Park It!
A FREE Family Movie Night

Join us for an outdoor family movie night! Park Cafe/Blue Pointe Restaurant will be preparing food for you to purchase and Kona Ice will be serving snow cones. After dinner and dessert, Advanced Training Techniques will be offering chair massages!

Enjoy the ambiance of the Park and plan on playing in the splash pad, on the playscape or walking the boardwalk after you eat. So pack your lawn chairs and blankets and come enjoy the show!

Date: Thursday, August 9th
Where: Patterson Park
Refreshments: 5:30 p.m.
Event Starts: 6:00 p.m.
Live Music: Mark Reitenga at 6:00 p.m.
Movie: “Puss N’ Boots” at 7:00 p.m.

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

West Park Farmer’s Market
“End of Season Events”

Greetings to all! Warm breezes are blowing, the Bar-B-Que is smoking and music is playing softly in the background. Sounds like a day at the Park! Well, 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 in endless supply through the end of September. What a perk for local residents to have fresh Michigan grown produce right at their fingertips.

Market days are every Saturday, rain or shine, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through September 29th. The last “Special Event” combines the West Park Farmers Market Fall Festival and the Defer Fall Family Fun Festival on September 29th. 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 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. 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!
Parks & Recreation
313-822-2812

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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.

Even though summer programs are ending, Park Passes are required year round to enter either of the Parks.

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 Community Center

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 lakeside 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, 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 2013 are opening on Monday, October 1st 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.

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Park Café’s First Season!

The Windmill Pointe Park Concession Stand is under new management this season. Mary Lou and Dave Muer, Park residents and owners of the Blue Pointe Restaurant, have taken over and they’ve definitely got what it takes. Business at the “Park Café” is great and everyone is thrilled with the variety of items on the menu.

Dave and Mary Lou are long time Park residents and they are very excited to have the opportunity to run the Park Café. They’ve made many improvements both inside and out. You’ve probably noticed their café tables, umbrellas and beautiful flower pots out front. The Park Café is open longer hours than ever before and they now offer breakfast! Great news to boaters who spend the night on their boats and parents waiting for their children to finish early morning swim lessons. Breakfast offerings include weekend specials such as egg specials, pancakes and French Toast, as well as healthier options such as yogurt, oatmeal, fresh fruit cups, English muffins, bagels and protein bars. They also offer a variety of lunch and dinner entrees such as Angus, Veggie, Salmon and Turkey Burgers; Chicken Tenders and Sandwiches; Bosco Stix; Daily Salad Specials; French Fries and Sweet Potato Fries. And last, but not least, that one delicious treat that everyone must try - the frozen custard from “Wally’s”. It’s amazing!

Dave and Mary Lou have eight children, several of whom work with them at both the Park Café and the Blue Pointe Restaurant, so Mary Lou is no stranger to cooking for lots of people! She works in the stand every day with her staff of young people, most of whom she knows quite well. She does an amazing job and her warm, friendly smile makes the whole experience a pleasure. As for Dave, well we all know the Muer family name means great food in the restaurant business. He says his first job in the business was actually as concessionaire at the original park concession stand back when it was in the Tompkins Center! How about that!

There is one more thing that we should mention about the Park Café. They can also provide food for your park picnics and parties. They’ll even deliver right to your picnic table or boat! Cheese trays and veggie platters are also available upon request and, if you plan ahead, you can even ask them to have a Blue Pointe Restaurant meal delivered to you at the Park or your boat! The Blue Pointe is celebrating its 30th year in business this August, so check out the Grosse Pointe News for their Anniversary Lobster Specials! You might just want to order one up the next time you’re having dinner at the Park!

Just a few of the many Park Café staff (left to right): Matt Reno, Ben Muer, Stephen Fleming.

Everyone is thrilled with the variety of items on the Park Café menu!
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 13th through August 31st:**
- Monday - Friday: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Labor Day Weekend (September 1st through September 3rd):**
- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*The Patterson Park Splash Pad will remain open weather permitting.*

Concert in the Park
**Li’l William & Friends**
**Sunday, September 23rd**
4:00 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.

Coming Soon!!
**FREE Private Screening Of The Soon To Be Released Film**
**“Pitch Perfect”**

Universal Studios will be hosting a FREE private screening of the film “Pitch Perfect” at our very own Okulski Theatre! This film is not scheduled to be released until October, but Universal Studios is providing us with a special opportunity for a one-time preview on a **SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED** date in August.

