Park it
A FREE Family Fun Night

The Parks and Recreation Department will be holding its second “Park It” event at Patterson Park on August 5th at 6:00 p.m. This event features an outdoor movie and free entertainment. The live musical entertainment will be provided by Cliff Erickson and food and drinks will be available for a nominal fee. “Park It” is brought to you by Sponsorship Solutions LLC. The movie will be “Monsters & Aliens”. So come join us for an evening of fun under the stars!!!

Date: Thursday, August 5th
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Patterson Park
Musical Entertainment: Cliff Erickson
Movie: “Monsters & Aliens”

*Note: The gate at Patterson Park will close to incoming traffic at dusk.

West Park Farmer’s Market
“End of the Season Events”
By: Jennifer Meldrum

It’s hard to believe I’m writing an article for the end of the season events. This year, as in the past, the Market is hosting the “Beer Taste Fest & Corn Roast”. It takes place on August 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is full of fun activities to entice one and all. The activities will be held at the Market in the Beaumont Lot and in the street at Lakepointe, adjacent to the Clinic. Along with the usual fare, there will be the Kahuna Water Slide, an inflatable Slip & Slide and a Mechanical Surfboard.

Water activities will be $5.00 per person for a wrist band for the entire day. Food items include free beer tasting (with a separate charge for a glass of beer of your choice), Bar-b-Que by Smokey Joes, all the Michigan corn you can eat for $1.00 an ear (with all the trimmings), sno-cones and cotton candy by Blue Pointe, and Kettle Corn will have fresh squeezed lemonade. YUM! All other foods will be charged according to the selling vendor.

The other special event that has become popular with folks is the “Fall Festival” which takes place on September 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This time of year is so exciting for our farmers because all of their hard work has finally come to fruition. The colors from the fall harvest are so beautiful. It is a sight to behold! Along with the activities set up for the day, we not only have our dedicated vendors, but all of the vendors you have seen throughout the years. Kercheval will be closed to thru traffic so parents can be at ease. Defer Elementary School will be having the Defer F4 that day as well.

The Farmers Market runs through the end of October this year and regular hours are every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See you at the Market!
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, 2011. Lost passes will be replaced ONCE per season, through an adult only, at a cost of $20.00 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.

PARK PASS INFORMATION

The Tompkins Community Center

The Tompkins Community Center is located at Windmill Pointe Park and is available to rent for your next event. The Center’s capacity is 129 people, and can comfortably seat 100 people.

Rental rates for 2011 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.

Fri., Oct. 1, is the first day for bookings for 2011. 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.

Grosse Pointe Park Communicator

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Att: Parks & Recreation; E-Mail to: hathawaym@grossepointepark.org Phone: 313-822-2812 ext 302
Corinne Martin, President of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, has been providing hope and help to homeless animals for the past fourteen years. She started the organization in 1996, working out of her home for the first ten years, then relocating to Mack Avenue for about three years, and this past February they moved to their new location in the Park. They have a great bright and spacious facility at 15230 Charlevoix.

Most people think GPAAS is a shelter, but it’s not. They are “foster home based”, which means that none of the animals stay at the business location, they actually stay in foster homes. GPAAS currently has approximately fifty foster homes in our community which voluntarily care for the animals until they are formally adopted. The animals come from other shelters or owners that are forced to give up their pets for one reason or another. GPAAS places approximately 350-400 animals per year.

From the beginning, GPAAS has had the challenge of raising funds to pay for veterinary care, food, supplies, and other needs for the animals in their foster care program. They are a non-euthanasia organization, so in most cases the cost of veterinary care for an animal exceeds its adoption fee. Corinne and GPAAS are committed to treating animals in their care for all types of maladies and health issues during their stay with their foster home, so donations truly make the difference.

Over the years, GPAAS has found homes for more than 4,000 animals and every cent needed for their care and placement has been provided by neighbors, friends, adopters and kind supporters. Because of the economy, donations are at an all-time low. People are understandably worried about the future and money is tight for everyone, but GPAAS is committed to helping as many families and bewildered animals as they can. Even a small contribution could help provide a new life to one of their animals. If you can’t donate, then maybe you can make room in your heart and your home and adopt or become a foster home. For more information, please contact GPAAS at (313) 884-1551 or go to www.GPAAS.org.

