This year’s Chilly-Fest will be on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from Noon – 4:00 p.m. There will be activities at both Parks, but you will have to provide your own transportation to and from each Park.

At Patterson Park there will be music to skate to; a snowman building station with carrots, charcoal and twigs to liven up your snowman; a snowball target throw; tennis hockey; S’more Station; a horse drawn trolley ride; a putt-putt golf game and an ice sculpting demonstration. There will also be a snowboard demonstration at the top of the sledding hill at 2:30 p.m. (weather permitting).

From 1:00 - 1:15 p.m. the Shoreline Blaze Open Juvenile Synchronized Skating Team and the Beginner 3 Synchronized Skating Team will take the ice and dazzle you with a performance. Don’t miss it!

At Windmill Pointe Park, in the Tompkins Center, Blue Pointe Restaurant will be serving a luncheon menu of chili with all the fixings, chili dogs, chips and drinks for a small fee. At the Lavins Activity Center McKeever Lounge, there will be chair massages, face painting and children’s crafts (cheerio necklace or snowflake decorations). In the gymnasium there will be three different inflatable playscapes for hours of bouncing fun as well as a balloon artist.

Our outside activities include ice fishing, walking around the Park in snowshoes and snowmobile pulls behind the Tompkins Center (weather permitting). Dogs will also be welcome at Windmill Pointe Park that day, providing they’re on a leash.

At each Park gatehouse we will be passing out coupon sheets. Most attractions will have a station where you may enter your name and phone number on a coupon to win a special prize. We will draw for each station’s prize and contact the winners on the following Monday. So be sure to visit all of these fun activities!

All children 8 years of age and under are invited to our outdoor egg scramble on Wednesday, April 4th at Windmill Pointe Park. The scramble will begin promptly at 4:30 pm, rain or shine. A Bunny Concert with the Merry Music Maker will start the hunt! Plastic bunny eggs will cover the grounds waiting to be found and turned in for candy, cookies and surprises. Egg collection bags will be provided as the children arrive.

**BRING YOUR CAMERA!** Mr. Bunny will be available to take pictures with your child against an Easter back drop. Also, farm animals for petting and feeding will be visiting the Park that day.

**Tickets are $5.00 per child and will be available March 5th through April 2nd at the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park.**

Dads, don’t miss out on this fun evening with your daughters. This is a joint event hosted by the Parks and Recreation Departments of all the Pointes. Sign up starts Wednesday, February 1st thru March 7th for our second Daddy/Daughter Dance! Dress in your semi formal attire and head to the high school. A wrist corsage will be given to each daughter after check in and then you can dance the night away.

**Bring your cameras so you can take pictures of this memorable night. Light refreshments and dessert will be provided along with drinks throughout the evening.**

Call 822-2812 x201 if you have any questions and to register.
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 14, 2012.
- Current homeowner passes are valid and do not require renewal unless 18 or older and reside in the household.
- 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. If you have guests for an extended visit, temporary passes (maximum of 2 per household) can be purchased in the Public Service Department for $10 each.
- 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.

- 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.

- Please allow 2 weeks for processing of all passes.

GROUSE POINTE PARK Communicator

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Good Girls Go To Paris Crepes!

This delightful French experience just opened its doors in Grosse Pointe Park in November and is getting rave reviews. Located at 14929 Charlevoix, this delicious little eatery serves over 40 different types of sweet and savory French crepes. Owner Torya Blanchard, who is a pleasure to talk with, is a young, creative and inspiring entrepreneur with much hope and excitement for the future of the Detroit metro area, including Grosse Pointe Park. She opened her first “Good Girls Go To Paris” location in 2008 in a small 48 ft. square space in Downtown Detroit. It has now grown into a 2,000 square foot space at 15 E. Kirby, Suite 115 in Midtown near the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Torya’s love of crepes began after she lived in Paris for a short time as an au pair. When she returned she studied French at Wayne State University and then ended up teaching it for five years at Consortium High School, a Detroit charter school. She enjoyed teaching, but a little voice in her head kept telling her to do what she loves. What she loves is cooking crepes and she does it well. So she decided to cash in her retirement savings and take a chance at listening to her inner voice. She wanted to totally recreate her life and she certainly has done so.

