Construction Starts On New Gatehouse For Patterson Park

The City of Grosse Pointe Park started construction on a new entrance gatehouse for Patterson Park, located at the foot of Three Mile Road. The traditional design, as shown, calls for an all brick and limestone exterior with operable windows and a decorative four gabled roof. The interior includes counter space, a restroom, and storage closet. The gatehouse is located at the present entry drive and offers a convenient safe area to greet park visitors, as well as serving as a control point to monitor park activities. Grosse Pointe Park City workers will be assisting with key areas of the construction including plumbing, heating, and electrical work. They’re cooperating closely with the building contractor, MDM Custom Homes, a Grosse Pointe Woods custom home and remodeling contractor that has completed numerous projects in the Grosse Pointe Communities.

This beautiful project will enhance the entrance and visitor safety of the Park. This is a continuation of a long list of Park improvement projects sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation over the past twenty-five years. These wonderful enhancements to our Parks and City facilities have contributed to the quality of community living enjoyed by Park residents. Construction is planned to be completed by Memorial weekend.

Registration for Summer Classes Saturday, June 5

Registration for water activities, tennis lessons, knapsackers and Park Players will be on Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Windmill Pointe Park. We will be handing out popsicle sticks at 7:00 a.m. at the outside gatehouse to all residents registering their children for summer activities. Residents must have a valid park pass and be present to enroll their children in these classes. (You may only signup for one swim session on June 5th) Late registration, or to sign up for additional swim classes in session II and session III, will begin on Saturday, July 3rd at the pool.

The Summer swimming and diving sessions will be as follows:

- **Session I** June 21 - July 2
- **Session II** July 12 - July 23
- **Session III** Aug. 2 - Aug. 13

After the initial sign-up date of June 5 the pool office will accept late registrations the following week for **Session I only**.

For information about Grosse Pointe Park Foundation membership, contact Kathy Willmer at Grosse Pointe Park City Offices 313-822-4379.
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

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(ext. 271)

Parks & Recreation
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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.

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
that we may all enjoy our parks.

- Current renter passes are valid until May 15, 2010.
- Park passes are required for all residents age 10 and older and are non-transferrable.
- 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 pick up their application
  for completion in the Public Service Department. Homeowners 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. City ordinance
  requires no more than two unrelated persons receive passes for each address.
- Renters need to pick up an application to renew passes. Passes will be mailed back
  after the landlord has verified tenancy and the Public Service Department has verified
  that the Certificate of Occupancy for your address is valid.
- At anytime you may be asked for photo I.D. Misuse of your park pass may result in
  revocation. 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.
- Lost passes will be replaced ONCE per year by an adult person at a cost of $20.00 at
  the Public Service Department at City Hall. Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.
  - 4:30 p.m. Telephone 313-822-4365.

Picnic Permits

Picnic Permits are issued at the Parks and Recreation office.
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 weekdays and $20 weekends
- Permits will not be issued Memorial Day, 4th of July or Labor Day
- There are picnic limits per day. Make your reservation early

Grosse Pointe Park Communicator

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West Park Farmer’s Market Seventh Season!

The seventh season of the West Park Farmer’s Market on Kercheval opens on May 15th at 9:00 am. This year’s opening day will be full of plants, produce and gift items to satisfy all. Brian Colter will be on site from 10:00 am to Noon with the trees that people have ordered from the Beautification Commission tree sale. Also, our first “My Best Dressed Friend” contest will be held at 11:00 am. This repeat performance takes place on designated dates, once monthly, and features your adorable beloved dogs. Each date has a different theme and pet owners should dress their dogs accordingly.

The 2010 Market Season will again be filled with “Special Events” to entice one and all! All Special Events have extended hours and run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The first of these events is the Tailgate Treasures on May 22nd. Tailgate Treasures is open only to Grosse Pointe Park residents and is an event that gives people a chance to sell their “slightly” used wares at the Market. Spaces are available to rent for a $10.00 fee, with a maximum rental of two spaces per household. Registration forms for this and all other events can be found on the “Forms” page in the Farmer’s Market section of the City website, or you may use the generic form found on page eleven of this Communicator. Return all registration forms to the City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 E. Jefferson Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, Attn: West Park Farmer’s Market.

