No Engine Initiative
Saturday, May 28th - Thursday, June 30th

The Grosse Pointe Park “No Engine Initiative” is quickly approaching. The event will begin with the opening of the pools on Memorial Weekend and will continue through the month of June. We are encouraging residents to come to the parks not using an engine. In doing so, residents will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes such as a one hour massage, a push lawn mower, etc. The grand prize is a brand new bicycle. We hope that the “initiative” will be a fun experience that encourages people to live a healthier life, be more environmentally conscious, and stay local.

There has been great community support thus far from local businesses including Pointe Hardware and Lumber, Bike Tech, Breckels Massage Therapy, Bikram Yoga, Grosse Pointe Empowered Youth Fitness Center, Fou d’amour, Park Grill, Flowers by Gabrielle, Do by Hair Co., Greengos, Park Pharmacy, Yoga Shelter, Moosejaw, Belding Cleaners, Embree Sign Co., Janet’s Lunch, Hanson’s Running Shop and American Cycle & Fitness.

So walk, bike, skip, run, pogo, skateboard, wheelbarrow, jump, or ride a horse down to the Parks and receive a raffle ticket for one of our many great prizes!

West Park Farmers Market Opens May 7th

The West Park Farmers Market will be starting its eighth season on May 7th at 9:00 a.m. Our vendors will be setup and ready for another great season the weekend before Mother’s Day this year. The Market is a great place to visit with friends, shop and buy something special for mom, or just listen to music and enjoy a special lunch at one of our specialty cafes. The Farmers Market is held every Saturday from May 7th through September 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Each past season has had several special events and this year brings with it an Art Fair on June 11th featuring artists from all over the Detroit Metropolitan area. Our ever popular Fall Festival on September 24th will end the season with a bang. These special events have extended hours and run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Additional information on all events can be found on the City’s webpage at www.grossepointepark.org.

The Market offers everything from locally grown produce to fresh breads, pastries, organic butter, meats and cheeses. Along with all of the wonderful things to eat, we have a variety of “speciality vendors” offering everything from handmade childrens’ clothing to picture frames and art. Most importantly, most everything offered is grown or produced right here in Michigan. So come down and take advantage of all of the wonderful fare right in your own backyard! See you at the market.

Registration for Summer Classes
Saturday, June 4

Registration for water activities, tennis lessons, knapsackers and Park Players will be on Saturday, June 4th 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 4th) Late registration, or to sign up for additional swim classes in session II and session III, will begin on Saturday, July 2nd at the pool.

The Summer swimming and diving sessions will be as follows:

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After the initial sign-up date of June 4 the pool office will accept late registrations the following week for Session I only.
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, 2011.
- Current homeowner passes are valid until May 1, 2012

- Park passes are required for all residents age 10 and older and are non-transferable.
- 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. GUESTS MUST ACCOMPANY YOU WHEN YOU ENTER THE PARKS.
- HOMEOWNERS APPLYING FOR PASSES FOR THE FIRST TIME must pick up their application for completion at the Public Service Department. Homeowners must have valid proof of residency, i.e. driver’s license, bank statements or bills. New homeowners must also have turned in their Property Transfer Affidavit, Principle Resident Exemption and have a valid Certificate of Occupancy. 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 at any address. CURRENT HOMEOWNER’S PASSES AND THOSE SECURED FOR 2011 WILL BE RENewed IN 2012.
- Renters must pick up an application to renew passes annually. Passes will be mailed back after the landlord has verified tenancy and the Public Service Department has verified that the Certificate of Occupancy is valid. NO EXCEPTIONS. Lease agreements are not accepted as proof of tenancy.
- At any time, you may be asked for photo I.D. Misuse of your park pass may result in revocation. Revoked passes can be suspended or cancelled for the remainder of the season. In addition, if replacement is necessary, a fee of $20 will be charged. DRIVER LICENSES AND OTHER FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ENTRANCE TO THE PARKS. Gate guards will only accept valid passes for entrance. REVOKED PASSES WILL BE Turned OVER TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL IN TURN MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY MAY BE REINSTATED.
- Lost passes will be replaced ONCE per season 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. Households that require caregiver passes will be charged $25.00 per household and only 1 such pass will be issued annually.
- Allow 2 weeks for processing of all passes.
Community

