2012 Chilly-Fest
Saturday, February 4, Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Patterson Park & Windmill Pointe Park

Join us at the Chilly Fest for outdoor fun at both parks. The more snow the better! When you enter the parks you will be given “event give-away coupons.” Visit each event or demonstration and place your filled out coupon in the box provided for a free gift! Highlights are:

**Patterson Park:**
- Skating to the music of “Circuits of Sound” at Hutton Ice Rink
- Putting Green Games
- Ice Sculpture Demonstration
- Snowman building and snowball target throw
- Horse Drawn Trolley Ride
- Snowboard demonstration (weather permitting) at the top of the sledding hill at 2:30 pm.
- Tennis Hockey
- S’more Station

**Windmill Pointe Park:**
- Crafts, face painting, balloon artist
- Ice Fishing
- Inflatable Bounce House
- Blue Pointe Restaurant will be serving chili, hot dogs and fixings at the Tompkins Center. Come have lunch and warm up from the cold.
- Snowshoes to walk around the Park
- Chair Massage
- Snowmobile Pulls (weather permitting)

We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with this winter event. If you are interested, please call Terry Solomon at 822-2812 x 200.

**Construction of Outdoor Fireplace Has Begun**

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Board of Trustees announces its current project to build a functional outdoor warming fireplace adjacent to the Hutton Ice Rink and Lindell Lodge is officially under way. The Foundation project was made possible by a major pledge from Park residents Robert and Nancy Denner. The groundbreaking on the project occurred on October 11, 2011. Pictured in the photo to the right are Robert and Nancy Denner and current Foundation President David Baxter preparing to assist the construction team to ensure the projected completion date for the upcoming winter ice skating and cold weather activities at Patterson Park.
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 ambiance. The garden patio has an awning that is in place from May to November. 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.

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, call (313) 822-2812, ext 201.

Grosse Pointe Park Communicator

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The Grosse Pointe Music Academy has been in business in the Park for five years now. Owner Henry Bahrou started his business, originally known as “Guitar Union”, on Charlevoix in 2005. It began as a small retail guitar shop offering occasional private lessons. The demand for lessons, however, quickly increased and grew from simply guitar to piano, drums, violin, woodwinds and voice. For a time, Henry leased an apartment nearby for more space for the lesson studio, but quickly outgrew that as well.

Henry moved the Academy to its current address on Mack Avenue in August of 2009. They now have 12 lesson rooms and several larger rooms for ensemble classes. Henry no longer gives lessons himself. He now devotes most of his time to the management of the business and he has 20 teachers on staff that provide all the lesson services. Most of them have degrees in music and plenty of experience in private musical study at universities.

The teaching staff is open to working with students of any age, including adults, and they use many different approaches. Besides single private lessons, they also offer ensemble classes as well as classes for groups and bands. They help kids learn how to work, practice and perform together. The Academy even has occasional recitals where students have the option to perform in public. Their groups have also performed at local events.

The Academy offers another very unique program called “Music Together”. This is a program for parents and their children from birth through age five. It’s a wonderful program that exposes children to music from around the world. The program is nationally known and offered in 10 week semesters. Some of the children that took this program as toddlers are now currently taking music lessons at the Academy.

Lessons may be the dominant theme at the Academy, but they still offer repair and refurbishing of all instruments. They have several service technicians. Tom Podgorski handles amplifier repairs off site and David Bolla handles all string instruments on-site. David refurbishes guitars and handles re-strings, set up and fret work. He even has expertise in the making of guitars from the Roberto-Venn School of Lutherie. Musical instrument repair is arranged and handled off-site.

So if you have an old guitar that needs a little work, or a child that would love to learn guitar, piano, an instrument or even sing, you must visit the Grosse Pointe Music Academy. Henry and his staff are waiting to share their world of music with you! You can reach them at (313) 458-7723 or at their new second location in Canton Township at (734) 418-0640. Also, check out their website at www.grossepointemusicacademy.com.

