2014 Chilly Fest
Saturday, February 8th
Noon – 4:00 pm
Windmill Pointe Park

Come join us at Windmill Pointe Park for lots of outdoor and indoor fun! This year the Chilly Fest will take place only at Windmill Pointe Park. Events will include:

- Snowman Building and Snowball Target Throw
- S'more Station
- Dog Sled Rides (weather permitting)
- Ice Fishing
- Crafts
- “Funny Faces” - Face painting
- Balloon Artist
- Inflatable Bounce Houses
- Outdoor Slip and Slide
- Free Movie – “Cool Runnings” at 11:00 am in the Okulski Theatre (seats limited)
- Lavins Center Upstairs Spa – Chair Massages by Advanced Training Techniques and Nail Buff & Polish by two nail technicians
- Blue Pointe Restaurant serving chili and hot dogs with all the fixings in the Tompkins Center

New Park Pass Renewal Procedures!

The City has revised the May to May Park Pass season to now run from January to December annually. Therefore, current resident Park Passes will expire on December 31, 2013. All residents should have received an information packet regarding this change along with a Park Pass Application back in August. If you did not receive one, they are available at the Lavins Activity Center, the Tompkins Center and both the Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Gate Houses. Please submit your Application as soon as possible.

Homeowner passes will now require renewal every four years, while tenants and business owners will require renewal every year. Landlords are required to have a valid rental Certificate of Occupancy and must verify all tenants. The 2014 Park Passes will be available for pick up at the Lavins Activity Center beginning December 2, 2013. Hours of operation for the Lavins Activity Center are Monday through Friday 5:30 am to 9:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. The new passes must be picked up in person. Replacement passes throughout the season will be mailed to you within two weeks after requested. Residents are allowed one replacement pass per calendar year for a fee of $20.00.

Please note that the Park Pass Application now asks for all family members in the household, including those not yet eligible for a Park Pass (children under age 10). The reason for this is simply for purposes of future on-line sign up for children's classes and activities at Windmill Pointe Park. The Application also asks for an email address for the primary homeowner listed. The primary homeowner email address will be your on-line sign up login. We hope to offer on-line sign up within the next year!
**Park Hours**

**Patterson Park**
8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Christmas Day open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Ice Rink Hours**
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Windmill Pointe Park**
8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Closed Christmas Day

**City Phone Numbers**

911 - Emergencies Only

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

Direct Lines:
Public Safety: 313-822-7400
Public Service: 313-822-4365
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
City Forester: 313-822-6200 (ext. 271)

**Parks & Recreation** 313-822-2812

Okulski Theatre Information Press 1
Lavins Activity Center Press 2
Park Office / Tompkins Center Press 3
Inside Gate / Harbormaster Press 4
Outside Gate / Windmill Pte. 822-5155
Patterson Park Gatehouse 822-1681

**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 and also has 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.

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There will be a $100 discount on full-day rentals from January 1 through March 31. For more information, call (313) 822-2812, ext 201.

**Grosse Pointe Park Communicator**

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BUSINESS FOCUS

Sunrise Sunset Saloon

Another long standing gem of Grosse Pointe Park, the Sunrise Sunset Saloon has been in business on Charlevoix for 23 years. In fact, they celebrated their 23rd anniversary just last month. Owner Angie Lasher purchased the bar back in 1990 when it was called the “Uptown Lounge”. It’s had several names over the last eighty years or so. Opening in 1927 as the “Goat’s Nest”, it then became “Rendezvous In The Park”, then the “Baby Grand” until 1988, then “Uptown Lounge”, and finally “Sunrise Sunset Saloon”. Some people, however, fondly refer to it now as the “Cheers” of Grosse Pointe. It’s a small neighborhood pub where the people are friendly, the drinks are strong and the food is homemade and tasty.

Sunrise is known for their “beer in a boot”, yes a glass in the shape of a boot, and their assortment of specialty burgers such as the Blue Ox Burger. The bar never had a kitchen until Angie bought it and put one in. Ever since, all the menu items have been homemade. They have daily specials and some of their most popular menu items are the Lake Perch, the Hog Burger, the Blue Burger, French Dip, Charred Chicken Salad, Steak Salad, Nacho Supreme and, of course, their home cut fries and onion rings. They make their own soups, chili and even the croûtons for the salads. They also have a kids menu.