The film is Rated PG-13 and the story line revolves around a young girl arriving at her new college and finding herself singing with an a cappella group made up of mean girls, sweet girls and just plain weird girls. The only thing they have in common is how good they sound when they sing together! They wind up fighting to climb their way to the top of the cutthroat world of college a cappella.

Watch the City website for the show date announcement. Reservations will be required to attend and can be made by calling the Okulski Theatre at (313) 822-2812, ext. 2.

**All Five Pointe’s Family FREE Outdoor Movie**
**“Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax”**
**Saturday, August 11th**
**(Rain Date: August 18th)**

Bring your snacks, refreshments, blankets and lawn chairs to Grosse Pointe South’s football field. Park passes required for entry off of Fisher road. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie starts at dusk. **Alcohol and smoking is not permitted.**

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**Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament**
**August 9th - August 12th**

Entry Fee: $25.00 for adults (up to 2 entries)

Open to all Grosse Pointe Park tennis players of all abilities. Registration forms will be at Windmill and Patterson Park gatehouses until Sunday, August 5th. 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. Players must commit to play Thursday thru Sunday.

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.

**Fall Tennis Classes**
**Saturdays, September 8th – October 13th**

**6 Weeks - $54.00**
Instructor: Katie Doelle

Players will learn tennis rules and etiquette to use on the courts. Skills will be taught by incorporating games into lesson plans, making it an overall fun experience while learning this great sport. Classes will be taught at the Windmill Pointe Park courts and there will be a 6 person maximum per class. All players must bring a can of tennis balls on the first day of class.

**Beginners (ages 5-9 yrs.)** The beginner class is for the student that has little or no concept of the game or stroke, although the student must be strong enough to hold a racquet. Students will be taught the stance, forehand and backhand strokes, serves and rules of the game.

**Intermediate/Advanced (ages 10-15 yrs.)** The student is expected to know the game and have playing experience. More time is spent with strategy and perfection of the game.

Rain Policy - Tennis lessons are taught outside. If it happens to be raining at lesson time, lessons will be cancelled. Register by calling 822-2812 ext 201 before Tuesday, September 4th. There will be no make up lessons.

**Button Bracelets By The Lake**

Do you like creating unique items? We’re offering a class on how to make Button Bracelets! The first session is on November 6th (Election Day) so that both the young and not-so-young can plan to come. Materials provided, but feel free to bring your own buttons too! Come make a one-of-a-kind gift just in time for the holidays. For more information and to register, please contact Jackie at 822-2812, ext. 201.

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**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 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 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov 5, 12
- 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 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov 6, 13
- Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class - Same dates as above.

- Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Weapons Class - Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, Nov. 2, 7, 14
- Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded Weapons Class - Same dates as above.
- Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teen Class - Same dates as above.

*Note: No class on 10/31 - Make-up class on 11/2.*

- Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Sept 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov 1, 8, 15
- Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

**Session II**

- Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17, Jan 7, 14, 25, 28
- 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 1/21 - Make-up class on 1/25.*

- Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners - Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
- Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above.

- Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Forms Class - Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30
- Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded Weapons Class - Same dates as above.
- Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teen Class - Same dates as above.

- Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Nov. 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, Jan 10, 17, 24, 31
- Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

**Karate registration day is Sat. Sept. 8 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.

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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!

- Friday, September 14
- Friday, October 12
- Friday, November 16
- Friday, January 11

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 exercise classes like Yoga, Cycling and Body Sculpting, are just a few of the activities available. Or maybe you’re looking for a “night out at the movies”. The Okulski Family Theatre offers movies on the big screen! All this is just minutes from your doorstep!

Meade Fitness Center

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, the Meade Fitness Center is a great place to burn a few calories and have a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair while you’re at it. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and cardio equipment. Certified Personal Trainers are available to provide complimentary assessment sessions to new members by appointment. Also, members may purchase Personal Training Sessions with a trainer to obtain an individualized weight training program. Membership to the Meade Fitness Center may be purchased at the front desk of the Lavins Activity Center.

