This year’s Chilly-Fest will be on Saturday, February 2, 2013 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 skating; a snowman building station with carrots, charcoal and twigs to liven up your snowman; a snowball target throw; tennis hockey; S’more Station; horse drawn trolley rides; a putt-putt golf game and sledding. Also, from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. the Grosse Pointe Skate Team will take the ice and dazzle you with their individual skating performances. 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 in the McKeever Lounge, there will be chair massages and finger nail buff and polish. Face painting and children’s crafts will be on the first floor in the main hallway of the Lavins Center. In the gymnasium there will be three different inflatable playscapes for hours of bouncing fun as well as Mark Meyer, “The Balloon Meister”, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Our outside activities include horse drawn trolley rides, ice fishing and walking around the Park in snowshoes. Dogs will also be welcome at Windmill Pointe Park that day, providing they’re on a leash.

Windmill Pointe Park Egg Scramble

Wednesday, March 27th, 2013
4:30 p.m.

All children 8 years of age and under are invited to our outdoor egg scramble on Wednesday, March 27th at Windmill Pointe Park. The scramble will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m., 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 4th through March 26th at the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park.

All Pointes’ Daddy/Daughter Dance

Grosse Pointe South Main Gym
Sat. March 16th - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Ages 12 & under - $8 per person

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 13th for our third Daddy/Daughter Dance! Dress in your semi formal attire and head to the high school. Each daughter will receive a flower.

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

For more information and to register, call 822-2812 ext. 201.
Park Hours

Windmill Pointe Park
8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Patterson Park
8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Ice Rink Hours
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Rink season will last as long as weather permits)

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, 2013.
- 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 COMPAN Y 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 313-822-4363. 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.
- We will be updating the pass system in 2014. Everyone will need a park pass if they plan on visiting the parks or enrolling in any park program. Look for details in the next issue of the Communicator.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

MUNICIPAL OFFICES-AUTOMATED TELEPHONE SYSTEM:

Main Number..........................313-822-6200
0 - For the operator
1 - Public Services, Building Department and Assessment
2 - Water & Sewerage Billing
3 - Public Safety
4 - Municipal Court

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Voting & Elections: 313-822-4380
Tax Information: 313-822-4267
Building Inspector: 313-822-4368
Water Billing: 313-822-7650

Municipal Court: 313-822-3535
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(ext. 271)

PARKS & RECREATION
313-822-2812

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"New" at the Lavins Activity Center

We have a bit of new business ourselves right here at the Park! The Lavins Activity Center will be having its 10th Anniversary in May and in celebration of that, we are upgrading all of our cardio equipment in the Meade Fitness Center to brand new state of the art equipment! The following is a list of the exciting new equipment and features:

Matrix T5x Treadmills: These heavy duty treadmills include the newest feature that members love, the built-in “user cooling fan”. They also feature an I-Pod charging cord and USB data capture for workout data tracking (date, training time, miles, calories, average heart rate, max heart rate, etc.)

Octane Smart Stride Ellipticals: These ellipticals are the fastest selling elliptical in clubs world wide. They automatically adjust the stride length from 18” to 26” to provide a natural “running” motion. They also include workout booster programs such as the “Arm Blaster” and “Glute Kicker” to motivate users and give better results.

Octane Lateral X Trainer: This is one of the most significant new cardio machines since the elliptical trainer was introduced in 1995. The Lateral X provides the same kind of lateral forces that are common to all field and court sports. The lateral motion can be controlled manually or by booster programs such as the “Quad Power” and “Thigh Toner”. This may quickly become our most popular cardio machine.

Matrix R5x Recumbent Bikes: These bikes feature an easier access “step-through” frame for starters. They also have “Ergo Form” seats and backs to enhance user comfort and support. Like the Matrix Treadmills, the Matrix Recumbent Bike also features the “user cooling fan” to keep you cool during your workout!

Matrix S5x Stairclimber: Some of you have been asking for a stairclimber and now you have one! This excellent stairclimber is from Matrix so it too has the “user cooling fan” to keep you cool while climbing!

