New! Adult Indoor Dodgeball

The Parks and Recreation Department is now offering an indoor coed dodgeball league. This league will provide exciting, fast-paced exercise and a whole lot of fun! Applications and a $70 team fee are due by Wednesday, January 6th at noon, or until the 8 team maximum league limit is met. No late applications will be accepted.

Players aged 18 and older may have up to 10 people on their roster, with 6 people playing at a time. Play is on Monday or Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Teams will play the best out of 11 games and will be self-refereed with playoffs.

Play begins Monday, January 11 through Wednesday March 2nd with playoffs the week of March 7th. No dodgeball the week of February 15th.

Interested teams can pick up an application at the Lavins Activity Center or online at www.grossepointepark.org and turn it in with your check for $70 made out to “The City of Grosse Pointe Park”. Mandatory captains’ meeting on Thursday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Lavins Activity Center gym.

If you don’t have an entire dodgeball or volleyball team to play, but would like to participate, sign up as a single in the Lavins Activity Center and we will try to place you on a team.

New! Adult Indoor Volleyball

The Parks and Recreation Department is now offering an indoor coed volleyball league. Applications and a $70 team fee are due by Wednesday, January 6th at noon, or until the 8 team maximum league limit is met. No late applications will be accepted.

This fun activity for players 18 and older will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. beginning on January 12th and run through March 3rd with playoffs the week of March 7th. No volleyball the week of February 15th. Teams are allowed 10 people per team with 6 players on the court at a time.

Interested teams can pick up an application at the Lavins Activity Center or online at www.grossepointepark.org and turn it in with your check for $70 made out to “The City of Grosse Pointe Park”. Mandatory captains’ meeting on Thursday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lavins Activity Center gym.

Police Department Promotes Officers

On October 1, 2015 the Police Department promoted two officers to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Jeff Longo (on the left) a 23 year member of the Department has been a patrol Sergeant for seven years as well as a field training officer and an EMT. Lieutenant Jim Bostock (on the right) has been a patrol Sergeant for three years as well as a member of the Youth Services unit and a firearms range instructor. Both officers will be assigned to road patrol.

“I am extremely proud of these guys” said Chief Hiller. They were the top two finishers in the promotional process which was extensive. The dedication and commitment shown by these officers to accomplish this is another example of the outstanding officers that work for Grosse Pointe Park.

Chief Dave Hiller (center) should also be mentioned as he will be retiring in December after 44 years of dedicated service. He began his career with the City of Grosse Pointe Park in 1972, earning promotions up through the Director’s position, becoming Sergeant in 1982, and then Chief in 1988. He is also the National Vice President of the Fraternal Order of Police. We wish him all the best and give him a heartfelt thank you for his years of hard work and dedication to our City.
Park Hours

Patterson Park
8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Thanksgiving / Christmas Day Hours
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ice Rink & Sledding Hill Hours
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Windmill Pointe Park
8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Closed Thanksgiving & 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
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Municipal Court: 313-822-3535
City Forester: 313-822-6200 (ext. 271)

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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 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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Report From the Mayor Pro-Tem
Bob Denner

As many of you know, I have been on City Council for twelve years and I currently serve as Mayor Pro-Tem of our great City. With the retirement of Mayor Greg Theokas in November, I will be sworn in as your Mayor, as I am unopposed on the November ballot. I am humbled and truly appreciate your confidence and support.

Grosse Pointe Park is on a roll! Palmer Heenan and Greg Theokas have been your tireless leaders for over three decades. They formed a terrific team, with Greg working closely with Mayor Heenan from the beginning of his almost 32 years as Mayor. Recent Communicator articles and press reports highlight some of the City’s progress on their watch and it is most impressive. I pledge to do my very best to continue the positive momentum and energy in both our residential neighborhoods and commercial districts.

I would like to re-introduce myself to you as I prepare to take on my new responsibilities as your Mayor. Nancy and I have been married for 40 years. We have two sons and both are raising their families in Grosse Pointe Park. We also have three grandsons. The oldest has started kindergarten at Defer. He is the fourth generation to attend Defer, as our sons, Nancy, and Nancy’s father all attended Defer. Our family roots are deep in Grosse Pointe Park, and our family commitment to the City continues to grow.

I am retired as a management and technology consultant from the global firm of Accenture, where I was responsible for our Detroit location and our automotive practice. I have a BSIE (Industrial Engineering) and an MBA from the University of Michigan.