GROSE POINTE PARK
Communicator

Second Front Page - “Healthy” Business Focus

“greengos”

In case you haven’t noticed yet, we have a new addition on Kercheval in the Park – “Greengos”. Greengos is a completely “green” restaurant offering what they call a “flexitarian” menu, which means it can be vegetarian, but also still friendly to those who eat meat, eggs and dairy. The menu consists of raw juice drinks, whole fruit smoothies, and grain or salad “bowls” with up to 50 additional healthy ingredients to get creative with on your own! They also offer organic Fairtrade coffee and tea; rice, almond and soy milks; as well as gluten free baked goods and desserts. Coming soon for summer they will be serving fruit popsicles and fruit sorbets.

Owners James Folden and Michell Danel actually met at Grosse Pointe Park’s very own Farmer’s Market four years ago! James was doing product placement for Avalon Bakery and Michell was selling her own jewelry. They’ve been together ever since. They are followers of the slow food movement and concepts of the “farm to the fork”. Both are heavily involved in community gardening in the Woodbridge area of Detroit and when they moved back to Grosse Pointe about one year ago they saw the vacant storefront and decided to realize their dream.

They are a “full circle” kitchen, which means they recycle everything. All cups, bowls and cutlery are biodegradable and they compost all waste products. They grow their own wheatgrass and sprouts and they try to limit their footprint by purchasing 80% of their produce within 150 miles to support local Michigan farmers. They also reduce waste in their purchasing practices by doing things such as producing their own flour! James even bikes his compost down to the farm at the Catherine Ferguson Academy where they do volunteer work milking goats, feeding hens, caring for horses, etc. In fact, proceeds from their grand opening in April went to the Catherine Ferguson Academy. The Academy is one of three alternative schools in the Country that assists young expecting mothers and single young women with children.

It’s their love of agriculture and passion for food that help James and Michell bring all their efforts full circle at Greengos. They offer healthy food for all lifestyles. Everyone from athletes in training to individuals with health concerns such as gluten intolerance, celiac disease, etc. Everyone can benefit from the incredible foods that they offer! Come visit them soon (on your bicycle, of course).

“The Sprout House”

Greengos is our new kid on the block and The Sprout House is our long time favorite. We’re glad to have them both. Blake and Marie Maconochie have been serving up healthy alternatives to their customers at The Sprout House for nine years now. They are a natural food market which offers everything from organic produce to top of the line vitamins and supplements. They also carry organic coffees, grains and hormone free dairy and meat products.

Besides all the outstanding organic grocery items, Blake and Marie offer a tasty menu of Marie’s daily creations. Everything on the menu is created by Marie. She has a knack for coming up with tasty combinations like their Spicy Beans and Tofu, Tempeh Salad, Spicy Sesame Noodles, Roasted Carrots, Quinoa Apple Almond Salad, etc. She also has a delicious assortment of vegan sandwiches such as the Mediterranean Tofu, Southwestern Avocado, Tofu Veggie and more. They even offer soups that are made fresh daily as well as raw juice drinks. Of course, you must finish off your healthy, tasty meal with their famous Sprout House “Big Oatmeal Raisin” cookie! It’s incredible!

Lunchtime truly is a busy time at the Sprout House, but Saturdays are even more so. Saturday morning at the Sprout House is a regular weekend event for many area shoppers. They stock up on healthy fare for the week ahead and many times seek Blake’s expertise in vitamins, supplements and holistic alternatives. Blake has a wealth of knowledge in what he sells.

Blake and Marie gave up their careers to start their business and have, as they put it, “a better quality of life”. They truly do have just that and they are in the business of helping others try to obtain the same. They have a passion for what they do and it’s evident as soon as you walk into the store. They are always willing to give advice and assistance to anyone. Drop in and see them soon!
Parks & Recreation

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 swimming lessons. Parents/adults are not permitted on the Olympic pool deck at any time during swimming lessons.

