2013 Chilly-Fest
Saturday, February 2, Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Patterson Park & Windmill Pointe Park

Come join us at the Chilly Fest for lots of outdoor fun at both parks. The more snow the better! Highlights will be:

**Patterson Park:**
- “The Grosse Pointe Skate Team” comprised of Grosse Pointe South and North varsity figure skaters will give individual skating performances from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.
- Skating to the music of “Circuits of Sound” at Hutton Ice Rink
- Putting Green Games
- Snowman building and snowball target throw
- Horse Drawn Trolley Rides
- Snowboard demonstration (weather permitting) at the top of the sledding hill at 2:30 pm.
- Tennis Hockey
- S’more Station

**Windmill Pointe Park:**
- Ice Fishing
- Crafts, face painting, balloon artist
- Inflatable Bounce Houses
- 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
- Lavins Center Spa! Chair Massage and nail “buff & polish”
- 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.

**“Red Crown” Restaurant Coming To Kercheval In The Park!**

If all goes well the new “Red Crown” restaurant will be up and running by late December or early January! Mindy Lopus and her husband Rick are busy remodeling the old “Red Crown Standard Oil” gas station on the corner of Kercheval and Beaconsfield. The “Red Crown” will be a full service restaurant serving American comfort food. They will also have a wood fire grill and smoker for serving up barbecue and burgers. The dining area will be behind the former garage doors and a full service bar will be situated at the original front counter. They plan to create an outdoor patio dining area with an outdoor fireplace as well. The kitchen will be an add-on and they hope to have an organic garden along the side of the building. They are a “farm to table” restaurant so all food items will be local and fresh daily - nothing frozen.

Mindy has been in the restaurant business for several years already. She owns “Tallulah Wine” and “Bellapiatti”, both located in Birmingham. The restaurant business is really a second career for Mindy. Her career was originally in technology, then consulting, and she just decided she wanted to do something totally different. She attended the Culinary Institute of America’s Professional Wine Program in Napa Valley and then decided she would like to try her hand at the restaurant business. She opened her first restaurant, “Tallulah Wine”, just over two years ago and most recently opened “Bellapiatti”. She has had great success and we hope that it continues here in Grosse Pointe Park as well! She and her husband Rick just relocated to Grosse Pointe and we would like to welcome them and the “Red Crown” restaurant! (Mindy and Rick have even more in store for us in the Park. We’ll keep you posted as things develop!)
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

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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After 6 On Kercheval! New Event Is A Huge Success!

This past August and October the City hosted a new evening event that got rave reviews. Kercheval was closed to foot traffic only between Maryland and Beaconsfield from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for an evening of food, drinks, fun and entertainment. All the local eateries served patrons at tables on the sidewalks while an assortment of other food vendors served all kinds of delicious appetizers, snacks, sandwiches, barbeques, etc. Beer and wine was also available. At each event there was musical entertainment as well and a large outdoor movie screen playing black and white movie clips, old variety show clips, etc. People were literally dancing in the street! (See photo below.)

The August event had live entertainment provided by the “Sean Z Trio”. It was a beautiful summer evening and everyone enjoyed just milling about, chatting with friends and neighbors, and even dancing.

The entertainment at the Octoberfest was provided by Pro DJ Service. The DJ led the crowd in just about every line dance ever created. A live feed of the crowd of line dancers was even shown up on the big screen. It was a fun blast from the past!

The two events were such a huge success that even more will be planned for next season. Hope to see you there!

Park Foundation Honors Mayor Heenan And Announces New Project For Kercheval In The Park

At a reception hosted by Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Trustee Paul Lavins and attended by Mayor Heenan and members of his family and friends, the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation expressed their appreciation for Mayor Heenan’s service by presenting the City of Grosse Pointe Park with a sculpture of Mayor Heenan by noted local Park artist Janice Trimpe. The sculpture was a gift from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation and will be displayed in an appropriate location in the Park’s City Offices on Jefferson Avenue.

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation was formed in 1984 to pursue and support civic enhancements. The Foundation functions as an independent organization and is governed by a Board of Trustees who serve without compensation. The Foundation is proud to have been involved in sponsoring many past projects and welcomes any residents who wish to become involved in the Foundation’s ongoing activities. Currently, the Foundation is sponsoring lighting and sound aspects which are integral to the recent beautification upgrades taking place on Kercheval between Beaconsfield and Wayburn in the area referred to by merchants and residents as “Kercheval In The Park”.