Sunrise is a small place, but has a lot of character. Angie likes to have fun with the décor and she always decorates for every holiday. There is a constant theme though of a southwestern feel with cacti and cowboys along with a few strangely unique things that will catch your eye like, for example, the jackalope that hangs on the wall. They have a jukebox as well as occasional live entertainment and TVs, of course, for watching your favorite sports. Sunrise is open from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm 7 days a week. So come by for a drink and a home cooked meal soon!

Owner Angie Lasher and her husband Jan.

Park Grill Renovation

Owner Adi Kokoshi is extremely excited about the renovations to his Park Grill restaurant on Kercheval. Adi first opened Park Grill back in 2009. There had been approximately five other restaurants in that location before him, none of which lasted much longer than a year or so. The Park Grill has lasted four years already and will definitely last even longer after Adi completes his amazing transformation of the place. He is doing most of the work himself, with the help of some friends and family, so it’s taking time. There were a few major changes that were necessary like tearing down a wall, putting in new restrooms, leveling out the floor and building the bar, but it’s already beginning to come together!

Adi has expanded Park Grill into the space that was previously occupied by Greengo’s. That section of the new space will be occupied by a beautiful bar area with high top tables as well. There will be a full bar with mixed drinks, beer and wine. It won’t be a “sports bar”. It will be a step up from that and will still be a nice place to bring the whole family. There will also be more main dining space with finished booth seating and tables. He has a beautiful Persian era plaster work that he plans on putting on the wall in the dining area as well. Finally, the kitchen will remain where it was originally, but will be much larger with more cooking space. That is what Adi is most excited about because cooking is his passion. He can’t wait to get back into the kitchen!

The menu, for the most part, will be the same. As most everyone knows, the food served at Park Grill is Mediterranean with classic Greek and Albanian entrees. Adi does plan on adding new items as well such as gourmet appetizers, fresh fruit drinks, etc. Everything he serves is always fresh and made from scratch and that will continue. He even plans to roast lamb, goat, pig and maybe even rabbit on a spit out front in the summer months. There will also be outdoor seating available under an expanded awning area.

Adi hopes to have the new Park Grill open by late December or early January. Most of the major work is done and he hopes to start on the finishing touches very soon. After that, he will equip the kitchen and start hiring new staff. He will need a larger staff than before so he will be looking to post and fill staff positions soon. Watch for the “Now Open” signs to appear soon at the exciting and newly renovated Park Grill!
The 2013 Volleyball season went very well. This year we had 10 Recreational Teams and 7 Competitive Teams. The teams played all summer long and the top 4 teams from each league entered into the playoffs. Serves you Right won for the 2nd year in a row in the Recreational League so next year they will be moved to the Competitive League. They were led by team captain Patti Bekowies. The Summer Wolves, led by Mary O’Donnell, were the winners in the Competitive League. Congratulations to all the volleyball teams!

2013 Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament Champions

The Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament took place August 15th - 18th. Julie Miller-Jason, Brendan Petz and Patrick Dietz ran a tremendous tournament!

Men's Singles "A" Champion: Jacklin (no other name given)  
Men's Singles "B" Champion: Rich Ansell  
Men's Doubles Champions: Matthew Halso, Ryan Leslie  
Mixed Doubles "A" Champions: Tom Kolojeski, Stephanie Schulte  
Mixed Doubles "B" Champions: Andrew MacLeod, Kaley MacLeod  
Women's Singles Champion: Samantha Wagner  
Women's Doubles Champions: Maddie Flournoy, Julie Wittwer  
Parent/Child Champions: Ken Prather, Alex Prather

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 12th, 19th, 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 17th

Session III: 6 Weeks $48.00  
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th

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 12th, 19th, 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 17th

Session III: 6 Weeks $48.00  
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th

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 how 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:** Students age 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:** 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:** All students regardless of age or rank and should be taken in conjunction with a Beginner or Advanced Karate Class.

**Weapons Classes:** Purple Belts and up and should be taken in conjunction with a Beginner or Advanced Karate Class.

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**Pink Power Class!**  
(Recommended for girls ages 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.