Clem Fortuna has had his business on Mack Avenue in the Park since 2007, but he has been in the piano tuning business since the 1970’s. He graduated from Piano Technology Inc. in Southfield, MI and has been a member of the Piano Technicians Guild since 1987. Clem is also a self taught classical pianist and composer. Like all piano technicians, Clem spends most of his time fixing the “action” of piano keyboards for clients such as the Birmingham and Bloomfield Public Schools, area churches and individuals with pianos in their homes.

Clem carries a limited number of “new” pianos, but he is the exclusive dealer for “Bohemia Pianos” in the Detroit Metropolitan area. Bohemia pianos are made in the Czech Republic and the company is owned by Bechstein. He also carries many used pianos, which are mostly what he sells. He has all price points from $500-$30,000.

Tuning pianos for clients occupies much of Clem’s time, but he also specializes in rebuilding antique instruments. He obtains his pianos by word-of-mouth or estate sales and currently has an 1889 Steinway that he found in someone’s garage. It was painted green when he found it! It looks and sounds beautiful now. He also has a gorgeous 6’ 3” Mahogany grand piano (pictured in photo) made in 1903 by Chickering & Sons of Boston, one of the highest quality American piano makers of the day. These and others are currently on display and for sale in his showroom now.

Clem is a Grosse Pointe Park resident and the only Piano Technician Guild Member in the Grosse Pointe area. He continues to stay active with the Guild and attends annual conventions. He has played piano all his life and his love for the piano is what motivated him to want to learn to tune pianos himself. He feels the best way to learn the business, besides the trade school, is through an apprenticeship and hands-on experience. His knowledge of piano tuning is vast and he is currently writing a book explaining the intricacies of tuning systems.

For more information on the pianos and services that Fortuna Piano provides, go to www.fortunapiano.com or visit the showroom at 16610 Mack Avenue. Since the service aspect keeps Clem on the road much of the time, call in advance for an appointment at (313) 527-8863.
The 2011 Volleyball season went very well! The warm weather was welcoming to all the players who were able to change out of their corporate attire and into t-shirts, shorts and bare feet for some evening fun. There were 7 teams in the Recreational League and 6 teams in the Competitive League. The teams played for 7 weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. The top 4 teams in each league made it to the playoffs. Congratulations to all of you on such a successful season. See you next year!

2011 Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament Champions

The Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament took place Aug. 11 - 14. Tennis Supervisor Julie Miller ran an outstanding tournament! A great big thank you to our sponsors: Harper Sport Shop, Eastside Tennis and Fitness, Play It Again Sports, Irish Coffee and Atwater Block Brewery.

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TINY TOTS

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.

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PIPSQUEAKS P.E.

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.

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Payment at “sign up” required for all classes
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 Weapons classes** are for all students regardless of age or rank. Padded Weapons class should be taken in conjunction with a Beginner or Advanced Karate Class.

**Padded Weapons Class**
This class is designed to get the younger students involved with weapons. It’s purpose is to give students a general knowledge of weapons including: swords, padded nunchaku’s and bo staffs. It’s a fun and energetic class where students can learn to use weapons in a structured environment. Weapon training will improve students’ hand/eye coordination and timing. These are skills needed for all sports.

### 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.
- Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners - Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, Jan 10, 17, 24, 31
- Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above.
- Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Forms/Sparring Class - Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21
- Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Padded Weapons 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.

### Session III
- Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2
- Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Demo Team Class - Same dates as above.
- Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners - Feb. 8, 15, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4
- Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above.
- Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Weapons Class - Feb. 8, 15, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4
- Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded Weapons Class - Same dates as above.
- Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Feb. 9, 16, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5
- Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

**Merry Music Maker Pajama Party!**
Ages 2-8 years - $12 per Family
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Come join us for an evening of fun with Ms. Paula. Bring a blanket to sit on and wear your pajamas and a smiling face. We’ll have music, stories and lots of silly fun. **Bedtime will never be the same!**

**Parents Night/Karate Demo Night:**
Friday, March 30, 2012
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Note:** Prepayment not necessary. Pay at door.

