Report From the Mayor
Bob Denner

I hope that your winter is going well, whether you are here in town or spending some time in warmer climates. This issue of the Communicator is focused on spring and planning warm weather activities in our parks and around town. Here are a few updates since my last report in the fall.

The new Tompkins Family Atrium at the Tompkins Center is being completed as you receive this newsletter. This will be a terrific addition, offering expansive views of the marina and waterfront. It’s worth a visit to check it out. The Center will also receive an upgrade to its kitchen, made possible through the generosity of Dr. Clark Okulski.

The street paving program is on track for a tentative late spring start with a primary focus on high priority streets north of Jefferson. The City will post schedules on the website as they become available. Improvements and maintenance to our sanitary sewer system have continued. Automatic controls were completed at the pump station and one of the backup pumps was updated as well.

Smart 911 is now available in Grosse Pointe Park. Smart911 is a free service available across the state of Michigan that allows individuals and families to sign up online to automatically provide key information to 9-1-1 call takers during an emergency. The secure safety profile that each individual sets up enables dispatch to send the right response teams to the exact location with correct information. Please see the Public Safety Department section of the City’s website for more information.

Coming late winter or early spring, the City of Grosse Pointe Park has partnered with Parkmobile to bring mobile parking payment to the City. This system allows for residents and visitors to use either Parkmobile for payment or insert coins into the meters. Further information on how Parkmobile works can be viewed within the Communicator.

The City will now utilize Constant Contact to share City news and improve our communication efforts with residents. The Parks and Recreation Department currently uses Constant Contact to send out emails for movies, fitness class schedules, park programs, etc. We’re hoping you will now focus your attention on all of the activities, news and notices that are happening in the City and Parks by following us on Facebook, the City website and/or signing up for Constant Contact.

The Parks and Recreation Department has many activities and programs planned for the months ahead that are detailed in this issue. A few to take note of include:

- Date Night – Wednesday, February 7 – Family event including dinner at Tompkins Center and a movie, starts at 6:00 pm.
- Dinner w/ Mary Lou – Tuesday, Feb. 13 & Tuesday, March 13, $12 per person, both starting at 5:30 pm.
- Easter Egg Scramble – New this year, it will no longer be on a Wednesday night. It will be on Saturday, March 24 starting at 12:00 pm.
- Daddy Daughter Dance – G.P. South, Saturday, March 10 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
- Marina Opens April 15
- Paper Shredding – Windmill Pointe Park, May 19 9:30 am – 11:30 am.
- Spring Perennial Plant Exchange (Beautification Commission) – Tompkins Community Center 9:00 am – 11:00 am. (continued on page 3)
**Park Hours**

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

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

**Windmill Pointe Park**
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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**City Phone Numbers**
911 - Emergencies Only

**Municipal Offices - Automated Telephone System:**

- Main Number: 313-822-6200
- 0 - For the operator
- 1 - Public Services, Building Department and Assessment
- 2 - Water & Sewerage Billing
- 3 - Public Safety
- 4 - Municipal Court

**Direct Lines:**
- Public Safety: 313-822-7400
- Public Service: 313-822-6200
- Voting & Elections: 313-822-4380
- Tax Information: 313-822-4267
- Building Inspector: 313-822-4368
- Water Billing: 313-822-4380
- Municipal Court: 313-822-3535
- City Forester: 313-822-6200

**Parks & Recreation** 313-822-2812

- Okulski Theatre Information: Press 1
- Lavins Activity Center: Press 2
- Park Office / Tompkins Center: Press 3
- Inside Gate / Harbormaster: Press 4
- Outside Gate / Windmill Pte.: 822-5155
- Patterson Park Gatehouse: 822-1681

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**Park Pass Information**

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

Lost passes will be replaced ONCE per season, through an adult only, at a cost of $20.00 each at City Hall. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding Park Passes, please contact Public Service at (313) 822-4365.

- Businesses & Tenants are required to renew park passes annually.
- Homeowners must renew every four years (current pass expires December 31, 2022).
- 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.

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**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 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 Center’s capacity seats 104 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 Tompkins Center is currently under construction. The atrium will be a beautiful addition and will be available for bookings soon!

