Leaves are beginning to fall and it is time to plan for winter activities. Our parks will continue to be very active through the fall and winter seasons, so please review the many activities planned that are described in this Communicator.

Park utilization was very high again this summer. I hope you enjoyed the season and also attended the three After 6 on Kercheval events and recent Charlevoix street party. Some Parks and Recreation news:

- Pickleball is coming to Grosse Pointe Park! In the spring the tennis courts will be resurfaced at Patterson Park and pickleball court lines will be included. If you are not familiar with this sport, it is fun for all ages and resembles tennis on a smaller court with a low net and a wiffle-type ball. Consideration is also being given to possibly adding Pickleball courts in the Golden Gymnasium of the Lavins Center as well.

- The ice rink is planned to open around Thanksgiving, and both open skating and skating classes will be available.

- The Holiday Tree Lighting, complete with Santa and the children’s choirs, is scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at Windmill Pointe Park. The Trombly and Pierce Middle School Choirs will begin their program at 5:15 and the tree lighting will commence at 6:00 pm. I hope you will all plan to attend with your families. See inside for details.

The City will host Winterfest on Kercheval again on Saturday, November 24 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. This annual festival offers something for all ages and is a great opportunity to get outside and see your friends and neighbors during the holiday season.

The Public Service Department will once again be picking up leaves curbside. Please follow the guidelines stated in this Communicator and at www.grossepointepark.org. Pickups will be in approximately a two-week cycle, weather dependent.

The Public Safety Department continues to evaluate safety improvements along our commercial district on Kercheval. You have probably noticed the four-way stop at Kercheval and Lakepointe. This has significantly improved pedestrian and motorist safety at this busy corner while also calming traffic in the commercial district. Also, a consultant was retained to consider Kercheval and Maryland improvements, and possible enhancements are under consideration for this corner.

The Ordinance Review Committee recently presented two revisions to our ordinances that were both approved by the City Council. The first eliminates milkweed as a listed noxious weed in order to encourage appropriate cultivation of this plant to support the Monarch butterfly population. The second updates the Planning Commission ordinance to align it with state statute, including staggered two-year terms and a focus on regular updates to the City’s Master Plan.

A couple of local businesses deserve mention. Park Place Market moved from their original location on the northeast corner of Charlevoix and Lakepointe across the street to a newly remodeled, much larger space at the northwest corner. Also, at this writing, The Charlevoix pub/restaurant is very near opening at Charlevoix and Wayburn. Please consider visiting these as well as all our local businesses that work hard to serve our community.

My best wishes for a great winter season. If you have comments, please email them to me at dennerb@grossepointepark.org.
**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) 822-4347.

- 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.

**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 offers a gas fireplace. The newly added Atrium adds to the Center's capacity and ambiance by providing patrons a beautiful view of the lake while dining.

The Center's seating capacity is 130, however the Atrium now adds standing room capacity of up to 150. 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.

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

- 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)

**Grosse Pointe Park Communicator**

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911 - Emergencies Only

**Municipal Offices - Automated Telephone System:**

- **Main Number** 313-822-6200
- 0 - For the operator
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**Patterson Park Gatehouse**
313-822-1681

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**Find us on Facebook**

- Grosse Pointe Park’s Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/grossepointepark
On November 6, 2018, Grosse Pointe Park residents will have the opportunity to vote on a roads millage that would allow the City to continue addressing infrastructure repairs such as major streets, parking lots and curbs. The proposal calls for a ten year, annual rate of 1.0 mills per year through 2028.

Questions & Answers

**What Is The Current Road Millage Rate?**
The Millage is 1.75 and expiring with the December 1, 2018 tax levy. Using the math below in the next question, the current Millage cost an average of $350 per Year. The new millage will result in a reduction of $150 per year.

**What Is The Millage Going To Cost Me?**
For a period of 10 years (2019-2028), the millage will be 1.0. To calculate the cost of this increase, simply multiply your property's Taxable Value by 0.0010.

Example: Property Taxable Value= $200,000

$200,000 x 0.0010 = $200.00

**What Will This Millage Accomplish?**
This millage would address Major Streets such as Kercheval, Vernor, Charlevoix, St. Paul and Essex and the ability to repair parking lots, alleys and curbs within the City.