Bust of Mayor Palmer T. Heenan. The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation’s gift to the City of Grosse Pointe Park. On display on the second floor of City Hall.
The 2012 Volleyball season went very well! The warm weather welcomed all the players who came each week after work, changed out of their work clothes and into their shorts, t-shirts, and flip-flops to have some fun! There were 9 teams in the Recreational League and 7 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!

2012 Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament Champions

The Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament took place Aug. 9 - 11. Julie Miller ran an outstanding tournament! A great big thank you to our sponsors: Harper Sport Shop, Eastside Tennis and Fitness, Buscemi’s Pizza & Sub Shop, Atwater Block Brewery and Nemo’s Bar & Grill.

Men’s Singles “A” Champion
Brendan Petz

Men’s Doubles Champions
Matt Prigorac
Brent Parshall

Mixed Doubles “A” Champions
Matt Prigorac
Barb Thomson

Women’s Doubles Champions
Jerri Gallant
Cindy Logan

Women’s Singles
Maddie Flourney

Parent/Child Champions
Tom Dow
Alex Dow

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

SESSION III
6 weeks
$48.00
Tuesdays
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

Pipsqueaks P.E.
Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Pipsqueaks P.E. 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.

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

SESSION III
6 weeks
$48.00
Tuesdays
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

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 and should be taken in conjunction with a Beginner or Advanced Karate Class.

Weapons classes are for Purple Belts and up and should be taken in conjunction with a Beginner or Advanced Karate Class.

Pink Power Class!
(Recommended for girls age 7 & up)

The “Pink Power” class is strictly for girls!!! The goal of this class is to empower young girls and guide them on a journey of self confidence and discovery through martial arts. They will learn karate and self defense as well as build confidence in themselves to find their own voice. Like regular karate classes, the girls can test for rank and participate in all “Turn of the Tide Martial Arts” club events and activities.

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 Jan 21 - Make up class on Jan 25.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - 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/Sparring 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. Teens Class - Same dates as above.

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

Session III

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Feb 4, 11, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 8
Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Advanced 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 Class - Feb 5, 12, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 9
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Weapons Class - Feb 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 10
Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Junior 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 7, 14, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 11
Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power Class - Same dates as above.
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Parent/Child Class - Same dates as above.

Parent/Child Karate Class

Have you sat on the side lines watching your child train, when you really wanted to train too? We 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 your child is not in another class, then the fee is $25.00.

Martial Art 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.

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!

November 16th, January 11th, February 8th,
March 8th, April 12th, May 10th

Note: Prepayment not necessary. Pay at door.
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

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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, 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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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:

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NOTE: THE MOVIE STARTS ON TIME! So get here early to get your snacks and seats!
Quickstart Tennis Classes
Lavins Activity Center
5 Weeks $60

A revolutionary change in the way kids 10 and under learn and play tennis, as well as compete, is happening across the country and your kids should be part of it! We use smaller courts, lighter and lower bouncing balls, and smaller and lighter racquets to fit your child’s size. All this makes it easy and fun for them to hit, play and score from the start, while developing skills that will last a lifetime.

A FREE Demo Playday, will be held Saturday, November 10th from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Ages 4-12 of any ability and skill level are welcome. Come try it out and then sign up for one of the class sessions below!

Saturdays, Nov. 17 – Dec. 15
Ages 4-6 yrs. - 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Ages 7-12 yrs. - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Back To Basic Cooking Classes
Instructor: Mary Lou Muer
7:00 p.m. - $10 per class

Delight your family with these basic comfort food recipes. All classes taught in the Tompkins Community Center. No supplies needed. Hands on instruction. Recipes given at the end of class. Minimum of 5 people.

Thursday, January 17th - Simple Soups
Thursday, February 21st - Simple Casseroles
Thursday, March 21st - Simple Salads

Register and pay one week in advance for each class at the Tompkins Community Center. For more information or questions, call Jackie at 822-2812, ext. 201.

GP SUP
Thanks for a fantastic season!!
T-shirts and gift certificates for board rentals and lessons available at Wink Boutique
377 Fisher Rd. 822-8100

Pasta In The Park!