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

The Tompkins Community Center prices are:

- 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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https://www.facebook.com/grosseptepark

**Grosse Pointe Park’s Website:**
https://www.grossepointepark.org
Report From The Mayor (continued from page 1)

Our commercial districts continue to thrive, and the business owners truly appreciate your patronage. New businesses recently opened include Cellar 313 (wine bar), Design Dujour (full service interior design and store) and Treasure Trove (unique items and gifts) on Kercheval, and Howlers and Growlers (craft beer themed pub) on Charlevoix. Late spring or summer expect the wild-wings themed sports bar on Mack and a new restaurant/bar on Charlevoix to open. Construction will also be starting for the new Huntington Bank branch on Mack at Alter.

I'm looking forward to spring in our terrific community, and expect that many of our residents are too! If you have any comments, please email them to me at dennerb@grossepointepark.org.

How to Sign up for Constant Contact

Step 1. Look for the following button at the top left of the City of Grosse Pointe Park website (www.grossepointepark.org) and click on it.

Step 2. Fill in your information below and receive news from our Parks and Recreation Department and the City.

Smart 911

Have you signed up yet for Smart 911? The Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department highly encourages residents to sign up. Signing up for Smart 911 allows citizens to provide the additional details that 9-1-1 call takers may need in order to assist them during an emergency. When you dial 9-1-1 today, the information received by the 9-1-1 call center can be limited based on the type of phone you are calling from. With Smart911, anytime you make an emergency call from a phone registered with your Safety Profile, the 9-1-1 system recognizes your phone number and automatically displays your profile on the screen of the call taker who receives your call.

While signing up for Smart 911, you will fill out what is called a Safety Profile. A safety profile is specific information about an individual or household that is contained within one account on Smart911.com. Information can include details about all members of the household, all phone numbers (mobile, landline or VOIP) and all addresses including home, work and even vacation homes. Users can also add details about medical conditions, medications, vehicles, pets and even emergency contacts.

“Smart911 saves critical time in an emergency and has proven to save lives nationwide,” said Chief Stephen Poloni, Director of Public Safety, “The additional information provided in a Smart911 Safety Profile enables us to know exactly where we are going and who we are looking for in a house fire or at the scene of a vehicle accident. Those details can help us respond faster and more efficiently.” Please direct any questions about Smart911 to the Public Safety Administration at 313-822-4416.

Parkmobile

In late winter or early spring, Parkmobile will be coming to Grosse Pointe Park. Parkmobile is a mobile payment parking operating system that allows residents and visitors to pay for their parking by smartphone. Approximately 300 communities nationwide and 25 locations within Michigan, including our neighbor Grosse Pointe, have Parkmobile. It takes three simple steps to pay for your parking.

1. Download the Parkmobile app to create your account.
2. Look for the Parkmobile sign or sticker on the parking meter.
3. Use the Parkmobile app to enter in the zone number listed on the meter to start a parking session.

That’s it! And just to make life easier, you can opt-in to receive a notification prior to your parking session expiring. So, if you’ve stayed a little too long at Antonio’s in the Park and need to extend your meter, it’s easy to just go to the Parkmobile app and extend your time. Now there’s no need to run to your car to feed the meter!

Parkmobile now gives Grosse Pointe Park the flexibility to pay for parking by smartphone or by change. Through the app, you can link payment to MasterPass, Visa Checkout or PayPal account. Additional details will follow on the City website, Facebook Page and Constant Contact as we get closer to launching.
All Pointes' Daddy/Daughter Dance  
Sponsored By:

Tiny Tots

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

**Session IV:**
- **6 Weeks**
- **$55.00**
- Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
- February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 10

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Date Night!

This year, instead of a Mother/Son, Dad/Daughter Date Night, we will be hosting a family date night at Windmill Pointe Park! Moms, dads, sons and daughters are all welcome to attend (children must be 5 years or older). Children's tickets will be $8.00 and adult's will be $10.00.

Come enjoy your very own family date night at the movies! Package includes a complimentary dinner at the Tompkins Center, a movie at the theatres with popcorn and a beverage, plus a photo of your family to remember your special night together. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm and the movies will start at 7:00 pm.

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Carol C. Schaap Theatre
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Mary Lou Muer 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, February 13 at 5:30 p.m.**
  **Pasta Night - Three Different Pastas**

- **Tuesday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m.**
  **Corned Beef & Cabbage**

Coffee & water will be provided. Tickets are $12 per adult and $8 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 delmegecgrossepointepark.org. Tickets sell out quickly, so make your reservations early!