The newest event this year is the Food Fair on June 19th. Along with our regular vendors, there will be a variety of restaurants and other food vendors in attendance. Each will have one of their specialties available for us to taste and enjoy. Several local restaurants will be participating, such as Marge’s, Sunrise Sunset Saloon, and our newest restaurant, Park Grill. Park Grill opened in December of 2009 and is family owned and managed by Adi Kokoshi. They are open 7 days a week and they serve Mediterranean style food. For more information on the Park Grill, check out their website at www.gpparkgrill.com.

Other Special Events taking place this season are a second Tailgate Treasures on July 17th, the Beer Taste Fest and Corn Roast on August 21st and the Fall Festival on September 25th. All of these events have grown in popularity and, as always, offer a variety of things for everyone. For more information regarding the Farmer’s Market and these and other special events, please go to our website at www.grossepointepark.org or contact the Market Manager, Jennifer Meldrum at (313) 822-2812, ext. 202.

Detroit Water and Sewer Fees

By: Mayor Pro Tem Greg Theokas

The Detroit Department of Water and Sewer, which supplies water and sewer services to the Park, has proposed sizable cost increases for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011. These increases come in the form of new fixed monthly fees. In the past, there was no fixed monthly fee for water service. Now, a new fixed water fee of $9,409 per month (or $112,908 per year) is being charged for water service. This fiscal year the Park is paying a fixed sewer fee of $8,275 per month for sewer service. The monthly fixed sewer fee is being raised to $18,970 per month, an increase of $10,695 per month, or $128,340 per year. Combined, the fixed cost increases total $241,248 dollars per year.

These fixed cost increases are a response by the Detroit Water and Sewer Board that the Park and other customers have cut the consumption of water and sewer services during the past two years. During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Park utilized 69,426 mcf of water and 113,735 mcf of sewage. During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, those numbers dropped to 65,419 mcf of water and 108,857 of sewage. These conservation efforts on the part of the Park and its residents will now be more than offset by the new higher fixed monthly fees.

If the new rates are applied to the Park’s water and sewer usage for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the impact would be as follows: water costs under old rates - $636,955; water costs under new rates – $857,376; sewer costs under old rates - $1,190,621; and sewer costs under new rates – $1,315,699. This combined increase of $345,499 represents a 23% increase over a two year period. The increase is much higher than any official government inflation statistic for the past two years.

Furthermore, the Park and other cities are confronted with other potential cost increases as a result of recently proposed federal EPA mandates. The current administration is now proposing “volume specific” regulations for rainwater runoff. This would force cities to closely control the flow of rainwater from hard surfaces such as roads, parking lots and sidewalks. Inevitably, the cost of these new federal compliance requirements will be passed through to local ratepayers and taxpayers.
Pool News!

General Pool Hours
The pools and splashpad officially open on Saturday, May 29. The pools close on Monday, Sept. 6th.

Patterson Park Splash Pad
10:00 a.m. - Dusk
Windmill Pointe Park Olympic pool
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  June 19 - August 15
Children’s Pool and Fountain
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  June 19 - August 15

Adjusted Pool Hours:
Sat. May 29 - Mon. May 31st  10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Tues.- Fri. June 1-4  Noon - 8:00 p.m. 
Sat. & Sun. June 5 & 6  10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Mon. - Fri. June 7 - 11  Noon - 8:00 p.m. 
Sat. & Sun. June 12 & 13  10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Mon. - Fri. June 14 - 18  Noon - 8:00 p.m.

SAT. JUNE 19 - SUN. AUG. 15  7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Mon. - Fri.  Aug. 16 - 20  Noon - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun.  Aug. 21 & 22  10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. 
Mon. - Fri.  Aug. 23 - 27  Noon - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun.  Aug. 28 & 29  10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Mon. - Fri.  Aug. 30 - Sept. 3  Noon - 8:00 p.m.

SAT. SEPT. 4 - MON. SEPT. 6  10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pool Closings
Wed., June 23 4:00 p.m. until meet is finished (entire pool).
Sat., June 26 9:00 a.m. until finished (diving area only).
Wed., June 30 4:00 p.m. until meet is finished (entire pool).
Wed., July 14 4:00 p.m. until meet is finished (entire pool).
Tue., July 27 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. PRELIMS.
Wed., July 28 4:00 p.m. until meet is finished FINALS.
Thurs., July 29 9:00 a.m. (only if it rains on July 28).

Special Requirements
All infants, toddlers and children who are not toilet trained may only use the pool facilities with the necessary protection. Cloth diapers with tightly fitted plastic pants or disposable swimming diapers are required for such young people. Regular disposable diapers are not allowed. For your convenience swimming diapers are available at the concession stand.

