

GROSSE POINTE PARK Communicator

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New Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Project

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce their current project designed to improve residents' use and enjoyment of Winter activities at Patterson Park. At their July meeting, the Foundation Trustees approved a plan to build a decorative and functional outdoor warming fireplace for placement adjacent to the Ice Rink and Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park. The project is slated for completion in time for the coming ice skating season at Patterson Park's refrigerated ice rink.

The Foundation Board of Trustees determined the project was in keeping with their mission to assist in the continued improvement of our City and, as with past projects, this project will be com-

pletely funded by private donations. The Foundation is pleased to announce that this project was made possible as a result of a major pledge from Park residents Robert and Nancy Denner. Robert Denner is an active member on the Foundation Board of Trustees as well as past foundation Board of Trustees President.

The Foundation is excited that through the Denner's gift the project may soon move past the planning stage to bring the design vision to completion for all residents to enjoy during the coming Winter skating season at Patterson Park. The rendering of the proposed fireplace by artist Jerome Rochon (right) depicts the planned project.



Park It!

A FREE Family Fun Night

Leave your "pic-i-nic" basket home and let Detroit Barbeque Co. do the cooking for you. Come at 5:30 pm to purchase hot dogs, smoked sausage, pulled pork, chicken, sides and drinks. Kona Ice will also be on hand so you can purchase ice cream bars and snow cones. Plus, after dinner and dessert, Advanced Training Techniques will be offering chair massages!

Cliff Erickson will begin entertaining the children with silly songs at 6:00 p.m. and the feature presentation "Yogi Bear" will start at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy the ambiance of the Park and plan on playing in the splash pad, playscape or walking the boardwalk after you eat. So pack your lawn chairs and blankets and come enjoy the show!

This year "PARK IT" is asking for donations of new or gently used K-8 grade appropriate books for the "Turning The Page On Illiteracy" program. Your donation will be greatly appreciated!

Date:	Thursday, August 4th
Time:	5:30 p.m.
Where:	Patterson Park
Musical Entertainment:	Cliff Erickson at 6:00 p.m.
Movie:	"Yogi Bear" at 7:00 p.m.

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

Park Hours After Labor Day

Patterson Park
8:00 a.m. to dusk

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

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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Automated Telephone System:

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

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.

Lost passes will be replaced ONCE per season, through an adult only, at a cost of \$20.00 each 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.

Tompkins Center Discount!

The Tompkins Community Center offers our residents a unique and picturesque venue for hosting a wide range of functions. The Center is air conditioned and heated. There is also a gas fireplace to add to the ambience. The garden patio has an awning that is in place from May to October. The Center's capacity is 129 people. There are two fully equipped kitchens, two large coffee pots, tables and chairs. A sound system and wireless microphone are also available to renters and include a tuner, five disk CD changer and MP3 hookup.

Reservations for 2012 are opening on Monday, October 3 of this year. If you have a date that you would like to reserve for next year, be sure to make arrangements early.

Fri. Sat. Sun. Rentals \$350

Weekday \$250

Weddings or Wedding Receptions \$550

Monday - Thursday Hourly Rate (up to 3 hours maximum)

First Hour \$75

Each Additional Hour \$50

There will be a \$100 discount on full-day rentals from January 1 through April 30.

For more information on the Tompkins Community Center please call 822-2812, ext 201.

Grosse Pointe Park Communicator

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Community - Business Focus

Support Our Local Businesses



Buy In Grosse Pointe Park

Advanced Security & Fire

(313) 884-8100

Antonio's in the Park

(313) 821-2433

Art's Liquor Plus

(313) 822-9614

Ashley-Chris Gallery

(313) 824-0700

B3 Bikes, Blades & Boards

(313) 885-1300

Beacon Pointe Pharmacy

(313) 822-5474

Beaupre Studios

(313) 823-0540

Belding Cleaners

(313) 822-5800

Bikram Yoga

(313) 331-9641

Bill's Barber Shop

(313) 822-7353

Breckels Massage Therapy, Inc.

(313) 886-8761

Bucemi's Pizza

(313) 823-7110

Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille

(313) 884-6030

Do by Hair Co.

(313) 822-8080

Embree Sign Co.