Besides all this exciting new equipment, we also have all new flat screen televisions to help you pass the time while burning those calories. Of course, if you’re not a T.V. fan, you can’t beat the gorgeous view that we’ve always had looking out on the Park and Lake St. Clair. Come check it all out soon!! We’ll help you keep that New Year’s resolution!!

Starting Pointe Cafe Opening In Park

If you frequent the Jefferson/Lakeshore Drive corridor, the Park has a new casual dining and carryout option opening soon - Starting Pointe Cafe, located at 15318 Jefferson at Nottingham. Its focus is breakfast and lunch as well as a wide variety of coffees including espresso, lattes, and flavored options. Hours of operation will be from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Starting Pointe Cafe is the concept of Rob and Gail Harley, recent transplants to the Pointes, and it came about through family experiences, the love of good food and an infatuation with the lakeshore communities of the Grosse Pointes. The Harleys, semi retired, had been residing in Northern Michigan, but while life in Northern Michigan can be very enjoyable, it became increasingly difficult to get the family together as the kids started moving to other areas of the country. With one daughter already living in the Pointes, Rob and Gail, through frequent visits, came to appreciate the lakeshore communities of the Pointes and their attributes. In time it became clear that a move to the Pointes made a lot of sense.

Through many business interests over the years, the Harleys have gained extensive experience in the hospitality industry. Those experiences instilled in them an appreciation of good food and, in particular, being able to find a good breakfast and lunch served in a casual, friendly and a bit eclectic environment. They also know the importance of having staff that care and appreciate the fact that people are on the go and need to get to their next destination on time. Consequently, Starting Pointe Cafe will offer fresh homemade food, utilizing locally grown products when possible, served promptly and at a reasonable price. The design of the cafe and kitchen is open and visible. Customers and staff will be able to interact in a comfortable setting decorated in a distinctive nostalgic nautical motif.

Starting Pointe Cafe looks forward to serving the communities of the Pointes and becoming an active participant in community activities. Starting Pointe Cafe can be reached at (313) 458-8625 or www.startingpointecafe.com.

Red Crown Update!

Here’s an update on the newest addition to Kercheval In The Park. The “Red Crown Restaurant” will be open for business in early February!!
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 IV
6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 9

SESSION V
6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

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.

Merry Music Maker’s P.J. Pajama Party!

Ages 2-8 - $12 per Family
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, March 8th
Friday, April 19th
Friday, May 10th

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!

Absolutely no sign-ups at the door or day of the event. Please register at the Parks and Recreation Office by Wednesday, February 6th. (Children must be 5 years of age or older.)

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.

SESSION IV
6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 p.m.
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 9

SESSION V
6 weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 p.m.
April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

“Daddy/Daughter Date Night”
Wednesday, February 13th Movie Starts at 6:30 pm
$12.00 ($6.00 for each additional child)

Featured Film: “Lady and the Tramp”

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 you can take it home and always remember your special night together!

“Mother/Son Date Night”
Wednesday, February 27th Movie Starts at 6:30 pm
$12.00 ($6.00 for each additional child)

Featured Film: “Jungle Book”

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 you can take it home and always remember your special night together!

*Absolutely no sign-ups at the door or day of the event. Please register at the Parks and Recreation Office by Wednesday, February 6th. (Children must be 5 years of age or older.)
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 who 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 who 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.

Back By Popular Demand

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. 4, 11, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 8
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. 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. 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. 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.

Session IV

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners Class - Apr. 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 31, June 3
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 5/27 Memorial Day Class will be held 5/31

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Beginners - April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Sparring Class - April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5
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 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
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 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.

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.

Turn of the Tide Kick-A-Thon

Sensei Francesca Santi and Turn of the Tide Martial Arts is holding its 2nd annual Kick-A-Thon to raise money for charity. The “Kickers” will be Turn of the Tide karate students. Students will kick for 15 minutes straight to see how many kicks they can do. Each student will be collecting pledges ahead of time for their kicking efforts. Please support our students supporting our community. If you would like to pledge for one of our students, please fill out a pledge form at the Lavins Activity Center.

