Report From Mayor
Bob Denner

Happy spring to our terrific community! This edition of the Communicator is particularly focused on the many improvements and programs underway in our City in addition to the offerings of our Parks and Recreation Department. I will highlight a few items that are explored in greater detail in this issue.

The City has been working diligently to improve our capability to manage extreme rain events that affect our sanitary sewer system. A separate article summarizes the steps taken to date and near term plans for improvements in this area.

Several items I touched on in my last report are updated in this issue. These include Mack Avenue streetscape improvements, Tompkins Center Phase 2 renovations and new businesses including Cellar 313, Howlers and Growlers, Fusion Fitness and Huntington Bank.

We should be proud that Grosse Pointe Park was again named by the Arbor Day Foundation a 2016 Tree City USA as well as receiving the Growth Award. We have an exemplary record in this area over many years thanks to the dedication of our City Forrester, Brian Colter. A quick drive around the City is enough to remind us all that the health of our urban forest is a key part of making our community a beautiful place to live.

As a review from the previous Communicator, the City will begin this spring and continue through the fall on several street projects. North of Jefferson the City will work on 1000 and 1100 block of Maryland, 1100 block of Kensington, Lakepointe (Vernor to Mack), Berkshire, Devonshire and Harvard (Jefferson to Charlevoix). On the South end of Jefferson we have street repair on Trombley, Balfour, Westchester (Essex to Jefferson) and Lakepointe.

Parks and Recreation has many terrific programs planned for this summer. Two improvements that were approved at the April 10 City Council meeting were a total resurfacing of the Patterson Park splash pad and an upgrade to our Children's Pool at Windmill Pointe Park. Not only will the children's pool receive a new marcite surface, it will also have a heating system to keep the water comfortable for all of our youngest residents. This has been requested for many years, and I am pleased that it has been included in the capital improvement budget.

Finally, the popular After 6 On Kercheval events will return this summer. Kercheval becomes a pedestrian street with many activities and booths and its always a wonderful way to enjoy our City with our friends and neighbors.

After 6 on Kercheval

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming After 6 on Kercheval events! This season will bring all kinds of new and exciting things to see and experience. The scheduled dates are June 24, July 22 and August 26. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Adam Allen Band, Nick Kuhl and the Gang and Soul Provider. We'll have lots of other entertainment too such as a ferris wheel, 32’ 3D Klime Wall, Pirates Revenge carnival ride, Nickelodeon's Entertainer of the Year Mark Rosenthal & Animal Magic, performances by Detroit Circus and Great Lakes Taiko Center Godaiko Drummers, demonstrations by Modern Skate & Surf and Albe's BMX Bike Shop and assorted cultural dance performances. Food trucks and vendors will of course be there as well as our beer & wine tent.

So come join us for these special evenings of fun and entertainment which are so generously sponsored by the following local businesses: Allemon's Landscape, APCOR Construction, LLC, Atwater Brewery, Belding Cleaners, Cintas Corp., Clearwater Pools & Service of Ann Arbor, Cornwall Bakery, Duffey & Co., Fairfax Quality Market, Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Harvey Animal Hospital, Marshall Landscaping, Park Pharmacy, Michael Bojalad - Century 21 Town & Country, Pointe Alarm, Pointe Hardware, Ray Laethem Motor Village, Red Crown, Rustic Cabins, Sweeties, TradeFirst.com and Zealous Root.
Park Hours

Patterson Park
8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Starting May 27
7:00 a.m. to Dusk

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

City Phone Numbers
911 - Emergencies Only

Municipal Offices -
Automated Telephone System:

Main Number 313-822-6200
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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.

- Businesses & Tenants are required to renew park passes annually.
- Homeowners must renew every four years (current pass expires December 31st, 2017).
- Landlords are required to have a valid rental C of O (Certificate of Occupancy), current business license and must verify all tenants before tenants can obtain a park pass.

Tompkins Center
The Tompkins Community Center offers residents a unique and picturesque venue for hosting a wide range of functions. There is a full service catering kitchen along with newly updated restrooms and lighting fixtures in the banquet room. The Center is air conditioned and heated and also has a gas fireplace to add to the ambiance. The garden patio is also available and has an awning that is in place from May to November. The Tompkins Center will temporarily close for the month of October to complete Phase 2 of the Center’s renovations. The Center’s capacity is 120 people and we provide tables, chairs, coffee pots, a sound system, wireless microphone and podium. The sound system also includes a tuner, five disk CD changer, MP3 hookup and WiFi.