I am pleased to report that our City is in good health. Property values are rising, we enjoy low crime rates and unequaled amenities in our parks. My special thanks to retiring Director of Public Safety Dave Hiller for an outstanding job over his 44 years of service to our community. We also welcome Steve Poloni as our new Director effective at the end of this year.

The recent addition of the Carol C. Schaap Theater, the success of our Market Square and the fun of riding the trolley are evidence of our continued progress. We have many thriving local businesses, including those recently opened: Gallery Animato on Charlevoix, Bootleggers on Mack, and Robot Garage, Savvy Chic and Duffey & Co. on Kercheval.

There will always be new ideas and improvements and I am excited to pursue them for our residents to ensure we continue to be the best place to live and raise a family. If you have thoughts to share with me, please send an email to dennerb@grossepointepark.org. I look forward to seeing you around our wonderful community!

Rockefellers Oyster Bar & Grill

Rockefellers has been open for about a year now and word is out that they serve up some of the eastside’s freshest steaks, seafood, sushi and oysters! Owner Jai-Lee Dearing clearly knows what he’s doing and says he’s had many years of experience simply because his family has been in the Detroit restaurant business for almost 100 years! He’s a fourth generation entrepreneur. In fact, his family still owns a restaurant in Detroit’s Eastern Market. Even as a kid he sold popcorn across from Hart Plaza at a popcorn cart that his dad bought him.

Jai-Lee and his wife, Shellina, now live in Grosse Pointe and their four kids attend Grosse Pointe South High School. He loves spending time at home with his family and he also simply loves serving people and making them smile. He hopes to make Rockefellers a number one restaurant destination on the eastside. He’s well on his way to doing just that!

Rockefeller’s is located at 15402 Mack Avenue. They offer whole lobster every Monday night and a fantastic Sunday brunch. Their Happy Hour, Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, is a great way to unwind at the end of a long day and they even have live music in their lounge 7 nights a week. Onsite and offsite catering is available as well for special occasions.

Bootleggers Pig & Whiskey Bar

As if Jai-Lee didn’t have enough on his plate already, he also just recently opened up Bootleggers Pig & Whiskey Bar. Located just down the street from Rockefeller’s, it’s already a hot spot to hit. The delicious smell of hickory smoked BBQ will lure you through the door before you know what hit you. They offer grilled and slow smoked St. Louis ribs, beef brisket and chicken, all cooked in their own homemade BBQ sauce. Then there’s the beverage selection to knock your socks off. They have over 20 draft beers, the majority of which are Michigan craft beers, along with over one hundred Kentucky Bourbons, Tennessee Whiskey and Single-Malt Scotch-es. So now you’ve got two good reasons to drop in and see Jai-Lee soon!!
2015 Co-ed Volleyball Champions

“FMC Ballbusters”
Recreational League Champs

“Game of Throws”
Competitive League Champs

Recreational League Champions:
Chad Stencel, Jenna Stencel, Vanessa McComb,
Robert Hayes, Natalie Roberts, Kyle Mylrea

Competitive League Champions (Left to Right):
Cauli Bedran, Sebastian Rzepa, Alex Bordyukov,
Andrea Devlin, Kelly MacKinnon, Alessandra Arbex

2015 Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament Champions

The Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament took place August 13th - 16th. Julie Miller-Jason and Nicholas Crandall ran a tremendous tournament!

Men’s Singles Champion
Victor Flynn

Women’s Singles Champion
Morgan Flournoy

Men’s Doubles Champions
Ryan Leslie
Matt Halso

Mixed Doubles Champions
Matt Halso
Morgane Flournoy

Women’s Doubles Champions
Jennifer Blanzy
Mary Beth Garvey

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

Session III: 6 Weeks $55.00
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th

Payment at sign-up required for all classes. Don’t forget - online sign-up is available!

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 $55.00
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
November 10th, 17th, 24th, December 1st, 8th, 15th

Session III: 6 Weeks $55.00
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th
Karate For Kids
Instructor: Lisa Santi
$60.00 Per Class

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 who are new to karate and returning students.

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.

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.

Self-Defense Class Open to All

During Session II, starting on Wednesday November 18th, Turn of the Tide Martial Arts is offering a Self-Defense Enrichment Class for their students and the GPP community. This class is open to anyone 12 years old and up wishing to learn valuable self-protection skills.

In this 8 week course participants will learn how to defend against holds from the front, back, side and pinned on the ground. The (4) As of Self Defense will be covered along with de-escalation and assertiveness skills to give participants tools to deal with self-defense situations. Class will end with students having the opportunity to safely face our fully padded attacker and put everything that they have learned in this session to use. The class will be taught by Instructor Santi and Sensei Marino Santi.