Dave and Steve Embree own and manage Embree Sign Company. The Company was established in 1912 by Lloyd Embree. Lloyd had apprenticed with the well known commercial artist Frank Quail. Quail was known for creating logos for Fisher Body, Cadillac and General Motors Corporation. Lloyd learned many skills from Quail and he had a talent for fabricating and creating. He quickly progressed and began creating signs of his own in his parent’s garage. That’s how it all began. His company, Detroit Electric Sign Company, was formed and located on Woodward Avenue.

In the 1920s the sign business was much different. They used hand riveting, punching holes in angle iron for framing, made paint from red and white lead, and hand brushed everything, as the roller was not yet invented. The signs were even often installed with the help of “Nellie”, Lloyd’s horse.

Detroit Electric Sign Company became “Embree Sign Company” after receiving many misdialed calls from people trying to connect with Detroit Edison. Following World War II, Lloyd’s sons, Lloyd, Jr. and Harvey, joined their father’s business, which had relocated to Kercheval and Fisher Road in Detroit. There they built signs for post war Detroit from 1945 to 1960. Eventually, Lloyd, Jr. pursued other interests and Lloyd and Harvey relocated further east to Harper Avenue and Outer Drive in Detroit. After Lloyd’s death in 1970, Harvey ran the business. In 1979, Harvey was joined by his two sons, Dave and Steve, who run the business today.

In 1983, Embree Sign Company moved to Charlevoix in the Park. They are a general commercial sign shop that crafts a variety of high quality signage like banners, truck lettering, electric signs, LED and digital, cast letters, plaques, high density urethane and gold leaf. After 98 years, Embree Sign Company remains committed to their local customer base, delivering high quality products and superior service, always at a fair market price.
Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament
August 12, 13, 14, 15

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 gatehouse. The entry deadline is Sunday, August 8. Doubles partners can be non-residents. Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday, August 15.
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.

Sprinkler Day
Fri. August 13
Noon - 12:30

Wear your swim suits and aqua shoes, bring your beach balls and come down to Windmill Pointe Park to run through the sprinklers between the pool and marina.
ALL AGES WELCOME!!!

Concert in the Park
Li’l William & Friends
Sunday September 19th
3:00 p.m. at Patterson Park

Bring a chair and a blanket and join us for an afternoon of music and fun. Kettle Corn and fresh squeezed lemonade will be available for purchase.

Note: Your four legged friends are welcome to join you, as long as they’re on a leash. Remember to pick up after them!

Tompkins Center Discount!

Now is the time to host an Event at the Tompkins Center! Reserve a date during the months of
January, February, March and April
And receive a $100 discount on ALL DAY rentals!

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*Reservations for 2011 begin on October 1, 2010*

History Brought To Life Bus Tour

Saturday, September 25, author and historian Nicolas Sinacore will guide bus tours of the historic Village of Fairview (which once included the entire Park)! Railroad and streetcar historian, Ken Schramm will help us “ride the rails” of the past and local historian, Kiki Herfert, will give a history of Windmill Pointe Drive and some of its mansions. Nick, Ken and Kiki will point out the people, places and events that helped put Detroit on wheels, in an area that can rightfully claim to be the roots of the automobile industry. The tour is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Village of Fairview Historical Society, Absopure Water and Royal Transportation.

Tours will leave the Ewald (Park) Branch of the library at 10am, noon and 2pm. Tickets for the tours will go on sale at the Grosse Pointe Park City offices starting Monday, August 2. Cost for tickets is $7 for all. Tour buses will depart from the Park City Offices. For more information, contact Kiki at 313-822-9199 or kikitherfert@gmail.com. Please do not call the Park City offices for information.
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 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 20, 27 Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov 1, 8
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 21, 28 Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov 2, 9
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Sparring Class - Sept 22, 29 Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10
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 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov 4, 11
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

Session II

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Nov 15, 22, 29 Dec 6, 13, Jan 3, 10, 24
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. Beginners - Nov 16, 23, 30 Dec 7, 14 Jan 4, 11, 25
Tuesdays - 4:30 p.m. Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Weapons Class - Nov 17 Dec 1, 8, 15 Jan 5, 12, 19, 26
Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded Sword Class - Same dates as above.
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Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Nov 18, Dec 2, 9, 16 Jan 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

Karate for Teens

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.

