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Mayor's Update

By: Palmer Heenan

When I first became mayor, an unflattering comment about our city was making the rounds. It went something like this: "Will the last person to leave Grosse Pointe Park please turn out the lights." People were migrating outward and as a ring suburb we were perceived to be in a downward trajectory. Today, however, nothing could be further from the truth. The Free Press has listed us as a Southeast Michigan real estate "Hot Spot" and local brokers say that Park homes are the most sought after in all the Grosse Pointes, especially among young families. In fact, we have the youngest population of all the Pointes.

Our fast growing business and entertainment areas are attracting patrons from throughout the metro region. In the last two months we have seen the opening of Mimi's Bistro and Gallery (Jefferson), Rockefeller's Oyster Bar (Mack) and the Cornwall Bakery in the trendy Kercheval business district. Thanks to the efforts of our City Manager, we now have a free weekend trolley that connects the Kercheval commercial districts of the Park, the City and the Farms. (See photos below.) It is gratifying to see the number of young families who enjoy the trolley, which is subsidized by community foundations and the Chamber of Commerce.

We have also made an all out effort to deal with blighted commercial and residential properties through tougher ordinances and innovative programs, like the privately funded student rental subsidies. Before this effort

began we had 130 vacant rental units. Today there are fewer than 20. At the same time, most of our abandoned homes have either been remodeled or torn down.

Recently, we entered into a development agreement with Detroit that addresses blighted buildings along Alter Road, between Jefferson and Mack. We have identified more than 20 such properties and anticipate that they will be removed as part of a joint master plan for the redevelopment of Kercheval. This anti-blight and redevelopment initiative will substantially enhance the area's appearance and improve safety for residents of both cities – particularly children walking to school. In the past, Detroit has neglected its neighborhoods, but now I am very hopeful that these ongoing negotiations will signal a new era of cooperation between our two cities.

Soon we will open a second venue at the Okulski Theatre. It will be dedicated to movies appealing to older audiences and is a gift of the Park Foundation. Also on the horizon are landscape and lighting improvements along Mack. Finally, thanks to your support, our roads are now undergoing a three year rebuilding program.

These recent initiatives are just a few of the reasons why the Park is the most sought after of the Pointes. Underlying our success are core principles of efficient, highly proactive government, superb public amenities (such as our parks and library) and a very safe community. These positive outcomes did not occur by themselves. They are the collective effort of our employees, city council, commissions and the many unpaid volunteers who devote countless hours to the betterment of the community. When all is said and done, these dedicated people are the real reason why the lights are now shining "brighter than ever" in Grosse Pointe Park.



The K-Line Trolley runs Friday and Saturday evenings from 5:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. The route is the Kercheval Loop from Maryland to Moross. The Trolley will run through December and resume in the spring.

Park Hours

Patterson Park

8:00 a.m. to Dusk

Thanksgiving / Christmas Day Hours

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ice Rink & Sledding Hill Hours

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Windmill Pointe Park

8:00 a.m. to Dusk

Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Day

City Phone Numbers

911 - Emergencies Only

Municipal Offices - Automated Telephone System:

Main Number 313-822-6200

0 - For the operator

1 - Public Services, Building Department
and Assessment

2 - Water & Sewerage Billing

3 - Public Safety

4 - Municipal Court

Direct Lines:

Public Safety: 313-822-7400

Public Service: 313-822-4365

Voting & Elections: 313-822-4380

Tax Information: 313-822-4267

Building Inspector: 313-822-4368

Water Billing: 313-822-7650

Municipal Court: 313-822-3535

City Forester: 313-822-6200

(ext. 271)

Parks & Recreation 313-822-2812

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Inside Gate / Harbormaster Press 4

Outside Gate / Windmill Pte. 822-5155

Patterson Park Gatehouse 822-1681

Park Pass Information

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

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

Tompkins Center

The Tompkins Community Center offers our residents a unique and picturesque venue for hosting a wide range of functions. The Center is air conditioned and heated and also has a gas fireplace to add to the ambiance. The garden patio has an awning that is in place from May to November. The Center's capacity is 129 people. There are two fully equipped kitchens, two large coffee pots, tables and chairs. A sound system and wireless microphone are also available to renters and include a tuner, five disk CD changer and MP3 hookup.