Torya has created and named every one of her crepes. Yes, each crepe on the menu has an actual name such as Vera, Claire, Katie, etc. There are the savory entrée crepes such as the “Dana” which has chicken, brie, sun dried tomatoes, basil and herbs de provence, as well as sweet dessert crepes such as the “Fay” which has bananas, pecans, caramel, salted butter and brown sugar. It’s obvious that she loves Paris and her creations. Her love for Paris also shows through in the décor of the restaurant. She collects vintage French movie posters and displays them on the brightly painted red walls of the restaurant. The large one panel posters were once used to advertise French films in the subways.

Torya’s dream of doing what she loves has come true and her bit of advice to anyone considering the same is simply “just let go and start small”. She wakes up every day loving her new life and you can too, especially if you start or end your day with one of Torya’s crepes!

Antonio’s In The Park

Owner Brian Sammut has been in the restaurant business for 27 years now. He started out as a dish washer and worked his way up. He partnered with the owner of the original Antonio’s on Mack Avenue back in 1987 and then opened his own location here in Grosse Pointe Park in October of 2000. He is now in his twelfth year and business is good! In fact, Brian said that this past New Year’s Eve was his best ever.

Antonio’s is obviously known for their Italian dishes, but they also serve steak and seafood entrees and just recently added pizza and burgers to the menu. Their signature dishes are the veal entrees and they have all the traditional Italian dishes such as Lasagna, Linguine Marinara, Cannelloni, etc. They have a nice selection of salads to accompany your meal as well as some very tasty appetizers. One appetizer in particular is very unique and extremely delicious – the Scamorza. Scamorza has layers of bread and mozzarella in a lemon butter and olive sauce. It’s out of this world!

They just recently remodeled the main dining room and Brian has plans to do even more. The bar area has a warm, friendly neighborhood feel to it with tables nestled nearby for those who like the livelier bar setting for dinner. They also have pleasant sidewalk dining along Kercheval in the summer months and they offer service for parties and catering as well. Their hours of business are Tuesday through Thursday 5:00 – 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 5:00 – 10:00 pm, and Sunday 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Closed Mondays.

Antonio’s definitely has their regular customers that frequent the restaurant, but they even get folks from outside the area stopping in. Boaters in particular stop in here and there as they cruise down Lake St. Clair and dock at the Parks of the Pointes. It’s the neighborhood regulars, however, that keep Brian in business. So come try some Scamorza and become a regular at Antonio’s!
**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.

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Enrollment is limited to 12 children per class. There must be at least 6 children enrolled to run a class. Payment at “sign up” required for all classes.

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**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.

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**“Daddy/Daughter Date Night”**

Monday, February 13th  Movie Starts at 6:30 pm

$12.00 ($6.00 for each additional child)

Featured Film: “Pocahontas”

(A Walt Disney Animated Classic)

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 beverages. 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!

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Featured Film: “The Fox and the Hound”

(A Walt Disney Animated Classic)

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 beverages. 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!

Please register at the Parks and Recreation Office by Wednesday, February 8th.

(Children must be 5 years of age or older.)

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**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!

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

**New for Session III Only!**

We are excited to be offering two Demo Team Classes. Our Demo Team Class has been the highlight and hit of our annual Parent’s/Karate Demo Night for the past five years, so this year we are expanding the class to allow more students to participate. The first class will be for Red/Black Belts on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. The second class will be a class for all ages and ranks on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. So put your “stunt and acting skills” to good use and join one of our Demo Team classes.

**Session III**

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Feb. 6, 13, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2
Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Red/Black Belt Demo Team 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 - Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3
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. Youth Demo Team Class - Same dates as above.
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teens 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.

**Session IV**

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Apr. 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, June 1, 4
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.

**NOTE: No class on 5/28 Memorial Day Class will be held 6/1**

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners - April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Sparring Class - April 18 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded Weapons Class - Same dates as above.
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teens Class - Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 June 7
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

Registration for Session IV - Sat. March 31st from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Lavins Activity Center.
All Karate Classes are $50.00

**Martial Arts Specialty Classes**

There are several specialty classes offered throughout the year to strengthen students’ martial art skills. Please check the class schedule to see when these enrichment classes are available. Look for the following classes: Teen, Padded Weapons, Forms, Sparring, Demo Team, Black/Red Belt and Weapons. Each class will offer 8 weeks of training geared to a specific group of students or focusing on the specific set of skills listed in the class title. These classes will help support students looking to advance in belt rank.