SWIM LESSON DATES:

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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 children's pool and fountain. Goal is to get children acquainted 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 (5 yds.), breaststroke (15 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 breath (15 yds.), back crawl (25 yds.), breaststroke (15 yds.), scissoring kick (10 yds.), treading water (1 min.) and compact or stride position front dive.

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.), scissoring 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 will 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.

Additional registration for Session II & Session III swim lessons will begin on Sat. July 2nd at the pool office.

General Pool Hours:
The pools and splashpad officially open on Saturday, May 28th. The pools close on Monday, Sept. 5th.

Patterson Park Splash Pad
10:00 a.m. - Dusk

Windmill Pointe Park Olympic pool
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. June 18 - August 14

Children's Pool and Fountain
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. June 18 - August 14

Adjusted Pool Hours:
Sat. May 28 - Mon. May 30 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tues. - Fri. May 31-June 3 Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. June 4 & 5 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Mon. - Fri. June 6 - 10 Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. June 11 & 12 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Mon. - Fri. June 13 - 17 Noon - 8:00 p.m.

SAT. JUNE 18 - SUN. AUG. 14 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pool Closings:
Sat., June 18, 7:00 a.m. until meet is finished (entire pool).
Wed., June 22, 4:00 p.m. until meet is finished (entire pool).
Sat., July 9, 9:00 a.m. until finished (diving area only).
Wed., July 13, 4:00 p.m. until meet is finished (entire pool).
Sat., 16, 9:00 a.m. until finished (diving area only).

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, May 31st from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. and will continue Monday through Friday until September 2nd. Enter the pool from the “side walk” gate.

Senior Swimmers:
Swim time for seniors! 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday
• Tues. May 31 - Fri. June 17
• Mon. Aug. 15 - Fri. Sept 2

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult within the pool and pool deck area.
Grosse Pointe Park
“Mutants” Swim Team News

The “Mutants”, our summer swim team, is comprised of residents age 17 and under who compete with the neighboring Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores. The team is intended for swimmers who already know how to swim that want to experience the opportunity to compete. **Swim team is for experienced swimmers only.** Swimmers needing instruction in learning how to swim must sign up for swim lessons. For 2011 registration forms and information, please go to the mutant webpage at [www.gppmutants.org](http://www.gppmutants.org) and go to registration/parent volunteers.

**Dates to remember:**
**Wed. May 18 @ 6:30 pm** in the Okulski Theatre **INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR SWIMMERS AND PARENTS**
- Meet and greet the coaches and find out about the team
- Register your swimmers and sign up to volunteer
- Order the swim team suit/mutant wear

**Wed. May 25 from 4:30 – 5:30 @ the pool SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS**
- Tryouts are only for new swimmers and D team swimmers wishing to move to C team. Any swimmer wanting to change levels will have the opportunity to do so during the first full week of practice.

**Swim team fees are:** (payable with 2 separate checks)
- 1 swimmer: GPP Mutants $40 Grosse Pointe Park $40
- 2 swimmers: GPP Mutants $56 Grosse Pointe Park $66
- 3 swimmers: GPP Mutants $72 Grosse Pointe Park $80

**Registration ends on June 10. All payments and sign ups are required before that date.**

**Diving Into Summer**

**Beginning Diving - $50.00**
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
Students will increase their ability and technique with basic springboard primary dives. Skills include stance, steps, hurdle, front and back dives.

**Intermediate Diving - $50.00**
Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.
Students will develop advanced springboard diving skills and techniques.

**Water Aerobics**
**Instructor - Carrie Moore**
**$80.00 for 16 classes**

Monday and Wednesday Session: June 20 - August 17
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday and Thursday Session:** June 21 - August 18
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(No class week of July 4 - July 8)

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 and evening hours. Carrie will incorporate aerobics and water walking routines for full range of motion for all joints. Register on Saturday, June 4th at Windmill Pointe Park from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m, or in the Parks and Recreation office. (10 participant minimum per session to hold class.)