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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**New Businesses Ready to Open Soon in the Park!**

Several new businesses are popping up on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Cellar 313 will be opening soon as the first Grosse Pointe Park wine bar. On Kercheval at the traffic circle next to Shaw's Bookstore, construction is in progress to feature two 1,200 sq. ft. loft apartments and a gym called Fusion Integrated Training. On Charlevoix at the former site of Sunrise Sunset, Grosse Pointe Park will introduce Howlers and Growlers to the community, featuring craft beer, keg wine and a full kitchen. On the corner of Mack and Wayburn, Huntington Bank is working with the City for a future development site.

**Grosse Pointe Park/Detroit Partnership to Beautify Mack**

Working with officials from the City of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park has obtained a Right of Way permit allowing for tree planting on the Detroit side of Mack. The new project will begin this spring.

Due in large part to a generous donation from a Grosse Pointe Park resident who will purchase the trees, a new streetscape on the Detroit side of Mack between Maryland and Lakepointe will mirror what we have already accomplished on the Grosse Pointe Park side. The donor will also fund maintenance of the trees for a three year period until they are established.

Grosse Pointe Park planted 63 trees of diverse and desirable species in appropriate sites in 2016, securing its 34th straight Tree City USA Award. This partnership has also enabled Grosse Pointe Park to receive the prestigious “Growth Award” from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Grosse Pointe Park is one of only five communities in Michigan to be recognized as a Sterling Community by the National Arbor Day Foundation, winning the Growth Award for a state leading 13th time.

**Windmill Pointe Park Happenings**

The Children's Pool and Fountain at Windmill Pointe Park will be getting a makeover this spring. The makeover will include re-marciting the surface, crack and tile repair, and the much needed addition/implementation of a boiler system to keep the pool heated at all times. The pool will become quite the “hot spot” for our little ones.

The Tompkins Center will temporarily close for the month of October to complete Phase 2 of the Center’s renovations. This phase includes the addition of the much anticipated atrium which will be located just off the southeast side of the Center's banquet area. This renovation will afford additional set-up space and provide a year-round view of our Park!

Other Parks and Recreation dates to keep in mind this summer include: Pool opening Saturday, May 27; Glow Parties scheduled for Thursday, June 22, Friday, July 21 and Saturday, September 2; the “After 6” events on Saturday, June 24, July 22 and August 26; Shredding Day on May 20; the Grosse Pointe Sail Club Pancake Breakfast on Monday, May 29; and finally, a Blood Drive (sponsored by Grosse Pointe Sail Club and Southeast Michigan Red Cross Chapter) will be held on Monday, June 12.
**The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation**

**What is the GPPF?**

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation was established in 1984 and was the first private foundation of all the Grosse Pointe cities. It is a non-profit Michigan corporation formed by action of the City Council of Grosse Pointe Park. The Foundation is classified as a public charity under the Internal Revenue Code and all contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible.

**Can anyone donate?**

Anyone can be a contributor. The Foundation accepts all cash contributions, stock donations and contributions of real property. The Foundation receives gifts from individuals, corporations and other foundations.

**How can I join?**

Easy! An annual membership is only $50. With your tax deductible contribution of $50 you will be a part of our mailing list and invited to fundraising parties and special events. Your membership and donations to the Foundation help to enhance our community for the benefit of residents, visitors and businesses. Residents who wish to donate greater amounts will be acknowledged as special benefactors of the community. Names of contributors will be listed on future Foundation accomplishments. If you so choose, anonymous contributions may also be made. Every year the Foundation hosts its annual fundraiser at a beautiful lakefront location which includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, dancing, meeting new friends and much more!

**Who is in charge of the Foundation?**

President - Shery Cotton  
Vice President - Paul Lavins  
Treasurer - Barbara Detwiler  
Secretary - Robin Perrone

**Trustees:**

David Baxter  
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The foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees who serve without compensation for three year terms. The Trustees are elected by the current members of the Foundation at an annual meeting. A member is any resident of the City of Grosse Pointe Park who is a current contributor to the Foundation. The Board of Trustees has full responsibility for the disbursement of all unrestricted funds and for monitoring designated funds to make certain that such distribution is consistent with the purpose of the Foundation and in the best interests of the community.

