2014 Chilly Fest

Saturday, Feb. 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
- Tennis hockey
- Crafts
- “Funny Faces” - Face painting
- Balloon Artist
- Inflatable Bounce Houses
- Free Movie – “Cool Runnings” at 11:00 a.m. in the Okulski Theatre (seats limited)
- Lavins Center Upstairs Spa – Chair Massages by Advanced Training Techniques; Nail Buff & Polish and Makeup Artist
- Blue Pointe Restaurant serving chili and hot dogs with all the fixings in the Tompkins Center

New Class Offerings
At The Lavins Activity Center!

In the next few months we're going to be changing the fitness class schedule a bit. We're trying to keep our programming fresh and challenging, so please work with us while we try a few new things. Don't worry, we'll keep most of your favorites, but we're adding a few new classes to get you going in the morning! We're also trying a change in the 6:00 am prime time classes to shake things up a bit. We all need variety to keep that metabolism churning and maximize the benefits of our workouts, so come check out the changes we've made to help keep your motor running! Below are the changes to the prime time line up:

- “Indoor Cycling” - 6:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings.
- “Tone & Trim” - 6:00 a.m. Tuesday Mornings.
- “Stay Strong” - 6:00 a.m. Thursday Mornings.

Come check out our classes soon!

FREE Two Week Trial for all “New” Members!

All Pointes’ Daddy/Daughter Dance
Sponsored by:

Grosse Pointe South Main Gym
Sat. March 22nd - 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 Monday, February 3rd thru March 17th for our fourth Daddy/Daughter Dance! Dress in your semi formal attire and head to the high school. Each daughter will receive a flower to take home.

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.

Windmill Pointe Park Egg Scramble

Wednesday, April 16th, 2014
4:30 p.m.

All children 8 years of age and under are invited to our outdoor egg scramble on Wednesday, April 16th 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 backdrop. 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 15th through April 15th at the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park.
Park Hours

**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.)

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

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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

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**Park Pass Information**

It is the goal of the City of Grosse Pointe Park to continue to provide to you, the residents, the best possible service and recreational facilities. It is extremely important that everyone complies with the Park Pass rules so that we all enjoy our parks.

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.

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**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 ambience. 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.

- **Weekdays**: $250
- **Fri. Sat. Sun. Rentals**: $350
- **Weddings or Wedding Receptions**: $550
- **Monday - Thursday Hourly Rate (up to 4 hours maximum)**: $50

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

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**Grosse Pointe Park Communicator**

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Grosse Pointe Park
Communicator
Spring 2014

BUSINESS FOCUS

Atwater In The Park

Atwater in the Park is transitioning from mere concept to reality, although much work is yet to be done in the upcoming months. Construction is currently underway with great effort being taken to preserve the quality and character of the building. Atwater Brewery owner Mark Rieth studied at length turning the church on Kecheval into a quaint microbrewery. This idea was not on Atwater’s radar at first. Rieth says “we gave it a lot of thought and did a little bit of research; we knew we couldn’t pass up this great opportunity to supply our products locally to the Grosse Pointe communities.” The Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation Student Grant Program has created educational housing incentives for university students and therefore began to draw a younger crowd to the area which coincides with the growing following of microbreweries. Reith goes on to say, “We have put in a small brew house to do more test batches, along with 40 taps and barrel aging in the basement as well. We will also be distilling in the near future, creating our own ciders and wines, all with local fruit vendors”.

There is a German style look and feel to the restaurant and brew house, from the menu to the seating. They have reclaimed all of the original pews for seating inside the church/brew house, with German picnic tables outside in the garden to give a feel of community eating and coming together, similar to Munich, Germany. There will be a large bar as well, with flat screens all around. Atwater has partnered with the Epicurean Group who will be managing the food end; that is their specialty. Late April is the target date for the Grand Opening and everyone at the brewery is counting down the days!

Interior of “Atwater In The Park”.
Exterior photo showing the fenced in “garden area” allowing for outdoor seating.

Park Pass Update!

Don’t forget! Park Passes are available for pick up at the Lavins Activity Center in Windmill Pointe Park. Park Pass Applications should have been turned in for processing in November. If you haven’t yet turned in a Park Pass Application you may obtain one at the gate house at both Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Park, as well as at the Lavins Activity Center or City Hall. You may also access the Park Pass Application on-line at www.grossepointepark.org. Please allow at least two weeks for processing of passes.