Registration for Session IV - Sat. March 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Lavins Activity Center.

All Karate Classes are $50.00
DOLORES & PAUL LAVINS ACTIVITY CENTER

Lavins Activity Center

Want to get into shape or catch a movie? The Lavins Activity Center offers many recreational options for residents to take part in year round. Memberships to the Meade Fitness Center for a weight and/or cardio workout, or a Class Membership to take different classes like Yoga, Cycling and Body Sculpting, are just a few of the activities available. Or maybe you’re looking for a “night out at the movies”. The Okulski Family Theatre offers movies on the big screen! All this is just minutes from your doorstep!

Personal Training

Personal Training Sessions can be purchased at the front desk of the Lavins Center. All trainers are NASM certified.
- Single Sessions: $60.00
- Three Session Packet: $165.00
- Six Session Packet: $300.00

Meade Fitness Center

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, the Meade Fitness Center is a great place to burn a few calories and have a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair while you’re at it. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and cardio equipment. Certified Personal Trainers are available to provide complimentary assessment sessions to new members by appointment. 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

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

Meade Fitness Center

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| Single Day Pass | $10.00 |
| One Month Trial | $40.00 |

Note: We can only accept cash or checks - no credit cards.

Gym Rentals

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

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

Water bottles are permitted in the gym, but no other food or drinks are allowed. Basketball and volleyballs are available at the reception desk. A complete list of gymnasium rules is posted at the front desk.

The Okulski Family Theatre

The Okulski Theatre offers a variety of movies on the BIG SCREEN. Call 822-2812 and press Ext. 1, to hear the current movie title, show times and dates. Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day. You can’t beat the convenience of popcorn and a movie so close to home! Teens are advised to have their park pass available for PG-13 rated movies.

Ticket Prices:
- Adults: $6.00
- Children (12 & under): $5.00
- Seniors (60 & over): $5.00
- Matinee: $4.00

NOTE: THE MOVIE STARTS ON TIME!
So get here early to get your snacks and seats!
Quickstart Tennis Classes
Lavins Activity Center
6 Weeks - $72

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.

Session I:
Saturdays, March 2nd – April 6th
Ages 4-6 yrs. - 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Ages 7-12 yrs. - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Session II:
Saturdays, April 20th - May 25th
Ages 4-6 yrs. - 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Ages 7-12 yrs. - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Marina Notes

Balances for the Marina are due on March 15, 2013. Late fees will be applied after this date. Boat registrations can be renewed online with the State starting March 1st, 2013. It is the boater’s responsibility to make sure a contract and a current copy of their current registration is on file in our office. Late fees for this will be assessed after March 15, 2013 as well.

As of mid-January, the water level is down even more than it was this past fall. Boat wells may be reassigned because of this. Dredging to help the situation requires multiple permits and was done just two years ago.

Rates for the 2013 season have not increased, nor have there been rental increases the past five years. Early entry in March and/or early April will be allowed weather permitting. If early entry in the marina is possible, we will follow the same procedure as last year.

Mark your calendar for Memorial Day, May 27th as the GPSC will once again host their pancake breakfast and fleet blessing. At that time, we will have our first marina meeting. Our second annual Land Lubbers Pot-Luck Picnic (for our boaters and all GPP residents) will be planned this year based upon requests. We enjoyed this event last year, but need to hear if there is enough interest to plan for it in 2013.

For questions or more information, contact marina@grossepointepark.org or call Jackie at 313-822-2812, ext. 201.

Attention Class Members

Participation in Lavins Activity Center fitness 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.

Afternoon Out!

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 6th
“Fiddler On The Roof”

February 20th
“Summer Of 42”

March 6th
“Annie Hall”

March 20th
“When Harry Met Sally”

April 10th
“Something’s Gotta Give”
** “Something’s Gotta Give” Luncheon. Blue Pointe Restaurant will be providing a special luncheon before this feature at 12:00 p.m. 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.

Weight Watchers Continues!