**How Much Will This Collect Per Year For Roads?**
The estimated amount equals to $590,641.00.

**Official Ballot Language**

**Street, Alley and Parking Lot Improvement Millage**

Shall the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan be authorized to levy millage on the taxable property within the City not to exceed the annual rate of 1.0 mills ($1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of 10 years, beginning with the December 1, 2019 levy and extending through the 2028 levy, inclusive, for the purpose of reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing and otherwise improving major and local streets within the City, alleys, parking lots and related infrastructure? This millage would represent a partial renewal, reduction, and expansion of the purpose of the annual levy of 1.75 mills that expires with the December 1, 2018 tax levy which was approved by the electors in 2014 for the purpose of reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing and otherwise improving City streets. The estimated amount of revenue that will be collected in the first year that the millage is authorized and levied is $590,641.00

Yes  No
Grosse Pointe Park Road Millage Information

*Please note at time of print Maryland, Lakepointe, Balfour, Whittier and Berkshire are currently under construction. The FY 2019 streets will resume in the Spring and Summer of 2019.

*Remaining local streets will be completed in FY 2020

*Due to a labor dispute lasting 3 weeks, our contractor availability was delayed this fall.

Projected Road Tax Collection Modifications

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*This is based on a home value of $400,000 and with an expected taxable value of $200,000.

Old Road debt retires 2019 at 1.75.

*New Millage Cost: FY 2020= $200, FY 2021= $200, FY 2022= $200, FY 2023= $200

* Grosse Pointe Park Fiscal Year operates as a July 1-June 30 Calendar
Karate For Kids
Head Instructor: Lisa Santi
Instructors: Marino Santi/Francesca Ruggirello
$60.00 Per Session

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. Sign up begins two weeks before each session starts. 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. 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 Jr”: Girls age 6 to 9 years old who are new to karate and returning students.
“Pink Power”: Girls age 10 and up who are new to karate and returning students.

Karate Class Schedule

**Session II: Sign-up starts Monday, October 29**

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*Note: There is no class on January 21 - MLK Day*

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Pink Power Class!

The “Pink Power” classes are strictly for girls. The goal of these classes 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 weapons. 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.

Traditional Weapons Enrichment Class

This class is a combined enrichment class which will run an hour and a half. The class is geared to students ages 10 and up and will focus on specific traditional weapons skills. It will help students strengthen their martial arts skills and support those looking to advance in belt rank.

Important Karate Dates...

**Karate Olympics**
Saturday, January 26, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
All testing dates will be announced in the next Communicator.

**Parents Night/Demo Night**
Saturday, March 23, 2019
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
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.

- Single Sessions: $60.00
- Three Session Packet: $165.00
- Six Session Packet: $300.00

**Meade Fitness Center**

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, the Meade Fitness Center is a great place to burn a few calories and have a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and state-of-the-art cardio equipment. Our Certified Personal Trainers on staff are available to provide complimentary assessment sessions to new members by appointment. Members may also purchase private Personal Training Sessions with our trainers for a more individualized weight training program.

**Fitness Classes**

Membership to the Fitness Center also 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, Barre, Circuit, Indoor Cycling, Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi, Total Strength and Zumba.

**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 Theater and Carol C. Schaap Theater**

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

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

- Adults: $8.00
- Seniors (60 & over): $7.00
- Matinée: $6.00
- Children (12 & under): $7.00

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

**Theater Private Rentals**

The movie theaters 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:

- Okulski Theatre: Small Party $160
- Okulski Theatre: Large Party $200
- Schaap Theatre: Flat Rate $200

**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.
Introduction to the Otago Exercise Program

Otago is an evidence based and individually tailored balance, strength and fall prevention program delivered by a licensed Physical Therapist. Otago began in New Zealand and was developed, tested and demonstrated to be most effective for reducing falls and fall related injuries among high risk individuals.

Otago has also increased the percentage of older adults who were able to live independently in their community. The United States Center for Disease Control has modified and adapted the New Zealand Otago exercise program for the United States.

This introduction to Otago Class will be presented by licensed Physical Therapist Nicole LeFever Hajdas who is certified in the Otago principles. Nicole will provide background information on the Otago program and give each participant in the class an individual fall risk screening.