PipSqueaks P.E.

PipSqueaks P.E., taught by Suzanne Piepszowski, is held in the Lavins Activity Center gymnasium. This class is 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.

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Patterson Park Egg Scramble

All children 10 years of age and under are invited to our outdoor Egg Scramble on Saturday, March 24 at Patterson Park. The scramble will begin promptly at 12:00 pm, rain or shine. New this year, our egg scramble will be colored “marshmallows” dropped from the sky by helicopter! Children will be split into two age group categories and drop times:

- Children ages 1-5 at 12:00 pm. (Arrive no later than 11:45 am.)
- Children ages 6-10 at 12:15 pm. (Arrive no later than 12:00 pm.)
- Families with children in both age categories can choose to participate in one drop, but it must be the 12:15 pm drop time.

Egg collection bags will be provided as the children arrive. After the drop, children will exchange their marshmallow filled bags for goodie bags at the tents. Each drop will have 6 Golden Eggs and those who find them will receive a special prize! The Easter Bunny will also be on hand for pictures along with costumed characters and pony rides.

Tickets are $10.00 per child and will be available February 1 through March 23 at the Lavins Activity Center front desk. For questions, please call Chad at (313)-822-2812 ext. 200.

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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. Registration ends the second week of class. As with all of our classes, there must be a minimum of 5 students in order to run the class and all class sizes are limited. Sign up begins two weeks before each session starts. Please sign up early to ensure you get the class time and day that works for you!

“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.

Karate Class Schedule

**Session III:** Session started January 29.

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Jan 29, Feb 5, 12, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26

Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Black/Red Belt Class - Same dates as above.

Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors (Ages 10 & up) - Same dates as above.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Mighty Vipers - Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27

Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors (Ages 10 & up) - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesdays - 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. *Extended Trad. Weapons/Enrichment Class (Ages 10 & Up) - Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded Weapons (Ages 6 - 9) - Feb 1, 8, 15, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Note: Open to both Little Dragons & Mighty Vipers)

Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Pink Power - Same dates as above.

Thursday - 5:30 p.m. New Little Dragons / Mighty Vipers Combined - Same dates as above.

**Session IV:** Session starts April 9. Sign up begins March 26.

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Apr 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

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 May 28 - Memorial Day)

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Martial Arts Specialty Classes

Martial Arts Enrichment Class. 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 and Self Defense. 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.

Little Dragons / Mighty Vipers Combined. This class is simply a combined beginning class for students ages 4 - 9. This class is open to new as well as returning beginner level students and serves as a introduction to martial arts. The program teaches students how to gain confidence in themselves and their abilities.

Parent Demo Night

Come help Turn of the Tide Martial Arts celebrate 27 years of Martial Arts excellence in Grosse Pointe Park! Join us for our annual Parent Night Karate Demonstration on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. You'll see some terrific young martial artists and young leaders strut their stuff!


**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.

### Membership Prices

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

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

### The Okulski Family Theatre

And Carol C. Schaap Theatre

Our theatres offer a variety of movies on the big screen. Call (313) 822-2812 and press ext. 1, to hear the current movie titles. Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day. Teens are advised to have their park pass and I.D. available for PG-13 and R rated movies. You can't beat the convenience of popcorn and a movie so close to home!

**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!

### Theatre Private Rentals

The movie theatres are available for private rental use with DVD films. Rentals are available daily Monday through Friday and Monday and Wednesday evenings only. For more information regarding private rentals, please call (313) 822-2812, ext. 302. Rental Rates for each theatre are as follows:

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### 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.
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 McKeever Lounge. For a limited time, we are offering informational classes to help you learn more about incorporating essential oils into a healthier lifestyle. There is no charge for attending these classes. They are being presented to offer information and awareness of the health benefits of essential oils. You will also be able to purchase oils, diffusers and other products associated with using essential oils.

Session I: Saturday, February 24 - 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Session Topic is: Chemical Free Living
Session II: Saturday, March 24 - 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Session Topic is: Skin Care & Nutrition
Session III: Saturday, April 28 - 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Session Topic is: Children & Pets

Last year we revisited our favorite musicals of all time, so this year we're again having a season of encores with some of our favorites from the last ten years, including an encore presentation of the PBS Special Broadway Cast presentation of Les Misérables. That presentation got such rave reviews from everyone that we had to bring it back this season. Come join us for these FREE presentations twice a month on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Carol C. Schaap Theatre. Next season we'll venture into classics that we have not yet shown, so we hope you continue to join us year after year!

