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### *Report From the Mayor Bob Denner*

I hope you are having a great winter, whether you're taking a vacation in a warmer climate or enjoying our Michigan winter with its many activities. Remember that Grosse Pointe Park offers many indoor and outdoor activities in all seasons through our Parks and Recreation Department, including skating at Patterson Park that will continue into early spring.

I would like to thank our residents for approving all ballot questions proposed by the City in the November 2016 election. The Public Safety millage will allow us to properly support our excellent Public Safety Department and the Charter amendments make the City Charter consistent with current government structures and operating practices.

The Kercheval traffic circle will see the exciting addition of a sculpture this spring. A separate article in this issue provides more details.

Street resurfacing will continue this spring with several streets both north and south of Jefferson to be addressed. As the schedule is finalized, information will be posted on the City's website. A separate article in this issue highlights the streets repaved to date and those tentatively planned for 2017.

At Mack and Alter, on a site that spans the Detroit – Grosse Pointe Park border, the City has been working with Huntington Bank regarding the construction of a branch office. A bank branch will greatly enhance this area, complementing the Alter Square retail center on the west side of Alter. The City continues to consider site plans for this area that could accommodate a potential dog park. Donors will be required to support development of a dog park. If you are interested please contact the City offices.

The Mack Avenue Streetscape Project will continue in 2017. This past fall the block between Maryland and Lakepointe received new sidewalks, trees and decorative lamp-posts. The project will continue east along Mack. City Forester Brian Colter, with the support of a generous Grosse Pointe Park resident, is coordinating with the City of Detroit to plant matching trees along the Detroit side of Mack to provide a more consistent streetscape on both sides of the street.

Phase I of the Tompkins Center remodeling project was successfully completed this fall, with the remodeling of restrooms, the addition of a commercial grade catering kitchen, installation of new doors on the lake side, and numerous aesthetic upgrades to the interior. This project was funded through generous support of the members of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. The Foundation has announced plans for fundraising to support Phase II, which will be an attractive atrium on the lake side of the center.

Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe City continue to work closely together to deliver exceptional services as efficiently and effectively as possible. To this end, Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni has served in his role for both cities since January 2016. Recently, the two city administrations agreed to share Public Service Supervisor Pat Thomas and City Forester Brian Colter. Thank you to these individuals for taking on the challenge to serve our two communities.

In closing, please continue to patronize our many fine shops and restaurants on Jefferson, Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack. There are two new businesses as well that are planning a spring opening. These are Cellar 313, a wine bar on Kercheval, and Howlers and Growlers, a craft beer pub on Charlevoix. Both will be terrific additions to our City.

If you have thoughts to share with me, please send an email to [dennerb@grossepointepark.org](mailto:dennerb@grossepointepark.org). I look forward to seeing you around our community.

**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.

**City Phone Numbers**

**911 - Emergencies Only**

**Municipal Offices -  
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 and Assessment  
 2 - Water & Sewerage Billing  
 3 - Public Safety  
 4 - Municipal Court

**Direct Lines:**

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 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<sup>st</sup>, 2017).
- Landlords are required to have a valid rental C of O (Certificate of Occupancy), current business license and must verify all tenants before tenants can obtain a park pass.

***Tompkins Center***

The Tompkins Community Center offers residents a unique and picturesque venue for hosting a wide range of functions. The first phase of our planned remodeling of the Center has been completed and we now have a full service catering kitchen along with newly updated restrooms and lighting fixtures in the banquet room. The Center is air conditioned and heated and also has a gas fireplace to add to the ambiance. The garden patio is also available and has an awning that is in place from May to November. The Center's capacity is 120 people and we provide tables, chairs, coffee pots, a sound system, wireless microphone and podium. The sound system also includes a tuner, five disk CD changer, MP3 hookup and WiFi.

**THE 2017 TOMPKINS COMMUNITY CENTER PRICES WILL BE:**

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



***Grosse Pointe Park Communicator***

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## Art In The Park

The City of Grosse Pointe Park is excited to announce a new addition to the Kercheval District for the spring of 2017 thanks to a generous private donation. At the center of the traffic circle on Kercheval and Wayburn, a public art sculpture will proudly display the urban and nautical character that encompasses our community. “Public art is important to Grosse Pointe Park. It enhances public spaces and helps to create a welcoming sense of place in our Kercheval District,” said Mayor Bob Denner. “Israel and Erik Nordin’s work is a special piece for our City, and we look forward to residents and visitors enjoying it for years to come.”

