West Park Farmers Market

The West Park Farmers Market is in the third month of the season and in full swing. It opened later this year to allow for improvements to the Market to be complete and shopper friendly! This is the best time of year in Michigan for quality Michigan grown produce and the Market has plenty to offer. We have a diverse selection of vendors including organic and non organic produce, fresh lake fish from the Upper Peninsula, breads and baked goods, and organic meats, butter and eggs. The Market also has food vendors to satisfy even the hungriest customer with items such as pulled pork sandwiches, nachos, brats and ice cream. Vendors are set up in “Market Square” as well as along Kercheval on both sides of the street. Beginning August 1st the Market will have summer fun activities for the kids to enjoy as well. The Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will run through October 10th. Check out the City website for activities or special events taking place and come enjoy everything the Market has to offer.

Mayor Theokas to Retire

After 22 years of service to the Park, Mayor Greg Theokas will chair his final council meeting this October. First elected to the council in 1995, he was appointed Mayor pro tem in 2003 and succeeded former Mayor Heenan earlier this year. Theokas began his civic career in 1993 when he was appointed as the Park Representative to the new library board. Later, as a council member, he vigorously lobbied his former library colleagues to build the Park’s Ewald branch. Theokas recalls how both he and Heenan have long envisioned a campus-like setting surrounding City Hall. “We both hope that this concept can be expanded in the years to come, possibly with an art center.”

During his 20 years in city government Theokas focused on several matters including elimination of the federal flood plain designation (saving Park homeowners millions of dollars), redevelopment of the City’s aging business districts and the prompt delivery of city services. In 2011, after visiting Stone Street in lower Manhattan, Theokas urged City Manager Dale Krajniak to consider a similar setting in the Kercheval business district. Their emphasis was to create a destination that appealed to younger people. As a result, many new businesses were opened, a trolley service was implemented and the highly successful “After 6 On Kercheval” was born. According to Theokas “an area that people once shunned has become a weekend hot spot. It’s an excellent example of public and private sector cooperation.”

More recently, Mayor Theokas has worked with Detroit officials to enhance relations between the two cities and to coordinate major improvements along Mack, Alter and Jefferson. He is quick to point out that “the Duggan administration has opened up a new era and I am pleased that it began on my watch. Throughout my tenure I have viewed blight removal and public safety as the cornerstones for a better community. At the same time, I have consistently believed that operating our City efficiently is the best way to finance those objectives without increasing taxes. Much of what we have done would not have been possible without the proactive efforts of our City Manager and his staff.”

Theokas has chaired numerous council meetings, both as Mayor and Mayor pro tem. He notes that “for a while it seemed like everything we did was in the news. But people are always given the opportunity to express their views and we do pay attention. I sense that today the vast majority of our residents are quite pleased with the way the City is run”.

Theokas (who jokingly refers to his retirement as a “Gregxit”) hopes to spend more time with his family and complete a long running project – a historical novel about the Roman Emperor Constantine. He will be succeeded by Mayor pro tem Robert Denner.
**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 ambiance. The garden patio has an awning that is in place from May to November. The Center's capacity is 120 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Reservations may be made one year in advance from the current calendar date. Only wedding receptions can be reserved further in advance.

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**Grosse Pointe Park Communicator**

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Attn: Parks & Recreation; E-Mail to: hathawaym@grossepointepark.org Phone: 313-822-2812 ext 302
Scheduled to open in early August, the Robot Garage is a place for LEGO and robotics enthusiasts of all ages. It is owned by a Michigan family, Sarah and Jonathan Jacobs, who followed their own family’s passion for building ideas into business and opened their first location in Birmingham in 2011. Playing with LEGO had become an increasingly serious hobby, including trips with their kids to LEGO conventions in other cities, meeting Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen, the grandson of the founder of LEGO, and other industry notables like Nathan Sawaya whose LEGO sculptures now sell for $50,000 or more.