Lap Swimming
Early morning lap swim will begin on Tuesday, June 1 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. and will continue Monday through Friday until September 3. Enter the pool from the “side walk” gate.

Additional registration for Session II & Session III swim lessons will begin on Sat. July 3 at the pool office.

Lesson Time At The Pool
Swimming lessons are taught outdoors in a heated pool. Instruction will take place no matter what the temperature is outside. We will close the pool for lessons if we are under a weather advisory or if lightning has been spotted. Lessons will not be made up. No refunds.

The Olympic pool and the children’s pool and fountain will be closed from 10:00 a.m. until noon during swim lessons. Parents/adults are not permitted on the Olympic pool deck at any time during swim lessons.

SWIM LESSON DATES:
Session I: Monday-Friday  June 21 - July 2
Session II: Monday-Friday  July 12 - July 23
Session III: Monday-Friday  August 2 - August 13

What level should my child be in?

PARENT/TOT – $25.00
Parents and children, 6 months – 3 years old, will work as a team with direction from an instructor to learn to enjoy the water environment exploring basic supported swimming skills through games, songs, and activities.
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

3-4 YR. OLD PRESCHOOL – $25.00 (maximum 20 children)
For children 3 & 4 yrs. old, who can understand and follow directions. Held in the childrens pool and fountain. Goal is to get children aquainted with the water. Fun, games, and water play.
Monday – Friday  11:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 11:30 - Noon

LEVEL I – Intro. To Water Skills – $35.00
For children 4 - 6 yrs. old, who will work on water adjustment and introductory swimming skills with the support of the instructors. Child must be a minimum of 36” in height and potty trained.
Monday – Friday  11:00 - 11:55 a.m.

LEVEL II – Fundamental Aquatic Skills - $50.00
Children should have skills from Level I including bubble blowing, front & back float with support, with or without kicking and alternating arm action.
Monday – Friday  10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

LEVEL III – Stroke Development – $50.00
Students should have passed Level II skills which include submerging and retrieving an object, bobbing, flutter kick on front and back, front crawl (15 yds.), back crawl (5 yds.), and turning over.
Monday – Friday  11:00 - 11:55 a.m.

LEVEL IV – Stroke Improvement – $50.00
Students should have passed Level III skills including jumping into deep water, pre-dives, front crawl with breathing (15 yds.), back crawl (10 yds.), and treading water.
Monday – Friday  11:00 - 11:55 a.m.

LEVEL V – Skill Refinement – $50.00
Students should have passed Level IV, which includes elementary back stroke (15 yds.), front crawl with rotary breathing (25 yds.), back crawl(25 yds.), breaststroke (15 yds.), scissors kick (10 yds.), treading water (1 min.) and compact or stride position front dive.
Monday – Friday  10:00 - 10:55 a.m.

LEVEL VI (Class 1) Refinement of Swimming Skills – $50.00 (Session III only)
Students will perform common swimming strokes including front crawl, back crawl, sidestroke and breaststroke. Other skill refinement will involve front and back open and flip turns.
Monday - Friday  10:00 - 10:55 a.m.

LEVEL VI (Class 2) Lifeguard Readiness - $50.00 (Session III only)
Students should display strong common swimming skills prior to enrollment. Students will perform rescue techniques with a tube. Techniques will include treading water , reaching and throwing assist, backboard, retrieve objects from the pool bottom and a variety of emergency help skills.
Monday - Friday  10:00 - 10:55 a.m.
Grosse Pointe Park “Mutants”
Swim Team News

The summer swim team, The Grosse Pointe Park “MUTANTS”, is open to all residents 17 and under. Competitive meets are held with the neighboring Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

An eligibility and registration form is available on the mutant webpage www.gppmutants.org for you to download, fill out and turn in, along with the team fees, to the park office.

Swim team fees are: (please make out 2 checks)
1 swimmer: GPP Mutants - $40.00 City of Grosse Pointe Park - $40.00
2 swimmers: GPP Mutants - $56.00 City of Grosse Pointe Park - $66.00
3 or more swimmers: GPP Mutants - $72.00 City of Grosse Pointe Park - $80.00

On Wednesday, May 5 between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Harper Sports will be at the Tompkins Center to sell swimsuits. Girls suits are $47.00. Boys jammers are $34.00 and boys briefs are $26.

On Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. a parents and coaches meeting will be held in the Okulski Theatre. Come and meet the coaches. You can also pick up a registration form at this time.