**Jay Hawkins High Flying Kicks and Stunts Seminar:**
Saturday, November 5, 2011
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Karate Testing:**
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Karate Olympics:**
Saturday, February 4, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Parents Night/Karate Demo Night:**
Friday, March 30, 2012
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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.

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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 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 and Yoga. All classes are conducted in the gymnasium. Classes are ongoing, but a monthly schedule is always available in the lobby which will show any possible changes.

Fitness Center Hours

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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 with prepayment 72 hours in advance (maximum) for basketball, volleyball, badminton and running games. The fee is $20 per hour for half court. Park passes are required for access to the Park and the Lavins Activity Center. Park Passes may be asked for at the reception desk to prove residency. Gym use policy requires one Grosse Pointe Park resident to every NON-resident. Non-residents must arrive WITH residents; otherwise they will be denied entry. Rental for large groups (with more non-residents to residents) is allowed only by pre-registration (25 - 72 hours), pre-payment and provision of a list of attendees 24 hours before the rental. The maximum number of people allowed in the gym is limited to 25 persons per side.

Proper tennis or gym shoes are required and shirts must be worn. If you are under the age of 18 you will need your parent/guardian to be in attendance while you play.

Water bottles are permitted in the gym, but no other food or drinks are allowed. Basketball and 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 seats!
**Vision/Dream Board**
Presented by Jill Wrubel

Monday, November 14th 6:30 – 9:30 pm - Tompkins Center
$25 plus $6 Material Fee

The law of attraction states: “We attract into our lives anything that we give attention to, regardless of whether it be positive or negative”. If there are things you want to do, to have and to be in your life, come map out your “Vision Board”. This 2 ½ hour session will include:
- A discussion introducing the “Laws of Attraction”.
- An experiential to practice “focusing” on what YOU want.
- Making your own Vision Board to take home.

*(Please pre-register by Friday, November 11th.)*

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**Making The Connection To Calm**
Presented by Jill Wrubel

Monday, December 12th 6:30 – 8:30 pm
$25 - Tompkins Center

Stressed? Scattered? Increasing anxiety? Are you needing to do more, in less time? Then the achy body begins. Take a step to just feel better! This 2 hour session includes discussion, guided meditation, breathing techniques and basic journaling. Bring paper and pen.

*(Please pre-register by Friday, December 9th.)*

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**Stressing Less**
Presented by Jill Wrubel

4 Week Series – Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
$25 per class or $85 for all four classes
Lavins Activity Center McKeever Lounge

Start your New Year with time for YOU in this 4 week series. Each 2 hour session includes experiential activity focused on stress reduction and increasing relaxation response.

January 4th  **Awakening the Heart.** Ways to BE in-the-moment.

January 18th  **Trusting Yourself: Once upon a time you knew.**
Recognizing inner guidance and honoring it.

January 25th  **What I Know For Sure: Excavating the Real YOU.**
Becoming more authentic and learning to live with zeal.

February 1st  **Settle Into Your Body–Mind–Spirit and Awareness: It’s Your Choice.**
Being relaxed with clarity and focus and embracing your path with a light heart.

*(Please pre-register by Monday, January 2nd.)*

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**New - For Christmas Break!**

**Prime Time Basketball Clinic**
December 27th – 30th
Lavins Activity Center

Do your kids need something to do over Christmas break? Our clinics provide the foundation for young players to develop and improve their skills. We welcome all ability levels and provide a positive, encouraging learning environment. Participants will receive personal one-on-one instruction in the following areas: ball handling, rebounding, shooting, postplay, defense and “jab step series”. Plus we’ll just have lots of fun over the long holiday break! Sign up for the following sessions:

- Grades K – 4 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  $50.00
  Tuesday – Friday, December 27th – 30th

- Grades 5 – 8 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  $65.00
  Tuesday – Friday, December 27th – 30th

*(Please pre-register at the Lavins Activity Center Front Desk.)*

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**Stroke Prevention Awareness**
Presented by Dr. Dennis Parker

Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Lavins Activity Center – Okulski Theatre

Strokes are caused by a blood clot or bleed in the brain. They are the third largest cause of death in the U.S. and one of the major causes of disability. Some risk factors for stroke can be modified through lifestyle changes and medications. Better outcomes result when a person having a stroke receives therapy within 4.5 hours. Thus, everyone should know the symptoms of strokes so that early treatment can be sought.