As LEGO became more involved with engineering and robotics, the Jacobs family followed along and when their daughter, Jane, joined a First Lego League robotics team (FLL) in middle school, it was life-changing. They say they discovered a parallel universe in youth robotics along with millions of kids like their own who had a passion for invention and tinkering. They also found that the youth robotics world was a short three-month season and after all these kids got engaged in their team, they had no place to go when the season ended. The teams were also volunteer-driven so the experience varied a lot depending on who the team mentor was. If it was an “art mom” like Sarah, trying to facilitate something for their child, they didn’t have a great engineering background. If it was an over-zealous engineering parent who did everything themselves to perfection, the kids got very little hands-on experience. The goal of The Robot Garage was to address all of this by creating a place in the community for kids and families who loved LEGO and wanted to know more about robotics and engineering. Over the past five years, they have developed a high-quality, hands-on, fun-based curriculum by working with retired engineers from the automotive industry and some of the best high school robotics mentors in the world – many of whom happen to live in Michigan which now has more robotics teams than any other state. Daniel Kimura, who heads up the company’s education department, was the mentor of The International Academy’s Las Guerrillas for years and won the world championship in St. Louis with his robotics team in 2014.

The Robot Garage in Grosse Pointe Park will offer all the programs that have made the Birmingham location such a success, including birthday parties, after-school classes, summer camps, drop-in family building, and a toy shop that features a complete line of LEGO as well as other building, engineering and robotics toys. They also offer corporate team-building and field trips to hundreds of organizations in southeast Michigan and have been working with a number of Grosse Pointe schools over the years.

Summer 2015 includes three one-week sessions of camp which started Robot Discovery on July 27th, LEGO Dinosaur World on August 10th and Minecraft Camp on August 17th. The camps run Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with before and after care from 8:00 a.m to 6:30 p.m. Camps are $385 for the week, but there is a LEGO Dinosaur World movie for $299. Family members receive a 10% discount on all full-priced camps, classes and parties.

Membership is not required but it does offer great benefits to families who plan to spend a lot of time at this new location. For $99 a year, families receive a 10% discount on services as well as a free pass to The Robot Garage Drop-In Room (normally $8 per child for up to 2 hours). The Drop-In Room is open six days a week during normal business hours and includes several building and robotics stations for all ages. It’s a great place for parents and grandparents to spend some quality time with their kids too. Summer hours are Monday-Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:30 pm. We’re located at 15201 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Contact us at (313)-924-3310, or go to www.therobotgarage.com.
Pool Hours Reminder!

Windmill Pointe Park pool hours will be adjusted for the end of the season. The adjusted hours will be the following:

**August 3rd through September 4th:**
- Monday - Friday Noon - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**September 5th through September 7th:**
- (Labor Day Weekend) 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament

August 13, 14, 15, 16
$25.00 For Adults (up to 2 entries)

Open to all Grosse Pointe adult tennis players of all abilities. Registration forms are still available at Windmill Pointe Park inside gatehouse. The entry deadline is Sunday, August 9th. **Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday, August 16th.**

**Event Dates:** Thursday, August 13th through Sunday, August 16th
**Events:** Parent/Child, Women’s Open, Men’s Open, Women’s Doubles, Men’s Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Player’s must commit to play Thursday - Sunday.

Our tournament is run by Julie Miller-Jason and Nick Crandall. It is a fun, friendly and competitive event for all levels of players. **Any rain delays or postponements will be re-scheduled as soon as weather permits.**

All Pointes Family Outdoor Movie!!!

Saturday, August 15th 9:00 p.m. (dusk)
(Rain Date - Sunday, August 16th)

This joint Family Outdoor Movie event is open to all five Grosse Pointe Communities and will be held at Grosse Pointe South’s Football Field. The field opens at 7:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 9:00 p.m. Park passes are required and will be checked at the entrance on Fisher Road. "Jurassic Park” will be the featured film. The Grosse Pointe South Athletic Boosters will have the school concession stand open for refreshments. Alcohol, smoking and pets are not permitted.

ShredCorp.

