After 6 On Kercheval

Mark your calendars for our last After 6 on Kercheval event of the summer on Saturday, August 20th from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Come hungry and ready to have a fun filled family evening. “Mainstream Drive” will be the featured band that evening and other activities will include: “Sunshine Fire Entertainment”, the “Jumpin’ All-Stars Jump Rope Team”, the “Saline Twirlettes” baton twirling performance and the “Uproar” carnival ride, just to name a few. All of the Park restaurants on Kercheval will stay open. Also on hand will be Pop’s Kettle Corn and Lemonade, Rockefeller’s Oyster Bar, Bootleggers Pig & Whiskey Bar, Kona Ice, Peoples Pierogi Collective, GoCheez Food Truck, plus a beer, wine and water tent. Specialty vendors will also be lining the street with items such as purses, jewelry, furniture, clothes, knick knacks, henna tattoos and many other interesting items for purchase. Plan on coming with your family and friends and we’ll see you After 6 on Kercheval!

Park Market Update

The Grosse Pointe Park “Park Market”, sponsored by Beaumont Health System, is in full swing and half way through the 2016 season. This is the best time of year 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 caught fish from the waters of the Upper Peninsula, breads and baked goods, honey, butter, eggs and fresh organic maple syrup. In addition to vendors selling quality grocery type foods, there is a plethora of vendors selling everything from essential oils and body products to candles and other boutique items, logo hats and t-shirts and even painted furniture. The Market also has food vendors to satisfy even the hungriest customer with items such as cheeseburgers, hotdogs, salads, snow cones and even cotton candy to satisfy your sweet tooth. We also have breakfast items such as hot coffee and muffins. New to the Market this year is our “Special Events” which are featured every Saturday throughout the season. Vendors and the Special Events are set up in Market Square, as well as along both sides of Kercheval. The Market is open every Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and will run through September 24th. Check out the City Website and the City’s new Facebook page for information regarding the Market and all of our Special Events.
**Park Hours**  
(After Labor Day)

**Patterson Park**
8:00 a.m. to Dusk

**Windmill Pointe Park**
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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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 ambiance. The garden patio has an awning that is in place from May to November. The Center's capacity is 120 people. Currently, 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, MP3 hookup and WiFi. Remember, during the month of October, there will be renovations consisting of one large kitchen, an expanded office and relocation of restrooms.

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

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

**The 2017 Tompkins Community Center prices will be:**

- **Weekdays**: $300
- **Fri., Sat., Sun. Rentals**: $400 (**Memorial Day - Labor Day $650**)
- **Weddings or Wedding Receptions**: $750 (**Memorial Day - Labor Day $850**)
- **Monday - Thursday Hourly Rate**: $60 (up to 4 hours maximum)

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**Grosse Pointe Park Communicator**

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**Report From the Mayor**

Bob Denner

I hope you are having a terrific summer and are taking advantage of the many amenities and programs offered in our parks, the Saturday Park Market and the After 6 on Kercheval events. While summer is still our focus, it is time to start planning your fall activities. This edition of the Communicator includes the many programs for fall developed by your hard working Parks and Recreation staff, ably led by Director Terry Solomon.

Street resurfacing is continuing and affects several streets both north and south of Jefferson. Streets affected are listed on the City’s website at grossepointepark.org. The process includes a number of steps that require several weeks to complete. First the old surface is milled off, curb work follows. After any needed roadbed repairs, a base course is placed which provides a driving surface in the interim until a final wearing course is applied. The street resurfacing is part of a five-year program begun last year and funded by a dedicated road millage approved by the voters.

Plans are still on target for a needed remodeling of the Tompkins Center this fall. This includes upgrades to restrooms and the catering kitchen, and improved doors and view on the lake side of building. The project is entirely funded by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

The Ordinance Review Committee recommended four updates to our City Charter that were approved by City Council and will appear on the November ballot. These include eliminating two obsolete sections, updating the Charter limits on Municipal Judge compensation from 1988 dollars to 2016 dollars, and requiring one regular meeting of the City Council each month while allowing for multiple special meetings when needed. Please review these proposals carefully when you vote in November.

I touched on the challenge of Municipal Finance in my spring column, noting that the revenue reductions and limitations related to State Shared Revenue, the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A have placed severe restrictions on the City’s ability to provide the services our residents expect while still meeting our long term pension obligations. Over the past ten years, the City’s administration has reduced full time staff from 85 positions to the current 65 positions to cope with this reality. Further adding to this challenge has been the disappointing financial performance of the City’s pension fund. The fund, which is independently managed by the Michigan Employee Retirement System (MERS), has required significant increases in our annual required employer contributions. In response to these escalating costs, the City has actively cut benefits in both its pension program and health insurance programs.