A new 20 Week Program will began on Saturday, February 2nd. The sessions are held at 9:00 am in the McKeever Lounge at the Lavins Activity Center. Program fee is $219. Come join our current members and keep those New Year’s resolutions going strong! For more information, call 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 which is 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 and 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 2013 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:**

**SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS:**
- Sun., May 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the pool
- Tryouts are only for **new** swimmers and D Team members.
- Swimmers wishing to change levels can do so at 2:30 p.m., after tryouts.
- Register your swimmers and sign up to volunteer.
- Order child’s swimsuit and Mutant wear.

**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

*Rain Date: Wed., May 22nd at 4:00 p.m.*

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**Tompkins Center**

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 (one just renovated), 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 any Monday - Thursday from now until April 30, 2013 and we will give you $100 off our regular $250 rental price. This means you will pay only $150 to use our beautiful lakefront facility for your event. Call 822-2812, ext. 201 to make your reservations.

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**Lindell Lodge**

The Lindell Lodge will be available for bookings of 25 or less from April 15th to November 15th, 2013. Call 822-2812, ext. 201 to reserve your date.

- **Monday - Friday:** $75.00
- **Saturday, Sunday and holidays:** $125.00

Features include: 32” HD LCD TV and a surround sound stereo system, a fireplace, 2 comfy club chairs and 2 wooden cafe tables with accompanying wooden chairs.

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**No-Engine Initiative**

**May 25th – June 25th**

**(Celebration Picnic – June 27th)**

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning our third annual “No-Engine Initiative.” The initiative is back by popular demand and, like last year, we will be hosting a “No-Engine Celebration” on Thursday, June 27th, 2013.

So, when you come to either of our beautiful Parks from May 25th through June 25th by means of a “no engine” mode of transportation, ask for a No-Engine Initiative raffle ticket (one ticket per person per day please). Legibly print your name and phone number on the back of the raffle ticket and drop it in the “No-Engine” container at either of the Parks. The Celebration will be a pot-luck picnic beginning at 5:00 pm with prizes being drawn at 6:00 pm.

You need not be present to win a prize, but if you are present and we draw your raffle ticket, you can choose your own prize. We are excited that this event has inspired many of our residents to make a healthy and “green” choice. Biking, walking, jogging and other “no-engine” means of transportation are beneficial to our residents as well as our community. We look forward to celebrating our residents who make these choices on a regular basis and those who make a special effort to strive for this choice during our initiative.

If you are a community member who would like to support this program by donating a prize, or if you would like more information on this event, 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 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5

**Session II:**

- March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23
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.

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

February 6 Pasta In The Park 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Windmill Pointe Park

February 8 Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

February 24 Pasta In The Park 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Windmill Pointe Park

March 8 Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

March 13 Pasta In The Park  5:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Windmill Pointe Park

March 27 Egg Scramble 4:30 p.m.
Windmill Pointe Park

March 31 Easter Sunday PLEASE NOTE!
Windmill Pointe Park & Lavins Center Closed
Patterson Park open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 15 Marina opens for 2013 season

April 19 Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

May 10 Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

May 18 Perennial Plant Exchange/Shredding Service & Electronic Recycling
Windmill Pointe Park
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

May 19 Swim team Registration and Tryouts
Windmill Pointe Park Pool & Deck
1:00 p.m.
**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.

**Verification for Issuance of Park Passes to Tenants**

Tenants of rental properties receive park passes on an annual basis. Rental park passes issued in 2012 expire on May 14, 2013. Please complete a Landlord Verification Form for residents occupying your rental properties. All residents who reside at any rental property must be listed on the verification form. Verification forms must be turned in by March 14, 2013. Landlords must fill out the form in its entirety and return it to the Public Service Department at City Hall. Forms filled out by tenants will not be accepted. Landlords must also have a Valid Certificate of Occupancy in order for tenants to receive park passes for 2013.

Please advise tenants that Park Pass Applications may be obtained via the City website: www.grossepointepark.org. They may submit the application on line or print out the application and mail it starting April 1, 2013. There is a two week turn around time before receiving passes by mail. You MUST notify the City Offices immediately regarding any tenant changes and update all tenant names, otherwise park passes will not be issued.