**When is the annual summer fundraiser?**

The Foundation has set the date for this year’s summer fundraiser for September 9, 2017. The fundraiser will be at the home of Penny and Craig Glidden who are recent transplants from Houston, Texas. To celebrate their Texas roots, the fundraiser will have a Texas Hoedown theme, so please wear your cowboy boots, hat and other western attire. BBQ will be served and a band is flying in from Houston to play for the Foundation. Tickets are $150 per person or $40 for those lucky enough to be under 40 years old. Individuals and Corporate sponsorships are also available. For more information, contact Kathy Willmer at (313) 822-6200.

**What projects has the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation been a part of?**

The City of Grosse Pointe Park is a community of generous residents. Because of your donations and commitment to improve the lives of all residents, the City has wonderful amenities that truly make Grosse Pointe Park one of a kind. Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Projects as of December 2016:

- Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe  
- George Helm Boardwalk at Patterson Park  
- Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park  
- Fountain and Zero Depth Pool at Windmill Pointe  
- Putting/Chipping Green at Patterson Park  
- Jefferson Avenue Streetscape  
- Flower Planters  
- Denner Fireplace at Lindell Lodge  
- Tompkins Center Expansion and Upgrade

- Robert Hutton Ice Rink at Patterson Park  
- Dolores and Paul Lavins Activity Center  
- Splash Pad at Patterson Park  
- Grosse Pointe Park Baseball Dugouts  
- Kercheval Lighting  
- Gatehouse at Patterson Park  
- Palmer Heenan Mayors Sculpture  
- Carol C. Schaap Theater  
- Defer Playscape
The Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation

The recession from 2007 to 2010 hit Michigan hard and the City of Grosse Pointe Park was no exception to the economic downturn. Homes were foreclosing, property values were dropping and young professionals were leaving the Park for other Michigan communities. In July of 2011, the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation (GPHF) Student Grant Program was established by the Cotton Family. The Foundation gives incentive to students to move to Grosse Pointe Park by providing them with housing grants on select rental properties with the hope they will stay in the area after they graduate. Shery Cotton noted, "Once our family recognized the need for affordable student housing, coupled with the proximity to Downtown Detroit Universities and the depressed Grosse Pointe Park rental market, we started the non-profit Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation. We were fortunate to be in a position to assist and are very proud of the great success that has been provided".

Students from the following schools are eligible to apply for this grant: University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State University, Marygrove College, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Oakland University, Lawrence Technological University, Ecumenical Theological University, College for Creative Studies and Medical Residency programs at hospitals in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland Counties.

Grants are awarded to qualified students, medical residents, and student nurses for up to 50% of rent, not to exceed $350 per month. In order to apply for a grant, students must:
- Fill out an application including a 350 word essay.
- Be enrolled full time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at an eligible four-year university (freshmen are not eligible).
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher while in the program.

Landlords are a key component to the success of the program. Since 2011, 193 landlords have worked with the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation. Why should you become a landlord with GPHF? GPHF will help you market your property, cover up to $350 per month of qualifying students' rent, supply pre-screened applicants who are future professionals, and you will contribute to the growth and prosperity of Grosse Pointe Park.

Interested in becoming a GPHF landlord? All you have to do is follow these guidelines:
- Rental property must be located within a designated area (map available on website).
- Meet all city codes.
- Be up to date on all taxes.
- Provide a valid Certificate of Occupancy.
- Provide a 12 month leasing option.
- Pass a site visit by GPHF.

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"The success of the GPHF is remarkable, truly this is a program that others throughout the county should look to mirror," said Mayor Bob Denner. "The bright minds of our next generation living and working in Grosse Pointe Park only help to enhance the City's future and showcase our first-class community". For more information about the program, please visit gphousing.com. Questions can be relayed to info@gphousing.com.

Public Safety Update

The Public Safety Department has recently made some technological improvements thanks to the residents approving the recent Public Safety Millage. The officers now have new Motorola mobile radios in their vehicles along with new Motorola handheld radios to carry on their belts. L3 Mobile also provided new in-car video cameras along with body cameras for the patrol division. These cameras will reduce the City's liability exposure as well as provide safety for our officers. These replace items that were malfunctioning and well past their life cycle. The Detective Bureau also upgraded both the interview equipment and the computer system that was obsolete, which allows the detectives to work on cases and successful prosecutions efficiently and effectively. We thank the residents for their continued support and we are committed to continue to provide a safe community for our residents and guests.
Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe City Sharing Employees

In order to reduce costs to taxpayers, in December of 2016, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe City worked together in a mutually beneficial way to develop a partnership of sharing services for both cities. Grosse Pointe Park’s longtime Public Works Supervisor, Pat Thomas, will now work part time for both Grosse Pointe City and Park. The Grosse Pointe Park Forester, Brian Colter, will also be splitting duties between Grosse Pointe City and the Park. Contact information for both will remain the same. Pat Thomas can be reached at (313) 822-5100 and Brian Colter at (313) 822-5020.