On Wednesday, May 26 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. TRY-OUTS are at the pool. If you have a child who is new to the team or a child who wants to change levels then they must try-out. Mutant wear can be purchased at this time along with swim team registration and parent volunteer signup.

Scuba Diving Class - $235.00
Scuba diving instruction will be offered to participants 10 years and older. This course is a PADI certified SCUBA diving lesson. The cost covers instruction, pool training and SCUBA equipment.

Sign up at registration on Sat. June 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. For your convenience, the instructor, Joe Kulka, will contact you individually to work out dates and times of instruction.

Water Aerobics
Instructor: Beverly Ruskus
$90.00 for 18 classes

Monday and Wednesday Session: June 14 - August 11
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Session: June 15 - August 12
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

No swimming skills are required. The classes are taught in the shallow end of the pool, are open to all ages and are offered during morning or evening hours. Beverly will incorporate aerobics with water walking routines and full range of motion for all joints. Register on Saturday, June 5th at Windmill Pointe Park from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(10 participant minimum per session to hold class.)

Windsurfing Regatta
The 11th annual Grosse Pointe Park Windsurfing Regatta will be on Sat. June 19th at Patterson Park. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and skippers meeting at 10:00 a.m. Trophies and raffle prizes presented at 3:00 p.m. Lunch provided for racers.

Tuesday races at Patterson Park will begin May - Sept., approx. 3:00 p.m. Call Frank Murray for more info. (313) 331-2125 or Murwind@comcast.net.
DOLORES & PAUL LAVINS’ ACTIVITY CENTER

Lavins Activity Center

Want to get into shape, visit with friends, or just find 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 take different classes like Yoga, Cycling and Body Sculpting, are just a few of the activities available. If you’re just looking for a place to relax, the McKeever Lounge may be the place for you to sit back and relax overlooking the Park and Lake St. Clair. Or 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!

Personal Training

Personal Training Sessions can be arranged at the front desk of the Lavins Center. All trainers are NASM certified.

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MEADE FITNESS CENTER

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, the Mead Fitness Center is a great place to burn a few calories and have a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair while you’re at it. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and cardio equipment. Certified Personal Trainers are available to provide complimentary assessment sessions to new members by appointment. Also, members may purchase Personal Training Sessions with a trainer to obtain an individualized weight training program. Membership to the Meade Fitness Center may be purchased at the front desk of the Lavins Activity Center.

A Fitness Class Membership is also available at the Lavins Activity Center. The Class Membership consists of a variety of exercise classes. Our current classes are Body Sculpting, Body Excellence, Indoor Cycling, Mobile Body, Toning With Weights, Power Yoga, Yoga and Zumba. All classes are conducted in the gymnasium. Classes are ongoing, but a monthly schedule is always available in the lobby which will show any possible changes.

Fitness Center Hours

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Twenties Years Celebrated!

The Lavins Activity Center would like to congratulate three very valued instructors. Jane Blahut, Lisa Santi and Beverly Ruskus have all just celebrated twenty years of service. Thank you for your dedication to the Lavins Activity Center and our community!

Membership Prices

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

Note: We can 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 court. Park passes are required for access to the park and the Lavins’ Activity Center. Park Passes may be asked for at the reception desk to prove residency. Gym use policy requires one Grosse Pointe Park resident to every NON-resident. Non-residents must arrive WITH residents; otherwise they will be denied entry. Rental for large groups (with more non-residents to residents) is allowed only by pre-registration (25 - 72 hours), pre-payment and provision of a list of attendees 24 hours before the rental. The maximum number of people allowed 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. Basketball and volleyball 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 on the BIG SCREEN. Call 822-2812 and press Ext. 1, to hear the current movie title, show times and dates. Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day. You can’t beat the convenience of popcorn and a movie so close to home! Teens are advised to have their park pass available for PG-13 rated movies.

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Summer Show Time Schedule

The “7 Days A Week” movie schedule starts Monday, June 21, 2010. Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 p.m. Matinees will start Tuesday, June 22, 2010. The 7-Day schedule will run through Sunday September 5th, Labor Day Weekend.
Summer Karate Camps  Instructor: Lisa Santi

Registration day is Saturday June 5 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Lavins Activity Center. Payment is due at signup and is non-refundable. No registration before the above date is allowed.