The sail shapes of the sculpture have a rectangular pattern to them that represent a grid or topographical view of the City, which is an urban element. The base of the sculpture is made out of Corten steel which will have a bronze look, while the rest of the sculpture is stainless steel and blue glass. The theme of two sails within the sculpture not only showcases the nautical character of the Detroit River along our border and our passion for water activities, it also shows our sense of community and connection to the City of Detroit.

Israel Nordin and Erik Nordin have been working together as partners for 15 years.

The brothers are the creators of the “D” burst sculpture which falls over the City at Detroit’s New Year’s Eve celebration, as well as the Detroit Menorah, which is one of the largest in the Country. The Nordins are also the founding fathers of the Detroit Design Festival and have been working in Michigan as artists their entire careers as owners of the Detroit Design Center. They have kept their entire focus on making Detroit and other Michigan communities more beautiful through the addition of art.

“We were immediately drawn to the opportunity to create an art piece for such a beautiful city, rich with historic architecture,” said, Erik Nordin. “The city spoke of its desire for the art piece to symbolize their community’s love of sailing and the water. As Detroit artists, creating something for the location on Kercheval where Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit meet, we felt strongly that the sculpture should also be emblematic of bringing people together and unifying communities. The sculpture design is inspired by two sail boats sailing together on the water, and blends elements of motion and city topography. It will be approximately 18 ft. tall and be made of stainless steel and include hand cast glass elements.” Stay tuned for more details soon via the City’s website and Facebook page.



## Fairfax Market

For those of you who may be new to the Park, Fairfax is a little market tucked in the middle of the neighborhood south of Jefferson at the corner of Beaconsfield and Fairfax. It has been in business for nearly 100 years now and on September 19, 2016 longtime owner Gus Koupparis sold the business to three local entrepreneurs, Mike Swanson, Erin Gillis and Chase Manikas. Swanson and Gillis are husband and wife and they live in Grosse Pointe Woods with their three children. Manikas is a long time Park resident. All three are excited about their new venture and are eager to bring in new local and organic products such as Amish chicken and Calder’s Dairy products, and making overall improvements in the store’s layout. They also, however, insist that they want the market to continue to be the staple it has always been in the neighborhood.

All three owners are first time business owners. Both Mike and Chase have had past experience in local markets. Their plan is to feature as much local produce and other products as possible. They want to focus on the convenience aspect of being able to stop in and pick up a quick lunch or dinner, along with a bottle of wine and even a homemade dessert or two. They have opened up the center area of the store and offer soups made fresh daily along with an assortment of sandwiches, organic salads and deli salads. They also offer local baked goods from Stahl’s, Breadsmith, Just Delicious and Ethel’s. On Mondays Erin even sells her own baked goods which, by the way, sell out pretty fast.

They carry choice meats and have added stuffed pork chops, marinated chicken, organic salmon, whitefish, etc. They even take special holiday

turkey orders as well. They also have a growing selection of beer and wine along with several craft beers. And of course, for the kids, they still have the familiar candy selection that Gus always had on hand for them with plans to bring in even more penny candy items.

If you haven’t stopped in yet to see the “new” Fairfax Market, you definitely should. It still has that friendly neighborhood feel, but with a bright new look, including featured artwork on the walls by local artists. Even Gus is still working in the store in the late afternoons. So be sure to stop in soon!



Owners Mike Swanson, Erin Gillis and Chase Manikas

## All Pointes' Daddy/Daughter Dance

Sponsored By:



**HENRY FORD  
MEDICAL CENTER**  
*Cottage & Pierson Clinic*

Dads, don't miss out on this fun evening with your daughters on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. This is a joint event hosted by the Parks and Recreation Departments of all the Pointes for young ladies 12 and under. Sign up starts Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 17<sup>th</sup> for our seventh annual Daddy/Daughter Dance for \$8.00 per person! Dress in your semi formal attire and head to South High School's main gym. Each daughter will receive a single stem flower to take home.

Bring your cameras so you can take pictures of this memorable night! Appetizers and dessert will be provided throughout the evening. For more information, please call 822-2812 ext. 201.