Saturday, October 3rd
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
$3.00 Per Box - 5 Box Limit

ShredCorp. will be at Windmill Pointe Park to shred all of your personal papers such as bills and tax returns. Staples and paper clips DO NOT have to be removed. The only items that will NOT be accepted are hazardous waste, newspapers, x-rays, binders and computer discs. Please have your papers in a bankers box.

Saturday, August 8th
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to our last After 6 On Kercheval Event. Come hungry and ready for a fun filled evening. The Lunasol band will be performing and other activities include Sunshine Fire Entertainment, Art At EyeLevel (show/exhibit), a photo booth, Arts & Scraps, Turn of the Tide Karate Demos, Robot Garage and much more! Our food and drink vendors include:

- Pops Kettle Corn and Lemonade
- Rockafellers
- Mr. Dogz Hot Dogs
- Kona Ice/Pizza/Nacho’s
- Pierogi Gals
- Chocolate Bar Café
- Vdalish Gourmet Popsicles
- Beignets (Food Truck)
- Beer and Wine Tent
- Blue Bay Fish Market
- Smokey Joes
- Stella Baked Goods
This popular martial arts program continues another season of learning, skill development and advancement. The “Turn of the Tide” Martial Arts program teaches 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 Lavins Activity Center gymnasium. Sign up online or at the Lavins Activity Center.

“Little Dragons”: Students age 4 to 6 years old who are new to Karate and returning students.
“Mighty Vipers”: Students age 7 to 9 years old who are new to Karate and returning students.
“Peaceful Warriors”: Students 10 and up (new to Karate or returning students), or those that have attained the rank of 8th Gup Purple Belt and up.
“Pink Power”: Girls age 7 and up that are new to karate and returning students.

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

**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.

**Karate Class Schedule**

**Session I:**
- Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Sept 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 9
- Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Black/Red Belt Class - Same dates as above.
- Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors (Ages 10 & up) - Same dates as above.
- Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Mighty Vipers - Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10
- Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors (Ages 10 & up) - Same dates as above.
- Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded/Traditional Weapons - Sept 23, 30, 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11
- Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Forms Training - Same dates as above.
- Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power - Sept 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12
- Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Family Friendly Karate - Same dates as above.

**Session II:**
- Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Nov 16, 30, Dec 7, 14, Jan 4, 11, 25
- Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Black/Red Belt Class - Same dates as above.
- Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors (Ages 10 & up) - Same dates as above.
* **NO CLASS 1/18/15** (MLK Day).
- Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Mighty Vipers - Nov 17, Dec 1, 8, 15, Jan 5, 12, 19, 26
- Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors (Ages 10 & up) - Same dates as above.
- Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded/Traditional Weapons - Nov 18, Dec 2, 9, 16, Jan 6, 13, 20, 27
- Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Self Defense Training - Same dates as above.
- Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power - Nov 19, Dec 3, 10, 17, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
- Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Family Friendly Karate - Same dates as above.

**Important Karate Dates...**

**Little Dragons/Mighty Vipers/ Pink Power Testing**
December 15th
4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

**Peaceful Warriors Testing**
Monday, December 14, 2015
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Karate Olympics**
Saturday, January 30, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Parents Night/Demo Night**
Friday, April 8, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**New Class Offerings!**

**Starting with Session I, September 23, 2015!**

**Forms Training Class.** Forms training is both a mental and physical discipline. Precision, focus, self-discipline and a fighting spirit must be developed in order to master your forms. This class is designed to help you do just that!

**Starting with Session II, November 18, 2015!**

**“Self Defense Training Program”.** This program will include learning physical skills, escapes and grabs; de-escalation and assertiveness training; and dealing with bullying behavior. This eight week course will end with our “padded attacker class”. The padded attacker class allows the students to use everything they’ve learned in this program against a fully padded attacker. Everyone can benefit from this self-defense training program.
Looking for something to do? The Lavins Activity Center offers many recreational options for residents to take part in year round. The Meade Fitness Center is available for weight training and/or cardio workouts and we have an assortment of fitness classes taught in the Golden Gymnasium such as Yoga, Indoor Cycling, Zumba, etc. (see complete class list below). Also located in the Lavins Activity Center are the Okulski Family Theatre and the Carol C. Schaap Theatre for an evening out at the movies!