Week I—June 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
Black Belt Camp  10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  $50.00
Sparring Skills Camp  11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  $50.00
Beginners Karate Camp  1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  $50.00
Advanced Karate Camp  2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  $110.00

Week II—July 26, 27, 28, 29, 30
Black Belt Camp  10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  $50.00
Swinging & Bladed Weapons Camp  11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  $50.00
Beginners Karate Camp  1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  $50.00
Advanced Karate Camp  2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  $110.00

Week III—August 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Black Belt Camp  10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  $50.00
Sparring Skills Camp  11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  $50.00
Beginners Karate Camp  1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  $50.00
Advanced Karate Camp  2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  $110.00

Week IV—August 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
Black Belt Camp  10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  $50.00
Staff (Bo), Sticks, Tonfa Camp  11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  $50.00
Beginners Karate Camp  1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  $50.00
Advanced Karate Camp  2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  $110.00

Guys Karate Camp - July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Monday - Thursday  4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  $110.00
Friday  10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Self Defense Classes for Women and Teen Girls Instructor: Lisa Santi

Each class will address a different self defense strategy and empower you with self defense awareness and physical skills. You can come for one, two, or three classes. These are self defense life skills that you will use in your everyday life. Please come and expand your knowledge and awareness. Dress in loose, comfortable clothing.

Saturday June 6, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the gym
Saturday July 31, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the gym
Saturday August 14, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the gym

*Early Registration - $15.00 per class
First Day of Class Registration - $20.00 per class

Short Game Clinic Instructor: Golf Pro Matt Bodde

Come enjoy a one hour introductory class to improve your short game. Golf Pro, Matt Bodde will share his expertise in hand positioning and execution in chipping and putting on our putting greens at Patterson Park. Signup for just one class or all three. All are welcome! (Bring your putter, chipper and some golf balls.)

Tuesday, June 22nd  6:30 - 7:30 pm  $15.00
Tuesday, July 20th  6:30 - 7:30 pm  $15.00
Tuesday, August 24th  6:30 - 7:30 pm  $15.00
*(All three sessions - $45.00)

Note: Rain dates will be the day after the scheduled day.

Visit the City Website at: www.grossepointepark.org
For more information on:
Karate/Camp Descriptions, Pool Hours, Okulski Theatre Showtimes, Lavins Center/Tompkins Center Rentals

Windsurfing lessons
Instructor: Lauren Turner
$55.00 per student
Refresher lesson $25.00

Private lessons for 2 hours are guaranteed to get you up and going. Lessons for groups of 2 persons is also available. Instruction is held at Patterson Park.

Requirements: Wear your bathing suit and water shoes or old tennis shoes for foot protection. Minimum weight of 80 lbs. A personal flotation device and windsurf board will be provided by Lauren Turner.

Lessons can be scheduled for summer evenings after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends. Register on Saturday, June 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Windmill Pointe Park or call Lauren at (313) 720-1047.
Knapscakers
$75.00 PER CHILD INCLUDES T-SHIRT & PHOTO
Send your 3-6 year old child with a backpack and sack lunch to the parks this summer for arts & crafts, games, stories, swimming and fun. There will be two groups, ages 3-4 and ages 5-6, with a maximum of 12 children per class. The groups will do some combined and some individual activities. All children must be toilet trained. You may sign up for as many one week sessions as you like during registration on June 5. Handouts will be available and questions will be answered at this time. Arrangements have been made for rain dates.
Knapscakers is now offered in themed, six week sessions. Each session will be Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
The children will meet for Knapscakers at Windmill Pointe Park on Mon-day, Thursday and Friday and at Patterson Park every Tuesday and Wednesday. In case of rain in the morning (on any day) classes will be held at the Tompkins Center or Lavins Gym from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or a movie may be shown in the Okulski Theatre.

Camping June 28 - July 2
Jungle June 21 - June 25
Ocean Animals July 19 - July 23
Bugs & Insects July 12 - July 16
Circus August 9 - Aug 13

Parks & Recreation

57th Annual Fishing Rodeo
Windmill Pointe Park
Saturday, June 12 9:00 - 11:30 A.M.
$5.00 PER CHILD
This fun event is for all young anglers 15 yrs. and under. Applications are available at Windmill Pointe and Patterson Park starting Monday, May 10 and must be submitted by Monday, June 7. Great prizes and the thrill of landing “the big one” make this a fisherman’s delight! A hot dog & chips lunch will follow this event.

On The Courts
The Parks and Recreation Department offers tennis lessons to children age 5 and older at Windmill Pointe Park. You may sign up for as many weeks as you want on Saturday, June 5. All players must bring a can of tennis balls on the first day of class.