## Windmill Pointe Park Egg Scramble



All children 8 years of age and under are invited to our outdoor Egg Scramble on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Windmill Pointe Park. The scramble will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m., rain or shine. The Merry Music Maker will start the hunt and provide entertainment for the children! Plastic bunny eggs will cover the grounds waiting to be found and turned in for candy, cookies and surprises. Egg collection bags will be provided as the children arrive.

Bring your camera too! The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures with your child against an Easter backdrop. Also, farm animals (bunnies, goats, sheep, llama, camel, etc.) for petting and feeding will be visiting the Park that day.

**Tickets are \$7.00 per child and will be available February 15<sup>th</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Windmill Pointe Park outside gatehouse.**

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>

**Session V: 6 Weeks \$55.00**  
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Date Night!

Date Night is Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - \$6.00 per person. This event is a special night for mothers and their sons and fathers and their daughters. Come have your very own mother/son or daddy/daughter night at the movies together! Package includes complimentary popcorn and beverage as well as a special treat. Also, take your own selfie at our Date Night photo booth to remember your special night together. Please arrive at 6:00 pm to allow time for fun & photos. The movies will then start at 7:00 pm. (Children must be 5 years of age or older to attend.)

Daddy/Daughter Movie –  
Carol C. Schaap Theatre  
“Beauty and the Beast”

Mother/Son Movie –  
Okulski Family Theatre  
“The Good Dinosaur”



## 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, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.  
**Soup Night - Three Different Soups**

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.  
**Chicken Pot Pie**

Coffee & water will be provided. Tickets are \$10 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!

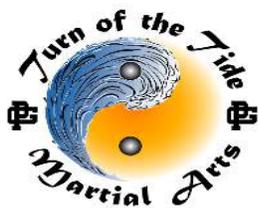
## Pipsqueaks P.E.

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.

**Session IV: 6 Weeks \$55.00**  
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>

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*Payment at sign-up required for all classes.*



## Karate For Kids

Head Instructor: Lisa Santi

Instructors: Marino Santi/Francesca Ruggirello

\$60.00 Per Session



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

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.

**"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 8<sup>th</sup> Gup Purple Belt and up.

**"Pink Power":** Girls age 7 and up who are new to karate and returning students.

### Martial Arts Specialty Classes

### Karate Class Schedule

#### Session III:

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27  
 Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Demo Team 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 31, Feb 7, 14, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28  
 Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors (Ages 10 & up) - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Traditional Weapons (Ages 10 & Up) - Feb 1, 8, 15, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
 Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Martial Arts Enrichment - Self Defense (Open to anyone.) Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power - Feb 2, 9, 16, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
 Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded Weapons (Ages 6 - 9) - Same dates as above.  
 (**Note:** Open to both Little Dragons & Mighty Vipers)

#### Session IV:

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Apr 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22  
 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.  
 (**Note:** No class on May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day)

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Mighty Vipers - Apr 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
 Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors (Ages 10 & up) - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. Traditional Weapons (Ages 10 & Up) - Apr 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
 Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Martial Arts Enrichment - Testing Prep Class Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power - Apr 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1  
 Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Padded Weapons (Ages 6 - 9) - Same dates as above.  
 (**Note:** Open to both Little Dragons & Mighty Vipers)

**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, Self Defense and Testing Prep. Each class will offer eight weeks of training geared to a specific group of students or focus on the specific skill set listed in the class title. These classes will help support students looking to advance in belt rank.

### Pink Power Class!

The "Pink Power" class is strictly for girls ages 7 and up. The goal of this class is to empower young girls and guide them on a journey of self-confidence and discovery through martial arts. They will learn karate and self-defense as well as build confidence in themselves to find their own voice. Like regular karate classes, the girls can test for rank and participate in all "Turn of the Tide Martial Arts" club events and activities.