In the past, the Park Pass season had run May 14th through May 14th. Effective January 1, 2014 the new Park Pass season runs January 1st through December 31st. Homeowner Park Passes are now valid for four years. Therefore, the 2014 Park Passes are valid through December 31, 2017. As in the past, “Tenant” and “Business Owner” Park Passes must be renewed annually. Landlords are required to have a valid rental Certificate of Occupancy and must verify all tenants before tenants can obtain a Park Pass. Lease agreements are not accepted as proof of tenancy. All residents are allowed one replacement pass per calendar year for a fee of $20.

For more information and/or questions regarding Park Passes, please contact the Public Service Department at (313) 822-4365 or the Parks & Recreation Department at (313) 822-2812 ext. 300.
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 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st

Session V: 6 Weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
April 8th, 15th, 29th, May 6th, 13th, 20th

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 IV: 6 Weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st

Session V: 6 Weeks $48.00
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
April 8th, 15th, 29th, May 6th, 13th, 20th

Payment at sign-up required for all classes.

“Daddy/Daughter Date Night”
Monday, 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 start 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.

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, wear your pajamas and come join us for lots of silly fun. We sing songs, tell stories, make funny faces, dance to music and play games. So pack up the family and put on a smile because bedtime will never be the same!

February 14th
March 14th
April 11th
May 9th

Note: Prepayment not necessary. Pay at door.

Don’t Forget! Ms. Paula will also be at the Egg Scramble Bunny Concert on April 16th at 4:30 pm!
Lavins Activity Center

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**

**SESSION III:**

| Mondays - 4:15 p.m. | Beginners Class - Feb 3, 10, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 |
| Mondays - 4:30 p.m. | 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 4, 11, 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1 |
| Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. | Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above. |
| Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. | Weapons Class - Feb 5, 12, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2 |
| Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. | Padded Weapons - Same dates as above. |
| Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. | Teen Class - Same dates as above. |
| Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. | Beginners Class - Feb 6, 13, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3 |
| Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. | Pink Power Class - Same dates as above. |
| Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. | Advanced Class - Same dates as above. |

**SESSION IV:**

| Mondays - 4:15 p.m. | Beginners Class - Apr. 7, 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 30, June 2 |
| 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 5/26 (MEMORIAL DAY). Class held on 5/30.** |
| Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. | Beginners Class - Apr. 8, 15, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3 |
| Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. | Advanced Class (Ages 9 & up) - Same dates as above. |
| Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. | Sparring Class - Apr. 9, 16, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4 |
| Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. | Weapons - Same dates as above. |
| Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. | Teen Class - Same dates as above. |
| Thursdays - 4:15 p.m. | Beginners Class - Apr. 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5 |
| Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. | Pink Power Class - Same dates as above. |
| Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. | Advanced Class - Same dates as above. |

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**Important Karate Dates...**

**Sign Up for Session IV**
Saturday, March 22, 2014

**Parents Night/Demo Night**
Friday, April 4, 2014
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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**Don’t let your child be bullied. Learn self-defense and anti-bullying skills in all of our Turn of the Tide Classes.**

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**Karate students in action!**
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 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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**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 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, Cardio Circuit, Circuit Saturdays, Interval Training, Indoor Cycling, Pilates, Power Yoga, Stay Strong, Tone & Trim, 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.

**Ticket Prices:**

- Adults - $6.00
- Children (12 & under) - $5.00
- Seniors (60 & over) - $5.00
- Matinée - $4.00

**NOTE: THE MOVIE STARTS ON TIME!**
So get here early to get your snacks and seats!

**Membership Prices**

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

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

**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.

Please Note: The Lavins Activity Center basketball gymnasium will be closed from April 21st - April 27th for floor resurfacing. Classes and other activities will resume Monday, April 28th.
Juicing 101
With Jungle Juice Bar

Saturday, March 1st 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 go about juicing 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 necessary by February 25th as sample juices and products will be provided to all participants. Please register at the Lavins Activity Center front desk. For more information, please call (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.

Note! Come see us at the Chilly Fest on Saturday, February 8th for a sample!!

Weight Watchers Continues!

A new 20 Week Program began on Saturday, February 1st. The sessions are held at 9:00 a.m. 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.

Quickstart Tennis Classes

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 Elite Professional, at (313) 670-3277 to reserve a racquet and/or ask questions about the class.