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club, in conjunction with the Lavins Activity Center, will be offering a program to help people learn first, how to prevent a stroke and second, the signs and symptoms of a stroke for early recognition and treatment. Dr. Dennis Parker, Pharm. D., Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Wayne State University and Pharmacy Specialist in neurotrauma at Detroit Receiving Hospital, will be the presenter. He has received numerous teaching awards. Please join us for this informative presentation. Free will contributions will be accepted to offset costs. Seating is limited so please register early. If interested in attending, please email Mary Beth O’Connell at mboconnell@wayne.edu.

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**Check out our newly designed website at www.grossepointepark.org for a list of Lavins Activity Center Fitness Classes and more!**
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.

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**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.

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Snowplow Beginners

**Thursdays** (10 skaters maximum)

First time on the ice. No skating experience.

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**Basic Skills Skaters**

**Thursdays** (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.

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**Classes will be taught by Sharron Nelson and Theresa Gehrke.**

Ice Rink Information

Weather permitting, the Hutton Ice Rink typically opens 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.

Sledding Hill

Three Mile Park is home to the sledding hill. We encourage everyone to come out and play on the hill whether it’s with your snowboard or saucer, but please adhere to the following rules:

- Please walk around the putting green when you climb up or come down the hill.
- Helmets are encouraged.
- Sled, toboggan, snowboard, or saucer down the front of the hill, towards the lake. Do not go down by the snow fence, Bedford fence line or back of hill.
- For your protection, leave bales of hay tied to the trees.
- Hill closes at dusk. In case of an emergency, contact the gate guard.
- Rule breakers will be escorted from the Park.

Marina Notes

**Dates to Remember:**

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This past fall we contacted all residents on our boat well wait list to update the list with email addresses. Instead of the yearly blue cards that were mailed out in the past, residents were sent an email with their current status on the wait list. We also emailed all current boat well holders the well renewal information. This has saved us the money previously spent on paper, printing and postage costs. If you were not contacted and/or you have questions about the marina, please feel free to contact us at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201 or email us at marina@grossepointepark.org.
**Adult Golf Instruction**

**Instructor:** Matt Bodde, Golf Pro, Country Club of Detroit

This class is designed for beginners and for those of you who need to brush up on your skills. You will need to bring 4 clubs to the first class. A wood, 7 iron, pitching wedge and a putter. Practical hands-on instruction and video taping of each golfer will take place during each session. Golf lessons will be taught in the Golden Family Gymnasium accommodating up to 15 participants. Sign up early with your friends to reserve your spot!

**Tuesdays, 5 classes 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. $65.00**

**Session I**  February 7, 14, 21, 28 March 6
**Session II**  March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24

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**Afternoon Out Is Back!**

New this season! Out of the ordinary selections! We’re adding two musical concerts and a Cirque du Soliel performance! Plus two special feature luncheon packages with the films “Some Like It Hot” and “Gone With The Wind”.

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* “Some Like It Hot” Luncheon. Blue Pointe Restaurant will be providing a special luncheon before this feature at 12:00. Please make your reservations and purchase your tickets in advance at the Lavins Activity Center Front Desk. Tickets are $10.00.

** ”Gone With The Wind” Luncheon. This feature is a four hour presentation with a luncheon intermission at the Tompkins Center. The film will start at 10:00 am, break for lunch and resume after lunch. Please make your reservations and purchase your tickets in advance at the Lavins Activity Center Front Desk. Tickets are $10.00.