Watch out for Home Improvement Scams

While improving your home can increase its market value, being targeted by a home improvement scam is a major headache we would all like to avoid. Scam artists take advantage of what you don’t know and especially like to target older homeowners. If you have an elderly relative who owns a home and lives alone, be sure to share this information with them. Chimney, driveway and roofing repair are the three most common home improvement scams.

If an individual does the following you should be skeptical:

- Asks you to pay for an entire job upfront or in cash.
- Is not visible online or doesn’t have an actual business address.
- Asks you to get the required building permits from the City.
- Pressures you to act immediately to receive a special offer or discount.
- Pressures you to sign contracts or paperwork without reading them or asks you to sign blank pages.
- Knocks on your door unsolicited.
- Offers you free materials or a better deal because of leftover materials from another job.
- Asks to come into your home (this could result in burglary or theft).
- Talks too fast to try and confuse you.

To verify a builder/contractor, an online license search is available at www.michigan.gov/licenselookup or by calling LARA’s Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau at 517-241-9288. Get written estimates from at least three contractors that include detailed job specifications on the materials, labor, timeline and total charges for the work. Don’t automatically choose the lowest bidder. Ask how long they have been in business, verify if they have liability insurance, and whether they will be using subcontractors on the project. Protect yourself by asking the contractor, subcontractor and suppliers for a completed and signed “waiver of lien” form. This will prevent a subcontractor or material supplier from putting a lien on your home if the contractor doesn’t pay the bills. This can happen even if you paid the contract in full. Make sure your contractor is insured and carries personal liability, worker’s compensation, and property damage coverage. Ask for copies of current insurance certificates. If the contractor is not properly insured, you could be held liable for any injuries and damages that occur during the project. Keep good records and copies of the contract, change orders and correspondence. For additional questions or concerns please call City Hall at (313) 822-6200 and ask for Ron Supal or Diane Vandenboom.

Registration for Summer Classes

Grosse Pointe Park residents can register for all summer classes on Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. You may sign up for as many classes/sessions as you wish. For example, you may sign your child up for Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 swim, but remember, there is always a chance that your child may not advance immediately to the next level. If that is the case, you will need to contact us to make the appropriate changes.

We are anticipating plenty of class spaces for everyone and we will also be offering online sign up. The Park Office will be open on site registration for those of you who have questions. For those who are interested in the convenience of online sign up, simply follow the instructions provided on the website. Payment for all classes and activities may be made by cash, personal check or credit card. Note: if paying by credit card a convenience fee will be added. Register for classes online at www.recpro.grossepointepark.org.

The spring time blossoms at Patterson Park now make way for the upcoming summertime fun at Windmill Pointe Park!
General Pool Information

The pools and splash pad open on Saturday, May 27 and will close for the season on Monday, September 4. The Splash Pad is open daily from 10:00 a.m. - Dusk.

Special Requirements:
All infants, toddlers and children who are not toilet trained may only use the pool facilities with the necessary protection. Disposable swimming diapers are required for young swimmers. Regular disposable diapers are not allowed. For your convenience, swimming diapers are available at the concession stand. NO FLOTATION DEVICES (Fotation devices are not recommended by either the American Red Cross or the United States Coast Guard.)

Lap Swimming:
Early morning lap swim will begin on Tuesday, May 30 from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and will continue Monday through Friday until September 1. Enter the pool using the side door pool entrance (using family bathroom pool deck access).

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult within the pool and pool deck area.

Olympic Pool Schedule:

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Pool Closings Due To Swim Meets:
Saturday, June 24 Pool closed until 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 28 Pool closed at 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 2 Pool closed at 3:30 p.m.

Children’s Pool & Fountain Schedule

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Swim Lessons

Swimming lessons are taught outdoors in a heated pool. Instruction will take place no matter what the temperature is outside. We will close the pool for lessons if we are under a weather advisory or if lightning has been spotted. Lessons will not be made up. No refunds.