### Personal Training

Personal Training Sessions can be purchased at the front desk of the Lavins Center. All trainers are 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. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and state-of-the-art cardio equipment. Our Certified Personal Trainers on staff are available to provide complimentary assessment sessions to new members by appointment. Members may also purchase private Personal Training Sessions with our trainers for a more individualized weight training program.

### Membership Prices

Fitness Memberships are all-inclusive, providing access to the Meade Fitness Center and all exercise classes!

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- **One Month Trial**: $45.00
- **Day Pass**: $10.00

### The Okulski Family Theatre And Carol C. Schaap Theatre

Our theatres offer a variety of movies on the big screen. Call 822-2812 and press ext. 1, to hear the current movie titles, 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 and I.D. available for PG-13 and R rated movies.

**Ticket Prices - Okulski Family Theatre:**
- **Adults**: $7.00
- **Seniors (60 & over)**: $6.00
- **Children (12 & under)**: $6.00
- **Matinée**: $5.00

**Ticket Prices - Carol C. Schaap Theatre:**
- **Adults**: $8.00
- **Seniors (60 & over)**: $7.00
- **Children (12 & under)**: $7.00

**Matinée**: $6.00

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

### 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.

### Fitness Classes

Membership to the Fitness Center also now includes full access to all of our exercise classes. All classes are conducted in the Golden Gymnasium located on the main floor. Classes are ongoing year round, but a monthly schedule is always available in the lobby which will reflect any possible changes. Classes include the following:

- Body Sculpting
- Circuit Saturdays
- Cycle & Step
- Indoor Cycling
- Pilates
- Power Yoga
- Yoga
- Stay Strong
- Total Strength
- Zumba
Tiny Tots  
Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Tiny Tots is a developmentally based gross motor class designed for children 18-36 months old. Along with their parents, the children learn how to move in fun and challenging ways while dancing to music and playing games with new friends.

Session I:  6 Weeks $55.00  
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
September 22nd, 29th, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Session II:  6 Weeks $55.00  
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
November 10th, 17th, 24th, December 1st, 8th, 15th

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 I:  6 Weeks $55.00  
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
September 22nd, 29th, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Session II:  6 Weeks $55.00  
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
November 10th, 17th, 24th, December 1st, 8th, 15th
Camp Wind-Y-Mill  
Saturday, Sept. 12th, 2015  
Windmill Pointe Park  
$30 Per Campsite  
Registration begins on Wednesday, August 5th  

Our Fall camp out is almost here! Come to Windmill Pointe Park and rough it at our outdoor sleepover. Check in is on Saturday, September 12th at 2:00 p.m. Find your site, set up your tent and let the kids fish, play in the Park and enjoy a camping experience minutes from home. Later in the evening we will have games and our popular campfire with live music. All of the makings for s’mores will also be provided at the campfire.  
Rise and shine with the sun and with an appetite on Sunday morning and join us in the Tompkins Community Center for a wonderful breakfast. Check out time is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.  
Sites are limited, so be sure to come to the Parks and Recreation Office during office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.) to register.

Halloween In The Park  
Saturday, October 24th, 2015  
This exciting costumed event is for young children and elementary school students. The picnic grounds at Windmill Pointe Park will turn into a festive pathway of hay that leads from candy station to candy station, all decorated differently.  
Trick-or-treating begins promptly at 4:30 p.m. and will end at 6:00 p.m. Trick-or-treaters may select arrival times of 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. (Trick-or-treaters must arrive before 5:45 p.m. in order to get through all the stations.)  
Tickets MUST be purchased in advance ($7.00 per child) and will be on sale from Oct. 1st thru Oct. 23rd at the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. Tickets sold on the day of the event until 2:00 p.m. will cost $14.00 each. Every child trick-or-treating must be in a costume and accompanied by an adult. TRICK-OR-TREAT BAGS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.  