For more information, call the Lavins Activity Center at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.
Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

**Thanksgiving** - Thursday, November 24
ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY.

**Christmas** - Sunday, December 25
**New Year’s Day** - Sunday, January 1
ALL PICK-UPS ON SCHEDULE.

**CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP**
Please utilize curbside leaf pick-up instead of compost bags. This will keep compost bag pick-up to a minimum and save time and money. Curbside collection will take place from October 24, 2011 until December 16, 2011 (weather permitting). Leaves will not be picked up with branches, sod, dirt, brush or rubbish debris mixed in.

**SNOW REMOVAL**
Streets are our number one priority during snow events. Due to the cost of salt, the Department of Public Works will be spot salting at intersections and mid-way on all streets. During accumulating snow, streets will be salted and plowing will take place when accumulation is 3 inches or greater.

**SNOW REMOVAL BY CONTRACTOR**
It is the Contractor’s responsibility to push the snow they are plowing back onto the homeowner’s property, not the neighbor’s property. The Police Department will issue tickets to Contractors who violate this policy.

**SIDEWALKS**
As a service to homeowners, snow and ice is cleared from sidewalks. In the event that snowfall is very limited or ice build-up occurs, residents are asked to clear their sidewalks within 12 hours of such occurrences. **Grosse Pointe Park City Code** states as follows:

**Sec. 21-52. Sidewalks to be Cleared.**
The occupant of every lot or premises adjoining any street, or the owner of such lot or premises, if the same are not occupied, shall clear all ice and snow from sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises within the time herein required. After any snow or ice shall cease to fall, such snow or ice shall be cleared from the sidewalks within twelve (12) hours of such cessation. (code 1957).

**Sec. 21-53. Failure to Clear.**
If any occupant or owner shall neglect or fail to clear ice or snow from the sidewalk adjoining his premises within the time limit, or shall otherwise permit ice or snow to accumulate on such sidewalk, he shall be guilty of a violation of this article and in addition, the Director of Public Service may cause the same to be cleared and the expense of removal shall become a debt to the city from the occupant or owner of such premises, and shall be collected as any other debt to the city. (code 1957). Please remove vehicles from street during snow storms.

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**2012 Election Calendar**

**January 30, 2012**  
Last day to register to vote in Feb. 28th election.

**February 25, 2012**  
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.)

**February 27, 2012**  
Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at city hall.

**February 28, 2012**  
Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

**February 28, 2012**  
Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

For questions please contact Deputy Clerk Donna Costa at 822-4380 or costadm@grossepointepark.org

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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.

To print out a Voter Registration form and/or Absentee Ballot Application, go to www.grossepointepark.org under “City Clerk”, “Voting.”
The Backyard Community Garden
By: Dan Convery

In just our second year the Backyard Community Garden (BCG), one of two community gardens in the Park, grew to 30 families and just over 2 acres of land (see photo below.) It produced hundreds of pounds of organically grown fruits, vegetables and herbs as well as many beautiful flowers. A young orchard is also in place with apple, pear, peach, nectarine and pawpaw trees. Thanks to the generosity of several Park residents, their donations have gone towards the purchase of compost, to help amend the clay-rich soil, and supplies needed for a new irrigation system that was put into place last spring. The City of Grosse Pointe Park also deserves our thanks for giving us access to a water source that has made irrigating the BCG much easier and more efficient.

Our community outreach has included selling produce to local restaurants; monthly involvement with the Eastside Farmers’ Market, just across Alter Road from the garden; and helping our Detroit neighbors clean up the Morningside Gateway Park at Mack and Alter roads. Despite all of the hard work put into the garden by its members, I think we would all agree that working the soil side-by-side with like minded folk is very therapeutic. It won’t be long before we’ll be back in the BCG, catching up after a long winter away from the garden, spreading compost and preparing beds for a new growing season. Who would have thought that one could enjoy pulling weeds as much as I do! I believe a lot of it has to do with the enjoyment that I get from time spent in the garden with great people. Stop by sometime for a tour. Heck, you can even help with pulling weeds if you want. Happy gardening!