**Parent/Child Karate Class**

Have you sat on the side lines watching your child train, when you really wanted to train too? We now offer a Parent/Child Karate Class. Come and learn the art of Tang Soo Do together. This class is open to children ages 7 & up and adults of any age. All adults are welcome to attend this class, with or without a child. All aspects of Tang Soo Do will be covered in this class including self defense, forms, sparring, stances, kicking and hand techniques. Come train with us! Parent/Child Class is $50.00 for parent and child is free if participating in another class. If child is not in another class, then fee is $25.00.

**Turn of the Tide**

Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Club Testing: 4:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

**Black Belt Testing:**

Friday, March 30, 2012
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Parent’s/Karate**

Friday, March 30, 2012
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Demo Night**

Saturday, March 3, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: $15.00

This one day class is for young women ages 13 to 19. You will learn both verbal and physical self defense skills and escapes. This empowering class will help you gain confidence as you learn the four A’s of self defense. We will also cover topics that teen girls are dealing with today, such as babysitting, dating, social and internet situations and offer ways to help keep you safe.

**Self Defense Class**

Taught by: 5th Degree Black Belt Instructor Lisa Santi and 2nd Degree Black Belt Francesca Santi

Saturday, March 3, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: $15.00

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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. Members may also purchase Personal Training Sessions with a trainer to obtain a more 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, Lifting For Life, 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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**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

**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. 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 seats!
Afternoon Out!

Movie Classics

Come join us for a FREE movie, coffee and cookies. Films are shown twice a month on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. It’s just a nice way to spend the afternoon.

February 8  
“Two For The Road”

February 22  
“Tootsie”

March 7  
“Moonstruck”

March 21  
“Yanni Live At The Acropolis”

April 4  
“Cirque Du Soleil Allegria”

April 11**  
“(Luncheon Special)

“Gone With The Wind”

** “Gone With The Wind” Luncheon. This feature is a four hour presentation, so we’re offering a luncheon intermission at the Tompkins Center provided by “Blue Pointe Restaurant”. 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 (by April 2nd) 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.
Grosse Pointe Park
“Mutants” Swim Team News

We are getting ready to start another successful mutant season! The “Mutants” are our summer swim team 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 2012 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:**

**INFORMATION DAY FOR SWIMMERS AND PARENTS** - Wed., May 16 @ 6:30 pm in the Okulski Theatre
- 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

**SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS** - Wed., May 23 at 4:00 @ the pool
- Tryouts are only for new swimmers and D Team members.
- Swimmers wishing to change levels can do so at 5:30 p.m., after tryouts.

**SWIM TEAM FEES:** (payable with 2 separate checks)
1 swimmer: GPP Mutants $50  Grosse Pointe Park $50
2 swimmers: GPP Mutants $75  Grosse Pointe Park $75
3+ swimmers: GPP Mutants $100  Grosse Pointe Park $100

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**Tompkins Center Discount!**

Just a little reminder about our beautiful facility that is available to all Park residents - the Tompkins Community Center. The Tompkins Community Center is a large banquet room with two warming kitchens, restrooms, high vaulted ceilings, large fireplace, and windows with a view of the lake; all this, plus a quaint, homey feel. You can have your function catered or prepare your own food and warm it in our kitchens. The Center is always cleaned and prepped by staff so you can thoroughly enjoy yourself at your party!

Reserve a date during the months of **January, February, March or April**
And receive a $100 discount on ALL DAY rentals.

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**Lindell Lodge**

The Lindell Lodge will be available for bookings of 25 or less starting April 15, 2012. Call 822-2812 ext. 200 to reserve your date.
- Monday - Friday  $75.00
- Saturday, Sunday and holidays  $125.00

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**No Engine Initiative**

**Saturday, May 26th - Thursday, June 27th**

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning its second annual “No Engine Initiative”. During this event, people are encouraged to come to the Parks using any mode of transportation not reliant on an engine. This is a fun community challenge that encourages people to live a healthier life and be more environmentally conscious. Come to Windmill Pointe or Patterson Park not using an engine and you will receive a raffle ticket that can be placed in a raffle box. One raffle ticket per person per day please. Raffle prizes will be provided by local businesses.

So walk, bike, skip, roller board, jog, heely, unicycle, piggyback, tricycle, roller skate, tandem, roller blade, run, pogo stick, big wheel, skateboard, wheelbarrow, jump, or take a horse drawn carriage down to the Parks and receive a raffle ticket for one of our great prizes!

If you are a community member who would like to support this program by donating a prize, please contact Jackie at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201 or email her at marina@grossepointepark.org.