Session I:
6 Weeks - $78
Saturdays, March 8th – April 12th
Ages 4-6 yrs.  2:00 - 2:45 pm
Ages 7-12 yrs.  3:00 – 4:00 pm

Session II:
4 Weeks - $52
Saturdays, May 10th - June 14th
Ages 4-6 yrs.  2:00 - 2:45 pm
Ages 7-12  3:00 – 4:00 pm
(Note: No class May 24 and 31)

Marina Notes

Dates to Remember:
March 15, 2014   Balance on Boat
April 15, 2014   Wells Due

We will be dredging this year! In an effort to ensure the safety of the boats and boaters using the marina, we have contracted with Faust Corporation to dredge approximately 6,550 cubic yards! This will be a huge project for our marina, but we're hoping that it will have little to no affect on our 2014 boating season.

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

Pasta In The Park

Following another successful year, Mary Lou Muer and Blue Pointe Restaurant will provide Park residents with an “all you can eat” pasta buffet featuring salad and fresh baked rolls. The dinners are held in the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. This is a great way to dine with old friends and to make new ones!

The dates for the upcoming “Pasta Nights” are:

Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Guests are welcome to bring a bottle of wine to enjoy with dinner. Tickets are $10 per person and must be purchased in advance. For more information, call Chris at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201, or send an email to DelmegeC@grossepointepark.org. Pasta in the Park dinner tickets sell out quickly, so make your reservations early.
Grosse Pointe Park
“Mutants” Swim Team News

We are getting ready to start another thrilling mutant season! The “Mutants” are our summer swim team, which is comprised of residents age 17 and under who compete against 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 2014 registration forms and information, please go to the Mutant webpage at www.gppmutants.org and go to registration/parent volunteers.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS:
• Sunday, May 18th at 1:00 p.m. at the pool (raindate, Wednesday, May 21st at 4 p.m.)
• 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

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, 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 throughly enjoy yourself at your party!

Reserve any day from now until March 31, 2014 and receive a $100 discount off your rental price! Call 822-2812, ext. 201 to make your reservations.

Lindell Lodge & Patio

The Lindell Lodge will be available for bookings of 25 or less from April 15th to November 15th, 2014. 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, surround sound stereo system, fireplace, 2 comfy chairs and 2 wooden café tables with accompanying wooden chairs.

West Park Farmers’ Market

Happy New Year! The West Park Farmers’ Market opens for the season on May 24, 2014. Market hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This season brings with it new, as well as established, farmers and vendors and a season filled with fun activities right at your fingertips. Look for more detailed Market information in the May 1st issue of the “Communicator” or on the City website at www.grossepointepark.org.

After 6:00 On Kercheval Returns

After 6:00 On Kercheval is returning after another successful season! This is a great way to spend the evening with friends and neighbors listening to music, playing games and enjoying good food. Look for more information and details in the Summer Communicator.

The dates and themes for these ideal fun filled events are:
• June 14th - Summer Party
• July 12th - Sports Evening
• August 9th - Country Western

No Engine Initiative

May 24th - June 24th

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning our fourth annual “No-Engine Initiative.” The initiative is back by popular demand with some changes this year. We will be notifying winners by phone this year in lieu of holding a picnic. The first winning ticket holder will have the first choice of prizes, the second winner the second choice and so on until the last winner is notified. When you come to either of our beautiful Parks from May 24th through June 24th 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. Please remember, you may submit only one ticket per day. All duplicate entries on any given day will be discarded.

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 recognizing 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 Chris at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201 or email him at delmegec@grossepointepark.org.
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!

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.

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

February 14 Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium

February 25 Special Election

February 26 Pasta In The Park
Tompkins Center at 6:00 p.m.

March 14 Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

March 26 Pasta In The Park
Tompkins Center at 6:00 p.m.

April 11 Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

April 15 Marina Opens for 2014 season

April 16 Egg Scramble
Windmill Pointe Park at 4:30 p.m.

April 20 Easter Sunday PLEASE NOTE
Windmill Pointe Park & Lavins Center Closed
Patterson Park open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

May 9 Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

May 17 Perennial Plant Exchange
Windmill Pointe Park at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

May 24 - June 24 No Engine Initiative
Windmill Pointe Park & Patterson Park

May 24 West Park Farmers Market Opens
Kercheval In The Park
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 will be AM or PM. No exact times will be given as our inspector has many inspections and times vary greatly. No extensions will be granted. Be sure to schedule your inspection giving yourself time to complete your repairs and allow access for the inspection. A reinspection, because of no access or incomplete repairs, will cause a $50.00 reinspection fee to be charged to the landlord.