Karate Class Schedule

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 1/18/16 (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.

Session III:

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Feb 1, 8, 22, 29, Mar 7, 14, 21, April 4
Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Black/Red Belt Class - Same dates as above.
Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Mighty Vipers - Feb 2, 9, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Padded/Traditional Weapons - Feb 3, 10, 24, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, April 6
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Martial Arts Enrichment Class - Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power - Feb 4, 11, 25, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Family Friendly Karate - Same dates as above.
Lavins Activity Center

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!

**Fitness Center Hours**

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

**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.

**Fitness Classes**

Membership to the Fitness Center also includes full access to all of our exercise classes. Most classes are conducted in the Golden Gymnasium located on the main floor and yoga classes are held in the McKeever Lounge. 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
- Booty Blast BAR
- NEW Chair Yoga
- Circuit Saturdays
- Cycle & Step
- Indoor Cycling
- Yoga
- NEW Tai Chi
- Total Strength
- Zumba

**Membership Prices**

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

- **Quarterly**
  - Adults (Ages 19-59): $135.00
  - Students (Ages 16 - 25): $100.00
  - Seniors (Ages 60 & Up): $100.00
  - Couple: $190.00
  - Senior Couple: $155.00
- **Annual**
  - Adults (Ages 19-59): $400.00
  - Students (Ages 16 - 25): $295.00
  - Seniors (Ages 60 & Up): $295.00
  - Couple: $650.00
  - Senior Couple: $435.00

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

**Ticket Prices - Carol C. Schaap Theatre:**

- Adults: $8.00
- Children (12 & under): $7.00
- Seniors (60 & over): $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.

**Holiday New Membership Special!!**

Starting November 1st through January 31st all NEW memberships will be 25% off! That's our gift to you during the toughest months of the year! We’ll help you stay in shape while you enjoy the holidays. So come in soon and get a jump on that New Year's resolution!
New Classes
At the Lavins Center!

Chair Yoga - Mondays at 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
Tai Chi - Fridays at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

We have two new classes that have been added to our Fitness Class schedule! All of our classes are fit for all levels of ability, but if you have physical limitations or chronic issues such as arthritis, you may want to come try one or both of these classes. Both classes will help you experience a new connection to your body by stretching and strengthening the major muscle groups in a slower, gentler way.

Have You Heard
About “EFT”?
Taught by Cathy Holland, RN
Saturday, November 14th at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. or
Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
$30 Per Session

Emotional Freedom Technique or “EFT” is an amazing tool to facilitate the release of physical pain, emotional pain, performance anxiety in sports, school and every aspect of your life. It can release the burden of many challenging emotions in adults, children and even pets. EFT uses the traditional acupressure points that are thousands of years old and the techniques are simple to learn. Instead of needles, the finger tips tap specific points to accomplish the desired outcome. EFT is being taught around the world with enormous success. Weight loss, smoking cessation and achieving personal goals are some of the things for which EFT can dissolve barriers. It has even been successful in helping children with school challenges, including bullying. Join us for a fun two hours as this marvelous technique, with no known negative effects, is explored! Pre-register by calling (313) 822-2812, Ext. 300.

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 will be 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 make new ones! The dates for the upcoming dinners are:

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

Tuesday, January 19th at 5:30 p.m.
Cornwall Bakery - Soups and Breads

Tuesday, February 16th at 5:30 p.m.
Antonio’s In The Park - Pasta

Tuesday, March 15th at 5:30 p.m.
Bootleggers Pig & Whiskey Bar - Sliders

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!

Daddy/Daughter Date Night
Monday, February 8th
Featured Film “Inside Out”

Mother/Son Date Night
Wednesday, February 10th
Featured Film “Big Hero 6”

$12.00 ($6.00 for each additional child)

Come have your very own night at the movies together. Package includes complimentary popcorn and beverage as well as a special photo of the two of you to remember your special night together! Arrive at 6:00 p.m. Movie starts at 6:30 p.m. Children must be 5 years of age or older to attend.

West Park Farmers Market
A huge thank you to everyone who supported the West Park Farmers Market this year! See you all next year on Opening Day, Saturday, June 4, 2016. Next year the Market will return to the Kercheval In The Park business district!!

Marina Notes

Dates to Remember:

November 1, 2015  2016 Deposit Payments Due
November 15, 2015  Marina Closes
March 15, 2016  Balance on Boat Wells Due
April 15, 2016  Marina Opens

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.
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! We will be accepting skates from now until November 29th. 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 (parking lot side) while skating classes are being conducted on Tuesdays. 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).