February 7  Somewhere In Time
February 21  On Golden Pond
March 7  Out of Africa
March 21  Moonstruck
April 4  Yanni Live at the Acropolis
April 18  The Notebook
May 2*  PBS Broadway Cast Anniversary
May 9  Production of Les Mis

*Park Café Luncheon before the May 2 presentation at 12:00 pm in the Tompkins Center. For more information, contact the Lavins Activity Center at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.
The Grosse Pointe Park Mutants Need You

We are getting ready to start another thrilling Mutant season! The “Mutants” are our summer swim team, which is comprised of residents ages 17 and under who already know how to swim and want to compete. Weekly dual meets are held against the neighboring Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores. For 2018 registration forms and information, please go to the Mutant website after April 9th at www.gppmutants.org and look for the 2018 Registration Form.

THE ANNUAL PARENT MEETING: Will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Okulski Family Theater. This is an optional informational meeting for new and returning swim team families. You may also register your swimmers at that time and save $5 (a parent meeting special only), pre-order Mutant wear and sign up to volunteer for team events and activities.

SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS: Sunday, May 20 from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. at the pool. (Rain Date: Wednesday, May 23 at 4:00p.m.)
• Tryouts from 3:00 to 3:30 - Open to new swimmers only (not previously on the Mutants).
• Returning Mutants wishing to change levels can do so starting at 3:30 p.m.
• Register your swimmers and sign up to volunteer.
• Order team swimsuits and other Mutant wear. (Team swimsuits are available for purchase, but are not required.)

SWIM TEAM FEES - Payable to “Grosse Pointe Park Mutants”:
1 Swimmer: $115 2 Swimmers: $180 3+ Swimmers: $245 (+ $5 for each additional child to cover the included team shirt)

Lindell Lodge & Patio

The Lindell Lodge will be available for bookings of 25 or less from April 15 to November 15, 2018. Call 822-2812, ext. 201 to reserve your date.

Monday - Friday - $75.00
Saturday, Sunday and holidays - $125.00

Features include: 32” HD LCD TV, surround sound stereo system, fireplace, 2 comfy chairs and 2 wooden café tables with accompanying wooden chairs.

Picnic Permits

Picnic permits can be obtained for up to 25 guests for Windmill Pointe Park or Patterson Park. Each household can obtain 2 picnic permits per year. For more information, please call Chris at 822-2812 ext. 201.
• Monday - Friday - $15.00 • Large Grill - $5.00
• Saturday and Sunday - $25.00

Park Market

The Park Market will open its 15th season on June 2 with many changes. The first change coming to the Market is the location. The 2018 Market will be returning to its original location in the Kercheval business district of Grosse Pointe Park. Vendors will line the sidewalks of Kercheval from Nottingham to Maryland on both sides of the street.

In honor of our 15th year in business, Park Market will be hosting a vendor “throwback” on opening day. We will be reaching out to vendors past, present and future in hopes of providing a fun filled opening to kick off the season. The Market will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Keep an eye on our Facebook Page and the City website for more information regarding the updated Park Market Season ahead!

Flurries-N-Fun Week

We have a fun filled week in store for the kids on Mid-Winter Break. The following is a day-by-day break down of things for kids to do:

Monday 2/19 - Open Gym Day – FREE. Noon to 4 p.m. The Lavins Center gymnasium will be split in two halves. Children 10 and under will be on one side of the gym with a variety of activities available to tire them out. Children 11 to 14 will be on the other side and will be able to play basketball. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the activities.

Tuesday 2/20 – Regularly Scheduled Matinees at 2:00 pm & 2:30 pm.

Wednesday 2/21 - Animal Magic with Mark Rosenthal! The most unique, educational, entertaining show anywhere! Performance will start at 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. There will be a $5.00 entry fee per person. Please register at the Lavins Activity Center front desk. Check or cash only.

Thursday 2/22 - Regularly Scheduled Matinees at 2:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Friday 2/23 - Inflatable Fun Day. Noon to 4 p.m. $5.00 per child. Children 10 and under are invited for a fun filled day of inflatables and crafts in the gymnasium. Lunch will be available for purchase in the McKeever Lounge from 12-2 p.m. Lunch will include hot dogs, chips and a beverage. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the activities. Please register at the Lavins Activity Center front desk. Check or cash only!