*Each registrant will be given a 16 visit punch card when they register. This card will enable you to participate in any Water Aerobic or Deep Water Running class.*

**Deep Water Running Class**
**$30 for 6 Classes (May 30, June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16)**
**Tues. & Thurs. 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.**

All levels are welcome to this class. It will be great fun because there is no impact and the increased resistance of the water lends itself to increased effort and therefore incorporates more muscular work. Participants would need to order an aqua belt (approx. $45 through the Parks and Recreation Department). For more information please call 822-2812 ext. 200.
Lavins Activity Center

Want to get into shape or catch a movie? 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. 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 Meade 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, Interval Training, Indoor Cycling, Kickboxing, Toning With Weights, Pilates, 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.

Personal Training

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

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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!

Summer Show Time Schedule

The “7 Days A Week” movie schedule starts Monday, June 20th. Tuesday and Thursday matinees will start June 21st. The 7-Day schedule will run through Sunday, September 4th.
Summer Karate Camps
Instructor: Lisa Santi

Registration day is Saturday June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Lavins Activity Center. Payment is due at signup and is non-refundable. (Registration before this date is not allowed.)

Windsurfing Lessons
Instructor: Lauren Turner
$55.00 per student
Refresher Lesson $30.00
A 2 hour private lesson guaranteed to get you up and going. Lessons for groups of 2 to 3 persons are available. Instruction is held at Patterson Park.

Functional Training With Rory
Held in McKeever Lounge
Starting May 10th, 2011 - Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:40 – 7:10 am and 6:00 – 6:30 pm
$10.00 Per Session or Purchase an Eight Session Pack for $60.00
Want to take your workout routine to the next level? Come for a half hour advanced functional training session. It's a concentrated group core session for serious workout enthusiasts. Combine it with your morning cardio workout or finish the day with a bang in the evening! Come try it!

FREE Weight Training/Personal Training Q&A Session
Thursday, May 26th, 2011 at 7:00 pm
Lavins Activity Center McKeever Lounge
Have you ever had a personal training session? Are you kind of interested in it, but not quite sure you would be comfortable doing it? Or are you wondering if it's really even worth it?

Well, come join us for a question and answer session with our NASM Certified Personal Trainers Jill and Rory McKeown. They'll cover some basics and then let you ask all the questions you like!

Pickleball
New!
Friday, May 20th, 2011
Noon - 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Ken Gutow, a pickleball ambassador, will host for all ages, a free afternoon and evening clinic in the Golden Gymnasium in the Lavins Center. He will introduce you to the game, which is very similar to tennis, but slower. It is played over a net, with a paddle and a whiffle ball. If the interest is here, we will add this to our list of gym activities. Wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes.
For more information, please call 822-2812 ext. 200.

Lavins’ Activity Center
Knapsackers
Monday - Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
$80.00 per child (includes T-shirt & photo)

Spring: June 27 - July 1
Fall: August 1 - Aug 5
Summer: July 18 - July 22
Winter: August 15 - Aug 19

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 are four “themed” one week sessions. Sign up for as many sessions as you like. Each session will have two groups, ages 3-4 and 5-6, with a maximum of 12 children per class. (All children must be potty trained.) The groups will do some combined and some individual activities.

The children will meet at Windmill Pointe Park on Monday, 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 in either the Tompkins Center or Lavins Center from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (You will be called and notified.) Sign up is on Sat., June 4th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

PARK PLAYERS
Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
$80.00 per child (includes T-Shirt & Photo)

Session I: July 11 - July 15
Session II: July 25 - July 29
Session III: August 8 - August 12

Sign your 7 - 10 year old child up for the Park Players program! The Players will have an opportunity to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities. During their four hour day they will enjoy water activities, tennis, karate, crafts and all kinds of team sports while making new friends!