Depending upon community interest, this class could become a regularly offered class that would be included in the Lavins Activity Center programming in the future. The class will be held at the Lavins Activity Center in the McKeever Lounge. It will be offered twice for you to choose the class time that works best for you. Class fee is $35 per person and will be limited to a 15 person maximum. Please register for class by calling (313) 822-2812, ext. 300. Class dates are as follows:

**Tuesday, January 15 at 11:00 am**
**Thursday, January 17 at 1:00 pm**

If you haven't yet heard of this exciting new approach to balance and fall prevention program, go to the National Council on Aging Otago Exercise Program: Program Information and Guidance website: (https://www.ncoa.org/resources/otago-exercise-program-program-information-guidance/)

Afternoon Out Is Back!

This season we'll be showing more recent classics from the 70s through the 90s. Come join us for these FREE presentations during those long winter months. Twice a month, on Wednesdays, at 1:00 p.m. we'll bring back some of your old favorites in the Carol C. Schaap Theatre. Mark your calendars now!

November 21  The Godfather - 1972 (2 hrs. 55 min.)
December 5  A Christmas Story - 1983 (1 hr. 34 min.)
December 19  The Family Stone - 2005 (1 hr. 43 min.)
January 9  Summer of 42 - 1971 (1 hr. 44 min.)
January 23  An Officer and a Gentleman – 1982 (2 hrs. 4 min.)
February 6  Stand by Me - 1986 (1 hr. 29 min.)
February 20  Top Gun - 1986 (1 hr. 50 min.)
March 6  The Breakfast Club - 1987 (1 hr. 37 min.)
March 20  Ghost - 1990 (2 hrs. 7 min.)
April 10  Forrest Gump - 1994 (2 hrs. 22 min.)
April 24  The First Wives Club - 1996 (1 hr. 43 min.)
May 1  The Birdcage - 1995 (1 hr. 57 min.)
May 15*  Something's Gotta Give  - 2003 (2 hrs. 8 min.)

*Park Café Luncheon before the May 15 presentation at 12:00 p.m. in the Tompkins Center. For more information, contact the Lavins Activity Center at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.

Tiny Tots

Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

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

**Session II:** 6 Weeks $55.00 (Sign-up starts Tues., October 30)
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18

**Session III:** 6 Weeks $55.00 (Sign-up starts Wed., December 26)
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

Pipsqueaks P.E.

Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Pipsqueaks P.E. is a class for children 3-6 years old who are ready to move, dance and play independently from their parents. This is a great class designed to get their bodies moving in a fun and energetic way while learning new developmental skills.

**Session II:** 6 Weeks $55.00 (Sign-up starts Tues., October 30)
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18

**Session III:** 6 Weeks $55.00 (Sign-up starts Wed., December 26)
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

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

It’s time to dust off your old ice skates, or those gently used skates that your kids have outgrown, and bring them to the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park for the Skate Swap! We will be accepting skates from now until November 25.

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

The Skate Swap will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 26 inside the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park. Arrive promptly to get the best selection.

-No Skates Will Be Accepted The Day of the Swap-

Skating Lessons

Classes are $45 for five 30 minute classes offered on Tuesdays. Sign up early since class sizes are limited for more individual attention. All skaters must have single bladed skates and proper outdoor winter attire. **Helmets are required for children in all skating lessons. Classes are taught by Sharron Nelson & Christine Oster. We will be using the “Remind” App to inform our participants of cancellations.**

**Tuesday Classes**

**Session I** December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15

**Session II** January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19

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

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

-All make-up days will be on Thursdays-

Ice Rink Information

Weather permitting, the Hutton Ice Rink typically opens around Thanksgiving. You can call Patterson Park at 822-1681 for rink updates. Skating hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Skaters are asked to stay to one side of the rink (parking lot side) while skating classes are being conducted on Tuesdays. Coffee, hot chocolate and snacks may be purchased at the Lodge. Lodge attendants are present Monday - Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from Noon - 8:00 p.m.

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

Sledding Hill

Patterson Park is home to the sledding hill. We encourage everyone to come out and play on the hill whether it’s with your snowboard or saucer, but please adhere to the following rules:

- Sledding hill closes at dusk.
- Please walk around the putting green when you climb up or come down the hill.
- Sled, toboggan, snowboard, or saucer down the front of the hill, towards the lake. Stay clear of the snow fence, Bedford fence line and back of hill.
- Helmets are encouraged and hay bales have been tied to trees for your protection.
- In case of an emergency, contact the gate guard.
- Rule breakers will be escorted from the Park.