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**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 weeks
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
Community

Grosse Pointe Stand Up
Paddle Boarding

Come have some fun! Join our paddle boarding group!

The GPSUP Club is composed of paddlers 18 years of age and older who gather every Monday from 6 pm until the Park closes at dusk. Novice SUP residents can paddle any day with a valid park pass for entry into the park and their PFD. All club members must fill out an Acknowledgement, Authorization, and Assumption of risk form available from Jean Alter Johnson, the designated Grosse Pointe Park representative for the Club, or the Parks and Recreation Office.

The Stand Up Paddle Board season will coincide with the Kayak/Windsurf season which is April 15th – November 1st during park hours. Jean can be reached for board lessons and rentals for those who have an interest in the sport at gpsup@live.com.

Shredding Service
Saturday, May 19th  9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
$2 per box (no limit on boxes)

General Shredding Service will be in the Windmill Pointe Park parking lot to shred all of your boxed personal papers, such as bills and tax returns, that you wish to dispose of. 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. Shredding is good for security, the economy and the environment!

West Park
Farmers Market

The West Park Farmers Market is gearing up for another great season. The ninth year of the Market will open on Saturday, May 12th and run through the end of September. Market hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, with extended hours for special events. Dates and times for all special events will be posted on the web page as they become available at www.grossepointepark.org. More details regarding the Market will be posted in the May issue of the Communicator. Anyone interested in becoming a vendor can contact the Market Manager, Jennifer Meldrum, at 313-822-2812 ext.202 or at meldrumpj@grossepointepark.org. See you at the Market!

Visit the city web site at www.grossepointepark.org for Tompkins Center and Lavins Center rental information and for movie listings and showtimes.
Landlords Take Notice

Renting of property requires a Certificate of Occupancy permit and all landlords must, for the safety of the renters, acquire a C of O inspection. As in most industries, laws and regulations change periodically and for the safety of your renters retrofits and repairs must be made.

Inspections and dates for inspections must be made in a timely fashion. All inspections will be AM or PM. No exact times will be given as our inspector has many inspections and times vary greatly. No extensions will be granted. Be sure to schedule your inspection giving yourself time to complete your repairs and allow access for the inspection. A reinspection because of no access or incomplete repairs will cause a $50.00 reinspection fee to be charged to the landlord.

Snow Removal

As a courtesy to homeowners, snow and ice is cleared from sidewalks. In the event that the city is not able to do so, the occupant and owner of every lot adjoining any street shall clear all ice and snow within (12) hours after it ceases to fall.

Grosse Pointe Park Code

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.

Please note: On your rubbish collection day Waste Management picks up one side of the street then the other. Please do not call until after 2:00p.m. with rubbish collection concerns.

Recycling Reminder

Compost recycling will start again on April 2nd, 2012.

All recycling must be placed in the proper recycling containers for pick up. Clear plastic bags with excess recycling will not be picked up. Also, cardboard needs to be broken down and placed in container for recycling.

2012 BOARD OF REVIEW

The 2012 Board of Review will meet on the following dates: March 13, 15, 20 & 22. Notices will be mailed to all property owners approximately two weeks prior. Hours in session, location and number to call for appointments will be printed on the notice. Every person who makes a request, protest or application to the March Board of Review will be notified in writing of the Board of Review’s action.

There is no requirement for what may be submitted for a local appeal. Each case is heard and judged on a case by case basis. Valuation disclosures presented by a petitioner may include appraisal of the subject that is being appealed and any other materials to support their contention of value. Pictures of property and those of comparables being used are helpful. Comparables should not differ in size, age or location. If using a foreclosure, sheriff sale or short sale, it should be noted as these could have had an affect on the sale price.

It is the Board of Review’s responsibility to make an independent judgement based on the facts presented and on the law, knowing that price and cost may serve as the basis for expressing value, but are not synonymous with value. Section 27(5) of the General Property Tax Act states the following: “beginning December 31, 1994, the purchase price in a transfer of a property is not the presumptive true cash value of a property transferred.” Therefore the Board of Review does NOT have the authority to change an assessment solely on a sales price.

2012 Election Calendar Reminder

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.