SNOW REMOVAL

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.

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

2014 BOARD OF REVIEW

The 2014 Board of Review will meet on the following dates: March 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th. 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, protect 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 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 judgment 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.

2014 Special Election

February 22, 2014  Last day absentee ballot can be mailed from City Hall at 2:00 pm. (City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

February 24, 2014  Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

February 25, 2014  Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

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 “Departments”/ “City Clerk” / “Voting.”

Recycling Reminder

Compost recycling will start again on April 1st, 2014.

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.
Beautification Award Winners

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission hosted its Annual Awards evening on November 7, 2013. Bill Musial, of the William J. Hair Harbor, received this year's only business award for the massive reconstruction of his business building. Twenty-six proud homeowners received customized picture awards of their homes. The evening ended with a delightful reception catered by Captain Jack’s. Mayor Palmer Heenan presented the awards to the following residents who enhanced the appearance of our residential community with their landscaping efforts:

Dennis and Nancy Anderson
Robert and Jamie Baker
Dave and Judy Brophy
Steven Young and Meaghan Brown
Robert Burns
Paul J. Chuba
Frederick and Joan Curto
Gilbert and Charlotte Demers
Jamie, Jan and Justin Graves
Diane and Christopher Huchingson
Richard Jacob
Johnny and Violet Kircos
Brian and Lisa MacLean

Gerard and Cathy Nordby
James Matlock
Sandra and Gerald McCarroll
Jeff and Jennifer Mertz
Russell and Linda Mlynaek
Lance and Joanne Murphy
Edie O’Byrne
Bill and Mary Jo O’Loughlin
Janet and Larry Peplin
Todd and Tami Riley
Inga and James Sabourin
Keith D. Smith
Charles D. Tyrer

Congratulations to all of our winners!

2013 Holiday Awards
By: Pat Deck

Hats off to our neighbors who helped decorate the Park for the holiday season. Colorful lights, garlands, wreaths, trees and holiday figures made for a festive atmosphere. The following homes were judged by members of the Beautification Commission to be exceptional with their decor. They will be recognized with certificates for their outstanding displays and we thank them for adding to the festivity of Grosse Pointe Park. Once again the 1300 block of Nottingham was "The best decorated block in Grosse Pointe Park." In the business community we want to thank St. Ambrose Church and Red Crown Restaurant for their special efforts.

Audubon 1394
Balfour 688, 711, 911, 917, 987, 1410
Barrington 513, 853, 753
Bedford 729, 746, 797, 822, 939, 1006, 1217
Berkshire 1254
Bishop 825, 1012, 1018, 1109
Buckingham 1001, 1343, 1379
Cadieux 1041
Devonshire 1000, 1015, 1205, 1224, 1321
East Jefferson 16109
Edgemont Park 911
Grayton 1213
Grand Marais 757, 828, 829
Harvard 1010, 1017, 1383, 1420
Harcourt 792, 919
Lakepointe 511, 564, 809, 895, 911, 945, 983, 1315, 1419
Maryland 1017, 1063
Middlesex 668, 706, 717
Maumee 16620
Nottingham 1021, 1237, 1303, 1378, 1398
Pemberton 859, 973
Somerset 1025, 1027
Three Mile Drive 860, 935, 1015, 1136, 1312, 1336
Trombly 780, 929
Wayburn 1151, 1115
Westchester 709, 895, 917
Whittier 772, 905, 1036
Windmill Pt. Dr. 15220, 15230, 15324
Yorkshire 1018, 1051, 1227
Announcing Grosse Pointe Park
Beautification Commission’s 2014 Tree Sale

(Tree sale is 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 branches 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.

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Orders must be in by Arbor Day - Friday, April 25th.

Return to: Brian Colter, City Forester
15115 East Jefferson
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Along with your check, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and your phone number so you may be advised of tree pick-up dates.

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

Order No. __________

Name ________________ Phone No. ________________

Snowdrift Crabapple __________ at $45.00 = $ __________
Robinson Crabapple __________ at $45.00 = $ __________
Red Maple __________ at $45.00 = $ __________
Weeping Cherry __________ at $55.00 = $ __________

Total Amount Enclosed $_______________

No Guarantees

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**Spring Perennial Plant Exchange**
Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission
Saturday, May 17th, 2014  9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  Tompkins Community Center


For more information, please visit the website at www.grossepointepark.org, or select “current information” at www.bcsem.org.