(313) 822-7744

Empowerment Fitness Center

(313) 821-8805

Excalibur Park Tavern

(313) 331-9385

Fairfax Quality Market

(313) 822-7074

Fashion Sense

(313) 824-6960

Flowers by Gabrielle

(313) 331-9250

Food d'amour

(313) 823-8425

Fortuna Piano

(313) 527-8863

Full Circle Resale

(313) 469-6660

Gallerie 454

(313) 822-4454

Greengos

(313) 432-2373

Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic

(313) 822-5707

Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society

(313) 884-1551

Grosse Pointe Auto Repair

(313) 822-3003

Grosse Pointe Music Academy

(313) 458-7723

Guitar Union Music Shop

(313) 458-7723

Harry's of Grosse Pointe

(313) 885-1481

Historical Courtyards & Gardens

(313) 824-2088

Hungry Howie's

(313) 823-7000

Janet's Lunch

(313) 331-5776

Jesse's Service Center

(313) 822-5434

Le Chateau Fine Art Gallery

(313) 821-8930

Lloyd David Antiques

(313) 822-3452

Lunchbox Deli

(313) 884-1501

Marge's Bar & Grill

(313) 881-8895

Mama Rosa's

(313) 822-3046

Mulier's Market

(313) 822-7786

O'Flaherty's Bar

(313) 824-1140

Park Grill

(313) 332-1435

Park Pharmacy

(313) 822-0100

Park Place Fine Wine & Spirits

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(313) 886-0300

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(313) 824-5550

Pointe Pet Supply

(313) 822-282

Pointe Sculpture Studio

(313) 824-9228

Rustic Cabins Bar

(313) 821-6480

State Farm Insurance

(313) 824-1177

Strands

(313) 885-2466

Sunrise Sunset Saloon

(313) 822-6080

Sierra Station

(313) 822-1270

Summer Palace

(313) 331-8440

The Little Blue Book

(313) 882-0702

The Sprout House

(313) 331-3200

Village Wine Shop

(313) 821-1177

Vintage Dry Cleaners

(313) 822-3896

WM J. Hair Harbor

(313) 822-7353

Ye Old Tap Room

(313) 824-1030

Also, Don't Forget To Shop At The West Park Farmers Market!
Saturdays - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Mid May through Mid October

Pool Hours Reminder!

Windmill Pointe Park pool hours will be adjusted again for the end of the season. The adjusted hours will be the following:

August 1st through August 14th:

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m..

August 15th through September 5th:

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

Concert in the Park

Li'l William & Friends

Sunday September 18th

3:30 p.m. at Patterson Park

This local band plays an eclectic mix of bluegrass/blues, colored originals and folk rock. What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday! Bring your chairs and picnics and join your neighbors for an enjoyable afternoon. The splash pad will be open and your dogs are welcome to join you as long as they remain on their leash and you pick up after them.

FUN-damental Basketball

Grades 1st - 6th 6 Week Session - \$90

Saturdays - 1:00-2:30 p.m. October 15th - November 19th

Lavins Activity Center Golden Gymnasium

Come join Coach Kevin Richards for FUN and fundamentals of basketball. Coach Richards is the Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach at Grosse Pointe South High School and he has a tremendous amount of energy and unmatched passion for the game of basketball. He will help your children learn basics such as proper shooting progressions; ball handling drills to develop confidence; multiple passes and when to use them; playing out of triple threat position; team concepts; and the importance of listening.

All Pointe's Family

Outdoor Movie

"Despicable Me"

Saturday, August 20

Bring your snacks, refreshments (alcohol/smoking not permitted) blankets and lawn chairs to Grosse Pointe South's football field (entrance on Fisher Road) for this joint Parks & Recreation outdoor movie event. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie starts at dusk. **Only one guest per pass holder will be allowed.**



Windmill Pointe Park

Tennis Tournament

August 11 - August 14



Entry Fee: \$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 until Sunday, August 7. Doubles partners can be non-residents. Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday.

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's a fun, friendly and competitive event for all levels of players. Any rain delays or postponements will be rescheduled as soon as weather permits.