The Olympic pool is closed from 10:00 a.m. until noon during swim lessons. Only swim class students will be permitted on the Olympic pool deck during swim lessons.

Swim and Dive Lesson Dates:

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What level should my child be in?

Parent/Tot – $30.00
Mon., Wed. & Friday 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Parents and children 6 months to 3 years old will work as a team, with direction from an instructor, to learn to enjoy the water environment, exploring basic supported swimming skills through games, songs, and activities.

3 - 4 Years Old – $40.00 (maximum 20 children)
Monday – Friday 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
For children 3 & 4 years old, who can understand and follow directions. The goal is to get children acquainted with the water through fun, games and water play.

Level I – Intro To Water Skills - $40.00
Monday – Friday 11:30 - Noon
For children 4 - 6 years old, who will work on bubble blowing through mouth and nose, submerge under water, back/front float (assisted), kicking and how to wear a life jacket.

Level II – Fundamental Aquatic Skills - $65.00
Monday – Friday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Children will learn front/back floats and recoveries, rollover back to front, front/back glide and recovery and proper kicking.

Level III – Stroke Development – $65.00
Monday – Friday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 - Noon
Children will continue to improve on the front/back crawl, learn the butterfly kick, rotary breathing and survival float.

Level IV – Stroke Improvement – $65.00
Monday – Friday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Children will develop confidence and improve on the front/back crawl and butterfly. They will be introduced to the elementary backstroke and breaststroke, diving and diving rules and safety assists.

Level V – Skill Refinement – $65.00
Monday – Friday 11:00 - Noon
Children will work on endurance. Front crawl (50 yards), elementary backstroke (50 yards), breaststroke (25 yards) and back crawl (25 yards). They will also learn tuck and pike surface dives and front/back flip turns while swimming.

Beginning Diving - $55.00
Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
Students will increase their ability and technique with basic springboard primary dives. Skills include stance, steps, hurdle, front and back dives.

Intermediate Diving - $55.00
Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.
Students will develop advanced springboard diving skills and techniques.
Grosse Pointe Park “Mutants” Swim Team News

We are getting ready to start another thrilling mutant season! The “Mutants” are our summer swim team, which is comprised of residents age 17 and under who compete against neighboring Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores. The team is intended for swimmers who already know how to swim and want to experience the opportunity to compete. Swimmers needing instruction in learning how to swim must sign up for swim lessons. For 2017 registration forms and information, please go to the Mutant webpage at www.gppmutants.org and go to registration/parent volunteers.

Swim Team Registration/Parent Night: Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 in the Tompkins Center. This is a recommended informational meeting for new and returning swim team parents. You may also register your swimmer, purchase Mutant wear and sign up to volunteer for team events and activities.

Swim Team Tryouts: Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. at the pool. (Rain Date: Wednesday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m.)
• Tryouts are for new swimmers and returning swimmers wishing to level up.
• Register your swimmers and sign up to volunteer
• Order your child’s swimsuit and Mutant wear

SWIM TEAM FEES - Payable to “Grosse Pointe Park Mutants”:
(Payment includes a swim team t-shirt)
1 Swimmer: $115
2 Swimmers: $180
3 Swimmers: $245
4+ Swimmers Additional $15 Per Child

Registration ends on Thursday, June 15.
All payments and sign ups are required before that date.

Swim & Glow

Bring your family out for some late night pool fun on Thursday, June 22, Friday, July 21 and Saturday, September 2! Windmill Pointe Park pool will be open until 10:30 p.m. for a Swim & Glow party. The Parks & Recreation Department will provide glow accessories, but feel free to add to the party and bring your own!

Water Aerobics

No swimming skills are required and classes are open to all ages. Session I Morning Classes are taught in the shallow end of the pool and Session II Evening Classes are taught in the deep end. You may sign up for either session or both! The instructor will incorporate aerobics and water walking routines for full range of motion. Participants are welcome to bring fins and weights to use as well. (Note: There will be no classes held during the week of July 4.

   Session I - $80.00
   (Shallow End of Pool)
   Monday & Wednesday -
   7:00 am – 8:00 am
   June 19 – August 16

   Session II - $80.00
   (Deep End of Pool)
   Tuesday & Thursday -
   6:15 pm – 7:15 pm
   June 20 – August 17

Grosse Pointe Park “Mutants” 2017 Meet Schedule

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Windsurfing Club News

The 19th annual Grosse Pointe Park Windsurfing Regatta will be on Sat. June 24 at Patterson Park. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and lunch will be provided for racers.

The Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club races every Wednesday evening starting April 15 through November 1 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Anyone is welcome to participate. For more information, contact Drew Costakis at (313) 410-2002, or drewbob@yahoo.com.
### Karate For Kids

**Head Instructor: Lisa Santi**  
**Instructors: Marino Santi/ Francesca Ruggirello**  
$60.00 Per Session

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

Registration day is Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Payment is due at signup and is non-refundable. (Registration before this date is not allowed.) For more information and to register online, visit the City website at: www.grossepointepark.org.

“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.

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| **Weapons** - Padded/Wooden Nunchaku/Lubid Rope  
(Ages 7 & up)  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
$75.00 | **Peaceful Warriors** (10 & up)  
10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
$125.00 |
| **Little Dragons** (Ages 4 - 6)  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
$50.00 | **Little Dragons** (Ages 4 - 6)  
1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.  
$50.00 |
| **Pink Power** (Girls ages 7 & Up)  
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
$50.00 | **Mighty Vipers** (Ages 7 - 9)  
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
$50.00 |
| **Mighty Vipers** (Ages 7 - 9)  
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
$50.00 | **Weapons** - Bo Staff/Stick/Tongfa  
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
$75.00 |
| **Peaceful Warriors** (Ages 10 & Up)  
Monday - Thursday  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
$125.00 | Monday - Thursday  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
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| Friday  
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10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
$125.00 |
| **Little Dragons** (Ages 4 - 6)  
1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.  
$50.00 |
| **Mighty Vipers** (Ages 7 - 9)  
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
$50.00 |
| **Weapons** - Bo Staff/Stick/Tongfa  
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
$75.00 |

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| **Bully Buster Workshops**  
Ages 5 - 8  
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
$40.00 |
| **Women's and Girls Self Defense Workshops** (Ages 16 & Up)  
Wednesday, June 21  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
$40.00 |
| **Ages 9 - 12**  
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
$40.00 |
| **Ages 13 & Up**  
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
$40.00 |
| **Thursday, August 3**  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
$40.00 |

**FREE Karate Day (Ages 4 to 18)**  
Sunday September 17  
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

**FREE Karate Day! (Ages 4 to 18)**

This will be an open gym format with Black Belt students at different stations to assist participants. Come anytime between Noon and 3:00 pm and stay a little or stay a lot! This free demonstration day is for both new and returning students of the Turn of the Tide Martial Arts program. If you’ve never tried Karate before, but you’ve always been curious about it, this is your chance to come learn a few kicks and self-defense skills. If you’re a returning student, this free day is a good way to come and sharpen your skills before the fall program starts. Participants who are new to the Turn of the Tide program must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

### Bully Buster Workshops (Open to all ages.)

In these workshops we will discuss the “Bully”, the “Bullied” and the “Bystander” and how each of us has been one of these at some point in our lives. We will work with both physical and mental skills and use role playing to demonstrate ways of dealing with bullying behavior. The goal is to use mental self-defense skills to resolve a conflict before it becomes physical. The physical self-defense skills can give one the confidence to work to solve conflicts non-violently. Participants will learn the twelve ways to walk away with confidence!

### Women and Girls Self-Defense Workshops

(Wear loose fitting clothes and no jewelry.)

These workshops are open to girls and women ages 16 to 90! You’re never too young or too old to learn skills that will help you become more aware of your surroundings and to protect yourself from physical violence. Each workshop will focus on different self-defense skills, so you can participate in just one or both. You will leave with the knowledge of the four “A’s” of self-defense (Attitude, Awareness, Avoidance and Action) and how to use them. Don’t go off to college without learning a few tips to protect yourself!

Note: Please pre-register for all camps and workshops before the start date to reserve your spot. Class sizes are limited.
Knapsacker Camp Sessions
Ages 3-7, Cost $100 Per Session
Morning Sessions – 9:00-12:00 pm
Afternoon Sessions – 1:00-4:00 pm

Week I  June 19 – June 23  Week IV  July 17 – July 21
Week II  June 26 – June 30  Week V  July 24 – July 28
No Class  July 3 – 7  Week VI  July 31 – Aug. 4
Week III  July 10 – July 14  Week VII  Aug. 7 – Aug. 11

This outdoor camp will be led by compassionate, charismatic leaders who aim to build character and cultivate friendships among their campers. Through open ended, child driven play, Knapsackers will develop social-emotional skills and self-efficacy. As they explore Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Park, campers will be engaged in play, swim, arts, crafts, and outdoor games and adventures.