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

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

There will be a \$100 discount on full-day rentals from January 1 through March 31. For more information, call (313) 822-2812, ext 201.



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BUSINESS FOCUS

Cornwall Bakery

“Good Things Come To Those Who Wait”

Cornwall Bakery has finally opened its doors at 15215 Kercheval after a long wait by the community for something wonderful to occupy the former Mueller’s Market space. Owner Freeman Gunnell was working hard to get his dream project off the ground at a Birmingham location when things kept getting stalled. “We couldn’t understand why the project kept getting delayed” said Gunnell, “until we were tipped off that a bakery in Grosse Pointe Park was built and unoccupied.” It was as if the setbacks were working for them, not against them. “It was truly remarkable to walk into the space that was to be Bona Fide Bakery and basically see the blueprint of what I was trying to build in Birmingham. It felt serendipitous” said Gunnell. “We suddenly had to make many major life changes very quickly. We sold our Royal Oak home in 11 days, bought a home in Grosse Pointe Park, moved our children to new schools and took a giant leap of faith.” Freeman’s wife, Megan Gunnell, agrees. “Our family couldn’t be happier and the community has been so welcoming.”

After several months of renovations to get the existing space redesigned perfectly to function as a full service bakery, including breakfast and lunch service, testing products for the menu, training staff and a lot of other details, the Cornwall doors finally opened to the public on Saturday, September 27th and business has been booming ever since! In addition to Artisan Breads made from scratch, Cornwall Bakery serves European pastries and specialty cakes. Freeman has an extensive background as a chef and baker and plans to use all of his knowledge and skills to continue to bring an outstanding array of sweet and savory items to the table. So if you haven’t stopped in yet, do so soon! The chocolate chip cookies are amazing!! Hours of business are Monday - Closed; Tuesday - Friday 7:00 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Cabbage Patch Café

The Cabbage Patch Café is a place where friends and neighbors have come to enjoy delicious meals and baked goods made with wholesome ingredients and an earnest desire to soothe and satisfy the stomach and soul. Located at 15110 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park’s West Park neighborhood, the Café offers specialty breakfasts, succulent baked goods, fresh bountiful salads and hearty sandwiches, along with daily soups and specials. Choose to dine inside one of their three seating areas or enjoy outdoor dining when the weather permits. Carry-out dinners and casseroles are made fresh daily as well to provide a variety of menu options, including vegan and gluten-free. These items are available daily from their Café Market Place along with menu offerings that change weekly. Be sure to sign up for their weekly email list when you visit. In addition, the Café offers freshly prepared hot dinners three nights a week which are ready by 5:00 pm. Be sure to pick up some of their famous scones and delicious baked goods as well to enjoy later for dessert.

Cabbage Patch Café also offers a cozy, yet elegant venue to host your special events in their newly expanded and renovated space. They also specialize in all forms of catering, from corporate affairs and cocktail parties to whimsical baby showers and school graduations. As a full service custom caterer, they provide personal service and that special touch to any event while providing delicious food made from scratch with all fresh ingredients. They pride themselves on their ability to work with a myriad of clients to make any event a success!

Before opening the Cabbage Patch Café, Grosse Pointe native Pam Dzedzic earned a stellar reputation through her 20 years of experience as a personal and corporate caterer in the Pointes and across metropolitan Detroit. Pam is passionate about providing high-quality fare and service and is recognized for her flexibility when working with clients to meet their individual needs. So stop by the Cabbage Patch Café soon to meet Pam and her staff. Hours of business are Monday - Thursday 7:00 am – 7:00pm, Friday and Saturday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm.