Volunteers Needed For Candy Stations!  
Sign up to have a station at Halloween In The Park!  
Use your creative talents to set up a Halloween scene with pumpkins, scarecrows, tombstones, spooky themes or characters, and other festive ideas. Candy will be provided by the Parks & Recreation Department for you to give out at your station.  
Volunteering is a great way to be part of the excitement, even if you don’t have any ghosts or goblins of your own. Please sign up to be a volunteer by October 16th. Decorating of stations will take place on the day of the event starting at 3:00 p.m. and must be completed by 4:00 p.m. A complimentary movie ticket will be given to all volunteers. If interested, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 822-2812, ext. 201.

Calendar Highlights  
A reminder of pertinent dates & events coming up in our City. Please note the dates that may be of interest to you and your family.

August 8 - Last After 6 on Kercheval from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
August 12 - Co-ed Volleyball Championship Finals  
Windmill Pointe Park at 6:30 p.m.  
August 13, 14, 15, 16 - Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament  
August 15 - All Pointes Family Outdoor Movie  
Grosse Pointe South football field at 8:00 p.m.  
August 15 - Paws In The Park  
Patterson Park 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.  

September 7 - Labor Day  
City Offices and Lavins Activity Center Closed  
Pools close at 9:00 p.m. for the season  
September 12 & 13 - Camp Wind-Y-Mill  
Windmill Pointe Park  
September 20 - Concert in the Park  
Patterson Park at 3:00 p.m.  
October 3 - Shredding Service  
Windmill Pointe Park 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
October 10 - West Park Farmers Market Last Day  
Kercheval and Wayburn 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
October 24 - Halloween in the Park  
Windmill Pointe Park 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  

Concert In The Park  
Sunday, September 20th  
3:00 pm at Patterson Park  
The “Lunasol Band”, a young Grosse Pointe Band, will share their love of music with tunes from Johnny Cash to Imagine Dragons. They will be performing from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in front of the gazebo.  
The “Whiskey Choir”, an adult band comprised of Grosse Pointe residents, will perform an eclectic mix of bluegrass/blues, folk rock and other originals from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
So bring your chairs and picnic dinners and join your neighbors for an enjoyable musical afternoon.
Upcoming Winter Activities In The Park

Skate Swap  
Monday, November 30th  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

It’s time to dust off your old ice skates, or those gently used skates that your kids have outgrown, and bring them to the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park for the Skate Swap!

Tags will be provided for each pair of skates. If your skates are not bought at the swap and you are not present, we can either return them to you or donate them. If they are purchased, you will be sent the check. If you are present, you can accept the check yourself. **All purchases must be made by check. If more than 1 pair of skates is purchased, be prepared to write a separate check for each pair.**

We will be accepting skates from now until November 27th. 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!**

Skating Lessons  
Instructors: Sharron Nelson & Christine Oster  
$45 Per Session

Classes are a half hour and held on Tuesdays. Snowplow Beginners at 4:30 p.m.; Basic Skills at 5:00 p.m.; and Adult Skate at 5:30 p.m. Sign up early since class sizes are limited for more individual attention. All skaters must have single bladed skates and proper outdoor winter attire. Helmets are required for all skating lessons.

Also, don't forget, the Lodge is available to lace up your skates or to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate, cookies, brownies, muffins or water. Details and registration for classes will be in the November Communicator.

1st Session - December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12  
2nd Session - January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 23  
*All make-ups will be on Thursdays*

Ice Rink Information

The Hutton Ice Rink will open, weather permitting, around Thanksgiving. You may call Patterson Park at (313) 822-1681 for rink updates. Skating hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily. Skaters are asked to stay to one side of the rink while skating classes are being conducted. Skaters are welcome to warm up in the Lodge or by the outdoor fireplace. Coffee, hot chocolate and snacks may be purchased at the Lodge. Lodge attendants are present Mon. – Fri. from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Sat. & Sun. from Noon – 8:00 p.m.

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

Holiday Tree Lighting And Gift Market  
Sunday, November 22nd

Mark your calendar for our Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market that will take place at Windmill Pointe Park on Sunday, November 22nd. The Gift Market will be held in the Lavins Activity Center Gymnasium from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm four hours of browsing and shopping for those hard to find gifts! The Park Café will also be in the McKeever Lounge selling hot dogs, chili and chips from 2:00 – 6:30 pm.