Skating Lessons
Instructors: Sharron Nelson & Christine Oster

Classes are $45 for five 30 minute classes offered on Tuesdays. 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 children in all skating lessons.

Tuesday Classes
Session I December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12
Session II January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 23

Snowplow Beginners - Ages 3-6 4:30 – 5:00 pm (10 Skaters Max.) Getting comfortable on the ice for the first time!

Basic Skills Skaters - Ages 7-10 5:00 – 5:30 pm (15 Skaters Max.) Must be comfortable with the basic forward and backward glide, snow plow stop, rocking horse, dip, getting up, swizzles, jumping and marching.

Adult Skaters - 18 & Older 5:30 – 6:00 pm Basic skills for all levels.

ALL MAKE-UP DAYS WILL BE ON THURSDAYS

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.
- In case of an emergency, contact the gate guard.
- Rule breakers will be escorted from the Park.

Remember, the Lindell Lodge will host our Skate Swap on Monday, November 30th and it serves as a warming hut for skaters all winter long. Stop in for a cup of hot chocolate and a snack!

For a listing of upcoming Parks and Recreation events, classes, facility rentals, etc., visit our website at www.grossepointepark.org
**Adult Golf Instruction**

Instructor: Matt Bodde, Golf Pro, Country Club of Detroit

Tuesday Evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

5 Classes - $70.00

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! (Online registration is now available.)

Session I: Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar 1
Session II: Mar 22, 29, Apr 5, 12, 19

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**Calendar Highlights**

A reminder of pertinent dates & events coming up in our City.

- **November 3**  Election Day
  Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

- **November 11**  Veterans Day
  City Offices Closed

- **November 22**  Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market
  2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- **November 26**  Thanksgiving Day
  Windmill Pointe Park Closed
  Patterson Park open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- **November 26 & 27**  Thanksgiving Holiday
  City Offices Closed

- **December 4**  Lunch with Santa
  Tompkins Community Center

- **December 22**  Lavins Activity Center
  Closed from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- **December 24-25**  Christmas Holiday
  City Offices Closed

- **December 24**  Lavins Activity Center
  Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- **December 25**  Christmas Holiday
  Lavins Activity Center Closed

- **Dec. 31 - Jan. 1**  Happy New Year 2016!
  City Offices Closed

- **December 31**  New Year's Eve
  Lavins Activity Center open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- **January 1**  New Year's Day
  Lavins Activity Center Closed

- **February 6**  Chilly-Fest Noon - 4:00 p.m.
  Windmill Pointe Park (Trolley Ride to Patterson)

- **February 8 & 10**  Date Nights - 6:00 p.m.
  Lavins Activity Center - Okulski Family Theatre

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**Afternoon Out Is Back!**

Come join us for a FREE movie twice a month on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. It’s just a nice way to spend the afternoon! This year the movies will be held in the new Carol C. Schaap Theatre.

- **Nov. 18**  To Sir, With Love (1967 starring Sidney Poitier & Lulu; 105 min.)
- **Dec. 2**  Meet Me In St. Louis (1944 starring Judy Garland & Margaret O’Brien; 113 min.)
- **Dec. 16**  White Christmas (1954 Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye & Rosemary Clooney; 120 min.)
- **Jan. 13**  The Graduate (1967 Dustin Hoffman & Anne Bancroft; 106 min.)
- **Jan. 27**  The Way We Were (1973 Barbara Streisand & Robert Redford; 118 min.)
- **Feb. 10**  Outlaw Jose Wales (1976 Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George & Sondra Locke; 135 min.)
- **Feb. 24**  Arthur (1981 Dudley Moore & Liza Minelli; 97 min.)
- **March 9**  Sophie's Choice (1982 Meryl Streep & Kevin Kline; 157 min.)
- **March 23**  A River Runs Through It (1992 Brad Pitt & Tom Skerritt; 123 min.)
- **April 13**  Dirty Dancing (1987 Jennifer Grey & Patrick Swayze; 97 min.)

*Park Café Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. Details in next issue.*

For more information, call the Lavins Activity Center at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.
NOTICE TO TENANTS & BUSINESS OWNERS

Beginning November 15, 2015 tenants and business owners can apply for their 2016 Park Passes. As a reminder, the Park Pass season begins January 1, 2016 and ends December 31, 2016.

Current NON-HOMEOWNER Park Passes expire December 31, 2015.