2014 Co-ed Volleyball Champions

**“Barb’s Kids”
Recreational League Champs**



**Recreational League Champions (Left to Right):
Michelle Yinger, Dave Woodhull, Erin Stilwail, Bernard Thorton, Jenny Singer, Joe Ryan, Kayla Bolos,
Joe Rhodes, Jill Andrews**

**“See Ya Later Alligators”
Competitive League Champs**



**Competitive League Champions (Left to Right):
Maggie Tignanelli, Jen Stratelak, Andrew Roa,
Garret Cox, Marianna Bertakis
and Andrew Tignanelli**

2014 Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament Champions

The Windmill Pointe Park Tennis Tournament took place August 14th - 17th. Julie Miller-Jason and Patrick Dietz ran a tremendous tournament!

Men’s Singles Champion Matt Halso

Mixed Doubles Champions

Ryan Leslie
Madie Flournoy

Men’s Doubles Champions Matt Prigorac
Jim Beardslee

Women’s Doubles Champions

Madie Flournoy
Morgane Flournoy

Tiny Tots

Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

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

Session II: 6 Weeks \$55.00
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
November 11th, 18th, 25th, December 2nd, 9th, 16th

Session III: 6 Weeks \$55.00
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd, 10th

Pipsqueaks P.E.

Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

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

Session II: 6 Weeks \$55.00
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
November 11th, 18th, 25th, December 2nd, 9th, 16th

Session III: 6 Weeks \$55.00
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd, 10th

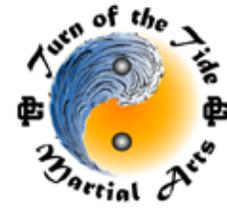
Payment at sign-up required for all classes. Don’t forget - online sign-up is now available!



Karate For Kids

Instructor: Lisa Santi

\$60.00 Per Class



This popular martial arts program continues another season of learning, skill development and advancement. The "Turn of the Tide" Martial Arts program teaches students how to gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. These classes are ongoing and new students are always welcome. Classes are held in the Lavins Activity Center gymnasium. Sign up online or at the Lavins Activity Center.

"Little Dragons" (formerly Beginner Class): Students age 4 to 6 years old that are new to Karate or have attained a Junior Ranking.

"Mighty Vipers" (formerly Intermediate Class): Students age 7 to 9 years old.

"Peaceful Warriors" (formerly Advanced Class): Students 10 and up that have attained the rank of 8th Gup Purple Belt and up.

"Pink Power": Girls age 7 and up.

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

Martial Arts Specialty Classes

There are several specialty classes offered throughout the year for strengthening martial arts skills. Please check the class schedule to see when these enrichment classes are available. Look for the following classes: Teens, Weapons/Padded Weapons, Forms/Sparring, Demo Team and Black/Red Belt. Each class will offer eight weeks of training geared to a specific group of students or focus on the specific skill set listed in the class title. These classes will help support students looking to advance in belt rank.

Important Karate Dates...

Beginner Karate Testing

December 15th, 16th

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Karate Olympics

Saturday, January 24, 2015

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Advanced Karate Testing

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Parents Night/Demo Night

Friday, March 27, 2015

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Karate Class Schedule

Session II:

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Nov 17, Dec 1, 8, 15, Jan 5, 12, *23, 26

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

Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

***Note: No class on 1/19/15 MLK Day Class will be held on 1/23/15.**

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Mighty Vipers - Nov 18, Dec 2, 9, 16, Jan 6, 13, 20, 27

Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Forms - Nov 19, *Dec 5, 10, 17, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teens - Same dates as above.

***Note: December 3rd canceled. December 5th is make up class.**

Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power - Nov 20, Dec 4, 11, 18, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Session III:

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Feb 2, 9, 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Demo Team - Same dates as above.

Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Mighty Vipers - Feb 3, 10, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Weapons - Feb 4, 11, 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teens - Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power - Feb 5, 12, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2

Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Instructor Lisa Santi

Instructor Lisa Santi of the Turn of the Tide Martial Arts program is starting her 25th year here at Windmill Pointe Park. Over the years her karate program has grown from two classes a week at the Tompkins Center to eleven classes a week at the Lavins Activity Center. The program is a staple at the Park and we are so grateful to have her as a key component of our kids programming at the Lavins Activity Center. Lisa is an outstanding instructor and along with her many other honors, certifications and accomplishments, she was recently inducted into the Association of Women's Martial Arts Instructors Hall of Fame and is currently serving on the National Women's Martial Arts Federation Board of Directors.

Lisa has taught her classes alongside her son Marino and daughter Francesca. Together they have taught students self-confidence, empowerment and discipline as well as form, agility and technique. Their students also participate in yearly fundraising for charities to teach the children compassion for others. Children of all ages can benefit from this outstanding program.



Instructor Lisa Santi

Lavins Activity Center

Want to get into shape or catch a movie? The Lavins Activity Center offers many recreational options for residents to take part in year round. Memberships to the Meade Fitness Center are available for weight training and/or cardio workouts. Fitness Class Memberships offer an assortment of classes such as Yoga, Cycling, Body Sculpting, Pilates, Zumba, etc. These are just a few of the activities that are available. Maybe you're even looking for a "night out at the movies". We've got that as well! The Okulski Family Theatre offers movies on the big screen. All this is just minutes from your doorstep!

Fitness Center Hours

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| 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. Our trainer is NASM certified.

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| 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 offers a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and cardio equipment. Our Certified Personal Trainer is available to provide complimentary assessment sessions to new members by appointment. Also, members may purchase Personal Training Sessions with a trainer to obtain an individualized weight training program. Membership to the Meade Fitness Center may be purchased at the front desk of the Lavins Activity Center.

A Class Membership is also available at the Lavins Activity Center. The Class Membership consists of a variety of exercise classes. Our current classes are Body Sculpting, Circuit Saturdays, Indoor Cycling, Pilates, Power Yoga, Stay Strong, Tone & Trim, Yoga and Zumba. All classes are conducted in the gymnasium. Classes are ongoing, but a monthly schedule is always available in the lobby which will reflect any changes.

The Okulski Family Theatre

The Okulski Theatre offers a variety of movies on the big screen. Call 822-2812 and press Ext. 1, to hear the current movie title, show times and dates. Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day. You can't beat the convenience of popcorn and a movie so close to home! Teens are advised to have their park pass available for PG-13 rated movies.

Ticket Prices:

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| Adults - \$7.00 | Seniors (60 & over) - \$6.00 |
| Children (12 & under) - \$6.00 | Matinée - \$5.00 |

NOTE: THE MOVIE STARTS ON TIME!
So get here early to get your snacks and seats!

Membership Prices

| Fitness OR Class Membership Pricing | Annual | Quarterly |
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| Students Ages 16 - 25 | \$245.00 | \$80.00 |
| Adults 19-59 | \$350.00 | \$110.00 |
| Seniors 60 and Over | \$245.00 | \$80.00 |
| Couple | \$600.00 | \$165.00 |
| Senior Couple (both must be seniors) | \$385.00 | \$130.00 |

| Combined Fitness and Class Membership | Annual | Quarterly |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Students Ages 16 - 25 | \$345.00 | \$135.00 |
| Adults 19-59 | \$450.00 | \$160.00 |
| Seniors 60 and Over | \$345.00 | \$135.00 |
| Couple | \$700.00 | \$220.00 |
| Senior Couple (both must be seniors) | \$485.00 | \$185.00 |

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| Single Day Pass | \$10.00 |
| One Month Trial | \$40.00 |

Membership Discount!

The 25% Off Membership Discount will continue to be offered until December 1, 2014. Come sign up now because rates will be changing January 1, 2015. We will be restructuring the fitness memberships to be all inclusive. There will no longer be a "Fitness Room" or "Class" distinction. All memberships will now have full access to both the fitness room and all fitness classes offered!!