Santa will also be at the Lavins Activity Center taking photos with children in the lobby. (See "The Santa Experience" below and make your photo reservations early!! You’re not going to want to miss this Santa. He’s the REAL Santa!!) Santa will then receive the key to the City at our Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 pm and a school choir will perform several songs for Santa and all the residents of Grosse Pointe Park.

So start your lists, bring your neighbors and spend the entire day getting into the Christmas Spirit at the Park! Watch for more information on this event coming in the November issue of the Park Communicator!
**Community**

**News and Notes From the Public Service Department**

**Curbside Leaf Pick-Up**
Curbside leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 26th and continue until December 11th, 2015 (weather permitting). Due to equipment breakdowns & weather, there is no set schedule. Once the truck has been on your street the approximate turn around time will be 2 weeks.

**Recycling**
Put your bin, when full, at the curb or in the abutting alley by 7:00 a.m. on your weekly rubbish collection day or no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the preceding day. Recycling Bins and Toters may be purchased through the Public Service Department. Small Red Bins are $12 and Large Blue Toters are $65.

**Checklist For Preparing Recyclables**
Recyclables labeled 1-7 are suitable for curbside recycling. Items must be clean and uncontaminated. Dirty, improperly prepared or unacceptable materials will not be collected. Remove plastic tops and lids from containers and dispose of kitchen oil in your regular rubbish. Glass, tin cans, plastic and aerosol cans may be placed together in the bin. Please rinse all recyclables and flatten cans and plastics if possible. Place AAA, AA, C, D and 9-volt batteries in a clear plastic bag and put in your recycling bin. Newspapers-remove plastic bags, strings and rubber bands. Magazine, paper bags, office paper, junk mail flyers, brochures, post cards, phone books. Cardboard-(no wax coated cardboard), paperboard cereal boxes, popcorn boxes, box board, etc. (Fold, flatten or cut large boxes 2 ft. x 2ft. x 6 ft. and tie.)

**Garbage**
It is the duty of every owner of every lot or property to keep their lot or property free of rubbish and debris. Grosse Pointe Park City Code Section 12-1 states suitable garbage and rubbish receptacles shall be provided and used by the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of the premises. Landlords shall be responsible for removal of all rubbish from evictions/move outs. If you need a special pick-up, please call (313) 822-5100. All special pick ups will be charged to landlords/owners.

**Containment of Refuse**
Watertight metal or plastic containers equipped with tight fitting lids and handles sufficient to keep out water and to prevent disturbance by animals should be used. **Garbage Recipients Shall Be No More Than Thirty-Two (32) Gallon Capacity With a Maximum Of 50 Pounds Combined Weight. No Exceptions.** Toters with 90-gallon capacity can be purchased through the Public Service Department. Toters are for household rubbish only. No yard waste. No refuse container will be collected if the combined weight of the container and its contents exceeds 50 pounds except for mechanically handled containers (toters) or special pick-up items.

**Refuse**
Refuse is defined as animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of foods and all other organic matter subject to rapid decomposition, as well as cardboard, paper, cartons, boxes and ordinary wastes from residential and business establishments. It shall also include items too large for regular pick-up such as tree stumps, discarded furniture, appliances, toys, clothing and other similar materials. The Department of Public Works picks up the large items. Concrete, brick pavers, stones, logs etc. are the homeowners responsibility.

**Hazardous Waste**
Hazardous wastes need to be disposed of properly. A hazardous waste product can be toxic, flammable, corrosive or react with other substances to create harmful fumes or explosions. These products are labeled with DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, CORROSIVE or FLAMMABLE on the container.

**Yard Waste**
Yard waste is defined as garden, lawn or tree trimmings, leaves and dead garden plants from the normal household. It shall not include rubbish from the work of a landscape gardener or private companies.