For more information or questions, please call Chad at (313)-822-2812 ext. 200.

Spring Break Kids Days

We have a fun filled week in store for the kids on Spring Break. The following is a day-by-day break down of things for kids to do:

Monday 4/2 - Open Gym Day – FREE. Noon to 4 p.m.

Tuesday 4/3 – Regularly Scheduled Matinees at 2:00 pm & 2:30 pm.

Wednesday 4/4 - Inflatable & Build-A-Bear Day. Noon to 4 p.m. $5.00 per child. Children 10 and under are invited for a fun filled day of inflatables and Build-A-Bear in the gymnasium. Lunch will be available for purchase in the McKeever Lounge from 12-2 p.m. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register at the Lavins Activity Center front desk. Check or cash only!

Thursday 4/5 - Regularly Scheduled Matinees at 2:00 pm & 2:30 pm.

Friday 4/6 - NERF Mobile Games Fun Day. 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. $5.00 per child. Children 6 - 12 years old are invited to join in the NERF fun as you run, dodge, dive and blast the competition. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the activities. Please register at the Lavins Activity Center front desk. Check or cash only!

For more information or questions, please call Chad at (313)-822-2812 ext. 200.
Calendar Highlights

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

February 7 Date Night
Tompkins Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

February 13 Dinner With Mary Lou
Tompkins Center at 5:30 p.m.

February 19 Flurries-N-Fun Week
Mid-Winter Break at Lavins Activity Center

February 19 Presidents Day
City Hall & Park Office Closed

March 10 All Pointes Daddy/Daughter Dance
Grosse Pointe South Main Gym at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

March 13 Dinner With Mary Lou
Tompkins Center at 5:30 p.m.

March 24 Egg Scramble
Patterson Park at 12:00 p.m.

March 30 Good Friday
City Hall & Park Office Closed

April 1 Easter Sunday PLEASE NOTE
Windmill Pointe Park & Lavins Center Closed
Patterson Park open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 2 Spring Break Kids Days
Spring Break at Lavins Activity Center

April 15 Marina Opens for 2018 Season

May 19 Perennial Plant Exchange
Windmill Pointe Park at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

May 19 Shredding
Windmill Pointe Park at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

May 19 All Pointes Cornhole Tournament
Pier Park at 11:30 a.m.

May 28 Memorial Day
City Hall & Park Office Closed

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**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day**

*Date, Time & Location - T.B.D.*

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 Tom VanDeputte at the City of Grosse Pointe Park - (313) 822-5100.

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

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

**ShredCorp.**

Saturday, May 19
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
$3.00 Per Box

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.
Landlords Take Notice

Renting of property requires a Certificate of Occupancy permit and all landlords must, for the safety of the renters, acquire a C of O inspection. As in most industries, laws and regulations change periodically and for the safety of your renters, retrofits and repairs must be made. Inspections and dates will be AM or PM. No exact times will be given as our inspector has many inspections and times vary greatly. No extensions will be granted. Be sure to schedule your inspection giving yourself time to complete your repairs and allow access for the inspection. A reinspection, because of no access or incomplete repairs, will cause a $50.00 reinspection fee to be charged to the landlord.

Snow Removal

Streets are our number one priority during snow events. Due to the cost of salt, the Department of Public Works will be spot salting at intersections and mid-way on all streets. During accumulating snow, streets will be salted and plowing will take place when accumulation is 3 inches or greater.

Snow Removal By Contractor

It is the Contractor's responsibility to push the snow they are plowing back onto the homeowner's property, not the neighbor’s property. The Police Department will issue tickets to Contractors who violate this policy.

Sec. 21-52. Sidewalks to be Cleared.
The occupant of every lot or premises adjoining any street, or the owner of such lot or premises, if the same are not occupied, shall clear all ice and snow from sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises within the time herein required. After any snow or ice shall cease to fall, such snow or ice shall be cleared from the sidewalks within twelve (12) hours of such cessation (code 1957).