Gym Rentals

Occasional half-court gym rentals of the Golden Family Gymnasium are available. Reservations may be made with prepayment 72 hours in advance (maximum) for basketball, volleyball, badminton and running games. The fee is \$20 per hour for half court. Park passes are required for access to the Park and the Lavins Activity Center. Park Passes may be asked for at the reception desk to prove residency. Gym use policy requires one Grosse Pointe Park resident to every NON-resident. Non-residents must arrive WITH residents; otherwise they will be denied entry. Rental for large groups (with more non-residents than residents) is allowed only by pre-registration (25 - 72 hours), prepayment and provision of a list of attendees 24 hours before the rental. The maximum number of people allowed in the gym is limited to 25 persons per side.

Proper tennis or gym shoes are required and shirts must be worn. Participants under the age of 18, are required to have a parent/guardian in attendance.

Water bottles are permitted in the gym, but no other food or drinks are allowed. Basketballs and volleyballs are available at the reception desk, as well as a complete list of gymnasium rules.

Merry Music Maker Pajama Party!

Ages 2-8 Years Old
\$12 Per Family - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come join us for an evening of fun with Ms. Paula. Bring a blanket to sit on and wear your pajamas and a smiling face. We'll have music, stories and lots of silly fun. Bedtime will never be the same!

November 14th, January 9th, February 13th,
March 13th, April 10th, May 8th

Note: Prepayment not necessary. Pay at door.

Mark Your Calendar!

Daddy/Daughter Date Night

Monday, February 10th
Featured Film "Frozen"

Mother/Son Date Night

Wednesday, February 12th
Featured Film "The Lego Movie"
\$12.00 (\$6.00 for each additional child)

Come have your very own night at the movies together. Package includes complimentary small popcorn and beverage as well as a special photo of the two of you to remember your special night together! Children must be 5 years of age or older to attend.

More details to come in the next issue of the Communicator!

Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program

Lavins Activity Center – McKeever Lounge
10 Week Session - January 7 – March 11
Wednesdays at 10:45 am

Fitness Members \$50 / Non-Fitness Members \$80

The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program is an ancient practice proven to reduce pain and improve your mental and physical well-being. The program, developed by Dr. Paul Lam, uses gentle Sun-style Tai Chi routines that are safe, easy to learn and suitable for every fitness level. The benefits of Tai Chi are stress reduction, increased balance and coordination, increased range of motion and flexibility, improved memory and concentration, and overall improved mind, body and spirit.

Pasta In The Park

Mary Lou Muer and Blue Pointe Restaurant will provide Park residents with an "all you can eat" pasta buffet featuring salad and fresh baked rolls. The dinners are held in the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park on movie nights for those who wish to do a dinner and a movie. This is a great way to dine with old friends and to make new ones! The dates for the upcoming "Pasta Nights" are:

Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Guests are welcome to bring a bottle of wine to enjoy with dinner. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance. For more information, call Chris at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201, or send an email to delmegec@grossepointepark.org. Pasta in the Park dinner tickets sell out quickly, so make your reservations early!



Marina Notes



Dates to Remember:

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| November 1, 2014 | 2015 Deposit Payments Due |
| November 15, 2014 | Marina Closes |
| March 15, 2015 | Balance on Boat Wells Due |
| April 15, 2015 | 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.

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

Skate Swap

Monday, December 1st

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

It's time to dust off your old ice skates, or those gently used skates that your kids have outgrown, and bring them to the outside gatehouse at Windmill Pointe Park for the Skate Swap! We will be accepting skates from now until November 30th.

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

The Skate Swap will start promptly at 4:00 p.m. outside the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park. Arrive promptly to get the best selection.