Please Note: In order for tenants to receive Park Passes, the landlord must verify tenancy and have valid rental Certificates of Occupancy and Business Licenses. Business Owners are required to have valid Business Licenses and Commercial Certificates of Occupancy.

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 26, 2015 until December 11, 2015 (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.

2015 Election Calendar

October 31, 2015  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 2, 2015  Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

November 3, 2015  Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

November 3, 2015  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.
**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.

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**Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule**

- **Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26**
  ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY
- **Christmas Day - Friday, December 25**
  ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY
- **New Year's Day - Friday, January 1**
  ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY

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**Trolley Holiday Light Tour**

Experience the decorations and lights of our community and the neighboring Grosse Pointes from The Trolley! A perfect family event to enhance your excitement for the Holiday Season. Arrive and depart from the Patterson Park Parking Lot.

**Time:** 6:15 p.m. will allow you time to get your cup of hot chocolate and cookie from the Lindell Lodge. The trolley tour leaves promptly at 6:30 p.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m.

**Days:** Tuesday, December 8, Thursday, December 10 and Saturday, December 12.

**Tickets:** $5.00 each. Register and pay at the main counter at Grosse Pointe Park's City Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

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**Welcome To Your Mini Library!**

Located at Windmill Pointe Park, between the inside gatehouse and the Lavins Activity Center entrance, this Mini Library is a “take a book, leave a book” gathering place where Park residents can share their favorite literature and stories. The Mini Library is essentially a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book or two and bring back another book to share.

Thank you to the Grosse Pointe Rotary members who built the unit, the Chamber of Commerce who promoted it and the Library Foundation who keep it stocked!

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**New Piece of Playground Equipment**

A big thank you to Park resident Tina Weiksnar, her husband Gordon Richardson and daughters Sophia and Nadia, who donated a new piece of playground equipment at Patterson Park called a “Ten Spin” which accommodates up to 10 children and rotates and whirls in a circular motion. Be sure to take it for a spin!
**Taste of Grosse Pointe**

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation continues its fund raising efforts to provide future enhancements to benefit all residents in the community. As a thank you to all contributing Foundation members, the Foundation is presenting its annual “Taste of Grosse Pointe” event at the Tompkins Community Center on Tuesday, December 1st 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**

**Sunday, November 22nd**

**Windmill Pointe Park**

This year the Gift Market will again be in the Lavins Activity Center Gymnasium. Doors will open for shopping at 2:00 p.m. and remain open until 6:00 p.m. Some of the vendors are: Thirty One Gifts, Kaleidoscope, Village Wine Shop, Wild Tree Products, Toffee Gourmet, Skirt Socks, Repurpose Detroit and Cheryl's Boutique. Items for purchase are: home goods, jewelry, soy candles, pashminas, books, holiday wine, pillow cases, gourmet toffee and much more!

Santa will be busy at the Lavins Activity Center with his "Santa Experience", then he will join us for the tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Pierce's student choir, led by vocal music director Heather Albrecht, will perform holiday songs.

The Park Café will be in the McKeever Lounge selling hot dogs, soup, chili, apple cider and chips from 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. Come spend the entire evening getting into the Christmas Spirit at the Park!

**Lunch With Santa**

**Saturday, December 5th**

**Tompkins Community Center**

Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children of Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 5th. Santa will be here all afternoon, so we have scheduled three different times for lunch. The children will create a Christmas ornament, visit with Santa and receive a coloring book and crayons.

In order for each child to have an intimate experience with Santa Claus, we can only accommodate 25 children per lunch time. Lunch times are: 10:30 – 11:30 am; Noon – 1:00 pm; and 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Lunch will consist of pizza, chips, Jell-O, cookies, milk and, of course, a candy cane from Santa!

Reservations will start November 2nd and will be taken until December 4th or until capacity is reached. Price per child is $6 and $5 per attending adult. Please make your reservations early at the Parks & Recreation Office at Windmill Pointe Park. Parents, please bring your cameras to take photos of this momentous occasion!

**2016 Chilly Fest!**

**Saturday, February 6th**

**Noon – 4:00 pm**

**Windmill Pointe Park**

Come join us at Windmill Pointe Park for lots of outdoor and indoor fun! Events will include:

- Snowman Building and Snowball Target Throw
- S’more Station
- Four Wheel Saucer Rides
- Ice Fishing
- “Funny Faces” Face Painting
- Balloon Artist
- Inflatable Bounce Houses
- Snow Hill
- Lavins Center Spa! Chair Massage and Nail Services
- Park Café – Purchase chili, hot dogs and all the fixings at the Tompkins Center

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