Parent/Child Karate Class

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!

Gymnastics

Instructor: Barb Thomson
A class for Boys & Girls (5 to 9 yrs)
$60.00 per session
Minimum 8 students per class

Six week Session:
September 11th - October 16th

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
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!

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.

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

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

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. 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 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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NOTE: THE MOVIE STARTS ON TIME!
So get here early to get your snacks and your seats!

Note: The Lavins Activity Center will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 6th

7 Days A Week Continues Through September 5th!
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”!

Indoor Cycling*  (Taught by Jane Blahut, Carrie Moore, Cristi Henderson & Mary Lutfy)
Tuesday & Thursday  6:00-6:45 a.m. and 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday  9:20-10:05 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  8:30-9:15 a.m.
Saturday  7:15-8:15 a.m.
Sunday  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.

Power Yoga (Taught by Carrie Moore)
Tuesday (in McKeever Lounge)  9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.
This class is a physically challenging combination of vinyasa and slow postures. It is designed to enhance core strength, balance and flexibility while reducing stress and invoking a sense of calmness and inner peace. For all levels!

Pilates  (Taught by Carrie Moore)
Thursday (in McKeever Lounge)  9:15-10:15 a.m.
This class will bring your mind in tune with your body by emphasizing proper breathing, correct spinal alignment and complete concentration on smooth, flowing movement. You’ll also develop a strong core and improve muscle elastically and joint mobility.

Interval Training  (Taught by Mary Walsh)
Tuesday and Thursday  11:30-12:15 a.m.
This class is suitable for all ability levels and adheres to the U.S. Surgeon General’s recommendations on physical activity. Modes of aerobic intervals will be interspersed with resistance training and flexibility. This class is designed to enhance the health and well being of all individuals.

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.
This 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  7:15 - 8:15 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.

“Paws In The Park”
A Success Again!

This year was the third annual “Paws In The Park” event for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and Windmill Pointe Park. There were even more vendors this year and GPAAS collected over $1,000 in donations. It was a warm day and as you can see, tongues were hanging, but tails were still wagging! Many thanks to the “Brian Sheehan Band” for providing the live entertainment and to Fishbones, Vitamin Water, Alexander & Polen and Einstein’s Bagels for sponsoring the event and providing free refreshments. Let’s hope for an even bigger turn out next year!

Bring A Friend Free!

Do you have a friend that’s a Park resident, but has never been to our Meade Fitness Center or attended one of our classes? Bring them in for a FREE one time visit and receive a FREE month added to your membership if they decide to sign up! (Sign up must be for a Quarterly or Annual membership.)

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Friend
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Member Sponsor
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Class
### Skating Lessons

With our outdoor refrigerated ice rink and the charming Lindell Lodge, how can you pass on our ice skating classes taught on an outdoor manicured rink.

Our Lodge is available to lace up your skates or to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate, cookies, brownies, or muffins when you just can’t skate any longer.

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 all classes.**

#### Snowplow Beginners
**TUESDAYS (10 Skaters maximum)**
- First time on the ice.
- **Ages 3 - 6** 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
- **Session I**
  - Tues. Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 (off Dec. 28) Jan. 4
- **Session II**
  - Tues. Jan. 11, 18, 25 Feb. 1, 8

#### Basic Skills Skaters
**TUESDAYS (15 Skaters maximum)**
- 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** 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.
- (the same 2 sessions and dates as above Tuesday classes)

#### Snowplow Beginners
**THURSDAYS (10 Skaters maximum)**
- First time on the ice.
- **Ages 3 - 6** 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
- **Session I**
  - Thurs. Dec. 2, 9, 16 (off Dec. 23 & 30) Jan. 6, 13
- **Session II**
  - Thurs. Jan. 20, 27 Feb. 3, 10, 17

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- 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** 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.
- (the same 2 sessions and dates as above Thursday classes)

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

### Merry Music Maker Pajama Party!

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

Come join us for an evening of fun with Ms. Paula. 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, September 10th**
- **Friday, October 8th**
- **Friday, November 12th**

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

### 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 and there is absolutely no rough play.

### Skate Swap

**Monday, November 29th**

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 28. Our skate swap will take place on Monday, November 29 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. outside the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park. Arrive promptly to get the best selection.

### Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market

**Wednesday, December 1st**

Mark your calendar for our Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market that will take place at Windmill Pointe Park on Wed. Dec. 1st. 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.

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.

**SANTA WILL BE AT THE GIFT MARKET FROM 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. UNTIL HE WALKS OVER TO THE TREE LIGHTING FESTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE OUTDOORS AT 6:30 P.M.**

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.
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 5  Park-It Movie “Monsters & Aliens” 6:00 p.m. Patterson Park
August 11  Co-ed Volleyball Championship finals at Windmill Pointe Park at 6:00 p.m.
August 12, 13, 14, 15  Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament
September 6  Labor Day City offices and Lavins Center closed Pools close at 8:00 p.m.
September 18 & 19  Camp Wind-Y-Mill Windmill Pointe Park

REMINDER:
Friday, October 1st is the first day that you may reserve the Tompkins Community Center for a function in 2011.

Parks & Recreation

Camp Wind-Y-Mill Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 Windmill Pointe Park
Registration begins on Wednesday, August 11

Get out of the house and “rough it” at an outdoor sleepover at Windmill Pointe Park. Check-in is on Saturday, September 18 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 music. No campfire would be complete without smores. All the makings to enjoy them will be provided.
Rise with the sun and with an appetite on Sunday and join us in the Tompkins’ Community Center for a wonderful breakfast. Check out time is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.
Sites are limited, so be sure to come to the Parks and Recreation office during office hours (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) to select your campsite, pick up your paperwork and pay the $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. 23. 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. 22 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.

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 15.
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.
**Curbside Leaf Pick-Up**

Curbside leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 4 and continue until December 17, 2010 (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 ft. x 2 ft. x 6 ft. 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 not exceeding one inch in diameter. Brush shall be cut into 4 foot lengths and tied in bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

Do not mix brush with yard waste. Only grass clippings can be mixed with leaves at the curb.

**Chipper Brush**

Chipper brush is defined 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 date that collections are made. This includes alley pick-up.

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**Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule**

**Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 6**

**No trash or recycling.**

**All pick-ups delayed by one day for this week only.**
Beautification Commission

If you happen to see someone admiring your home, it just may have been selected for a beautification award. This November, the Park Beautification Commission will host its annual awards ceremony when we honor individuals for excellence in maintaining their property. We also honor individuals or groups for civic volunteer work. So, as you may have guessed, we are busy checking things out in the Park. What a wonderful job it is! The Park is just stocked with beautiful homes and great landscaping projects.

In making our awards, we have divided the Park into five geographical areas wherein like homes are grouped for comparison. Each area can generate a maximum of six awards, so the process is highly selective. The thirty winners will each receive a framed photograph of their home. We also recognize business establishments that do an excellent job in maintaining and beautifying their buildings. They each receive an engraved plaque. From past experience, we know that these awards are esteemed. Frequently, we see ads in the Grosse Pointe News selling homes that have been awarded Beautification Awards. We are also proud to see that businesses that have been given awards display them prominently. Civic Award winners have volunteered in some way to beautify the city. Those winners may either be individuals or groups. The process as a win-win. Plus, the November awards ceremony is a fantastic party.

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission works very diligently on behalf of our beautiful City and we are extremely gratified to see that our young people are also being encouraged to think “green”. Both Trombley and Maire Schools are certified “green” schools. In fact, Trombley is a past Commission award winner, as well as a Keep Michigan Beautiful winner. The world will be a better place with our children learning to respect its natural resources.

Once again, this October the Commission will host its bi-annual plant exchange at the Tompkins Center. We start at 10:00 am and usually run until noon. However, most of the wheeling and dealing is completed in the first hour. So, plan to attend the exchange early. Wood chips will also be available. All parts of the exchange have no fees attached – everything is free. So enjoy!

One last thing, we know it’s still a very hot summer, but we want to add a word about our Christmas decoration recognition program. Every year we recognize those home owners who have excelled in decorating their homes for the holidays. We see this effort as a gift to the community, so in return we honor them with a certificate of excellence. Maybe it’s not too early to start planning those Christmas decorations!