### 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 24, 2017 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

### Membership Prices

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

	Quarterly	Annual
<b>Adults</b> (Ages 19-59)	\$135.00	\$400.00
<b>Students</b> (Ages 16 - 25)	\$100.00	\$295.00
<b>Seniors</b> (Ages 60 & Up)	\$100.00	\$295.00
<b>Couple</b>	\$190.00	\$650.00
<b>Senior Couple</b>	\$155.00	\$435.00

**One Month Trial** - \$45.00

**Day Pass** - \$10.00

### 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	Pilates
Barre	Yoga
Circuit Saturdays	Tai Chi
Cycle & Step	Total Strength
Indoor Cycling	Zumba

### Gym Rentals

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

### The Okulski Family Theatre And Carol C. Schaap Theatre

Our theatres offer a variety of movies on the big screen. Call 822-2812 and press ext. 1, to hear the current movie titles. Current movie information is also available on the City website, Facebook and posted at City Hall. 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
Children (12 & under) - \$6.00	Matinée - \$5.00

#### TICKET PRICES - CAROL C. SCHAAP THEATRE:

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

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



### LEGO Batman Movie

Opening Event Featuring  
"The Robot Garage"

Come play with "Robot Garage" on opening night of "The LEGO Batman Movie"! "The Robot Garage" is a unique local business on Kercheval that features robotics and LEGOs for all ages. They will be in the Lavins Activity Center lobby from **5:00 - 7:00 pm on opening night, Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**, with Batman themed robots and LEGO Bricks for the kids to play with. We will also be raffling off a door prize which includes a LEGO Batman Movie Poster, Movie Tickets and a Batman Movie LEGO Set courtesy of The Robot Garage! So come join in on the LEGO Batman fun!

## Cornhole League



Since we had such great success with our first session of Cornhole, we're adding another! Cornhole is played at the Lavins Activity Center in the gymnasium. Men, women or coed teams compete against each other each week. Teams consist of two players and all players must be 18 years or older. Registration begins February 1<sup>st</sup> and the

registration deadline is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Games will be played on Thursday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, March 9<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>. No late applications will be accepted. Applications and rules can be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Office (or found online at [www.grossepointepark.org](http://www.grossepointepark.org)) and should be turned in with your team payment of \$70.

## Essential Oils

Presented by Brent Steepe

\$10 Fee For Supplies

Please pre-register 24 hours in advance.



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

Session Topics will be the following:

**Session I:** Household Cleaners - Wood Polish, Glass Cleaner & Focus Roll-On

Date: Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Session II:** Skin Care

Date: Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Session III:** After Sun Spray, Allergy & Anti-Nausea Roll-On

Date: Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

## Adult Golf Instruction

Instructor Matt Bodde, Golf Pro, will teach 5 classes for \$70 on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. 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!

**Session I:** Feb 7, 14, 21\*, 28, Mar 7

**Session II:** Mar 28\*, Apr 4, 11, 18\*, 25\*

**Note:** Class dates with an asterisk may potentially have to be moved to Saturday of that week at 11:00 am due to possible schedule conflicts of the instructor. The instructor will inform you on the first day of class or you will be notified if changes are necessary. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## Afternoon Out Continues!

Special 10<sup>th</sup> Season Celebration!  
All Time Musical Greats!

We asked you at the end of last season what you wanted to see and the overwhelming response was to repeat the all time best musicals. So for our 10<sup>th</sup> season celebration we will repeat them all for you along with a special PBS presentation of the entire Broadway cast of Les Miserables for the grand finale. Come join us for these FREE presentations twice a month on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Carol C. Schaap Theatre.

Feb. 8	West Side Story – 1961, Starring Natalie Wood & George Chakiris (150 min.)
Feb. 22	My Fair Lady – 1964, Starring Audrey Hepburn & Rex Harrison (180 min.)
March 8	The Sound of Music – 1965, Starring Julie Andrews & Christopher Plummer (180 min.)
March 22	Camelot – 1967, Starring Richard Harris & Vanessa Redgrave (180 min.)
April 5	Funny Girl – 1968, Starring Barbara Streisand & Omar Sharif (151 min.)
April 19	Fiddler On The Roof - 1971, Starring Chaim Topol (184 min.)
May 3*	Les Miserables - PBS Special with Entire Broadway Cast (170 min)

\* Park Café Luncheon at 12:00 pm in the Tompkins Center. For more information, contact the Lavins Activity Center at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.

## Grosse Pointe Park “Mutants” Swim Team News

We are getting ready to start another thrilling Mutant season! The “Mutants” are our summer swim team, which is comprised of residents age 17 and under who compete against neighboring Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores. The team is intended for swimmers who already know how to swim and want to experience the opportunity to compete. For 2017 registration forms and information, please go to the Mutant webpage after March 6<sup>th</sup> at [www.gppmutants.org](http://www.gppmutants.org) and go to registration/parent volunteers.