The Players will meet only at Windmill Pointe Park and should arrive in their camp shirt, shorts and gym shoes ready for a fun park adventure! Bathing suits and towels should be packed in their backpack, along with their lunch. Sign up is on Sat. June 4th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Note: This year’s Knapsack and Park Players programs will be taught by four certified Elementary Education Instructors with the same format, but a different approach.

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 4. 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: The student has little or 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: $40.00 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 20 - June 24 Week IV July 18 - July 22
Week II June 27 - July 1 Week V July 25 -July 29
OFF July 4 - July 8 Week VI Aug 1 - Aug 5
Week III July 11 - July 15

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.

58th Annual Fishing Rodeo
Windmill Pointe Park
Saturday, June 11 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 9 and must be submitted by Monday, June 6. 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.

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. The smell of barbecue in the air and the view of the freighters passing by, both 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 9. Play begins on June 21 and continues on Tuesdays - Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All applications are to be turned in by Sunday, June 12 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.

Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament
August 11, 12, 13, 14
$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 13. The entry deadline is Sunday, August 7. Doubles partners can be non-residents.

Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday.
Event dates: Thursday, Aug. 11 through Sunday, August 14.
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.
Parks & Recreation

Paws in the Park Walk!
Saturday, June 18, 2011
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Come join us for the Third Annual “Paws In The Park Walk”! The walk route starts and ends at Windmill Pointe Park. There will be local vendors and refreshments before, during and after the event as well as other fun “doggie events”. Entry fee is whatever you can donate and proceeds will go to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. Hope to see you there! For more information contact GPAAS @ 313-884-1551 or the Lavins Activity Center at (313) 822-2812, ext 300, or go to www.gpaas.org.

Roselyn Rhodes
Watercolor Camp
Outside the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park
Monday-Friday June 20-24 & August 1-5
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. Should it dare to rain, we will use the lodge. Classes are $80.00 plus supplies.

Register Saturday, June 4. Class size is limited to 15 total students.
E-mail Rose at: rose@artwithrose.com
Website for class information and supply list: www.artwithrose.com
Phone Number: (313)-882-6449

Park-It!
Thursday, August 4th at Patterson Park
Food and Entertainment - 5:30 p.m.
Free Outdoor Movie - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an outdoor family night under the stars with food, Kona Ice ice cream and snow cones, entertainment and an outdoor movie that will be determined at a later date. Smokey Joe’s will be cooking up hot dogs, Italian Sausage, chips and drinks for you to purchase. Just bring your lawn chairs or blankets to lounge on and enjoy what the evening has to offer!

All Pointe’s Family Outdoor Movie!!!
Saturday, August 20  9:00 p.m. (dusk)

This joint Family Outdoor Movie event will be held at Grosse Pointe South’s Football field. Movie night is open to residents of ALL five Grosse Pointe Communities. Park passes are required and will be checked at the entrance on Fisher Road.

More details and movie selection forthcoming in the next Park Communicator.

Calendar Highlights!
A reminder of pertinent dates & events coming up in our City. Please note the dates that may be of interest to you and your family.

May 7  West Park Farmer’s Market Opens
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lakepointe and Kercheval

May 13 Merry Music Maker
Lavins Activity Center Gym 7:00 p.m.

May 21 Spring Perennial Plant Exchange
Tompkins Community Center
10:00 a.m. - Noon

May 21 Shredding Service
Windmill Pointe Park 10:00 - 1:00 p.m.

May 28 No Engine Initiative begins
Patterson Park and Windmill Pointe Park

May 28 Olympic pool, Children’s Pool & Fountain and splashpad open for the season.