Each session spans one week, Monday through Friday, but families often enroll their children in multiple sessions. If you sign up for three or more sessions on the initial sign up day on site at the Park, you will receive $50 off of your total fee. This special discount will be offered only to those who sign up for three or more sessions on June 3. Each session week is limited to 24 campers.

Fishing Rodeo

This fun filled event will take place at Windmill Pointe Park on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for young anglers 15 years and under. Applications are available at Windmill Pointe Park starting Monday, May 1 and must be submitted by Monday, July 10. Great prizes and the thrill of landing “the big one” make this a fisherman's delight! A hot dog lunch will follow this event. The cost is $5.00 per person which includes lunch.

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League

Experience outdoor fun by playing on one of our outdoor sand volleyball teams at Windmill Pointe Park for $70.00 per team. The smell of barbecue in the air and the view of the freighters passing by contribute to the fun and add to the overall game experience.

Team applications will be available at the inside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park on May 8. Play begins on June 20 and continues on Tuesdays - Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. All applications are to be turned in by Monday, June 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation Office. The $70 team fee must be included with all applications. The team captains must be Park residents and participate in the games with their team.

Stand Up Paddle Board Club News

The Stand Up Paddle Board season will coincide with the kayak/wind-surf season, which is April 15th - November 1st during Park hours. Paddling is out of Patterson Park on Tuesday evenings. All residents are welcome. For more information, contact Jean Alter Johnson at gpsup@live.com.

Tennis Lessons

The Parks and Recreation Department offers tennis lessons to children age 5 and older at Windmill Pointe Park. You may sign up for as many weeks as you want on Saturday, June 3. All players must bring a can of tennis balls and their tennis racquet on the first day of class. Players will learn tennis rules and etiquette to use on the courts. Skills will be taught by incorporating games into lesson plans, making it an overall fun experience while learning this great sport.

BEGINNERS: For the student who has little or no concept of the game or stroke, although student must be strong enough to hold a racquet. Students will be taught the stance, forehand and backhand strokes, serves and rules of the game.

ADVANCED: The student is expected to know the game and have playing experience. More time is spent with strategy and perfection of the game.

CHILDREN’S CLASSES: $40.00 per week (4 classes Tues - Fri)

Week I  June 20 – June 23  Week IV  July 18 – July 21
Week II  June 27 – June 30  No Class  July 25 – July 28
No Class  July 4 – July 7  Week V  Aug 1 - Aug 4
Week III  July 11 – July 14  Week VI  Aug 8 - Aug 11

Rain Policy

Tennis lessons are taught outside. If it happens to be raining at lesson time, lessons will be canceled. Tennis cannot be taught when courts are slippery. There will be no make up lessons.

Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament

Open to all Grosse Pointe adult tennis players of all abilities. Registration forms will be at the inside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park starting June 5th. The entry fee for this the tournament is $25.00 (up to 2 entries). The entry deadline is Sunday, August 6. Picnic and awards to follow the finals on Sunday, August 13.

Event Dates: Thursday, August 10 through Sunday, August 13
Events: Parent/Child, Women’s open, Men’s open, Women’s doubles, Men’s doubles and Mixed doubles. Players must commit to play Thursday - Saturday.

Our tournament is run by Julie Miller-Jason. 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.
Sunrise Paws In The Park!

Our 8th annual dog friendly event will be held on Saturday, August 12 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Patterson Park. This event will benefit 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 stations along the boardwalk. For more information regarding this event go to www.gpaas.org or call (313) 884-1551. In the event of rain, the event will be held on Sunday, August 13.

All Pointe's Family Outdoor Movie!!!

This joint Family Outdoor Movie event will be held at Grosse Pointe South's Football field on Saturday, August 12. Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. showing. Movie night is open to all five Grosse Pointe Communities. Park passes are required and will be checked at the entrance on Fisher Road. “Finding Dory” will be the featured film. The Grosse Pointe South Athletic Boosters will have the school concession stand open for refreshments. In case of rain, the movie will be shown on Sunday, August 13.

Sunrise Yoga at Patterson Park!