**PARENT MEETING:** Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Tompkins Community Center. This is a recommended informational meeting for new and returning swim team parents. You may also register your swimmer, purchase Mutant wear and sign up to volunteer for team events and activities.

**SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS:** Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the pool. (Rain Date: Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.)

- Tryouts are only for new swimmers and D Team members
- Swimmers wishing to change levels can do so at 2:30 p.m. after tryouts
- Register your swimmers and sign up to volunteer
- Order your child’s swimsuit and Mutant wear

**SWIM TEAM FEES - Payable to “Grosse Pointe Park Mutants”:**

1 Swimmer: \$100      2 Swimmers: \$150      3+ Swimmers: \$200

## Lindell Lodge & Patio

The Lindell Lodge will be available for bookings of 25 or less from April 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 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.



*The Lindell Lodge is available from April 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>.*

## The Grosse Pointe Sail Club

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club was founded in 1948 when the City of Grosse Pointe Park invited a dozen sailing enthusiasts to establish a sailing club at the city’s Windmill Pointe Park. The Club’s Tuesday Evening Sundown Series began in 1961 and is the longest running open racing competition on the lake, drawing hundreds of sailors every Tuesday night throughout the summer. Spectators and GPSC members are able to enjoy an excellent view of both the starts and finishes of the races from the Park’s main pier.

Many of our existing Club members don’t even sail. Owning a sailboat or powerboat is not a prerequisite to becoming a member of the Club. The Club holds an Introduction to Sailboat Crewing event where novice interested individuals are invited to sail and become familiar with crewing on racing sailboats. We always have skippers looking for crew and they are very willing to assist individuals in learning the basics of sailing. Members are also able to enjoy many social functions that the club has every year. Some of the functions are:

- Euchre Tournament
- Steak Roast
- Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast
- Blessing of the Fleet
- Children’s Christmas Event
- Annual Regatta
- Commodore’s Ball



Initiation fee is a one time cost of \$150 and the yearly dues are only \$130, with no minimum to reach. Crew membership is a one-time cost of \$40 with yearly dues of \$65. If you have an interest in joining the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, please contact Stephen Walker at [stephen.walker@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.walker@gmail.com).

## Park Market

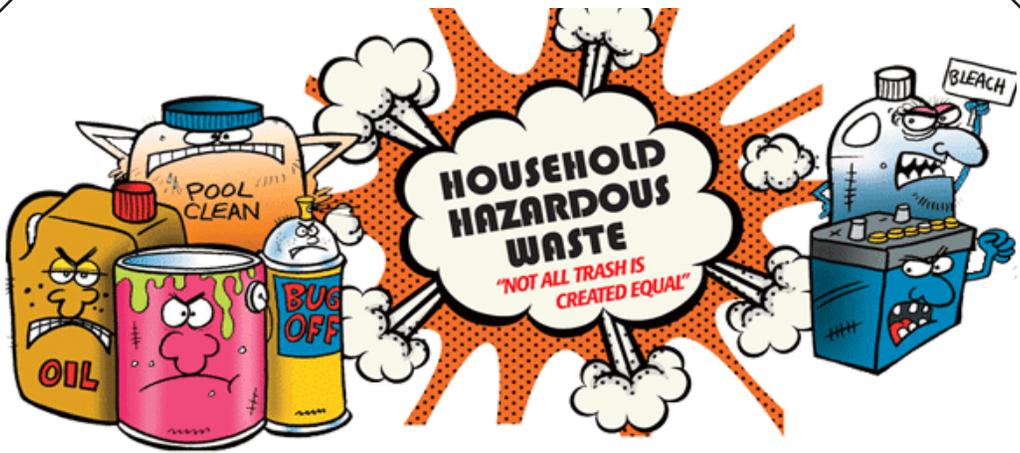
On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 the Park Market opens its doors at 9:00 a.m. We will once again be hosting some of our longtime favorites such as Finest Quality Fish, Blakes and Martin Family Farm as well as new vendors. The Market will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Market Square at the intersection of Kercheval and Wayburn. More information, including special events and entertainment, will be listed on the City webpage and Park Market Facebook page.

## 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
- Saturday and Sunday - \$25.00
- Large Grill - \$5.00





### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

Hosted by the City of Grosse Pointe Park

Saturday, April 29, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Windmill Pointe Park

14920 Windmill Pointe Drive

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

**Acceptable Waste:**

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

**Unacceptable Waste:**

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



### ShredCorp.

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

\$3.00 Per Box - 5 Box Limit



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.