Class Descriptions
All players will learn tennis rules and etiquette to use on the courts. Skills will be taught by incorporating games into lesson plans, making it an overall fun experience while learning this great sport. We have mini-nets, inflatable targets, dots and slow bounce balls to further enhance this instructional program.

BEGINNERS: There is no concept of the game or stroke, although the student must be strong enough to hold a racquet. Students will be taught the stance, forehand and backhand strokes, serves and rules of the game.

ADVANCED: The student is expected to know the game and have playing experience. More time is spent with strategy and perfection of the game.

CHILDREN’S CLASSES: $35.00 for 5 classes
Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. All ages Beginners
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All ages Beginners
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. All ages Advanced
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Adult All Levels

*Adult Classes will be $20 for T/TH classes from Noon - 1 p.m.*

Week I June 21 - June 25 Week V July 19 - July 23
Week II June 28 - July 2 Week VI July 26 - July 30
Week III July 5 - July 9 Week VII Aug 2 - Aug 6
Week IV July 12 - July 16

RAIN POLICY
Tennis lessons are taught outside. If it is raining when your child is arriving for lessons, they will be cancelled. Tennis cannot be taught when courts are slippery. No lessons will be made up.

Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament
August 12, 13, 14, 15
$20.00 for adults (up to 3 entries)
Open to all park tennis players of all abilities. Registration forms will be at Windmill and Patterson Park gatehouses starting June 14. The entry deadline is Sunday, August 8. Doubles partners can be non-residents. Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday.

Event dates: Thursday, Aug. 12 through Sunday, August 15.
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.

Adult Co-ED Volleyball League
$50.00 Per Team
Experience outdoor fun by playing on one of our outdoor sand volleyball teams at Windmill Pointe Park. With the smell of barbecue in the air, the view of the brightly colored spinnakers sailing by and the sounds of summer all contribute to the fun and add to the overall game experience.
Team applications will be available at the inside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park on May 10. Play begins on June 22 and continues on Tuesdays - Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All applications must be turned in by Sunday, June 13 at 11:00 p.m. at the Windmill Pointe Park inside gatehouse. The $50 team fee must be included with all applications. There will be two leagues again this year, Competitive and Recreational.
Roselyn Rhodes
Watercolor Class
Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park
Monday-Friday June 21-25 & August 2-6
Ages 6 - 13  10:00 - 11:30 am  Teen/Adult 12:00 - 1:30pm

Come enjoy a unique opportunity to learn watercolor painting outside by the beautiful reflecting fountain at Patterson Park. You'll learn to control the “wet and dry” of your paper, color mixing, layering and other texturing techniques. Drawing and Composition will be incorporated along with mixed media and collage. Please join us and become inspired by this relaxing and beautiful setting.

$ 80.00  Class fee
$50.00  Supplies from Rainy Day (includes tax & student discount)*
$130.00  Approximate Total cost for class

Sign-up is on Registration Day Saturday June 5. Class size is limited to 15 total students.

*Supplies must be purchased at Rainy Day Art Supplies

Gymnastics Class
Instructor: Barb Thomson
(A class for Boys & Girls)
ALL CAMPS - $50

Ages 5 - 10  2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

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. Activities also include balls, hoola hoops and ropes.

Boys apparel: Shorts and T-shirt, no shoes or socks.
Girls apparel: Bike unitards preferably, no shoes or socks.

Camp I  July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Camp II  August 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Camp III  August 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Calendar Hi-lites and other dates of note!

May 15  Spring Perennial Plant Exchange
Tompkins Community Center
10:00 a.m. - Noon

May 15  Camp Wind-Y-Mill
Windmill Pointe Park  - 2:00 p.m.

May 15  West Park Farmer’s Market opens for the season  9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lakepointe and Kercheval

May 29  Olympic pool, Children’s Pool & Fountain and splashpad open for the season.