A Fitness Class Membership is also available at the Lavins Activity Center. The Class Membership consists of a variety of exercise classes. Our current classes are Body Sculpting, Interval Training, Indoor Cycling, Kickboxing, Toning With Weights, Pilates, Power Yoga, Yoga and Zumba. All classes are conducted in the gymnasium. Classes are ongoing, but a monthly schedule is always available in the lobby which will show any possible changes.

Personal Training

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

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

Meade Fitness Center Hours

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Gym Rentals

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

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

Water bottles are permitted in the gym, but no other food or drinks are allowed. 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.

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 Thru September 2nd!
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.

Body Sculpting  (Taught by Mary Walsh)
Tuesday & Thursday  8:30-9:15am
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!

Indoor Cycling  (Taught by Cristi Henderson, Mary Lutfy, Carrie Moore & Ann Ottenhoff)
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  8:30-9:20am
Tuesday & Thursday  6:00-7:00am, 9:20-10:05am & 6:40-7:25pm
Saturday  7:15-8:45am
Sunday  8:15-9:15am
This class fits both beginners and advanced cyclists. Instructors provide a challenging ride that builds endurance and leg strength, but that can be tailored to individual levels and abilities. They guide you through the ride, but you decide your pace and level of resistance.  (NOTE: Please arrive 10 minutes early for bike set up and instruction. Also, due to the popularity of these classes, we recommend calling ahead to reserve a bike. Reservations will only be taken after Noon the previous day.  *Evening classes are periodically subject to time changes during summer camp schedules.)

Interval Training  (Taught by Mary Walsh)
Tuesday & Thursday  11:30-12:15pm
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.

Kickboxing  (Taught by Carrie Moore)
Friday  9:30-10:30am
Cardio Kickboxing blends athletic drills, aerobics, and martial arts to create an intense cardiovascular workout, finishing with abs and push ups.

Lifting For Life  (Taught by Cristi Henderson)
Saturday  9:00-10:00am
Join us every Saturday morning for a dynamic weight lifting class designed to improve strength, endurance and flexibility while boosting your metabolism.

Pilates  (Taught by Carrie Moore)
Monday  9:30-10:30am
Thursday  9:15-10:15am
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 elasticity and joint mobility.

Power Yoga  (Taught by Carrie Moore)
Tuesday  9:15-10:15am
This class is a physically challenging combination of vinyasa and slow flow 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!

Toning With Weights  (Taught by Jane Blahut)
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  6:00-7:00am
This class is a series of weight bearing exercises that are beneficial to everyone (men and women). You will work and tone all the major muscle groups using free weights, bars, step ups, squats, push ups, etc. Remember, muscle is your “fat burning machinery” so this class will boost your calorie burning potential!

Yoga  (Taught by Mary Walsh)
Monday & Wednesday  7:30-8:30pm
Wednesday  9:00-10:00am
This class is non-intimidating, slower paced vinyasa yoga with emphasis on prana yama (breath work). This class is designed to enhance strength with flexibility, while reducing stress and invoking calmness and inner peace. Fun for all levels!

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.
         September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

SESSION II  6 weeks  $48.00
         Tuesdays  10:30-11:15 a.m.
         November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18

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.
         September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

SESSION II  6 weeks  $48.00
         Tuesdays  1:00-2:00 p.m.
         November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18

Payment at “sign up” required for all classes
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**  **4:30 – 5:00 p.m.**
**Session I**  Tues. December 4,11, 18, January 8,15
**Session II**  Tues. January 22,29, February 5 12, 26

**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**  **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**
**Session I**  Tues. December 4,11, 18, January 8,15
**Session II**  Tues. January 22,29, February 5 12, 26

**Snowplow Beginners**  **Thursdays**  **(10 skaters maximum)**
First time on the ice.  No skating experience.
**Ages 3 – 6**  **4:30 – 5:00 p.m.**
**Session I**  Thurs. December 6,13, 20, January 10,17
**Session II**  Thurs. January 24,31, February 7, 14, 28

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Classes will be taught by Sharron Nelson and Theresa Gehrke.

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Ice Rink Information

The Hutton Ice Rink will open, weather permitting, around Thanksgiving. You may call Patterson Park at (313) 822-1681 for 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 to warm up in the Lodge or by the outdoor fireplace. Coffee, hot chocolate and snacks may be purchased at the Lodge. Lodge attendants are present Mon. – Fri. from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Sat. & Sun. from Noon – 8:00 p.m.