## 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 4 Chilly Fest**  
Windmill Pointe Park & Patterson Park  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

**February 7 Dinner With Mary Lou**  
Tompkins Center at 5:30 p.m.

**February 15 Date Night**  
Lavins Activity Center at 6:00 p.m.

**February 20 Presidents Day**  
City Hall Closed

**March 14 Dinner With Mary Lou**  
Tompkins Center at 5:30 p.m.

**March 25 All Pointes Daddy/Daughter Dance**  
Grosse Pointe South Main Gym at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**April 12 Egg Scramble**  
Windmill Pointe Park at 4:30 p.m.

**April 14 Good Friday**  
City Hall Closed

**April 15 Marina Opens for 2017 Season**

**April 16 Easter Sunday PLEASE NOTE**  
**Windmill Pointe Park & Lavins Center Closed**  
**Patterson Park open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**April 29 Household Hazardous Waste**  
Windmill Pointe Park at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**May 20 Perennial Plant Exchange**  
Windmill Pointe Park at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**May 20 Shredding**  
Windmill Pointe Park at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**May 29 Memorial Day**  
City Hall Closed

**June 3 Park Market Opens**  
Kercheval In The Park

**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, Rizzo picks up one side of the street then the other. Please do not call until after 2:00 p.m. with rubbish collection concerns.

**2017 BOARD OF REVIEW**

The 2017 Board of Review will meet in March. Notices will be mailed to all property owners on March 1st. 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 2017 is .09%. All properties will go up by .09% 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.

**Street Resurfacing Projects in the Park**

The City Public Works Department and contractors were very busy during 2016 working on street resurfacing and curb work, as part of the City's street resurfacing campaign. Streets completed were Middlesex, Berkshire South, Buckingham North, Lakepointe 1000 and 1100 blocks, and Avondale from Westchester to Alter Rd.

Also in 2016, construction began on Mack Avenue as part of the City's Streetscape Improvement Project. From Maryland to Lakepointe a new pedestrian sidewalk along with curb and gutter was constructed and DTE lighting upgrades were performed.

In 2017 the City street resurfacing campaign is looking into the South side of Balfour, Westchester (Essex to Jefferson) and Lakepointe. Within the North side Lakepointe (Vernor to Mack), Berkshire, Devonshire, Whittier and Harvard (Jefferson to Charlevoix). Notices will go out to residents informing them of street resurfacing. Additional information on this project will be available on the City website in the future. With the success of the 2016 street resurfacing campaign we have set forth clear expectations that our residents deserve the best quality of service for our community and will continue to do so in the future.

**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](http://www.Nixle.com) or text your zip code to 888777.

**Recycling Reminder**

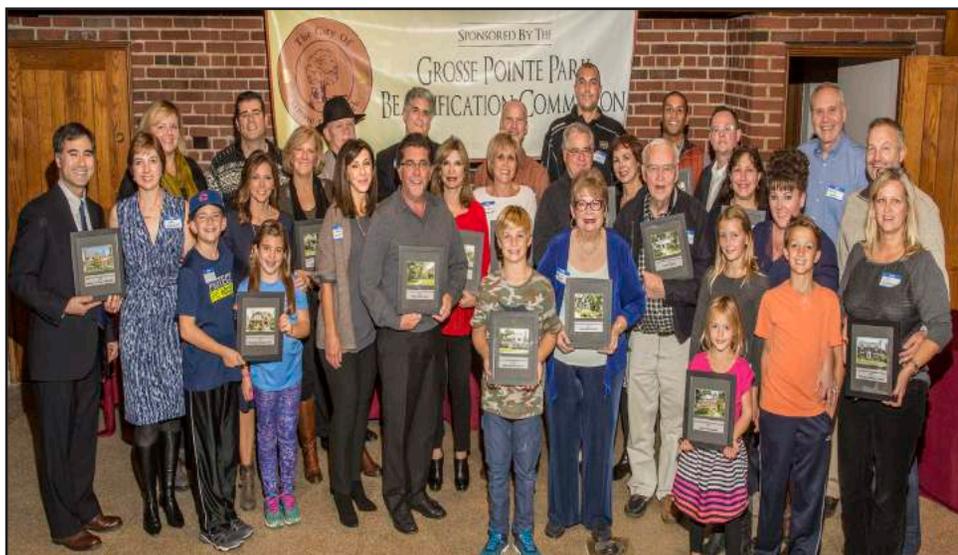
Compost recycling will start again on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All recycling must be placed in the proper recycling containers for pick up. Clear plastic bags with excess recycling will not be picked up. Also, cardboard needs to be broken down and placed in container for recycling.