**Containment Of Yard Waste**
All yard waste must be in decomposable brown paper bags or in 32 gallon containers (no lids) with handles, that have a yard waste sticker on them. If you choose to use containers, you may pick up stickers for them at the Public Service Department. Containers can be no larger than 32 gallons. Toters are not acceptable yard waste containers. Please do not place sticks, brush or weeds on top of your trash container. Improperly contained yard waste will be left at the curb.

**Brush**
Brush is described as tree and shrubbery trimmings not exceeding one inch in diameter. Brush shall be cut into 4 foot lengths and tied in bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter and no heavier than 50 lbs. Do not mix brush with yard waste. Only grass clippings can be mixed with leaves at the curb.

**Chipper Brush**
Chipper brush is defined as tree and shrubbery trimmings, cuttings, branches and limbs exceeding one inch, but not more than 5 inches in diameter, with all stumps and roots removed for disposal by the chipper machine. Length shall be 7 - 10 ft. long with stub ends to the curb for chipping. The chipper will handle branches the size of a fist. Small sticks should be broken down and put into compost containers or compost bags. The chipper will NOT pick up any small piles or pieces that are left out at the curb. Chipper brush will be chipped at the curb on or as close to your rubbish day as possible.

**Building Materials**
It shall be the duty of the owner, contractor or other person responsible for construction work to maintain the site, keep it free of excess debris during construction and to remove excess material from the premises within a reasonable time after the completion of such construction work.

**When Can Waste Containers Be Put Out?**
Waste containers shall not be placed out at the curb line for collection prior to 6:00 p.m. preceding the day of collection. Please have receptacles out by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. After receptacles are emptied, they must be removed from the street on the same day that collections are made. This includes alley pick-up.

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**Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule**

Labor Day is Monday, September 7th - No trash or recycling. All pick-ups delayed by one day for this week only.
Marina News

Weeds were cut during the first week of July throughout the marina and the weed cutter is available at any time for clearing weeds located within or near your well. For questions please call (313) 822-2812, ext. 201 or email marina@grossepointepark.org.

Important upcoming Marina dates:

- **November 1, 2015** - $200 Boat Deposits and Contracts Due.
- **November 15, 2015** - Marina Closes
- **March 15, 2016** - Boat well balances and current registration for the 2016 season due.

Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club
17th Annual Regatta

We wish to thank all those involved in making this year’s regatta such a success, especially the Park for their wonderful support.

Anyone interested in windsurfing next summer may contact Frank Murray at murwind@comcast.net or (313) 331-2125.

Sunrise Paws In The Park!
Saturday, August 15th 8:00 am – 11:00 am
(Rain Date Sunday, August 16th)

This will be our 6th annual dog friendly event benefiting the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. Patrons and their dogs can make a voluntary donation to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society upon entering Patterson Park and then take a beautiful sunrise stroll along the Park perimeter and on the George H. Helm Boardwalk. The Boardwalk is beautifully landscaped, handicapped accessible and offers a splendid view of the lake.

There will be volunteers providing bags for dog waste and offering water at water stations along the boardwalk. For more information regarding this event go to www.gpaas.org or call (313) 884-1551.

Grosse Pointe Sail Club (GPSC)

Congratulations to all the skippers and crews that participated in the Chicago and Port Huron to Mackinac races. The races are in the history books now and our Tuesday Evening Summer Race Series has resumed.

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club (GPSC) is open to everyone, whether you’re an experienced sailor or just interested in learning about sailing. If you’re interested in joining the GPSC, come down and visit us during our Tuesday evening Race Series at 1900 (7 PM) at the GPP main dock and watch the exciting start of the classes!

When our Michigan weather is less accommodating, we have Dry Dock parties in late fall and winter to reminisce about the past summer and anticipate the upcoming boating season. Whether you know how to sail or just want to have fun, the GPSC is open to all!

So if you would like to join the GPSC to enjoy the beautiful Windmill Park Pier facilities and our events, please contact Mary Beth O’Connell (mboconnell@wayne.edu) for membership information. We’re also holding a New Member’s Party on Friday, September 18.