**Rink Rules:**
- No hockey, food or beverages allowed on the rink.
- No rough play.
- Only skates are allowed on the ice, no shoes or boots.

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Skate Swap

**Monday, December 3rd**
**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 December 2nd. 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.

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Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market

**Wednesday, November 28th**

Mark your calendar for our Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market that will take place at Windmill Pointe Park on Wednesday, November 28th. 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.

**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 p.m. and also immediately after the Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m.

Again this year, **Park Café/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.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**
**Lunch With Santa**
**Saturday, December 1st, 2012**

More information to follow in the next Communicator!
Camp Wind-Y-Mill
Saturday, Sept. 15th, 2012
Windmill Pointe Park

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 15th at 2:00 p.m. Find your site, set your tent up and let the kids fish, play in the park and enjoy a camping experience minutes from home. Later in the evening we will have games and our popular campfire with live music. All of the makings for s’mores 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 p.m. on Sunday.

Sites are limited, so be sure to come to the Parks and Recreation Office during office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.) to select your campsite, pick up your paperwork and pay the $30 campsite fee.

“Halloween In The Park”
Saturday, October 27th, 2012

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 p.m. and will end at 6:00 p.m. Trick-or-treaters may select arrival times of 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 5:30 p.m. (Trick-or-treaters must arrive before 5:45 p.m. 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. 1st thru Oct. 26th at the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. Tickets sold on the day of the event until 2:00 p.m. 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 19th. Decorating of stations will take place on the day of the event starting at 3:00 p.m. and must be completed by 4:00 p.m. 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 “Puss N’ Boots”
Patterson Park at 5:30 p.m. (movie at 7:00 p.m.)

August 15 Co-ed Volleyball Championship Finals
Windmill Pointe Park at 6:30 p.m.

August 9, 10, 11, 12 Windmill Pointe Park
Tennis Tournament

August 11 All Pointes Family Outdoor Movie
Grosse Pointe South football field at 7:30 p.m.

September 3 Labor Day
City offices and Lavins Center closed
Pools close at 9:00 p.m. for the season

September 15 & 16 Camp Wind-Y-Mill
Windmill Pointe Park

September 23 Concert in the Park
Patterson Park at 3:30 p.m.

October 6 Shredding Service
Windmill Pointe Park 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

October 6 Fall Perennial Plant Exchange
Tompkins Community Center 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

October 27 Halloween in the Park
Windmill Pointe Park 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

REMINDER:
Monday, October 1st is the first day that you may reserve the Tompkins Community Center for a function in 2013.
Curbside Leaf Pick-Up
Curbside leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 15 and continue until December 14th, 2012 (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 and aerosol cans may be placed together in the bin. Please rinse all recyclables and flatten cans and plastics if possible.
Place AAA, A, 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 large boxes 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 6 ft. and tie.)

Garbage
It is the duty of every owner of every lot or property to keep their lot or property free of rubbish and debris. Grosse Pointe Park City Code Section 12-1 states suitable garbage and rubbish 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.

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.

Brush
Brush is defined 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 or as close to your rubbish day as possible.

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule
Labor Day is Monday, September 3rd - No trash or recycling. All pick-ups delayed by one day for this week only.
Lacewings and Ladybugs!
By: Lisa Kyle

Our roses are blooming, our vegetable gardens are showing signs of producing great harvests, and then in come the dreaded aphid colonies. Before you pull out your favorite pesticide, consider this: pesticides, even reduced risk formulas, may wipe out that colony of aphids and also kill the native and natural insect predators that would have feasted upon them. Up to 99% of the insects in your garden are actually beneficial predators that feast on garden pests. So don’t kill them, employ them!

Native ladybugs and lacewings can decimate a colony of aphids within days. Though pesticide use has greatly reduced their populations, they are available for purchase at area garden suppliers or online for just about the same price as a chemical control. The bonus: if you treat them well they will reproduce and serve you for seasons to come. Let’s see a can of chemicals do that! Visit the Beautification Commission website for more information on attracting and keeping beneficial insects in the garden along with other natural pest management practices for your backyard. Link: http://grossepointepark.org/index.php/beautification-commission-home.