Sidewalks

As a service to homeowners, snow and ice is cleared from sidewalks. In the event that snowfall is very limited or ice build-up occurs, residents are asked to clear their sidewalks within 12 hours of such occurrences. Grosse Pointe Park City Code states as follows:

Sec. 21-53. Failure to Clear.
If any occupant or owner shall neglect or fail to clear ice or snow from the sidewalk adjoining his premises within the time limit, or shall otherwise permit ice or snow to accumulate on such sidewalk, he shall be guilty of a violation of this article and in addition, the Director of Public Service may cause the same to be cleared and the expense of removal shall become a debt to the city from the occupant or owner of such premises, and shall be collected as any other debt to the city. (Code 1957). Please remove vehicles from street during snow storms.

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

2018 Board of Review

The 2018 Board of Review will meet in March. Notices will be mailed to all property owners by the end of February. The hours in session, location and number to call for appointments will be printed on the notice. Every person who makes a request, protest or application to the March Board of Review will be notified in writing of the Board of Review's action. Please note the CPI index for the year 2018 is 1.021%. All properties will go up by 1.021% unless construction improvements were done.

There is no requirement for what may be submitted for a local appeal. Each case is heard and judged on a case by case basis. Valuation disclosures presented by a petitioner may include appraisal of the subject that is being appealed and any other materials to support their contention of value. Pictures of property and those of comparable being used are helpful. Comparable should not differ in size, age or location. If using foreclosure, sheriff sale or short sale, it should be noted as these could have had an affect on the sale price.

It is the Board of Review's responsibility to make an independent judgment based on the facts presented and on the law, knowing that price and cost may serve as the basis for expressing value, but are not synonymous with value. Section 27(5) of the General Property Tax Act states the following: “beginning December 31, 1994, the purchase price in a transfer of a property is not the presumptive true cash value of a property transferred.” Therefore the Board of Review does NOT have the authority to change an assessment solely on a sale price.

Public Safety Notification

Nixle is a helpful service for the Public Safety Department to publish notifications such as road closures, fire hydrant flushing, water main breaks, area power outages, etc. Residents can register for the service at www.nixle.com or text your zip code to 888777.

Recycling Reminder

Compost recycling will start again on the first week of April. All recycling must be placed in the proper recycling containers for pick up. Clear plastic bags with excess recycling will not be picked up. Also, cardboard needs to be broken down and placed in container for recycling.

Water Levels Expected to Rise

Once more we expect our waters to experience their seasonal cycles and it is projected that levels will rise through July and be slightly above last year's levels. Meanwhile, related to lake levels, the administration continues to work closely with FEMA officials relative to maintaining the option, rather than a mandate, that property owners acquire flood insurance south of Jefferson. Also related to lake levels, the City is continuing upgrades to the marina boat well electrical services.

For more information on the rising water levels, the Army Core of Engineers gave a projection for the next six months. This projection is based on the present condition of the lake basin and anticipated future weather. For more details, see the following link:

**Beautification Award Winners**

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission hosted its Annual Awards evening on November 10, 2017. Thirty proud homeowners received customized picture awards of their homes. Mayor Bob Denner presented the awards to the following residents who enhanced the appearance of our residential community with their landscaping efforts:

- Roger & Kathleen Hunwick
- Keith D. Smith
- Jill E. Woodward
- Nolly Vermet
- Ronald & Margaret Breitenbecher
- Sandy & Gerry McCarrk
- Anthony & Christine Magdowski
- Harry and Paula Morris
- Ann Woodward
- Joe & Kelly Francis
- Michael & Marybeth Hass
- Bruce & Janet Wyman
- Nicole Brouyette & Weston O’Neil
- Mark & Lynda Farnen
- Jane & John Blahut
- Mona Simoncini
- Hal and Terrie Augustine
- Stephen D. & Cheryl Ann Winter
- James & Veronica Cleveinger
- Gene & Karen Kohut
- Kevin & Melanie Lalone
- Robert Morris, Leigh Solomon and Family
- Kelly Gill
- Bill and Susan Francis
- Brock and Priscilla Barczyk
- Colleen and Nick Graczyk
- Mark Sanford & Susan Miller
- Jim and Suzanne McCuich
- Nancy Gonzalez
- Mary & Rick Bershback

**Oak Wilt Update**

Oak wilt is a fungal disease (Ceratocystis fagacearum) affecting all species of oaks in the Eastern United States and parts of Canada. Red oaks are especially susceptible, often dying within weeks of infection.

The disease spreads underground through root grafts and overland by beetles that spread fungal spores from tree to tree. Symptoms include premature leaf browning during the growing season and sudden leaf drop in the summer. Diagnosing this disease is difficult because symptoms are similar to other oak disorders.