This is another new event that was started this fall. It is hosted at the Tompkins Center in Windmill Pointe Park and there have been two very successful dinners already with another one coming up November 7th. Mary Lou Muer and Blue Pointe Restaurant are serving up all you can eat pasta dinners with salad and fresh cooked rolls now through March. The dates for the upcoming “Pasta Nights” are as follows:

Wednesday, November 7th
Sunday, December 2nd
Wednesday, January 9th
Wednesday, February 6th
Sunday, February 24th
Wednesday, March 13th

We offer an early seating from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and a second seating from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Feel free to bring your own bottle of wine too! Tickets are $10 per person and must be purchased in advance. Family rates are also available. For more information, contact Jackie at marina@grossepointepark.org or (313) 822-2812, ext. 201. Pasta Night dinner tickets sell out fast, so book early!

Marina Notes

Dates to Remember:

November 1, 2012 2012 Deposit Payments Due
March 15, 2013 Balance on Boat Wells Due
April 15, 2013 Marina Opens

All available small boat wells that were mentioned in the Fall Communicator have been filled.

Water levels are the lowest anyone can recall. Let’s hope for some precipitation this winter!

Last fall we initiated the boat well renewal and billing process by email. This has continued and is working well for us. If you have any questions about the marina or the wait list, feel free to contact us at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201 or email us at marina@grossepointepark.org.
Upcoming Winter Activities In The Parks

**Skating Lessons**

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, granola bars and 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 - 5:30 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

### 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.
**Ages 7 – 10**  **5:00 - 5:30 p.m.**
- Session I: Thurs. December 6, 13, 20, January 10, 17
- Session II: Thurs. January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 28

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 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 Monday - Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 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.

**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.

**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.
- 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, helmets are encouraged. Also, 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.
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 5, 12, 19, 26 March 5
Session II March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23

Afternoon Out Is Back!

Come join us for a FREE movie, coffee and cookies twice a month on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. It’s just a nice way to spend the afternoon. Plus, we’re offering two luncheons on January 23rd and April 10th!

November 14th “Spellbound”
November 28th “Great Expectations”
December 5th “Bells of St. Mary’s”
December 19th “It’s A Wonderful Life”
January 9th “South Pacific”
January 23rd (Luncheon)* “The Music Man”
February 6th “Fiddler On The Roof”
February 20th “Summer of 42”
March 6th “Annie Hall”
March 20th “When Harry Met Sally”
April 10th (Luncheon)* “Something’s Gotta Give”

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

* “Something’s Gotta Give” Luncheon. Blue Pointe Restaurant will be providing a special luncheon before this feature at 12:00 p.m. in the Tompkins Center. 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.

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.

November 6 Election Day
Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

November 12 Veterans Day
City Offices Closed

November 22 & 23 Thanksgiving
City Offices Closed

November 22 Thanksgiving Day
Lavins Activity Center Closed

November 28 Holiday Tree Lighting
and Gift Market 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

December 1 Lunch with Santa
Tompkins Community Center

December 19 Patterson Park & Lavins
Activity Center Closed at 5:00 p.m.

December 24-26 Christmas Holiday
City Offices Closed

December 24 & 25 Christmas Holiday
Lavins Activity Center Closed

December 26 Open Noon - 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 31 - Jan. 2 Happy New Year 2013!
City Offices Closed

January 1 New Year’s Day
Lavins Activity Center Closed

February 2 Chilly-Fest Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Patterson & Windmill Pointe Park

REMINDER:
Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th
**Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule**

**Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 22**
ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY.

**Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25**

**New Year’s Day - Tuesday, January 1**
ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY.

**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 29, 2012 until December 14, 2012 (weather permitting). Leaves will not be picked up with branches, sod, dirt, brush or rubbish debris mixed in. **Note:** The City of Grosse Pointe Park is not responsible for any damage to landscaping, retaining walls, decorative borders and fencing, etc. that abut the City sidewalks.

**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.

**2012 Election Calendar**

**November 3, 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.)

**November 5, 2012**  Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

**November 6, 2012**  Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

**November 6, 2012**  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

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.