Remember, the Lindell Lodge will host our Skate Swap on Monday, November 26 and it serves as a warming hut for skaters all winter long. Stop in for a cup of hot chocolate and a snack!

Marina Notes

**Dates to Remember:**

- **November 1, 2018** 2019 Deposit Payments Due
- **November 15, 2018** Marina Closes
- **March 15, 2019** Balance on Boat Wells Due
- **April 15, 2019** Marina Opens

If you have any questions about the marina or the waitlist, feel free to contact Chris at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201 or send an email to marina@grossepointepark.org.
**Dinner With Mary Lou**

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, January 29** at 5:30 p.m.  
  **Pasta / Salad**

- **Tuesday, February 26** at 5:30 p.m.  
  **Soups / Salad**

- **Tuesday, March 26** at 5:30 p.m.  
  **Chicken & Spinach Pot Pie / Salad**

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 delmegec@grossepointepark.org. Tickets sell out quickly, so make your reservations early!

**Lunch With Santa**

Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children of Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 1 at the Tompkins Community Center. Santa will be here all afternoon, so we have scheduled three different times for lunch. The children will create a Christmas craft, visit with Santa and receive a small gift bag from Santa. Children can also take a ride on the Christmas train or Santa's sleigh!

In order for each child to have an intimate experience with Santa Claus, we can only accommodate 25 children per lunch time. Lunch times are:

- **10:30 – 11:30 am**
- **Noon – 1:00 pm**
- **1:30 – 2:30 pm.**

Lunch will consist of pizza, bread sticks, cookies, juice (coffee available for adults) and, of course, a candy cane from Santa!

Reservations will start November 1 and will be taken until November 30 or until capacity is reached. Price per child is $6 and $5 per attending adult. Please make your reservations early at the Parks & Recreation Office at Windmill Pointe Park. Parents, please bring your cameras to take photos of this momentous occasion!

**Holiday Tree Lighting**

The Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, November 17 with vocal entertainment provided by the Trombly Elementary Choir at 5:15 p.m. and the Pierce Middle School Choir at 5:30 p.m. The Tree Lighting will be at 6:00 p.m.

We will also be passing out hot chocolate and cookies at our inside gatehouse and there will be a live photo opportunity with Santa and one of Santa's reindeer!

**2019 Chilly Fest!**

Come join us on Saturday, January 19 from noon until 4 p.m. for the 2019 Chilly Fest for lots of indoor and outdoor fun! The event will take place at both Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Park with a $5 entry fee allowing access to both Parks.

Events will include our 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff, bounce houses, S'more station, four wheel saucer rides, face painting, balloon artist, costume characters, animal rides and a petting zoo. Chair massages and nail services will be available in the McKeever Lounge. The Park Café will be on hand for a quick bite to eat in the Tompkins Center.

The K-Line Trolley will run to and from Patterson Park for skaters and those who wish to just ride the K-Line Trolley!
Park Market Harvest Fest

The Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 29 ended our 2018 season with a bang! The City and the Park Market staff would like to extend a generous thank you to everyone who supported the Market this season. New vendors and our loyal patrons, all helped to make our 2018 Market season awesome! The 2019 Park Market will again be held at the Kercheval business district between Maryland and Beaconsfield. We look forward to another great season.

Snow Removal

Winter is around the corner and that means snow will be falling throughout Grosse Pointe Park. Residents can help make the streets and sidewalks safer by following a few rules from the Department of Public Works:

At what point does the City take action to plow?

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

Sidewalks 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). 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.

Snow Removal by Contractor

The contractor is required to push the snow back onto the homeowner's property and not the neighbor's property. The City receives multiple complaints from adjacent property owners regarding where snow is placed. Please ask your contractor to be mindful of surrounding properties when they are plowing. If your contractor moves snow down your driveway and across the street, please make sure the mound of snow is completely out of the street and not blocking a neighbor's driveway or concealing a fire hydrant. The Public Safety Department will issue tickets to contractors who violate this policy.

How can I help?