Shredding Service

Sat. Oct 1, 10:00 am - Noon

"General Shredding Service" will return to Windmill Pointe Park to shred all of your "boxed" personal papers such as bills and tax returns. Staples and paperclips DO NOT have to be removed. The only items that will not be accepted are hazardous waste, newspapers, x-rays, binders and computer discs. **There is a \$2.00 fee per box.**

****Shredding is good for security, the economy and the environment!****

Foundations of Nutrition

Presented by Brent Steepe

2 Hour Class - \$50.00

Healthy lifestyles require that you pay attention to the needs of your body, the greatest of those needs being fuel for energy. This class will effectively break down for you what your body craves and why, as well as what your body truly needs. We will also provide tips, tricks, recipes and samples for effective nutritional management in your life. Come join us for this informative class!

This beneficial and informative class will be offered many times throughout the Fall to give everyone a chance to fit into their schedules. If we have a regular group that wants to continue to learn more advanced nutritional information, we will restructure it as a continuing series. Upcoming class dates are:

Saturday, August 13 th	10:30 - 12:30 am
Saturday, August 20 th	10:30 - 12:30 am
Tuesday, August 16 th	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturday, September 10 th	10:30 - 12:30 am
Saturday, September 24 th	10:30 - 12:30 am
Tuesday, September 13 th	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturday, October 8 th	10:30 - 12:30 am
Saturday, October 22 nd	10:30 - 12:30 am
Tuesday, October 11 st	7:00 - 9:00 pm



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 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 Nov 4, 7, 14
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 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov 1, 8, 15
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Sparring Class - Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16
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 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov 3, 10, 17
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

Session II

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19 Jan 9, 20, 23, 30
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 29, Dec 5, 12, 19, Jan 9, 20, 23, 30
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Forms Class - Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21 Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1
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 - Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

Karate registration day is Sat. Sept. 10 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Lavins Center

Please Note: All Karate classes are \$50.00

Karate for Teens

This class is designed by teens for teens. Each class starts 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. 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 sidelines 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!



Merry Music Maker's Pajama Party!

Ages 2-8 - \$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 9

Friday, October 7

Friday, November 11

Friday, January 13



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

DOLORES & PAUL LAVINS ACTIVITY CENTER

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!

Personal Training

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

Single Sessions	\$60.00
Three Session Packet	\$165.00
Six Session Packet	\$300.00

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.

Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Thursday	5:30 a.m.	9:30 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.

Membership Prices

Fitness OR Class Membership Pricing		Annual	Quarterly
Students Ages 16-18 & College Students under age 25		\$245.00	\$ 80.00
Adults 19-59		\$350.00	\$110.00
Seniors 60 and Over		\$245.00	\$ 80.00
Couple		\$600.00	\$165.00
Senior Couple (both must be seniors)		\$385.00	\$130.00
Combined Fitness and Class Membership		Annual	Quarterly
Students Ages 16-18 & College Students under age 25		\$345.00	\$135.00
Adult		\$450.00	\$160.00
Seniors 60 and Over		\$345.00	\$135.00
Couple		\$700.00	\$220.00
Senior Couple (both must be seniors)		\$485.00	\$185.00
Single Day Pass	\$10.00		
One Month Trial	\$40.00		

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. 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.

Ticket Prices:

Adults	\$6.00	Seniors (60 & over)	\$5.00
Children (12 & under)	\$5.00	Matinee	\$4.00

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

**7 Days A Week Continues
Through September 4th!**

Fitness Class Membership Offerings

ATTENTION CLASS MEMBERS

Participation in classes requires a "Class Membership". Classes are ongoing unless otherwise noted. See monthly schedule for days, times and possible changes. Park passes must be presented and swiped at the front desk when you sign in for class.

Toning With Weights (Taught by Jane Blahut)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:00-7:00 a.m.
Saturday 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 Carrie Moore, Cristi Henderson, Mary Lutfy and Ann Ottenhoff)

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00-6:45 a.m. and 6:40-7:25 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 after Noon the previous day.

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!

Yoga (Taught by Mary Walsh)

Monday & Wednesday 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday (in McKeever Lounge) 9:30-10:30 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.

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 Gina Blum)

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.

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.

Kickboxing (Taught by Carrie Moore)

Monday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Cardio Kickboxing blends athletic drills, aerobics and martial arts to create an intense cardiovascular workout, finishing with abs and pushups.