-NO SKATES WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE SWAP-

Ice Rink Information

Weather permitting, the Hutton Ice Rink typically opens around Thanksgiving. You can call Patterson Park at 822-1681 for rink updates. Skating hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Skaters are asked to stay to one side of the rink (parking lot side) while skating classes are being conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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:

- 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.

Fun Skate With Lunch and Music

Saturday, January 24th, 2015

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

For this special Saturday event at Patterson Park, we will be providing music to skate to and Blue Pointe Restaurant will be cooking up lunch for all the hungry skaters, sledders and anyone else enjoying the Park. The Lodge will be open for you to warm up in and purchase hot chocolate and other goodies. Blue Pointe will be selling hot dogs, chili and chips for lunch on the patio. So bundle up and plan on attending this fun skate event at the Park.

Skating Lessons

Instructors: Sharron Nelson & Christine Oster

Classes are \$45 for five 30 minute classes offered on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. Sign up early since class sizes are limited for more individual attention. All skaters must have single bladed skates and proper outdoor winter attire. **Helmets are required for children in all skating lessons.**

Tuesday Classes

Session I December 9, 16, January 6, 13, 20

Session II January 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3

Thursday Classes

Session I December 11, 18, January 8, 15 22

Session II January 29, February 5, 12, 26, March 5

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

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

Adult Skaters - 18 & Older 5:30 – 6:00 pm
Basic skills for all levels. (**Note: The adult class is only offered on Tuesdays.**)

Remember, the Lodge is available to lace up your skates or to warm up with a hot drink and a snack!



Instructor Sharron Nelson
teaching a "Snowplow Beginners" class.

Adult Golf Instruction

Instructor: Matt Bodde, Golf Pro, Country Club of Detroit
Tuesday Evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
5 Classes - \$65.00

This class is designed for beginners and for those of you who need to brush up on your skills. You will need to bring 4 clubs to the first class - a wood, 7 iron, pitching wedge and a putter. Practical hands-on instruction and video taping of each golfer will take place during each session. Golf lessons will be taught in the Golden Family Gymnasium accommodating up to 15 participants. Sign up early with your friends to reserve your spot! (Online registration is now available.)



Session I: Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar 3
Session II: Mar 24, 31, Apr 7, 14, 21

Afternoon Out Is Back!

Come join us for a FREE movie twice a month on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. It's just a nice way to spend the afternoon!

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| November 19 | "Dead Poets Society" (Robin Williams & Ethan Hawke) |
| December 3 | "Pavarotti & Friends" - Concert Special - (Luciano Pavarotti, Eric Clapton, Cheryl Crow & many more musical greats!) |
| December 17 | "Going My Way" (Bing Crosby) |
| January 7 | "Adam's Rib" (Katharine Hepburn & Spencer Tracy) |
| January 21 | "Sabrina" (Audrey Hepburn & Humphrey Bogart) |
| February 4 | "Gigi" (Leslie Caron & Maurice Chevalier) |
| February 18 | "Ordinary People" (Donald Sutherland & Mary Tyler Moore) |
| March 4 | "Educating Rita" (Michael Caine & Julie Walters) |
| March 18 | "Driving Miss Daisy" (Jessica Tandy & Morgan Freeman) |
| April 1 | "Fried Green Tomatoes" (Kathy Bates & Jessica Tandy) |
| *April 15 | "Sleepless In Seattle" (Tom Hanks & Meg Ryan) |

**Blue Pointe Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. Details in next issue.*

For more information, call the Lavins Activity Center
 at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.

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.