However, employer contributions are projected by MERS to continually rise to restore adequate pension funding.

It is anticipated, although not finalized at this writing, that a request for a new millage will be placed before the voters in November. The focus of the new millage will likely be to support Public Safety, as this important department has the largest share of current personnel costs and the majority of long term pension obligations. Additional revenue will support maintaining staffing levels, making necessary equipment updates and meeting our legacy obligations, while the administration works to mitigate and restructure these long-term costs.

It should be noted that we are sensitive to protecting our resident’s personal budgets, and several special purpose millage collections will expire over the next few years that will reduce tax bills. These include a special Wayne County Levy of .97 mills in 2016, payment of the Lavers Center bond of .35 mills in 2018, and payment of the storm sewer separation bond averaging 2.55 mills in 2019.

A more detailed analysis, prepared by the City Manager and City Finance Director, appears in the article below. We are not happy to have to bring this situation to your attention, however it does reflect the reality of the challenges to municipal finance across Michigan.

If you have thoughts to share with me, please send an email to dennerb@grossepointepark.org. Have a great late summer and fall and I look forward to seeing you around the community.

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City Seeks to Replace Revenue Losses

The City of Grosse Pointe Park strives to serve our citizens with the highest quality of service and integrity. In order to maintain its level of services provided, tough decisions have to be made. In light of declining property tax and state shared revenues, the City Council is considering taking action to create a Public Safety Millage for the November 8, 2016 election. The purpose behind this millage would be to maintain police, fire and emergency service staffing levels, replace obsolete equipment and or purchase new equipment (ex: body cameras, radios, computers, fire turnout gear), infrastructure updates to Public Safety and reduce long-term legacy costs.

In the past 10 years and as a result of the 2008 recession, the City has had a significant decrease in annual property tax revenues. For example, the City’s 2008 revenues were $650,000 more than current collections (see graph). Furthermore, since 2002 the State of Michigan’s state shared revenues dropped in excess of $400,000 for Grosse Pointe Park. As a result, the City has experienced a loss of revenues of over $1,050,000. Compounding this loss of revenue, the City has been greatly challenged by significant increases in its required pension contributions to the Michigan Employee Retirement System (MERS) as a result of disappointing investment returns following the 2008 recession.

The current Fiscal Year budget of June 2017 adopted by the City Council, required the use of significant reserves to meet the total general operating expenditures for the year. The City cannot rely on its limited reserves to fund operating costs. To offset revenue losses over the last 10 years, the City reduced 20 fulltime staff positions, eliminated family health care coverage at retirement for employees, reduced pension benefits and elimination of health insurance coverage at retirement for all employees hired within the last 3 years.

In summary, the City must consider a request for additional millage, to maintain our capital current staffing levels, further the opportunity to replace or purchase new equipment and infrastructure repairs costs. On a positive note residents’ out of pocket costs will be offset with the retirement of bonds in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for which payments totaling $1,655,000 are currently collected with our property taxes. Updates will be provided as we move forward on this process.

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**Tax Revenue of Grosse Pointe Park**

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**Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament**

This tournament is open to adult tennis players from all five of the Grosse Pointes. Players of any ability may register for $25 (up to 2 entries). Registration forms are available at the Windmill Pointe Park inside gatehouse. The entry deadline is Sunday, August 7th. **Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday, August 14th.**

**Event Dates:** Thursday, August 11th through Sunday, August 14th  
**Events:** Parent/Child, Women's Open, Men's Open, Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Player’s must fully commit to play the entire tournament, Thursday - Sunday.

The Park 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.**

**Adult Indoor Dodgeball**

The Parks and Recreation Department will again be offering an indoor 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, September 7th at noon, or until the 6 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 with playoffs and will be self-refereed. Play begins Monday, September 12 through Wednesday, November 2 with playoffs on Monday, November 7, 9 and 14. (No dodgeball on Halloween, October 31.)

Interested teams can pick up an application at the Lavins Activity Center, inside gatehouse, Parks & Rec office 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, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lavins Activity Center gym.

**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 15th through September 5th:**  
Weekdays Noon - 9:00 p.m.  
Weekends & Labor Day Holiday 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

Pink Power Class!
The “Pink Power” class is strictly for girls ages 7 and up. 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.

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: Sparring, Forms and Testing Prep, Self Defense and Testing Prep. 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.