## Beautification Award Winners

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission hosted its Annual Awards evening on November 10, 2016. Twenty nine 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:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Richard J. Brehler              | Robert Dumas                      |
| John W. & Antonio Gibson        | Robert Brown                      |
| John R. LaJoy, Sr.              | Patrick Loeckner                  |
| Lawrence Lobert                 | Laura L. & Stephen Benard         |
| C. Cole & A. Cole               | Keith & Stacy Spondike            |
| Suzanne McDonald                | Mary M. & Brian J. Hunt           |
| Tim & Michelle Yinger           | Michael J. Fikany                 |
| Todd A. Lutheran                | Julie Gilroy Moran & Reid Kurvink |
| Anne C. Vanash                  | David & Elizabeth Kovach          |
| David & Marilyn Jablonowski     | Ronny S. & Amy A. Muawad          |
| Jack O. Kalmink                 | Louis J. & Stella Koehler         |
| David A. Graham                 | John & Alana Sabol                |
| Kevin & Diane MacConnachie      | Marc O. Gosselin & Mimi M. Chen   |
| Robert & Ann Diehl              | James Matthew Corbett             |
| James Cameron & Natalie Donohoe |                                   |



**Congratulations to all Beautification Award Winners!**



**Congratulations to our business award winners  
Sweeties & The Zealous Root!**

## 2016 Holiday Awards

By: Pat Deck



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

Thank you to everyone who decorated their homes for the Christmas season. Whether your display was modest or extravagant, it added to the festive spirit of Grosse Pointe Park. Your displays put smiles on our faces and joy in our hearts. They were a gift to the community.

As is traditional, the members of the Beautification Commission judged the homes and came up with a list of those we felt to be outstanding. These homes will be sent Certificates of Appreciation for their displays. If you know someone listed below, be sure to thank them for beautifying the Park with their holiday decor. Thank you also to our businesses who decorated. We would like to commend St. Ambrose Church, Duffy & Co. and Flowers by Gabrielle for their outstanding efforts.

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|------------------|------------------------------|
| Audubon          | 1104, 1257, 1354             |
| Balfour          | 939, 987, 1378               |
| Barrington       | 513                          |
| Beaconsfield     | 965                          |
| Bedford          | 754, 797, 1006               |
| Berkshire        | 808, 809, 947, 1254, 1417    |
| Bishop           | 818, 825, 835, 1366          |
| Buckingham       | 1001, 1015                   |
| Cadieux          | 1305                         |
| Devonshire       | 1040, 1056, 1251, 1223       |
| East Jefferson   | 16109                        |
| Grayton          | 1220, 1316, 1342             |
| Grand Marais     | 760                          |
| Harvard          | 1310, 1420                   |
| Harcourt         | 696                          |
| Kensington       | 1041, 1159, 1228, 1381       |
| Lakepointe       | 714, 719, 789, 1221, 1303    |
| Maryland         | 1017, 1065, 1458             |
| Middlesex        | 625                          |
| Nottingham       | 1021, 1152, 1303, 1398, 1403 |
| Pemberton        | 566, 973                     |
| Three Mile Drive | 860, 1026, 1122, 1356, 1336  |
| Trombley         | 725, 760                     |
| Wayburn          | 1152, 1243, 1438             |
| Whittier         | 1046, 1221, 1386*            |
| Windmill Pt. Dr. | 15210, 15220, 15234          |
| Yorkshire        | 1350                         |

\*This house was accidentally not acknowledged for the 2015 awards.

## Announcing Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission's 2017 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.



**Snowdrift Crabapple**



**Robinson Crabapple**



**Weeping Cherry**



**Autumn Blaze Red Maple**

**Orders must be in by Arbor Day - Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 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](http://www.grossepointepark.org),  
or select "current information" at [www.bcsem.org](http://www.bcsem.org).