**Precinct 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

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

**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.
**Community/Beautification Commission**

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**Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation Update**

The Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation, which established the concept of introducing university students to our City through education housing grants, continues to grow. Initially, the Foundation proposed to award approximately 50 grants, but has in fact awarded over 145. Grant recipients include medical residents, graduate students, law and dentistry students, along with those acquiring their doctorates. Universities represented include Wayne State, University of Michigan, Michigan State, University of Detroit Mercy, Oakland University and the College for Creative Studies.

The Housing Foundation’s effort is not only increasing the vitality of our rental market, but introducing future homeowners to our community. So hats off to the Foundation for introducing this great concept and for having such amazing success.

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**Beautification Award Winners For 2012**

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission is pleased to announce the 2012 beautification winners. This year, 29 homes were honored and one business establishment.

**Homes:**
- 1149 Audubon
- 817 Bedford
- 1265 Bedford
- 808 Berkshire
- 1410 Buckingham
- 911 Edgemont Pk.
- 1213 Grayton
- 1381 Kensington
- 1148 Lakepointe
- 561 Middlesex
- 1125 Nottingham
- 1024 Somerset
- 1115 Wayburn
- 15410 Windmill Pointe Dr.

**Business:**
- Robertson Brothers Cooperative Complex on Lakepointe

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**Never Greener**

By: Brian Colter

Here’s a fact that may surprise you. Compared to a hundred years ago (see photo below), Grosse Pointe Park today has many more trees and an infinitely greater “crown cover”. According to noted Detroit Historian Nick Sinacori, Grosse Pointe Park was a “Grand Marais” or Great Marsh with hardly any trees at all. As Detroit developed, dirt from excavations was dumped here. That effectively reclaimed land that could support subdivisions. Before houses were built, land was platted out, roads created and trees planted. The trees that were planted were almost exclusively American elm (*Ulmus Americana*). By 1950, we had 5,000 street trees, 4,000 of which were American elm.

While our forefathers had the insight to plant trees, they could not have predicted what would happen the following year. In 1951 Dutch elm disease was discovered in Grosse Pointe Park. Tree populations went down in subsequent years, but were offset somewhat by replanting. In the 1980’s casualties due to Dutch elm disease began to taper off. This was due to the fact that most of the elms had already been cut down. Unfortunately, during this period, a common mistake was repeated. The overwhelming replacement tree was the ash. This tree was cheap, available and resistant to gypsy moth, an Asian invader feared to be the next major tree epidemic. As it turned out, the gypsy moth did not become a major problem to our urban forest. Although still monitored annually, usually few if any gypsy moth egg cases are detected. Instead, it has been another Asian invader in the past decade, the emerald ash borer, which has killed over 1,000 trees. It’s only known North American host is the ash.

Despite the heavy hit during a period of decreasing budgets, today we have almost 9,000 street trees in Grosse Pointe Park; more than ever before. This was made possible due to cheaper tree costs, in house plantings, volunteer mass plantings and grants. Now we regularly plant a diversity of over 20 species of trees, with nearly 100 various cultivars within our City limits. Planting different types of trees helps protect against epidemics, because when a pest is introduced, it is usually species specific. For example, Dutch elm disease only affects elms and emerald ash borer only affects ash. While we are greener than ever, there are still a lot of trees to plant. Be sure to read my column in the next issue. I think you will be surprised to find out what I’m planting down at Three Mile Park.
**Save The Date!**

**“Daddy/Daughter Date Night”**  
Wednesday, February 13th  
(Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.)  
$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 for the featured film, “Lady and the Tramp”. 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 27th  
(Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.)  
$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 for the featured film, “Jungle Book”. 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.

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**Lunch With Santa**  
Saturday, December 1st  
Tompkins Community Center

Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children from Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 1st. 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 November 30th, 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

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**Holiday Gift Market and Tree Lighting**  
Wednesday, November 28th  
Windmill Pointe Park

The Tompkins Center doors will open for shopping at 4:00 p.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m. Some of the items you will be able to purchase are: natural soaps and spa gifts, lotions, bird houses, jewelry, City tiles, aprons, pashminas, scarfs, ornaments 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. Defer’s 85 student choir, led by vocal music director Liz Moses, will be singing holiday songs.

A FREE holiday movie, “Santa Claus Is Coming To Town” will be shown in the Okulski Family Theatre at 4:30 p.m. and also immediately after the Tree Lighting around 7:00 p.m.

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

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**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 4th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 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.