For more up to date information on our Tuesday Night race results, GPSC Bridge members, DRYA seminars or last minute event changes or times, please visit our GPSC website: www.gpsc.org.

Upcoming GPSC Events (August ~ October)

- GRYA/GPSC Regatta (Saturday August 15)
- Tuesday Evening Summer Race Series (July 28 ~ September 18)
- Lady’s Race & party (Sunday, August 30)
- Tuesday Evening Fall Race Series (September 1 ~ 29)
- GPSC Frostbite Race & Chili party (Sunday, October 4)
- New Member Party (Friday, September 18)
- GPSC Lobster Roast-reservations required (Saturday, October 17)

Grosse Pointe 2015 Mutants
Swim Team

Congratulations to the Grosse Pointe Park Mutants swim team on a successful season! The team took 2nd place in the Lakefront Swim Association Finals.

No Engine Initiative

The Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank all of our residents who participated in our 5th Annual No-Engine Initiative which took place May 23rd - June 23rd. We had over 2,600 participants. We would also like to thank all of our sponsors who generously donated our fantastic prizes!

Congratulations to our winners: Jeane Boci, Mark Corrion, Dennis Demmer, Elizabeth Junker, Mike LeVan, Janet Livingston, Paul Malefy, Wendy Matthews, Kevin Meeks, Arinda Mele, Olivia Oestreich, Parv Trivedi, Elizabeth Vassel and Brent Wilson.
**Dinner With Mary Lou**

Mary Lou Muer and area restaurants will provide Park residents with an “all you can eat” signature dish, complete with salad and fresh baked rolls. The dinners are held in the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park on movie nights for those who wish to do dinner and a movie. This is a great way to dine with old friends and to make new ones! The dates for the upcoming “Dinner Nights” are:

- **Tuesday, October 20th** at 5:30 p.m.  
  **Cabbage Patch Café - Chicken Piccata**

- **Tuesday, November 17th** at 5:30 p.m.  
  **Harvard Grill - Pot Roast & Mashed Potatoes**

Coffee & water will be provided. Tickets are $12 per adult and $10 per child 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call Chris at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201, or send an email to DelmegeC@grossepointepark.org. Tickets sell out quickly, so make your reservations early!

**Election Calendar**

- **October 5** - Last day to register to vote in Nov. 3 election.
- **October 31** - Last day absentee ballot can be mailed from City Hall at 2:00 p.m. (City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
- **November 2** - Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.
- **November 3** - General Election. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- **November 3** - Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Donna Costa at 822-4380 or costadm@grossepointepark.org. To print out a Voter Registration form and/or Absentee Ballot Application, go to www.grossepointepark.org under “City Clerk”, “Voting”.

**Arbor Day Contest Winners**

At the April 27th City of Grosse Pointe Park city council meeting, the annual City Beautification Commission’s Arbor Day poster contest winners were announced. Emma Joyal from Maire School was the grand prize winner, receiving a check for $75. The four runners up received a $25 check each. They were: Emily Forbes, Maire School; Luke Willson, Maire School; Sienna Clark, Trombley School and Ema Ellefson, Defer School. Pictured with the winners are Beautification Commissioners Pat Deck and President Bob Ramsey.

Also, The City of Grosse Pointe Park was designated “Tree City USA” for the 32nd consecutive year, by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In addition, Grosse Pointe Park was one of only three cities, villages or townships in the entire state to be awarded the prestigious “Growth Award” by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA Growth Award is awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation to recognize higher levels of tree care that go above and beyond the criteria needed to qualify for “Tree City USA”.

**Voter Information**

- **Precinct 1 & 2**  
  Trombly Elementary School  
  820 Beaconsfield

- **Precinct 3**  
  Municipal Building  
  15115 E. Jefferson Ave.

- **Precinct 4 & 7**  
  Pierce Middle School  
  15430 Kercheval

- **Precinct 5 & 6**  
  Defer Elementary School  
  15425 Kercheval

Reminder: New voters and voters wishing to receive an absentee ballot must register in person at City Hall or any Michigan Secretary Of State office.

**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.