New Class Offerings!
Martial Arts Fitness Class. This class is open to all ages regardless of whether or not you are participating in the karate program (anyone welcome). Improve your fitness by learning the kicking and striking techniques used in the martial arts. This is a fun class set to music with a new self-defense skill taught each week. If you don't want the commitment of a Karate Class, but would love to learn some basic self-defense while improving your fitness, this class is for you!
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

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Personal Training

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

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Meade Fitness Center

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, the Meade Fitness Center is a great place to burn a few calories and 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 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
- Booty Blast BAR
- Circuit Saturdays
- Cycle & Step
- Indoor Cycling
- Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Total Strength
- Zumba

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.

Membership Prices

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

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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
- Matinée - $5.00

**Ticket Prices - Carol C. Schaap Theatre:**
- Adults - $8.00
- Children (12 & under) - $7.00
- Matinée - $6.00

**Note:** THE MOVIES START ON TIME!

So get here early to get your snacks and seats!
Health & Healing Classes  
Presented by Cathy Holland  
$30 Per Class  
(NOTE: Pre-Registration With Payment must be done at least 24 hours in advance.)

What is Reiki?  
Tuesday, September 27th – 1:00 – 3:00 pm OR 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
McKeever Lounge

Cathy Holland RN, BS, Reiki Master and holistic nurse, will offer an introduction to the concept of Reiki. You may have heard or read about it, or even experienced it. Join us in this class to explore in greater detail the definition of Reiki and how it can benefit you, and enjoy the journey into understanding more of what it is and how it may help you, your family and friends.

What is EFT?  
Tuesday, October 11th – 1:00 – 3:00 pm OR 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
McKeever Lounge

EFT or Emotional Freedom Technique is an easy to learn, easy to use tool. Everything from physical pain to emotional challenges can be reduced or eliminated by using EFT. You will tap (with your own fingers) on specific meridian points on the head, torso and wrists to facilitate implementing this technique. EFT can also be especially effective for healing feelings from being bullied. Join us for two hours of learning, sharing and healing.

By now you may have heard of the benefits of essential oils in everyday living. In these mini-sessions you can experience them for yourself right here in the Lavins Center. For a limited time we are offering "Make and Take" classes using essential oils to create common products while you learn more about incorporating them into a healthier lifestyle. There is no charge for attending class, and you will have the option of bringing your own materials and oils. A materials list will be provided before each class should you wish to do so. Also, we will have complete assembly kits and oils available for purchase in the classroom. No chemicals? No problem!

Session Topics will be the following:

Session I: After Sun Spray, Bug Spray and Pet Spray  
Date: Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Session II: Foot Soak, Immune Boost Roll On and Allergy Roll On  
Date: Saturday, September 17th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Session III: Household Cleaners  
Date: Saturday, October 8th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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.  
October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8

Session II: 6 Weeks $55.00  
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20

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.  
October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8

Session II: 6 Weeks $55.00  
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20

Essential Oils  
Presented by Brent Steepe

This presentation is free, however, we require pre-registration 24 hours in advance.
Camp Wind-Y-Mill

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 10th 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 and the Park Café will open at 2:00 p.m. in case you forgot anything.

Then rise and shine with the sun and an appetite on Sunday morning to join us in the Tompkins Community Center for a wonderful breakfast. Camp check out time is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Camp fee is $30 per campsite. Sites are limited, so be sure to come register at the Parks and Recreation Office during office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.).

Halloween In The Park

This exciting costumed event is for young children and elementary school students on Saturday, October 29. 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 4:00 p.m. and will end at 5:30 p.m. Trick-or-treaters may select arrival times of 4:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. (Trick-or-treaters must arrive before 5:15 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. 28th at the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park. Tickets sold on the day of the event up 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. We will take volunteers until all the stations are filled. Decorating of stations will take place on the day of the event starting at 2:30 p.m. and must be completed by 3:30 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.

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Skate Swap

It’s time to dust off your old ice skates, or those gently used skates your kids have outgrown, and bring them to the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park for the annual Skate Swap! The skate swap will be held on Monday, November 28 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Patterson Park’s Lindell Lodge.

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 or cash. If more than one pair of skates is purchased, be prepared to write a separate check for each pair.**

No skates will be accepted the day of the swap!

Skating Lessons

Classes are a half hour and held on Tuesdays by Sharron Nelson and Christine Oster for $45. 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 6, 13, 20, January 10, 17
2nd Session - January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 28
*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.

Lunch With Santa!

Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children of Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 3rd. Look for more details in the next issue of the Communicator.

Dinner With Mary Lou

Starting in January, Mary Lou Muer will be back with her delicious comfort meals for the cold winter months!
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, 2016 - $200 Boat Deposits and Contracts Due.
- November 15, 2016 - Marina Closes
- March 15, 2017 - Boat well balances and current registration for the 2016 season due.

Sunrise Paws In The Park!
Saturday, August 13th 8:00 am – 11:00 am
(Rain Date Sunday, August 14th)

This will be our 7th 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 Windsurfing Club
18th 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. For more information, contact Drew Costakis at (313)-410-2002, or drewbob@yahoo.com.

ShredCorp.
ShredCorp. will be at Windmill Pointe Park on Saturday, October 1 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. to shred all of your personal papers such as bills and tax returns for $3.00 per box. 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.

All Pointes Family Outdoor Movie

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 on Saturday, August 13 at 9:00 p.m. The field opens at 8:00 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. “E.T. The Extraterrestrial” 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. Rain date is Sunday, August 14.

Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Party
The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Party will be hosted by Jane and Richard Manoogian on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at this year’s Junior League Showhouse. The fun will begin at 6:30 pm and will feature food catered by the Roostertail Restaurant, specialty vodka drinks designed by Titos Vodka, photography services by our own Park resident John Martin, a DJ, Tarot Card Readers and more! So come watch the sailboats go by and meet your friends and neighbors at this spectacular lakefront home. Tickets are $150 each and $40 for those under 40.

Sponsorships available:
- Silver $500 (2 tickets)
- Gold $1,000 (4 tickets)
- Platinum $2,500 (6 tickets)
- Diamond $5,000 (8 tickets)

Contact Kathy Willmer at (313) 822-4379 or Barbara Detwiler at (313) 506-2331.
**News and Notes From the Public Service Department**

**Curbside Leaf Pick-Up**

Curbside leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 10 and continue until December 7, 2016 (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 RECEPTACLES 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 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 5th - No trash or recycling. All pick-ups delayed by one day for this week only.
**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day**

*Hosted by the City of Grosse Pointe Park*

**Saturday, September 17, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

**Windmill Pointe Park**

14920 Windmill Pointe Drive

This event is open to residents of the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, and Harper Woods. A valid driver's license is required to verify Grosse Pointe / Harper Woods residency. Questions may be directed to Pat Thomas at the City of Grosse Pointe Park - (313) 822-5100.

**Acceptable Waste:**
- Oil Based & Latex Paint and Solvents
- Corrosives (acids/bases)
- Pesticides / Herbicides
- Reactives / Oxidizers
- Non-Regulated Waste
- Automotive Fluids
- Non-DEA Pharmaceuticals
- OTC Medications
- Propane Cylinders (up to 30lbs/each acceptable)
- Mercury (Elemental)
- Batteries - Mixed
- Fluorescent Lamps/PCB Light Ballast
- Fire Extinguishers
- Smoke Detectors
- Biomedical Sharps
- Tires

**Unacceptable Waste:**
- Electronics – All Kinds
- Explosives
- Flares
- Fireworks
- Ammunition
- Radioactive Waste
- 55 Gallon Drums of Waste
- Industrial / Commercially Generated Waste
- DEA-Controlled Narcotics
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (Propane Acceptable up to 30 lbs)
- Yard Waste / Trash
- Appliances / White Goods
- Microwaves / Air Conditioners

**Arbor Day Contest Winner**

This year the City of Grosse Pointe Park once again celebrated Arbor Week by holding its annual Arbor Week Poster Contest. The contest was open to all fourth graders in the Park, with 160 poster entries received. Ema Ellefson of Defer School was the winner, creating a poster featuring a weeping willow tree creatively designed using word stamps featuring the words “paper, food, timber, oxygen, beauty, shelter and shade.” The four runners up were Marco Cavaliere and Ian Dvorch, both of Maire School, Alyssa Flores of Trombley and Mason Cole from Defer.

This was also the 33rd consecutive year Grosse Pointe Park was declared Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. It was also awarded the prestigious Growth Award by the same organization for efforts going above and beyond the four criteria required to be eligible for Tree City. Only five other communities in the state of Michigan qualified for the Growth Award last year, and it was the 12th time Grosse Pointe Park received it. Only one other Michigan community has more.

**Election Calendar**

October 11 - Last day to register to vote in Nov. 8 election.

November 5 - 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 7 - Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

November 8 - General Election. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

November 8 - 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”.

**Voter Information**

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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.