May 31  Memorial Day
City Offices Closed

May 31  Grosse Pointe Sail Club
Pancake Breakfast & Marina Meeting
Tompkins Community Center
Fleet Blessing - Main Pier

June 5  Summer Registration
Windmill Pointe Park  9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

June 12  57th Annual Fishing Rodeo
Windmill Pointe Park  9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

June 26  Paws in the Park
Windmill Pointe Park  10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

June 26  Shredding Service
Windmill Pointe Park  10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

July 5  Independence Day Observed
City Offices Closed

July 28  “Mutants” Swim Team Finals
at Windmill Pointe Park

August 11  Co-ed Volleyball Championship finals at Windmill Pointe Park

August 12, 13, 14, 15  Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament
Grosse Pointe Park Residents
Household Hazardous Waste Day

May 15, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hosted by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms
Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park
350 Lakeshore

Hazardous Wastes That Will Be Accepted:

- Ammonia cleaners
- Detergents/Bleach
- Drain & oven cleaners
- Rug & upholstery cleaners
- Moth balls (naphthalene)
- Polish (acid or solvent based)
- Weed killers/Insecticides
- Batteries (button or dry cell)
- Paint & primers
- (enamel-solvent or lead based)
- Gun cleaning solvents
- Photographic chemicals
- Antifreeze
- Fuels
- Pesticides
- Cleaning solvents
- Fertilizers/Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Paint Strippers/Thinnners
- Varnish & stains
- Wood preservatives
- Glue (water solvent based)
- Chemistry sets
- Propane tanks

Hazardous Wastes NOT Accepted:

- Motor Oil - Recycle at Mobil, Valvoline or Murray’s Discount Auto Parts
- Latex Paint - Must be completely dried out. Sawdust or cat litter can speed up the drying process. When dried out, dispose of in your regular rubbish pick-up. Leave paint cans beside your rubbish containers to be inspected.
- Oil-Based Paints - Should not be cleaned with paint thinner. Paint thinner can be filtered and reused. Used thinner can be set aside in a closed jar to settle out paint particles and can be stored in a well-ventilated location.
- Automotive Batteries - Can be recycled at Auto Zone, Murray’s Discount Auto Parts or Pep Boys facilities. Also, not accepted are unknown or unlabeled materials, commercially generated waste, smoke alarms, radioactive material, explosives and shock sensitive material such as chemical lab materials or picric acid.

Public Service Reminder

As winter comes to a close, its time to take a good look at the outside of your home and property, to make sure it is in good condition. Preservation of your home and yard is essential to maintain the quality of our neighborhoods.

The Public Service Department will be performing general field inspections of Grosse Pointe Park properties. This is to ensure that the exterior of homes and properties are maintained in good condition. If there are exterior defects such as peeling paint, hanging gutters, garbage, etc. the city will inform you by mail. Please take time to see if your home needs attention.

Primary and General Election Reminders

Please note that this year’s Primary Election date is August 3, 2010. The filing date for delegates in the election is Tuesday, May 11, 2010 and the last day to register for the election is Tuesday, July 6, 2010. The General Election is November 2, 2010 and the last day to register for that election is Tuesday, October 4, 2010.

Precinct 1 & 2
Trombly Elementary School
820 Beaconsfield

Precinct 4 & 7
Pierce Middle School
15430 Kercheval

Precinct 3
Municipal Building
15115 E. Jefferson Ave.

Precinct 5 & 6
Defer Elementary School
15425 Kercheval

Fire Hydrant Testing Schedule

In conjunction with the Water Department, the Public Safety Department will be flushing all city fire hydrants as part of our yearly maintenance program. On Monday and Tuesday June 7 & 8, 2010, we will be flushing water from the hydrants SOUTH of Jefferson. On June 9 & 10, 2010 we will be flushing hydrants NORTH of Jefferson. During this operation some sediment in the water main may become dislodged and the water may appear rust colored. If this occurs, run the water until the water runs clear again. Please make a note of these dates.

Rubbish Reminder

**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. Use non-toxic products for your garden and lawn whenever possible. Use pesticides sparingly.
### Shredding Service

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be offering a shredding service on Saturday, June 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. “General Shredding Service” will bring a truck to Windmill Pointe Park that will receive all your “boxed” personal papers such as bills, tax returns, etc. that you wish to have shredded. Staples and paperclips DO NOT have to be removed and the only items that will not be accepted are hazardous waste, newspapers and computer discs. Remember, paper only. So start cleaning out your filing cabinets! Shredding is good for security, the economy and the environment!

**Note:** There will be a $2.00 fee per box.

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Please make check payable to and mail to:

**City of Grosse Pointe Park**  
15115 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230  
Attn: Parks & Recreation
Urban Farming In The Park

Yep, urban farming has come to Grosse Pointe Park. Recently, the Beautification Commission hosted a seminar on community gardens and rain barrels. The seminar attracted about 130 interested persons and was a huge success. On March 31st, Betsy Breckles and Heather Bendure organized a follow-up session at the Ewald Library to enlist those interested gardeners in committing time and $25.00 to a real community garden on Mack near Alter Road (the former site of Grumpy’s). Two work sessions have already been completed and the garden has been plotted.