November 4 Election Day
Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

November 11 Veterans Day
City Offices Closed

November 27 Thanksgiving Day
Lavins Activity Center Closed
Parks open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

November 27 & 28 Thanksgiving Holiday
City Offices Closed

**December 3 Holiday Tree Lighting
 and Gift Market 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

December 6 Lunch with Santa
Tompkins Community Center

**December 17 Patterson Park & Lavins Activity
 Center Closed at 5:00 p.m.**

December 24-25 Christmas Holiday
City Offices Closed

December 24 & 25 Christmas Holiday
Lavins Activity Center Closed
December 26 Open Noon - 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 Happy New Year 2015!
City Offices Closed

December 31 New Years Eve
Lavins Activity Center open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

January 1 New Year's Day
Lavins Activity Center Closed

January 31 Chilly-Fest Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Windmill Pointe Park

February 9 & 11 Date Nights
Lavins Activity Center - Okulski Family Theatre

Notice to Landlords

Current tenant Park Passes expire December 31, 2014. Landlords MUST notify the City Offices immediately regarding any tenant changes and provide updated tenant names, otherwise Park Passes will not be issued. A Park Pass Application Form can be found on the City's Website at www.grossepointepark.org. Please allow a two week turn around time before receiving Park Passes by mail.

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 AM or PM. No exact times will be given as our inspector has many inspections and times vary greatly. 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 cause a \$50 re-inspection fee to be charged to the landlord.

CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP

Please utilize curbside leaf pick-up instead of compost bags. This will keep compost bag pick-up to a minimum and save time and money. Curbside collection will take place from October 27, 2014 until December 13, 2014 (weather permitting). Leaves will not be picked up with branches, sod, dirt, and brush or rubbish debris mixed in. Note: The City of Grosse Pointe Park is not responsible for any damage to landscaping, retaining walls, decorative borders and fencing, etc. that abut the City sidewalks.

SNOW REMOVAL

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

SNOW REMOVAL BY CONTRACTOR

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

Sec. 21-52. Sidewalks to be Cleared.

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

SIDEWALKS

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

Sec. 21-53. Failure to Clear.

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

2014 Election Calendar

November 1, 2014 Last day absentee ballot can be mailed from City Hall at 2:00 pm. (City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

November 3, 2014 Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

November 4, 2014 Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

November 4, 2014 Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Donna Costa at 822-4380 or costadm@grossepointepark.org

To print out a Voter Registration form and/or Absentee Ballot Application, go to www.grossepointepark.org under "City Clerk", "Voting."

Precinct Information

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| Precinct 1 & 2 | Trombly Elementary School 820 Beaconsfield |
| Precinct 3 | Municipal Building 15115 E. Jefferson Ave. |
| Precinct 4 & 7 | Pierce Middle School 15430 Kercheval |
| Precinct 5 & 6 | Defer Elementary School 15425 Kercheval |

New voters may register at City Hall or any Michigan Secretary of State office.

Reminder: College students who are registering for the first time and wish to receive an absentee ballot must do so in person at City Hall.

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

Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 27th
ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25th
ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY

New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1st
ALL PICK-UPS DELAYED BY ONE DAY

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.

Join the Grosse Pointe Sail Club



As our beautiful Michigan weather begins to come to a close and the winds of late fall and early winter start blowing, we usually turn to indoor activities. What better way to spend some of these cold, crisp evenings, as you ponder the upcoming winter months, than to join the Grosse Pointe Sail Club?

Most of our GPSC events take place in the beautiful Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. In the late fall and winter, when the weather is less than accommodating, we have "Dry Dock" parties to reminisce about the past summer and anticipate the upcoming boating season. We always have a great theme for these parties as well. We also publish the monthly "Anchorline" newsletter which is always filled with great articles from the current Bridge members, photos from past events and a listing of upcoming events. Whether you know how to sail or just want to have fun, the GPSC is for you!

If you would like to join the club and enjoy the beautiful Windmill Pointe Park facilities, please contact Mary Beth O'Connell (mboconnell@wayne.edu) with your membership questions. Also, visit our GPSC website (www.gpsc.org) for more information regarding the GPSC, Tuesday Night race results, current GPSC Bridge and Committee members, DRYA seminars and last minute event changes (and times).