TINY TOTS

Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Tiny Tots is a developmentally based gross motor class designed for children 18-36 months old. Along with their parents, the children learn how to move in fun and challenging ways while dancing to music and playing games with new friends.

SESSION I	6 weeks	\$48.00
	Tuesdays	10:30-11:15 a.m.
	October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8	
SESSION II	6 weeks	\$48.00
	Tuesdays	10:30-11:15 a.m.
	November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20	

PIPSQUEAKS, P.E.

Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Pipsqueaks is a class for children 3-6 years old who are ready to move, dance and play independently from their parents. This is a great class designed to get their bodies moving in a fun and energetic way while learning new developmental skills.

Enrollment is limited to 12 children per class. There must be at least 6 children enrolled to run a class.

SESSION I	6 weeks	\$48.00
	Tuesdays	1:00-2:00 p.m.
	October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8	
SESSION II	6 weeks	\$48.00
	Tuesdays	1:00-2:00 p.m.
	November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20	

Payment at "sign up" required for all classes

UPCOMING WINTER ACTIVITIES IN THE PARKS

SKATING LESSONS

With our outdoor refrigerated ice rink and the charming Lindell Lodge, how can you pass on our ice skating lessons with our wonderful skating instructors? Classes are \$45.00 for five ½ hour classes. Sign up early since class sizes are limited for more individual attention. All skaters must have single bladed skates and proper outdoor winter attire. **Helmets are required for all skating lessons.**

Also, don't forget, the Lodge is available to lace up your skates or to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate, cookies, brownies, muffins or water.

Snowplow Beginners Tuesdays (10 skaters maximum)

First time on the ice. No skating experience.

Ages: 3 – 6 4:15 – 4:45 pm

Session I Tues. November 29, December 6, 13, January 3, 10

Session II Tues. January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21

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 pm

Session I Tues. November 29, December 6, 13, January 3, 10

Session II Tues. January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21

Snowplow Beginners Thursdays (10 skaters maximum)

First time on the ice. No skating experience.

Ages 3 – 6 4:15 – 4:45 pm

Session I Thurs. December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12

Session II Thurs. January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

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Ages 7 – 10 4:45 – 5:15 pm

Session I Thurs. December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12

Session II Thurs. January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Classes will be taught by Sharron Nelson and Theresa Gehrke.

SAVE THE DATE!

Lunch With Santa

Saturday, December 3, 2011

**More information to follow
in the next Communicator!**

ICE RINK INFORMATION

Weather permitting, the Hutton Ice Rink will open around Thanksgiving. 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. **Skaters are welcome in the Lodge, but must have skate guards on their blades.** Skate guards can be purchased at the Lodge.

Rink Rules:

- No hockey, food or beverages allowed on the rink
- No rough play.
- Skates must be worn on the ice, no shoes or boots.

SKATE SWAP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

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 for the Skate Swap!

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. If you are 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 27th. The Skate Swap will start promptly at 4:00 p.m. outside the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park. Arrive promptly to get the best selection.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

AND GIFT MARKET

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Mark your calendar for our Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market that will take place at Windmill Pointe Park on Wednesday, November 30. The Gift Market will be inside the Tompkins Community Center.

The Tompkins Center doors will open for shopping at 4:00 p.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m. Four hours of browsing and shopping for those hard to find gifts along with live holiday roping, wreaths, table centerpieces and hanging greenery balls.

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

A **FREE** holiday movie will be shown in the Okulski Family Theatre before the Tree Lighting at 4:30 pm and also immediately after the Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m.

NEW this year, **Blue Pointe Restaurant** will be in attendance selling hotdogs, hot chili and chips from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. You can spend the entire evening getting into the Christmas Spirit at the Park!

Start your lists, bring your neighbors and have fun shopping! More information on this event will be in the next Park Communicator.

Camp Wind-Y-Mill Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 Windmill Pointe Park



Registration begins on
Wednesday, August 10

Our Fall camp out is almost here! Come to Windmill Pointe Park and rough it at our outdoor sleepover. Check in is on Saturday, September 17 at 2:00 pm. 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 games and our popular campfire with live music. All of the makings for smores will also be provided at the campfire.

Rise and shine with the sun and with an appetite on Sunday morning and join us in the Tompkins' Community Center for a wonderful breakfast. Check out time is 2:00 pm on Sunday.