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**Martial Arts Specialty Classes**

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

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**Karate Class Schedule**

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**Important Karate Dates...**

**Beginner Karate Testing**  
December 16th, 17th  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**Advanced Karate Testing**  
Wednesday, December 18, 2013  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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**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 15th, January 10th, February 7th,  
March 7th, April 11th, May 9th

Note: Pre-payment not necessary. Pay at door.
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 are available for weight training and/or cardio workouts. Fitness Class Memberships offer an assortment of classes such as Yoga, Cycling, Body Sculpting, Pilates, Zumba, etc. These are just a few of the activities that are available. Maybe you’re even looking for a “night out at the movies”. We’ve got that as well! The Okulski Family Theatre offers movies on the big screen. All this is just minutes from your doorstep!

**Fitness Center Hours**

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

**Personal Training**

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

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**Meade Fitness Center**

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, the Meade Fitness Center is a great place to burn a few calories and offers a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair. 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, Circuit Saturdays, Interval Training, Indoor Cycling, Pilates, Toning With Weights, 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 reflect any changes.

**The Okulski Family Theatre**

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

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**Gym Rentals**

Occasional half-court gym rentals of the Golden Family Gymnasium are available. Reservations may be made with pre-payment 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 than 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. Participants under the age of 18, are required to have a parent/guardian in attendance.

Water bottles are permitted in the gym, but no other food or drinks are allowed. Basketballs and volleyballs are available at the reception desk, as well as a complete list of gymnasium rules.

**Gym Rentals half off during the holiday school break**

December 23rd through January 3rd!

Okulski Theatre will be showing mantinees during the holiday break as well!
**Juicing 101**

With Jungle Juice Bar

**Saturday, November 23rd at 11:00 a.m.**
Lavins Activity Center, McKeever Lounge
$12 Per Participant

Participants will learn about the powerful benefits of juicing and how to juice various types of fruits and vegetables. The course includes information about the different types of juicers available, costs and which ones are best for maximizing nutrition. Participants will be able to sample juices and products and obtain juice recipes as well as ideas for minimizing pulp waste.

Preregistration is preferred by November 20th as sample juices and products will be provided to all participants, however, same day registration will still be allowed. Please register at the Lavins Activity Center front desk.

**Quickstart Tennis Classes**

Lavins Activity Center
5 Weeks - $65

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.

Students should have a properly fitting youth racquet. We have racquets available for purchase at $20 each. Contact Coach Chip Fazio, USPTA Tennis Professional, at (313) 670-3277 to reserve a racquet and/or ask questions about the class.

**Saturdays, Nov. 16th – Dec. 14th**

Ages 4-6 yrs. - 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Ages 7-12 yrs. - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**New “Dogipot” Locations!**

“Dogipots” for pet waste can be found at certain locations along Windmill Pointe Dr. The Dogipots have become so popular and convenient that residents have requested more be added. We are happy to report that Park maintenance staff have recently completed installation of five more.

**Original locations of dogipots are as follows:**
- Three on Windmill Pointe Dr.
- Pemberton and Jefferson
- Patterson Park entry gate
- Grand Marais Circle

**Additional new locations of dogipots are as follows:**
- Bedford and Jefferson
- Harvard and Jefferson
- Bedford and Kercheval
- Grayton and Kercheval
- Balfour and Kercheval

**Marina Notes**

**Dates to Remember:**

November 1, 2013  
2013 Deposit Payments Due
March 15, 2014  
Balance on Boat Wells Due
April 15, 2014  
Marina Opens

Water levels are still low so let's hope for some precipitation this winter! If you have any questions about the marina or the wait list, feel free to contact Chris at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201 or send an email to delmegec@grossepointepark.org.

**For a listing of upcoming Parks and Recreation events, classes, facility rentals, etc., visit our website at www.grossepointepark.org**
Fun Skate With Lunch and Music
Saturday, January 25th, 2014
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

For this special Saturday event at Patterson Park, we will be providing music to skate to and Blue Pointe Restaurant will be cooking up lunch for all the hungry skaters, sledgers and anyone else enjoying the park. The Lodge will be open for you to warm up in and purchase hot chocolate and other goodies. Blue Pointe will be selling hot dogs, chili and chips for lunch on the patio. So bundle up and plan on attending this fun skate event at the Park.