Upcoming GPSC Events (November 2014 - January 2015)

- Spring/Summer/Fall Race Awards Party (November)
- Dry Dock Party (November)
- Christmas Party (December)
- Commodore's Ball Lochmoor Club (January)

Wreaths For Sale

New to the Holiday Gift Market this year, the Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to present Live Mixed Wreaths and "Kissing Balls" for sale for your holiday decorating. These decorations are a mix of Noble Fir, Cedar and Juniper. The wreaths are 22" in diameter and you will be able to purchase them plain or with a bow and pinecones. The "Kissing Ball" is 12" and will also be available either plain or decorated. Either of them can be preordered using the order form below and will be ready for pick-up at the Lavin's Activity Center in the Gymnasium where the Gift Market will be held on Wednesday, December 3 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. You can also purchase them at the Gift Market and have them decorated while you visit the many market vendors.

Prices are as follows:

- 22" Live Mixed Wreaths plain - \$25.00
- Tastefully Decorated - \$32.00
- 12" Kissing Ball plain - \$25.00
- Tastefully Decorated - \$30.00

For presale orders, please fill out the order form below and specify your selection. Submit your order with payment to the Parks and Recreation Department for pick-up at the Gift Market.



Decorated Mixed Wreath



Decorated Kissing Balls

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK**

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

| | NUMBER: | AMT: |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Plain Mixed Wreath | _____ | @ \$25.00 = \$_____ |
| Decorated Mixed Wreath | _____ | @ \$32.00 = \$_____ |
| Plain Kissing Ball | _____ | @ \$25.00 = \$_____ |
| Decorated Kissing Ball | _____ | @ \$30.00 = \$_____ |

TOTAL \$ _____

Taste of Grosse Pointe

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation continues its fund raising efforts to provide future enhancements to benefit all residents in the community. As a thank you to all contributing Foundation members, the Foundation is presenting its annual "Taste of Grosse Pointe" event at the Tompkins Community Center on Tuesday, December 2nd from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. A variety of food, desserts and wine will be served.

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



Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market

Wednesday, December 3rd
Windmill Pointe Park



New Location! This year the Gift Market will be in the Lavins Center Gymnasium. Doors will open for shopping at 4:00 p.m. and remain open until 8:00 p.m. Some of the vendors are: Flowers by Gabrielle, Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Monogram, Divine Crystals and Thirty One Gifts. Items for purchase are: home goods, jewelry, seed characters, toys, candles,

kitchenware, customized wreaths and much more!

Santa will be at the gift market from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. He will then help us with the tree lighting festivities that will take place outdoors at 6:30 p.m. Defer's student choir, led by vocal music director Elizabeth Moses, will perform holiday songs.

A FREE holiday movie, "Elf" (starring Will Ferrell), will be shown in the Okulski Family Theatre at 4:30 p.m.

Blue Pointe Restaurant will be in the Lavins Center Lounge selling hot dogs, soup, chili, apple cider and chips from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. Come spend the entire evening getting into the Christmas Spirit at the Park!

Lunch With Santa

Saturday, December 6th
Tompkins Community Center



Santa is scheduled to have lunch with the children of Grosse Pointe Park on Saturday, December 6th. Santa will be here all afternoon, so we have scheduled three different times for lunch. The children will decorate a magnetic frame, visit with Santa and receive a coloring book and crayons.

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

Reservations will start November 3rd and will be taken until December 5th 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. Pictures with Santa will be emailed after the event. Feel free to bring your own camera for photos!

2015 Chilly Fest!

Saturday, January 31st
Noon – 4:00 pm
Windmill Pointe Park



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

- Snowman Building and Snowball Target Throw
- S'more Station
- Dog Sled Rides (weather permitting)
- Ice Fishing
- Crafts
- "Funny Faces" Face Painting
- Balloon Artist
- Inflatable Bounce Houses
- Snow Hill
- Free Movie - "Monsters University" at 11:00 am in the Okulski Theatre
- Lavins Center Spa! Chair Massage and Nail Services
- Blue Pointe Restaurant – serving chili, hot dogs and all the fixings at the Tompkins Center