Sites are limited, so be sure to come to the Parks and Recreation Office during office hours (Monday – Friday 8 – 4 pm) to select your campsite, pick up your paperwork and pay the \$30 campsite fee.



“Halloween In The Park” Saturday, October 22

This exciting costumed event is for young children and elementary school students. The picnic grounds at Windmill Pointe Park will turn into a festive pathway of hay that leads from candy station to candy station, all decorated differently.

Trick-or-treating 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 (\$6.00 per child) and will be on sale from Oct. 1 through Oct. 21 at the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. Tickets sold on the day of the event up until 2:00 pm will cost \$12.00. Every child trick-or-treating must be in a costume and accompanied by an adult.

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

Volunteers Needed For Candy Stations!

Sign up to have a station at Halloween In The Park! Use your creative talents to set up a Halloween scene with pumpkins, scarecrows, tombstones, spooky themes and 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 14. Decorating of stations will take place on the day of the event starting at 3:00 pm and must be completed by 4:00 pm. A complimentary movie ticket will be given to all volunteers. If interested, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 822-2812, ext. 201.

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.

August 4 Park-It Movie “Yogi Bear”
Patterson Park at 5:30 p.m. (movie at 7:00 p.m.)

August 10 Co-ed Volleyball Championship Finals
Windmill Pointe Park at 6:00 p.m.

August 11, 12, 13, 14 Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament

August 20 All Pointes Family Outdoor Movie
Grosse Pointe South football field at 7:30 p.m.

September 5 Labor Day
City offices and Lavins Center closed
Pools close at 8:00 p.m.

September 17 & 18 Camp Wind-Y-Mill
Windmill Pointe Park

October 1 Shredding Service
Windmill Pointe Park 10:00 a.m. - Noon

October 1 Fall Perennial Plant Exchange Tompkins Community Center 10:00 a.m. - Noon

October 3 First day to reserve dates in the Tompkins Center for 2012
8:00 a.m. Parks & Recreation Office,
(Door on Lake side)

October 22 Halloween in the Park
Windmill Pointe Park 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

November 30 Holiday Tree Lighting & Gift Market
Windmill Pointe Park 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

REMINDER:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD IS THE FIRST DAY THAT YOU MAY RESERVE THE TOMPKINS COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A FUNCTION IN 2012.

News and Notes From the Public Service Department

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP

Curbside leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 3 and continue until December 16, 2011 (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. Recycling Bins and Toters may be purchased through the Public Service Department. Small Red Bins are \$12 and Large Blue Toters are \$65.

CHECKLIST FOR PREPARING RECYCLABLES

Recyclables labeled 1-7 are suitable for curbside recycling. 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 2ft. 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 receptacles shall be provided and used by the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of the premises. Landlords shall be responsible for removal of all rubbish from evictions/move outs. If you need a special pick-up, please call (313) 822-5100. All special pick-ups will be charged to landlords/owners.

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 90-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 tree stumps, 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 and no heavier than 50 lbs.

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 7 - 10 ft. long with stub ends to the curb for chipping. The chipper will handle branches the size of a fist. Small sticks should be broken down and put into compost containers or compost bags. The chipper will NOT pick up any small piles or pieces that are left out at the curb. 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, keep it free of excess debris during construction and to remove excess material from the premises within a reasonable time after the completion of such construction work.

WHEN CAN WASTE CONTAINERS BE PUT OUT?

Waste containers shall not be placed out at the curb line for collection prior to 6:00 p.m. preceding the day of collection.

Please have receptacles out by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. After receptacles are emptied, they must be removed from the street on the same day that collections are made. This includes alley pick-up.

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

LABOR DAY IS MONDAY, SEPT. 5

NO TRASH OR RECYCLING.

ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

West Park Farmer's Market "End of Season Events"

Greetings to all! Warm breezes are blowing, the Bar-B-Que is smoking and the music is playing softly in the background. Sounds like a day at the Park! Well, it is - a day at the Grosse Pointe Park West Park Farmers Market that is. The Market is in full swing with a plethora of vendors. We have everything from baked goods to specialty items and, most importantly, the farmers. This time of year brings with it all the Michigan grown produce, with an endless supply through the end of September. What a perk for local residents to have fresh Michigan grown produce right at their fingertips. The month of August brings with it sweet and delicious Michigan grown corn and our annual Corn Roast at the Market.