May 30 Memorial Day
City Offices Closed

May 30 Grosse Pointe Sail Club
Pancake Breakfast & Marina Meeting
Tompkins Community Center
Fleet Blessing - Main Pier

June 4 Summer Registration
Windmill Pointe Park 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

June 11 58th Annual Fishing Rodeo
Windmill Pointe Park 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

June 11 Open Street Art Fair
Farmers Market on Kercheval 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

June 18 Swim Team Relays
Windmill Pointe Park

June 18 Paws in the Park
Windmill Pointe Park 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

July 4 Independence Day
City Offices Closed
Parks & Recreation

Lindell Lodge Summer Rental

Between April 15 and November 15 the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park is available to rent for parties with 25 guests or less. The Lodge is in a beautiful, secluded setting by the reflective pond and fountain. Rental fees are $50 Monday - Friday and $75 Saturday & Sunday. For more information and available dates, call 822-2812 ext. 200.

Come Sail With Us!

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club based at the Windmill Pointe Park invites you to join us for a complete yachting experience! The club has been a source of camaraderie and boating prowess since its founding in 1948. We have welcomed sailors as well as power boaters into our midst to enjoy our year round social functions and our full boating schedule – both cruising and racing. Now in our 50th year, we continue to sponsor the Sundown Series, which is the longest running open sailboat racing competition on Lake St. Clair. This event draws hundreds of sailors from our club and many of the local yacht clubs most Tuesday evenings throughout the summer and fall. With its location at the junction of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair, the Windmill Pointe Park main pier offers spectators an excellent view of both the starts and finishes of these and other club sponsored race events.

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club has opportunities for participation in our many racing activities from dockside, to crewing, to boat owner racing. Our powerboat members are intimately involved in setting-up and patrolling the race course during the competitive season. Each spring we sponsor a pancake breakfast at the Tompkins Center in the Park which is open to all before our traditional blessing of the fleet. Come join us on May 30th as we kick off our 50th year of the Sundown series!

For additional information, or to contact us, please visit our web site: www.gpsc.org

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 Mon. - Fri. and $20 Sat. and Sun.
- Permits will not be issued Memorial Day, 4th of July or Labor Day.
- There are permit limits per day, so make your reservation early.

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 4 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.

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

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, wedges and some golf balls.)

Tuesday, May 24th  6:30 - 7:30 pm $15.00
Tuesday, June 7th  6:30 - 7:30 pm $15.00
Tuesday, July 19th  6:30 - 7:30 pm $15.00
*(All three sessions - $45.00)

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

Patterson Putting Green and Bocce Ball

The Putting Green Practice Facility at Patterson Park awaits you! The gate attendant will post a sign indicating whether the greens are open or you can call the attendant at 822-1681. We ask that all participants enter and exit greens on the brick pavers and observe the facility rule sign.

The Bocce Ball Court is located behind the picnic shelter, parallel to the boardwalk. Bocce balls are available at the gatehouse. Picnic with friends, play a game of Bocce Ball and enjoy the breathtaking view of the lake!

Shredding Service

Saturday, May 21st  10:00 a.m. - 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.
Household Hazardous Waste Day

May 14, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
At Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park (Moross and Lakeshore)
For more information, call (313) 885-6600

Public Safety and Survey Results

By: Greg Theokas, Mayor Pro-Tem

The Park’s 2010 Public Safety report revealed that in 2010 serious (or “index”) crimes dropped to a record low of 248. That number is down 17% from the prior year and is the lowest number in at least the past four decades. Overall crimes (both “index” and “non-index”) also dropped by 13%. Auto thefts dropped 12% to a total of 37. The detective bureau had a crime clearance rate of 53% - significantly higher than the state average of 31%. The department maintained its prompt response time, which is less than two minutes for a priority call.

Nearly thirteen hundred residents responded to the detailed survey in the recent Communicator issue. Not surprisingly 92% ranked public safety services as “very important” and 77% did not support reductions in public safety personnel. The public safety department has done an excellent and efficient job which is recognized by our citizens. The next highest rated city service was garbage pickup. It was perceived as “very important” by 68% of respondents.

A majority of respondents supported a 1 mil tax increase to support existing public safety levels (71%) and existing city services (68%). A slight majority (53%) supported a $40 per year park pass fee. Intergovernmental cooperation initiatives with the other Grosse Pointes received favorable responses varying from 68% to 84%. If current water rates could be maintained 75% of respondents favored a city-owned water plant.