New voters may register at City Hall or any Michigan Secretary of State office. College students that are registering for the first time and wish to receive an absentee ballot must do so in person at City Hall. For more information, 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.”
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To slow the spread of emerald ash borer, DON’T MOVE FIREWOOD! If you want a fire at your cottage this winter, buy your firewood locally. With 8 million trees dead and billions at risk, this is a major North American epidemic with huge consequences. Here in Grosse Pointe Park, we have already suffered through a decade of the epidemic and have moved on. However, the troubling thing is not if a new foreign invader of our trees will be introduced, but when.

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Composting and Mulching - Let’s Get With It!
By: Roger Garrett

Are you getting tired of these cold, gray days? Think positive, because before you know it a spectacular spring day will be upon us and you will take that first spring inspection of the yard. This is always a pleasant task and the perfect time to turn over a new (old) leaf. I mean, it’s time to get serious about using the natural nutrients already in place to help build and sustain a healthy lawn and garden.

Americans spend billions of dollars every year on fertilizers, while at the same time diligently removing every bit of natural fertilizer which is already in place. In the summer we go to great lengths to remove all grass clippings from our lawns, and in the fall we once again put in the extra effort of getting all the leaves down to the street rather than mulching them back into the lawn. It’s time to get serious about mulching and composting. You’ll have better looking, healthier lawns and gardens, your need for fertilizers and pesticides will drop dramatically, fewer chemicals will wash down the sewer and directly into Lake St. Clair. Need help getting started? Drop us a note at GPPBCOLTER@aol.com.

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2011 Christmas Awards

Thank you to those Grosse Pointe Park residents who added to the festivity of the holiday season by decorating the outside of their homes. The Beautification Commission recognizes the following homeowners with certificates for their outstanding Christmas displays:

- Audubon: 1035, 1257, 1353
- Balfour: 721, 911, 969, 1013, 1378
- Barrington: 498, 513, 753, 853
- Beaconsfield: 987, 1062, 1064, 1066
- Bedford: 746, 1113, 1217
- Berkshire: 848, 947, 1959, 1075, 1114
- Bishop: 818, 825, 1009, 1011, 1382, 1409
- Buckingham: 1002, 1143, 1169, 1324
- Devonshire: 1015, 1060, 1162
- East Jefferson: 16109
- Grand Marais: 924
- Grayton: 1118, 1359
- Hampton: 15020
- Harvard: 1150, 1211, 1408, 1420
- Kensington: 1012, 1023, 1105
- Lakepointe: 556, 564, 889, 1419
- Lakeview Ct: 15800
- Maryland: 1017, 1061, 1085, 1335
- Middlesex: 652, 668, 706, 717
- Nottingham: 1303, 1314, 1383, 1398
- Park Lane: 813
- Pemberton: 765, 859
- Three Mile Drive: 841, 935, 1015, 1020, 1305, 1311, 1336
- Trombley: 711, 781, 845, 929
- Wayburn: 1115, 1151, 1304, 1306
- Westchester: 647, 687, 978
- Whittier: 847, 905, 1269
- Windmill Pointe Dr: 15220, 15230, 15410, 15420
- Yorkshire: 1000, 1227

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Emerald Ash Borer Update
By: Brian Colter

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Ash Tree Losses in Grosse Pointe Park

![Graph showing ash tree losses in Grosse Pointe Park from 2002 to 2011. The graph indicates a significant decrease in ash tree population over the years.]
Beautification Commission

ANNOUNCING GROSSE POINTE PARK BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION’S 2012 TREE SALE

Sale for Park residents only. Supplies are limited and orders will be filled on the basis of date and time received at the Park Municipal Building.

Snowdrift Crabapple (*Malus ‘Snowdrift*) Profuse pink buds become white flowers in Spring, then glossy green foliage turning yellow in fall. Ornamental 3/8” yellow fruit persists into Winter and is attractive to birds. Grows to 20’ H x 20’ W. Containerized 5’ tall.


Weeping Cherry (*Prunus*) Attractive flowers. Weeping branching structure. Beautiful small ornamental. Containerized approx. 5’ tall.

Princeton American Elm (*Ulmus americana*) Highly resistant to Dutch elm disease. Grows very fast. Large growing tree with majestic vase-like crown at maturity. A breakthrough in the long fought battle to restore American elms to the USA. Containerized approx. 5’ tall.

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY ARBOR DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Return to Brian Colter, City Forester, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, together with your check and a SELF-ADDRESSSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE so you may be advised of tree pick-up dates. Don’t forget to include your phone number!

Make check payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the full amount.

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No guarantees implied

Spring Perennial Plant Exchange
Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission
Saturday, May 19, 2012  9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 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