**Recycling Reminder**

Compost recycling will start again on April 1st, 2013.

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.

**2013 BOARD OF REVIEW**

The 2013 Board of Review will meet on the following dates: March 12, 19, 26. 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.

**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 or 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 2:00 p.m. with rubbish collection concerns.
The Backyard Community Garden
By: Dan Convery

Although things have been quiet in The Backyard Community Garden for the past few months, that’s about to change! There is a buzz in the air and planning has begun on a new growing season, a season that is expected to be even better than last.

To get a jump on things, seeds will be planted and germinated under grow lights in the homes of some of our gardeners and some in cold frames in the garden. There is always hope of having tomatoes by mid-June, and with a little help from Mother Nature, we just might succeed! One can always hope, right?

In an effort to continue to beautify the area, trash is collected and lawns mowed weekly during the warmer months. Plans for 2013 will include more flower and ornamental plantings including cannas, calendulas, sedums and lavender as the Backyard Community gardeners strive to improve the area at one of the key entrances to Grosse Pointe.

Some 30 gardeners, including a half-dozen children, will once again turn two acres of vacant lots into lush rows of organic vegetables, herbs and flowers, including eggplant, cilantro and raspberries just to name a few. I think I can speak for the other Backyard gardeners and say that it will be good to be back working the soil and catching up with friends. It’s been a long winter and I, for one, am starting to get a little antsy. If you’re looking for locally grown organic fruits and vegetables, stop by our stand at the West Park Farmers Market this summer. Happy gardening!

2012 Holiday Awards

Our community takes on a festive look during the holidays thanks to the many residents who decorate their homes and properties. We appreciate the hard work of everyone who shares their joy of the season with the rest of us. These ‘visual feasts for the eyes’ lift our spirits, give us a smile and enhance the quality of our lives. Members of the Beautification Commission have identified the following homeowners and recognized them with certificates for their outstanding displays. Additionally we would like to commend the 1400 block of Nottingham for being the “most decorated block in the Park”. They did an outstanding job! Also, many thanks to St. Ambrose Church who never fails to inspire us with their display.

Audubon 1137, 1142
Balfour 850, 721, 911, 969, 1004, 1013
Barrington 498, 605, 753, 853
Bedford 742, 746, 811, 1217
Berkshire 848, 856, 947
Bishop 818, 1411
Buckingham 1002
Devonshire 1056, 1321
East Jefferson 16109
Grayton 1098, 1118, 1342
Harvard 1150, 1420
Harcourt 792
Kensington 1435
Korte 513
Lakepointe 523, 564, 773, 807, 895, 1419, 1303
Lakeview Ct. 15800
Maryland 1017, 1065, 1468
Middlesex 637, 706, 765
Nottingham 1237, 1303, 1314, 1378, 1398, 1403, 1442
Pemberton 505, 756, 973
Somerset 1025, 1051
Three Mile Drive 1015, 1122
Trombley 845
Wayburn 1115, 1151
Westchester 687, 733
Whittier 1239, 1399
Windmill Pointe Dr. 15201, 15210, 15220, 15230, 15410, 15420
Yorkshire 1252

West Park Farmers Market

The West Park Farmers Market is gearing up for another great season. The tenth year of the Market will open on Saturday, May 25th and run through October 26th, 2013. Market hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday. 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 meldrumj@grossepointepark.org. See you at the Market!
Beautification Commission

ANNOUNCING GROSSE POINTE PARK
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION’S
2013 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.

**Autumn Blaze Red Maple** (*Acer rubrum ‘Autumn Blaze’) Grows very fast. Large growing shade tree reaching 50’. Green leaves turn a brilliant red in the fall. Containerized approx. 5’ tall.

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY ARBOR DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Return to Brian Colter, City Forester, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, together with your check and a SELF-ADDRESSED, 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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Name____________________________________ Phone # ____________________ Total amount enclosed $____________

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Spring Perennial Plant Exchange
Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission
Saturday, May 18th, 2013  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