Beautification Award Winners For 2011

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission is pleased to announce the beautification awards winners for 2011. A highlight of this year’s ceremony was the presentation of the Civic Award to Mayor Palmer Heenan for his long and distinguished service to our community. Three businesses received awards. They are:

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Twenty-six residences were honored with beautification awards for the excellent maintenance of their property. They are:

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Park Has $700,000 Budget Surplus
By: Greg Theokas, Mayor Pro Tem

We are pleased to report that the City has completed the June 30, 2011 fiscal year on a very positive note with a $700,000 budget surplus. This allows us to increase our fund reserves to approximately $1.1 million, or 12% of general fund expenditures. We have been able to accomplish this despite reduced property tax revenues and a significant loss in state shared revenues — and without a tax increase.

The major reason for the surplus is the City Council’s action to dramatically reduce expenditures – in excess of $650,000 – from the prior fiscal year. Our efforts consisted of many factors. Through negotiation with our unions, health insurance benefits were modified. This resulted in significant savings to the City. Also, we were able to reduce expenditures from our service suppliers and vendors. Finally, through attrition, many full time positions were eliminated and responsibilities were absorbed by remaining employees. All of these efforts were conducted with the understanding that we would continue to preserve our excellent public services, parks and public safety department. It is the City’s intention to operate as efficiently as possible, while maintaining the high level of amenities and services that our residents appreciate and expect.
Lunch With Santa
Saturday, December 3rd
Tompkins Community Center

Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children from Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 3rd. Santa will be here all afternoon, so we have scheduled three different times for lunch, pictures and crafts. We can only accommodate 25 children and their parents at each lunch time. Reservations will be taken until December 1, or until capacity is reached.

Please make your reservations early at the Parks and Recreation office at Windmill Pointe Park. Prices are $5 per child, $4 per attending adult (this includes lunch for all, a craft and a framed digital photo of your child with Santa).

Lunch Times: 10:30-11:30 am  Noon – 1:00 pm  1:30 – 2:30 pm

Save The Date!
“Daddy/Daughter Date Night”
Monday, February 13th
(Movie starts at 6:30 pm)
$12.00 ($6.00 for each additional child)

This is a night just for Dads and their daughters. Come have your very own night at the movies together. Package includes complimentary small popcorn and beverage. We will also take a special Daddy/Daughter photo of the two of you and frame it so that you can take it home and always remember your special night together!

“Mother/Son Date Night”
Wednesday, February 15th
(Movies starts at 6:30 pm)
$12.00 ($6.00 for each additional child)

This is a night just for Moms and their sons. Come have your very own night at the movies together. Package includes complimentary small popcorn and beverage. We will also take a special Mother/Son photo of the two of you and frame it so that you can take it home and always remember your special night together!

Children must be 5 years of age or older. Please call 822-2812, ext. 201 to reserve your spot by Monday, February 6th. Absolutely no sign ups at the door. Movies T.B.D.

Taste of Grosse Pointe

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation continues their fund raising efforts to provide future enhancements to benefit all residents in the community. As a THANK YOU to all contributing Foundation members, the Foundation is presenting its annual “Taste of Grosse Pointe” event at the Tompkins Community Center on Tuesday, December 6th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. A variety of food, desserts and wine will be served.

If you would like to obtain more information on joining the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, or have an established business and would like to donate food for the Taste of Grosse Pointe to promote your business, please contact Kathy Willmer at (313) 822-4379.

Holiday Gift Market and Tree Lighting
Wednesday, November 30th
Windmill Pointe Park

The Tompkins Center doors will open for shopping at 4:00 p.m. and remain open until 8:00 pm. Some of the items you will be able to purchase are: oils, vinegars, spices, natural soaps and spa gifts, lotions, bird houses, jewelry, City tiles, sheets, aprons, pashminas scarfs, poinsettias and wreaths.

Santa will be at the gift market from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. He will then walk over to the tree lighting festivities that will take place outdoors at 6:30 p.m.

A FREE holiday movie, “My Friends Tigger & Pooh Super Sleuth Christmas” will be shown in the Okulski Family Theatre at 4:30 p.m. and also immediately after the Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m.

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