Skating Lessons

Classes are $45.00 for five half 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.

Remember, the Lodge is available to lace up your skates or to warm up with a hot drink and a snack.

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 10, 17, January 7, 14, 21
Session II  Tues. January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25

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 10, 17, January 7, 14, 21
Session II  Tues. January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25

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 12, 19, January 9, 16, 23
Session II  Thurs. January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27

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 12, 19, January 9, 16, 23
Session II  Thurs. January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27

Classes will be taught by Sharron Nelson and Theresa Gehrke.

Sledding Hill

Patterson 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. Stay clear of the snow fence, Bedford fence line and back of hill.
• Helmets are encouraged and hay bales have been tied to trees for your protection.
• Hill closes at dusk. In case of an emergency, contact the gate guard.
• Rule breakers will be escorted from the Park.

Skate Swap
Monday, December 2nd
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! We will be accepting skates from now until December 1st.

Tags will be provided for each pair of skates. If your skates are not purchased 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 one pair of skates is purchased, be prepared to write a separate check for each pair.

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.

- No skates will be accepted the day of the swap-

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. 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, beverages or rough play allowed on the rink.
- Only skates are allowed on the ice (no shoes or boots).
Adult Golf Instruction
Instructor: Matt Bodde, Golf Pro, Country Club of Detroit
5 Classes - $65.00

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!

Classes are held on Tuesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Session I: Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar 4
Session II: Mar 25, Apr 1, 8, 15, 22

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 February 5th and April 14th!

November 20  “Planes, Trains & Automobiles”
December 4  “The Holiday”
December 18  “A Christmas Carol”
January 8  “Show Boat”
January 22  “Citizen Kane”
February 5  “Oklahoma” (Luncheon)
February 19  “Big”
March 5  “Imitation of Life”
March 19  “Terms Of Endearment”
April 2  “The Big Chill”
*April 14  “Titanic” (Luncheon)

*Please note! This date is a Monday, not a Wednesday!

“Oklahoma” 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.

“Titanic” 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. (Don't forget! This movie is on Monday, not Wednesday!)

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

November 11  Veterans Day
City Offices Closed

November 28 & 29  Thanksgiving
City Offices Closed

November 28  Thanksgiving Day
Lavins Activity Center Closed

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

December 7  Lunch with Santa
Tompkins Community Center

December 18  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 2014!
City Offices Closed

January 1  New Year’s Day
Lavins Activity Center Closed

February 8  Chilly-Fest  Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Windmill Pointe Park

Reminder:

Election day is Tuesday, November 5th
Public Safety Update
By: Police Chief Dave Hiller

We often get calls from concerned residents who say they “heard from my neighbor” that we had this or that occur yesterday. Usually the information has been blown out of proportion and creates more anxiety than necessary. To help reduce some of these rumors, we plan to have crime mapping available. To access it you will simply go to www.crimemapping.com, select “Michigan” and then “Grosse Pointe Park”. There will be a map indicating recent selected crimes in the community. Please understand that this will not be a report on police calls, but rather on confirmed selected crimes. We believe this will help reduce the concerns generated by rumors. We will also place a link on the City website.

We are also preparing to join with Grosse Pointe City in performing their dispatch service. We frequently receive calls on our non-emergency number (822-7400) that should be directed to other extensions. To reduce misdirected calls, we have established a phone tree. When calling the regular non-emergency number, please listen to the options before making your selection. We have reduced the options to only a few, but they represent those most commonly used. This is not the emergency 911 system. That remains a direct connection to our dispatch. I would like to stress at this point, however, that the emergency number should be reserved for true emergencies.

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 14, 2013 until December 13, 2013 (weather permitting). Leaves will not be picked up with branches, sod, dirt, and 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.

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).

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. 21-53. 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.

2013 Election Calendar

November 2, 2013  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 4, 2013  Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

November 5, 2013  Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

November 5, 2013  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.”

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

New voters may register at City Hall or any Michigan Secretary of State office.