Once again this summer, we will be adding a Sunrise Yoga Class at Patterson Park once a month as part of our fitness class schedule! Instructors Mary Ann and Roy Thibodeau will be teaching the class once a month on Saturdays. The scheduled dates are June 24, July 22 and August 26 at 7:15 am. Meet us on the patio area at the Lindell Lodge near the reflecting pond. (Note: In case of rain, class will be held at Windmill Pointe Park in the Lavins Activity Center McKeever Lounge.)

Meditation for Beginners

After the July 22 Sunrise Yoga Class, Roy and Mary Ann will be conducting a “Meditation for Beginners” class at the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Roy and Mary Ann are disciples of Yogacharya J. Oliver Black, one of Paramahansa Yogananda’s most advanced disciples. Through this class they will present practical methods for reducing stress, improving general health and achieving spiritual contentment. Hatha Yoga will also be part of the workshop, so if you come right from the Sunrise Yoga class you will be well prepared! If not, simply wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. (Note: Please pre-register for this class at the Lavins Activity Center by Thursday, July 20th. Workshop fee is $50.)

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. Calendar may also be found on our City website.

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Community

**Grosse Pointe Sail Club 2017 Blessing of the Fleet**

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club celebrates its 69th year living up to its credo to promote and encourage sailing, and to encourage camaraderie and fraternity among persons interested in sailing and boating. The Club continues one of its highlight events in hosting the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast and Blessing of the Fleet. The breakfast has always been well received by the community and offers a great venue to meet and greet club members. Pancakes and all the fixings will be served from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The Grosse Pointe Sail Club invites you, our fellow citizens, to join us. We especially welcome our veterans, who have served in every capacity. This year, the Bridge Officers will be hoisting the flags and lead the procession in a spirited march out the main dock. The Park’s loud speakers will play the National Anthem, rallying one and all to join at 11:30 a.m. We have small American flags for the children, veterans, and citizens to carry as they join the march. Special thanks to Flagstar Bank in the Village who provided the flags and their support to the event.

This year, GPSC welcomes Father Tony Faint of the Mariners’ Church of Detroit and his wife Janice for the ceremony. Fleet Chaplain Peter Wanderer will join Father Tony in offering the traditional blessing to the assembled yachts and boats who will parade in front of the dock. The blessing reminds us of the bounty supplied by our Lakes in recreation, commerce and solitude. Please join us in spreading the word of this moving event which inaugurates our summer season of sailing and the start of the Spring, Summer and Fall Sundown Race Series on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at Windmill Pointe Park.

**Medical Drop Box**

The City of Grosse Pointe Park, in cooperation with Beaumont Hospital, has placed a new Medication Drop Box in the Public Safety office of the City Hall Building. We encourage residents to help keep medications away from our children and out of the water supply by disposing of unused, unwanted and expired medicines in the box. Medication can remain in the original containers with labels. Accepted items include prescription medications, over the counter medications and vitamins. **No needles, syringes, controlled substances or illegal drugs are permitted.**

**Landlords Must Verify Tenants Through Background Checks**

Did you know if you want to verify a tenant you can get a free background check at the Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court? The court is open Monday-Friday 8p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and is located on the 4th floor of Grosse Pointe Park City Hall. Also, the most recent landlord of a tenant may be the best source for information.

**Park Market**

Kick off the summer with a visit to the Grosse Pointe Park, Park Market. The Market will officially open on June 3 at 9:00 a.m. and is located in the Kercheval business district. Starting at Market Square it will extend down both sides of the street. The Market will again host special events to enhance the shopping experience.

Every Saturday we’ll have hot coffee, breakfast items and lots of other tasty treats to sample. All of your favorite produce vendors will be back, including Finest Quality Fish from the Upper Peninsula, and Martin Organic Family Farm. Market hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday rain or shine including holidays. See you at the Market.

**Shredding Day**

ShredCorp. will be at Windmill Pointe Park to shred all of your personal papers such as bills and tax returns. Staples and paperclips 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.

**Spring Perennial Plant Exchange**

Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission

**Saturday, May 20, 2017  9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.   Tompkins Community Center**

The Spring Perennial Plant Exchange sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission will take place from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. Free mulch while it lasts (courtesy of City of Grosse Pointe Park). Master gardeners will be in attendance. Exchange planting ideas with fellow gardeners. No plants to exchange? No problem, gardeners are happy to share extras!!

This event is open to the public, you need not be a resident of Grosse Pointe Park to attend. Free parking and free admission. For updates and additional information, visit the Beautification Commission at www.grossepointepark.org or www.bcsem.org