sending in the registration form on page 12 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, $4.00 per attending adult (This includes lunch for all, a craft and a framed digital photo with Santa for the children.)