Reminder: College students who are registering for the first time and wish to receive an absentee ballot must do so 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.
Community

Branching Out
By: Brian Colter

Christmas trees are indelibly associated with the holiday. The first electric Christmas tree was reported by a Detroit paper in 1882. “I need not tell you that the scintillating evergreen was a pretty sight – one can hardly imagine anything prettier” wrote Detroit Post and Tribune reporter Croffut. While Scotch pine (Pinus sylvestris) is the most popular species measured by the number sold, the more expensive fraser fir (Abies fraseri) is generally considered the best due to its excellent needle retention and nice scent. My personal favorite though, is a relative newcomer, the Canaan Fir which is similar to both the fraser fir and balsam fir (Abies balsamea).

Michigan ranks 4th in the nation in Christmas tree production. It is a major agricultural crop for the state. Nationwide, more than 30 million real trees will be harvested this year for Christmas. The vast majority of Christmas trees are grown on Christmas tree farms and not removed from the forests. Real Christmas trees are a renewable resource. For every tree harvested, at least two trees are planted in its place. Christmas tree plantations absorb carbon dioxide and other pollutants while giving off life supporting oxygen. Every acre of Christmas trees planted gives off enough oxygen to meet the needs of 18 people. Thus, buying a real Christmas tree actually is better for the environment than buying an artificial one.

Grosse Pointe Park resident John Peck needed to remove a large blue spruce (Pinus pungens) that interfered with his planned landscape improvements. John called me and asked if I could use the tree. A tree this large is not feasible to relocate, but it sure makes a great Christmas tree for the City’s Tree Lighting Ceremony. The City has never had to pay for its holiday tree. We “recycle” trees that are already planned to be cut down. Generous residents like John agree to wait until November to cut them down so that we can use them as our official City tree. This will be the eleventh year that Windmill Pointe Park has hosted the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Jennifer Meldrum and her gardening crew always do an outstanding job decorating the holiday tree.

To help keep your real tree fresh, be sure to cut the bottom of the trunk just before you set it up. Water immediately as water is the most important thing. Make sure there is always fresh water in your stand. Also, it is very important not to set up your tree near a heat vent. That will dry it out quickly. After the holidays be sure to remove all lights and ornaments because all trees picked up curbside will be fed through a chipper. The City recycles the trees by turning them into usable mulch, perfect for acidic loving plants. Happy Holidays!

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28th
ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th
ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY

New Year’s Day - Wednesday, January 1st
ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY

Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission will again be looking for outdoor winter holiday decorations from December through the first week of January. Be sure to leave your lights on! Addresses clearly visible from the street are appreciated.

Jane Manoogian and her dogs Daisy and Amber with the 300 lb. pumpkin that she grew in her garden and donated to Windmill Pointe Park for our “Halloween in the Park” event. Hope everyone came to this fun event this year and saw this amazing gourd! Thank you Jane!!
Lunch With Santa
Saturday, December 7th
Tompkins Community Center

Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children of Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 7th. Santa will be here all afternoon, so we have scheduled three different times for lunch, pictures, a magnetic frame decorating craft and visit with Santa. We can only accommodate 25 children per lunch time so that each child has an intimate encounter with Santa Claus. Reservations will be taken until December 6th or until capacity is reached.

Lunch will consist of pizza, chips, Jell-O, cookies, milk and, of course, a candy cane from Santa!
Prices are $5 per child and $4 per attending adult.
Lunch times are: 10:30 – 11:30 am  Noon – 1:00 pm  1:30 – 2:30 pm
Please make your reservations early at the Parks & Recreation office at Windmill Pointe Park.

“Daddy/Daughter Date Night”
Wednesday, February 10th
(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, “Tangled”. 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 you can take it home and always remember your special night together!

“Mother/Son Date Night”
Wednesday, February 12th
(Movies 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, “Wreck-It Ralph”. 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 Friday, February 7th.

Taste of Grosse Pointe

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation continues its fundraising 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.

Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market
Wednesday, December 4th
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, candles, toys, jewelry, City tiles, aprons, pashminas scarfs, pampered chef and plates on pedestals.
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. Pierce’s 50+ student choir, led by vocal music director Heather Albrecht, will be singing holiday songs.
A FREE holiday movie, “Charlie Brown’s Christmas” 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 hot dogs, 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!