The community garden concept is actually very simple. It consists of a group of interested people banding together to create a garden on a vacant lot in their city. Grosse Pointe Park is now part of that very popular movement. As a side bar, Detroit in general has developed a reputation as a front-runner in the community garden/urban farming movement. This year our farming project is relatively small, but with so much interest and City Hall support, the concept is bound to grow. Eventually, the other two vacant lots near the garden on Mack will be included in the project. Also, a lot on Wayburn is being considered as a site.

The Cities of Taylor and Ferndale have developed an interesting twist on the community garden concept. They provide city property for individual gardeners to rent (for a very modest fee) for the growing season. Instead of one large team-work project, those community gardens are a patchwork of individual gardens. Hopefully this concept can be incorporated into our city gardening as well.

Commission Celebrates Arbor Week

Arbor Day was founded by J. Sterling Morton, to celebrate the value of trees. Morton grew up in Monroe and graduated from Albion (Class of 1850) and the University of Michigan (Class of 1854). After graduation he moved to Nebraska with his wife, but he missed the trees of Michigan and was struck by the barren plains of the Nebraska territory. As a journalist he took up the cause of promoting trees, as huge forests were being lost to the lumber industry. The first official Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872.

Locally the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission held its 27th Annual Arbor Week Poster Contest for local area 4th grade students. This year 190 students participated in the contest. Judging was done by members of the Commission and posters were put on display at City Hall and throughout the Park business community. During Arbor Week all fourth graders received a pine seedling to plant in their own yard.

The winner of this year’s contest was Helena Petrouleas, a student at Maire School. Her poster had a beautiful detailed three dimensional tree covered with animals, leaves, fruit, nuts and bejeweled flowers and birds.

Arbor Week Cont....

At the base of the tree was a heart in hand that read, “Have a heart, lend a hand, plant a tree”. Both runners up were also from Maire School. Alison Pomaville created a three dimensional tree made from real twigs and adorned with lovely, blue silk flowers. Her poster read, “Plant a tree for you and me to play on and look at all year long”. Lauren Sancya’s poster was a lovely scene of activities that take place in three different trees. They included picking apples, swinging on a tire swing, hanging from a branch, reading under a tree and planting a new tree. Her poster said, “See what all you can do with trees”. Congratulations to these students!

The poster contest winner and runners up will be recognized by the City Council. The winner will receive a $75.00 U.S. Savings Bond and the school

My Pathetic Puny Tree

By: Brian Colter

I’ll never forget a beautiful, spring morning just a few years ago. I was cheerfully planting a Princeton Elm Whip in a pocket park across from City Hall where we had lost a dozen Ash trees. A woman pulled up in a Cadillac and leaned out the window and shrieked, “you are embarrassing the City you work for by planting pathetically, puny trees”. I humbly suggested that “trees grow”, as she pulled away shaking her head, obviously disgusted by me and my tree.

When planting street trees in front of resident’s home, I plant the standard 1 ¾ - 2’ nursery stock. They create an immediate effect and are more tolerant to mechanical damage and vandalism. Public opinion also dictates that a fairly good-sized tree be planted, especially when replacing a huge Elm or even a large Ash, but I have always been an advocate for planting smaller trees when you can get away with it. The root to crown ratio is more appropriate, thus the smaller tree will often end up out growing the larger tree which spends the first several years recovering from root damage and establishing new roots. Also, sometimes underground utility wires prohibit the planting of a large root ball (always call miss-dig before digging). And of course, you can plant many more trees for the money.

On the heels of Dutch-Elm disease, Grosse Pointe Park has been reeling from the Emerald Ash borer. It has been a challenge to keep up with planting to maintain the present tree population, particularly during the economic recession. My belief has always been that replanting is the single most important thing a forester can do for the community. Therefore, to maximize “our bang for the buck”, I began to plant a diversity of smaller, less expensive trees on City property.

Often I have 3-foot whips left over from annual tree sales, the Princeton elm being one of them. It is an extremely fast growing tree touted as being very disease resistant. Cheap, and small enough to plant several a day, they are a good way to get trees in the ground at a time when the forestry budget is being slashed.

Drive past that pocket park today. My pathetic, puny tree is twice my size and extremely healthy. No girdling roots to worry about, no need for fertilization or constant irrigation. You know the good thing about trees? They grow!

Spring Perennial Plant Exchange

Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission

Saturday, May 15, 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