Oak wilt expert, Dave Roberts, PhD, Michigan State University, told me he has never seen oak wilt in Grosse Pointe Park. In fact, there had been no recent confirmed cases of oak wilt in Wayne County until fall 2016, when it was discovered on Belle Isle. Over 200 hundred oaks were removed in an effort to try to isolate the fungus which was probably introduced onto Belle Isle from the movement of firewood. Grosse Pointe homeowners need to be prudent. Preventing the spread of oak wilt is the best form of management. DO NOT trim oak trees during the growing season. Trim oak trees now, during the winter months. Also, DO NOT move firewood. Infected wood can spread the fungus to healthy trees.

**2017 Holiday Awards**

*By: Pat Deck*

Thanks to a warm weather spell in late November, many of our neighbors decorated their properties to provide us with a festive holiday season as the temperatures plunged to extreme cold. How nice to drive through the Park and be greeted with colorful lights, garlands, wreaths, trees and holiday figures.

The following homes were judged by members of the Beautification Commission to be exceptional with their decor. They will be recognized with certificates for their outstanding displays and we thank them for adding to the festivity of Grosse Pointe Park.

Our thanks also to those homes which are perennial favorites and which may not have been included in this year’s list so others could be recognized. We regret any errors or omissions due to the difficulty in reading house numbers or viewing when lights may not have been on.

- Audubon 1021, 1100, 1396
- Balfour 1360
- Beaconsfield 897, 965
- Bedford 708, 805, 939, 1084, 1259
- Berkshire 1336
- Bishop 825, 1117
- Buckingham 1015, 1143, 1343
- Cadieux 1351
- Devonshire 1036, 1321
- East Jefferson 16109
- Grand Marais 924
- Grayton 1220
- Harvard 1127, 1238
- Kensington 1017, 1224, 1381
- Lakepointe 1070, 1088, 1303
- Maryland 1017, 1020, 1071, 1216
- Nottingham 1303, 1366, 1398
- Three Mile Drive 1174, 1336
- Trombley 747
- Wayburn 1112/1113, 1115, 1243, 1430, 1438
- Whittier 905, 1185, 1269, 1386
- Windmill Pt. Dr. 15725
- Yorkshire 1026, 1350

*Photo courtesy of Larry A. Peplin of Peplin Photographic*

Shumard oak logs on Belle Isle, fall 2017
Announcing Grosse Pointe Park
Beautification Commission's 2018 Tree Sale

(Tree sale is for Park residents only. Supplies are limited and orders will be filled on the basis of date and time received at the Park Municipal Building.)

**Snowdrift Crabapple** *(Malus 'Snowdrift').* Profuse pink buds become white flowers in spring, then glossy green foliage turning yellow in fall. Ornamental 3/8” yellow fruit persists into winter and is attractive to birds. Grows to 20’ H x 20’ W. Containerized 6’ tall.

**Robinson Crabapple** *(Malus 'Robinson').* Crimson buds open to deep pink flowers, bronze/green foliage. Upright spreading, rounded shape to 25’ H. 3/8” red fruit. Containerized 6’ tall.

**Weeping Cherry** *(Prunus).* Attractive flowers. Weeping branches structure. Beautiful small ornamental. Containerized approx. 5’ tall.

**Autumn Blaze Red Maple** *(Acer rubrum 'Autumn Blaze').* Grows very fast. Large growing shade tree reaching 50’. Green leaves turn a brilliant red in the fall. Containerized approx. 7’ tall.

Orders must be in by Arbor Day - Friday, April 27, 2018.

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

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

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

Order No. __________

Name ________________________  Phone No. ____________________

Snowdrift Crabapple _________ at $50.00 = $ __________

Robinson Crabapple _________ at $50.00 = $ __________

Red Maple _________ at $70.00 = $ __________

Weeping Cherry _________ at $70.00 = $ __________

Total Amount Enclosed $______________

No Guarantees

Spring Perennial Plant Exchange
Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission
Saturday, May 19, 2018  9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  Tompkins Community Center

Composting demonstrations. Master gardeners available to answer questions. Exchange planting ideas with fellow gardeners. No plants for exchanging? No problem, gardeners happily share their extras. Free mulch, courtesy of The City of Grosse Pointe Park, will be available at Windmill Pointe Park.

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