- Reduce your speed while driving when roads are slick with ice and snow
- DO NOT follow too closely behind snow removal equipment
- Remind children NOT to play in or near snow piles by the roadway
- Avoid parking on streets during heavy snowfall
- DO NOT shovel or plow snow onto the street

Does the State of Michigan have a law regarding snow removal?

Yes. Michigan Vehicle Code Act 300 of 1949, 257.677a Obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice or slush prohibited. A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway.
The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission
2018 Garden Party Soirée

Thank You

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation
Would like to thank Janet and Gary VanElslander for hosting our very successful 2018 Garden Party Soirée
In addition, we are grateful for all of you that donated to the Foundation and we would like to recognize our sponsors.

Taste of Grosse Pointe

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation continues its fundraising efforts to provide future enhancements to benefit all residents in the community. As a thank you to all contributing Foundation members, the Foundation is presenting its annual “Taste of Grosse Pointe” event at the Tompkins Community Center on Tuesday, December 4 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. A variety of food, desserts and wine will be served.

If you would like to obtain more information on joining the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, or have an established business and would like to donate food for the Taste of Grosse Pointe to promote your business, please contact Alison LaCrosse at (313) 822-4379 or Courtney Delmege at (313) 822-4347.

Holiday Reminder from the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission will again be looking for outdoor winter holiday decorations from December through the first week of January. Be sure to leave your lights on! Addresses clearly visible from the street are appreciated.

K-Line Trolley Holiday Light Tour

Experience the decorations and lights of our community and the neighboring Grosse Pointes from the K-Line Trolley! It is perfect family event to enhance your excitement for the Holiday Season. Arrange and depart from the Patterson Park Parking Lot.

Time: The K-Line Trolley will have two time slots: 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. The K-Line Trolley tour leaves promptly at 6:30 p.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. and again at 7:45 p.m. and returns at 8:45 p.m.

Days: Monday, December 10, Tuesday, December 11, Wednesday, December 12, Thursday, December 13.

Tickets: $10.00 each. Due to high demand, ONLY 6 tickets can be purchased per family. Register and pay at the main counter at Grosse Pointe Park’s City Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.
Notice to Tenants & Business Owners

Beginning November 15, 2018, tenants and business owners can apply for their 2019 Park Passes. As a reminder, the Park Pass season begins January 1, 2019 and ends December 31, 2019.

Current NON-HOMEOWNER Park Passes expire December 31, 2018. PLEASE NOTE: In order for tenants to receive Park Passes, the landlord must verify tenancy, have a valid rental Certificate of Occupancy and a 2019 Landlord Business License. When applying for passes, please list ONLY those residents residing at the address. Proof of residency (two documents) is required for any family member age 18 or older who is not the homeowner. Business Owners are required to have a valid 2019 Business License and Commercial Certificate of Occupancy.

Landlords should have a Landlord Verification Form on file with the City along with a Certificate of Occupancy Permit. Landlords must acquire a Certificate of Occupancy Inspection for the safety of all renters. As in most industries, laws and regulations change periodically, therefore retrofits and repairs must be made accordingly.

Inspections and dates for inspections must be made in a timely fashion. All inspections will be a.m. block time. Be sure to schedule your inspection giving yourself time to complete your repairs and allow access for the inspection. A re-inspection due to no access or incomplete repairs will result in a $50 re-inspection fee to be charged to the landlord.

Curbside Leaf Pick-Up

Curbside leaf pick-up will continue until December 14, 2018 (weather permitting). Please rake your leaves close to the curb, but keep in mind not to impede roadway traffic. The City website and Facebook page will provide weekly updates on what streets are to be done. Please be advised that due to possible equipment breakdowns and weather, the schedule could be delayed once posted. Once the truck has been on your street, the approximate turnaround time will be two weeks. If you have a contractor collecting leaves, they are responsible for the removal of leaves from the homeowner's property.

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Election Calendar

November 3 - 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 5 - Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

November 6 - General Election. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

November 6 - 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

Precinct 1 & 2 Municipal Building
820 Beaconsfield
15115 E. Jefferson Ave.

Precinct 4 & 7
Pierce Middle School
15430 Kercheval

Precinct 5 & 6
Deer Elementary School
15425 Kercheval

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

Note: We are always in need of volunteers to help with elections. All volunteers are paid for their time. If you are interested, please contact Donna Costa at (313) 822-4380.