Market days are every Saturday, rain or shine, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm through September 24th. September 24th is the last "Special Event" date as well as the West Park Farmers Market Fall Festival and the Defer Fall Family Fun Festival. The Festival takes place on Kercheval between Wayburn and Balfour. Kercheval will be closed for everyone's safety and enjoyment. The Festival will be held from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm and will have lots of activities for the whole family. For more information regarding the Market and special activities, go to www.grossepointepark.org. See you at the Market!

Power Outages What You Need To Know

DTE would like residents to be aware that they should always report power outages as soon as possible and not rely on their neighbors to report the outage for them. DTE determines repairs by the number of calls received. In other words, the more calls they receive from a particular area, the higher priority it will be given.

Next time you experience a power outage in your area, call **DTE** at **1-800-477-4747**, or go to www.dteenergy.com for continuous updates on status of repairs.

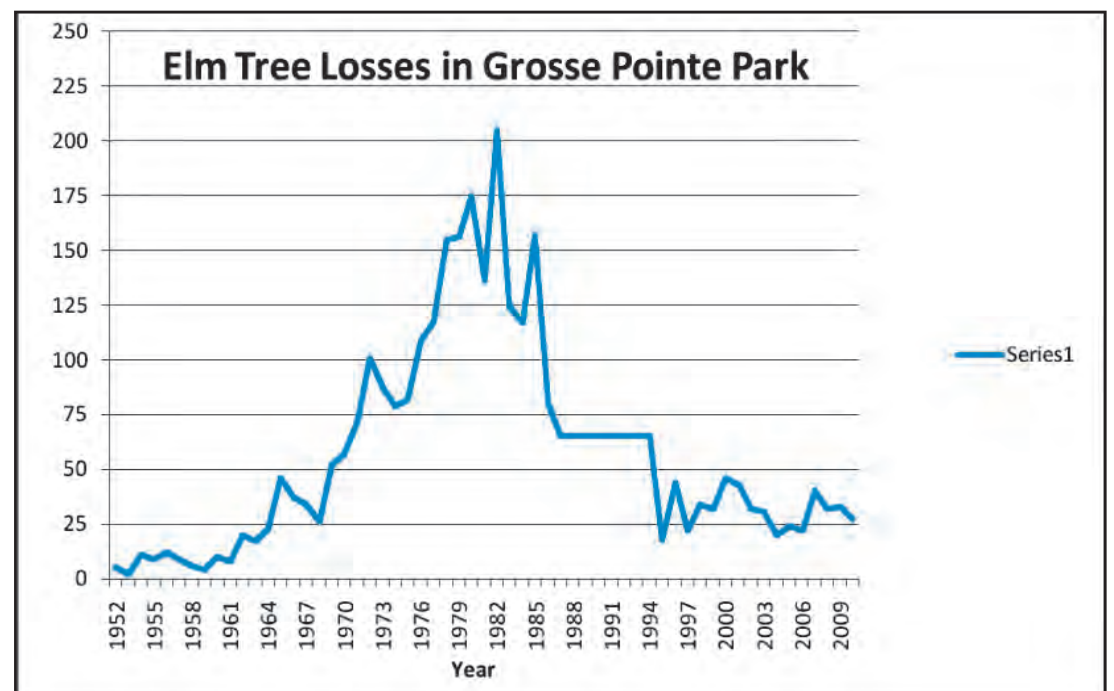
History of Dutch-elm Disease in Grosse Pointe Park

By: Brian Colter

Dutch-elm disease (DED) is a fungus that is deadly to elm trees. It kills the tree by proliferating in the moist cambium just under the bark, clogging the porous xylem. This effectively "chokes" the tree by preventing water from traveling to the crown. Thus, a symptom of the disease is the yellowing and eventual falling of the leaves. It was unintentionally introduced from Europe in imported elm lumber around 1930. It was first diagnosed in Grosse Pointe Park in 1951. Today DED is present in much of the continental United States and is responsible for the death of over 80 million trees.