General Shredding/Recycling Service

Shredding
Sat. Oct 6th, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

“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!**

Electronic Recycling
Sat. Oct 6th, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

If not handled properly, computers and electronics can be extremely hazardous to our environment. General Shredding specializes in secure, environmentally friendly electronics disposal. Recycling E-waste is the responsible thing to do. The following is a list of all items we recycle:

**Computer Equipment**
- Laptop and Desktop Computers
- Computer Parts
- LCD (flat screen) Monitors
- Printers, Fax Machines & Copiers
- Printer & Toner Cartridges
- Hard Drives & CD/DVD/Zip Drives
- Servers, Routers & Ethernet Switches
- Laptop Batteries & Power Supplies
- All Computer Cords & Cables
- Point of Sale Systems & Equipment

**Other Equipment**
- Cordless Phones/Phone Systems
- Answering Machines
- Cellular Phones & Batteries
- Digital Cameras
- Cable Boxes & Modems
- Satellite/Dish, etc. Receiver Boxes
- Rechargeable Batteries
- DVD Players
- LCD (flat screen) TVs

Note: Hard drive destruction is $12 per hard drive. For questions or more information with regard to what items are accepted, feel free to contact Brendan Fossee at (313) 343-9600.

Fall Perennial Plant Exchange
Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission
Saturday, October 6th, 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 will 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.bcssem.org
Marina News & Notes

Boaters were given the opportunity to put their boats in the marina early this year. We even had one resident out fishing every day from St. Patrick’s Day on! Another first this year was the fact that even though we still have a wait list of 338, we were able to get many residents into wells because of an unusually large number of small wells that became available.

Next season’s contract and deposit notices will be sent out by email. Contracts are also available at the Parks and Recreation Office. The $200 non-refundable well deposits will be due, as always, on November 1st. There will be a 10% late fee if payment is not received by 8:00 am on November 2nd. Payments may be hand delivered or dropped through the mail slot in the Parks and Recreation Office door.

We would like to thank our boaters and residents who came to our Land Lubber’s Pot Luck on June 5th as well as our Memorial Day meeting. The GPSC did a fantastic job cooking breakfast and providing a unique start of the season experience.

Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club
13th Annual Regatta

We wish to thank all those involved in making this year’s regatta such a success. We completed 6 races and had 20 competitors from Ohio, Canada and locally. Anyone interested in windsurfing may contact Frank Murray at murwind@comcast.net or (313) 331-2125.

Second Annual “No-Engine Initiative” A Success!

The Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank all residents who participated in our 2nd Annual No-Engine Initiative, which took place from May 26th through June 27th. We would also like to thank all of our local sponsors who generously donated 44 prizes! That was more than double the number of prizes donated last year! We collected a total of 4,318 raffle tickets.

The No-Engine prizes ranged in value from $20 - $400. Residents present at the final celebration on July 3rd chose their prizes right after their tickets were drawn. Residents unable to attend were called and came to collect their prizes on a first-come first-served basis. Congratulations to all of our winners!

The winners of the top three prizes, the bicycle from American Cycle & Fitness, a brushed silver and pearl necklace from Ahee Jewelers and a Meade Fitness Center Membership, were Debbie Konkey, Linda Solterisch and Jeff Chilton. Other winners were: Kelly Boll, Jenny Nosakowski, Colin Mulcahy, Edie O’Byrne, Aaron Mucciente, Maria Beacham, Mat Pfeffer, Heather Klupp, Jennifer Kitchen, Malik Manning, Paul Malefyt, James Zielke, Marie McManama, Peter Henning, Gordon Morland, Jeanne Bocci, Chris Johnson, Pete Connor, Griﬀin Grams, Mini Toededa, Lynda Farnen, Trevor Behl, David Langford, Mary Forbes, Michael Spiteri, Mike Hafner, Lynnette Halalay, Sandy Crepault, Chris Parcells, Ron Porter, Ruth Hummel, Joyce Martin, Chuck Valdez, Laura Thiel, T. Miller, Cathy Archie, Cindy Teranus, Howard Fischer, Kelrin Lewis and Ben Ryan.

Weight Watchers Continues!

A new 20 Week Program will begin Saturday, September 8th 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

August 7 - Primary Election. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

October 9 - Last day to register to vote in Nov. 6 election.

November 3 - 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 5 - Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

November 6 - Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance. 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 voting for the first time and wish to receive an absentee ballot must register in person at City Hall.

Note: We are always in need of volunteers to help with elections. All volunteers are paid for their time. If you are interested, please contact Donna Costa at (313) 822-4380.