The Public Safety Annual Report and the Survey results are posted on the City’s website for you to review. They are located at www.grossepointepark.org. The council and city administration wish to thank all of those who participated.

Rubbish Reminder

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.

Public Service Reminder

Now that warmer weather is here, 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.

General Election Reminders

The General Election is November 8, 2011 and the last day to register for that election is Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

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

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 6 & 7, 2011, we will be flushing water from the hydrants SOUTH of Jefferson. On June 8 & 9, 2011 we will be flushing hydrants NORTH of Jefferson. Please make a note of these dates.

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. We suggest that you not do laundry on these days to prevent possible discoloration of clothing.

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

Memorial Day Monday, May 30
Independence Day Monday, July 4

No trash or recycling.
All pick-ups delayed by one day.
City Celebrates Arbor Week

Since 1885 the State of Michigan has celebrated Arbor Day. The concept of celebrating the value of trees was first promoted by J. Sterling Morton, whose love for trees was fostered by the vibrant green trees he grew up with in Michigan. He first championed Arbor Day in Nebraska in 1872, where he was the editor of Nebraska’s first newspaper. In Michigan we celebrate Arbor Day the last Friday in April.

Since 1983 the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission has held an Arbor Week poster contest for 4th grade students in all area schools. This year we had close to 100% participation among Defer, St. Clare of Montefalco, Trombly and Maire schools with 182 participants. The winner and 2 runners up were all from the classroom of Mr. Neal Gross at Maire School. Alexandria Walz had the winning poster which featured a majestic colorful tree and read: “Tweet the Earth Well, Plant a Tree.” Runners up were Logan Wiseman and Isabel Kado. Logan’s poster had an elaborate three dimensional tree in a forest. Isabel’s poster was a lovely tree with heart shaped leaves and buzzing bees. It read: “Bee a Tree Lover.”

Posters will be on display at City Hall and throughout the Grosse Pointe Park business community. Thanks to our local businesses for their participation.

The winners are (left to right): Logan Wiseman, Alexandria Walz and Isabel Kado.

“Tree City U.S.A.” What Does it Mean?
By: Brian Colter

From Adrian to Zeeland, there are 119 Tree Cities in Michigan designated as such by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In my opinion, this is a marketing stroke of genius. The label “Tree City” implies that YOU are THE Tree City when in fact, there are thousands of Tree Cities in the US. The four criteria for being a Tree City are:

- Spending at least $2 per capita on trees
- Recognizing and celebrating Arbor Day
- Having a City Forester or Tree Board
- Having a tree ordinance

The City of Grosse Pointe Park has been named Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 28 straight years. In 2008 we had an additional honor, it was the tenth year the City had been awarded the prestigious Growth Award. The Growth Award recognizes our programs and efforts above and beyond the four requirements needed to become a Tree City. Once a City has been granted the Growth Award for ten years, it is recognized as a “Sterling Community”. The reasons for Grosse Pointe Park’s designation by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a “Sterling Community” are:

- Completing a comprehensive street tree inventory which identified every City owned tree.
- Utilizing diseased wood for City projects (i.e. floor in the warming hut, stakes for newly planted trees, woodchips for exercise course in park, frame of bocce ball court, benches, picnic table, timeline, mantle at warming hut, lumber for scarecrows, etc.).
- Using 100% biodegradable vegetable based oil for chain saw lubricant in forestry department.
- Use of environmentally friendly, low emission mix oil in forestry department.
- Composting of resident’s Christmas trees.
- Partnering with neighboring communities for tree bids, etc.
- Aggressive tree replanting program.
- Ongoing educational presentations.
- Practicing Plant Health Care (PHC).
- Use of volunteers.
- Composting and recycling all of our leaves.
- Emerald ash borer study.
- Memorial tree program.
- Creation of the arboretum at Three Mile Park.
- Encouragement of urban farms on vacant property.
- Use of non-chemical, corn-glutton, as a natural fertilizer on our City owned properties.

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