In 1951 Grosse Pointe Park had 4,007 city street trees that were American elm. This represented an overwhelming 80% of the street tree population. Casualties started slowly with only 6 loses that year. The City's official year-end report optimistically stated that the "disease had been eradicated". That declaration proved to be hauntingly inaccurate. Losses accelerated and peaked at 205 dead in 1982. For the past 2 decades losses fluctuated somewhat, averaging about 35 a year. We still have over 600 mature American elms on City easements in Grosse Pointe Park. For the past ten years we have actually been adding more than we've cut down by planting newly available disease-resistant varieties.

The graph below details elm losses annually. Interestingly, but not surprisingly, casualties spiked after DDT was banned in the mid 1970's and again after spraying methoxychlor ceased in the early 1980's.



FALL PERENNIAL PLANT EXCHANGE

SPONSORED BY THE GROSSE POINTE PARK
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Saturday, October 1st, 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

Council Approves Budget No Tax Increase

By: Greg Theokas, Mayor *Pro Tem*

For the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2011, the City anticipates a surplus of \$250,000 more than its original budget. This surplus enables us to continue with the same tax rate for the new fiscal year that began on July 1, 2011. The Council, City Administration and our employees have made every effort to avoid any tax increases during the past several years. We are committed to maintaining our excellent level of service while at the same time avoiding additional economic burdens on our taxpayers during this prolonged economic downturn. This is unique in our community as the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have increased their tax rates over the past three years, several of them more than once.

The City has been able to accomplish this despite the loss of 45% of our State shared revenues since 2002 and a 28 % drop in taxable property values since 2007.

Among the ways that this was achieved was through the retirement of 14 full time employees during the past four years. Eight of those positions were not filled and existing employees took on the extra workload. The other six positions were filled by part time employees who do not receive our standard benefits. In addition, changes to our health benefit plans (increased deductibles and co-pays) have resulted in considerable savings. Our vendors have also been asked to reduce their charges to the City. Many have agreed or have been replaced by lower cost qualified suppliers. The administration's cost control efforts have been wide-ranging and continuing.

Following the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2012, we will no longer have to pay interest and principal totaling \$284,000 on two expiring loans. We anticipate that these newly available funds will provide funding for road improvement and other infrastructure projects. Throughout these cost cutting efforts we have been careful to make sure that our Public Safety Department and Parks remain the best in the State. In 2010 our serious offense crime rate dropped by 17% to a record low and, our parks had an attendance in excess of 198,000 people.

“No Engine Initiative” A Success!

Grosse Pointe Parks' first “No Engine Initiative” was a fantastic success! Along with the many local businesses that sponsored the event, the residents came out in force. Over 4,200 raffle tickets were collected with 20 different winners receiving prizes. All those active bodies travelled an estimated 11,000 miles. That's farther than going from GPP to Los Angeles, CA and back, TWICE, with an estimated 650 gallons of gas saved! Many thanks to all those that decided to be engine free. Great job Grosse Pointe Park.

No Engine Initiative Prize Winners:

Tom Kuffel	Ronald Solterisch
Pam Bawden	Theresa Miller
Howard Fischer	Karen Czechowicz
Andrew Miller	John Hoyer
Daniel Kuhnlein	Nancy Zante
Harold Ray	Ethan Taylor
Kate Miller	Amy Vercruysse
Scott Handley	Katie Bennert
Nichole Rottach	Pete Connor
Shawn Henry	Katie Konieczny

Weight Watchers Continues!

A new 20 Week Program will begin Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 am in the McKeever Lounge at the Lavins Activity Center. The Program fee is \$189. For more information and to pre-register, call 822-2812, ext. 300.

Election Calendar

October 11, Last day to register to vote in Nov. 8 election.

November 6, 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 7, Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at city hall.

November 8, Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

November 8, 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

To print out a Voter Registration form and/or Absentee Ballot Application, go to www.grossepointepark.org under “City Clerk,” “Voting.”



Voter Information

Precinct 1 & 2

Trombly Elementary School
820 Beaconsfield

Precinct 3

Municipal Building
15115 E. Jefferson Ave.

Precinct 4 & 7

Pierce Middle School
15430 Kercheval

Precinct 5 & 6

Defer Elementary School
15425 Kercheval

New voters may register at City Hall or any Michigan Secretary of State office.

Reminder: College students that are registering for the first time and wish to receive an absentee ballot must do so in person at City Hall.