Interested in Art? Check Out The Le Chateau Art Gallery

Le Chateau Art Gallery has been at its current location on Charlevoix in the Park for about four years now. Le Chateau is a full-service art gallery and framing studio. Their extensive collection offers specialties in the paintings of such renowned Michigan artists as John Bageris, Gary Giese, Robert Maclsaac and Robert Rukavina. Gallery Director and Founder, Edgar Dietrich, has particular expertise in Michigan art and local painters. His mantra is “we are always learning”.

Art is their passion at Le Chateau and they have a full in-house staff of researchers, restoration and framing specialists. Their inventory is built from auctions and estates and they offer paintings, posters, sculpture, antique maps, antique currency, stamps and rare books. In addition to their impressive, wide-ranging collection of art, they also provide services such as appraisals, consignment, framing, cleaning and restoration of fine art. They have restored a 17th Century icon for St. Ambrose Church and just recently completed restoration of a large 7' x 6' 16th Century oil painting of the Virgin Mary for St. Mary’s Church in Greek Town. They are truly gifted artistic craftsmen.

Come visit Le Chateau for a truly unique artistic experience. For more information, check out their website at lechateaugallery@gmail.com or contact them by phone at (313) 821-8930.
GROSSE POINTE PARK FOUNDATION DEDICATES NEW GATEHOUSE
BY: DALE EHRESMAN, PRESIDENT - GROSSE POINTE PARK FOUNDATION

Mayor Palmer Heenan and Dale Ehresman, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, recently cut the ribbon to open the new Entry Gatehouse at Patterson Park. The brick and limestone building was a gift from the Foundation to the City of Grosse Pointe Park. Featuring an all brick and limestone accented traditional Tudor design, the gatehouse presents a welcoming and impressive entrance to this great year-round community waterfront park.

The interior includes a restroom for the guard, great visibility to visitors and park areas, and a central computerized security system. City staff built an attractive fountain and pond at the entry with landscaping. They also assisted in plumbing, electrical, and site paving improvement work.

Completed ahead of schedule and under budget the new gatehouse is another successful project spear-headed by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. These community efforts are long lasting and enrich the lives of the Park community and it’s residents.

Join the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation and help your community. Call Kathy Willmer at the City offices for membership information. 313-882-4379

THE POLICE BEAT
BY: CHIEF DAVID A. HILLER

Recently I received an e-mail from a concerned resident who was asking if there was a serious increase in crime in the community. Members of the City Administration have also had inquiries from our residents. As I have always stated, we welcome your questions, and certainly your concerns, and hope that we can answer them.

First of all, let me assure everyone that there is no serious increase in crime. The problem we do have, which in a sense is a good one, is a substantial reduction in crime. So when something does happen, it becomes the talk of the town. In last year’s Annual Report I indicated that home invasions were at a fifteen year low. Motor vehicle theft is at a ten year low. Larceny, which is the number one crime in any community, was up slightly. This is an area which we can all improve on by taking a few minutes to remove the opportunity for theft. Put bikes away and lock them up when unattended. Close the garage door at night and take lap tops and other valuables out of parked cars. Little things like that will make a difference.

Our overall crime, which includes index (the most serious) and non-index, was reduced 15% in 2009. Our current numbers continue to follow that pattern. Obviously that is not to say we do not have crime. We do have crime. All communities do. In early June we had a home invasion on Barrington. Within hours we had developed a lead. Detectives and additional officers responded to a location in Detroit and conducted surveillance. That led to obtaining phone numbers, which ultimately led to an arrest. My point here is that we are very successful in making arrests and closing crimes. We average well over 50% closure on crimes while the state average is in the low 30% bracket.

Our goal is to maintain a visual presence and investigate suspicious activity. We believe that by doing this we send a message that we will not tolerate criminal behavior. We also realize that we cannot do this alone. We welcome your input and encourage you to report what you believe is suspicious. You can trust that in the unlikely event that we do have a problem develop, we will dedicate all of the necessary resources toward resolving that problem. Feel safe and continue to enjoy our great community.

Election Calendar and Voter Information

October 4, Last day to register to vote in Nov. 2 election.

October 30, 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 1, Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at city hall.

November 2, Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

November 2, 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

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.