



# City of Grosse Pointe Farms Informative Bulletin

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## City voters go to polls on November 8

Grosse Pointe Farms residents will be going to the polls on Tuesday, November 8. The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Voters will be selecting candidates for mayor, three city council seats and municipal judge.

Voters will be using the City's new optical scan voting equipment, which more than 624 communities across Michigan have purchased.

"Optical scan technology brings reliability and convenience that voters and election officials will appreciate," said Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

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### November ballot:

**Mayor (vote for 1)**  
James C. Farquhar, Jr.

**Council (vote for 3)**  
Charles S. "Terry" Davis III  
Louis Theros  
Peter W. Waldmeir

**Municipal Judge (vote for 1)**  
Matthew Robert Rumora  
Municipal Judge

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*The City's new James & Aline Orten Field House at Kerby Field will be officially dedicated at a ceremony on Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. The new Field House was made possible by a substantial donation by the James & Aline Orten Foundation. It will feature a warming center, party room, concession stand and restroom facilities.*



# Leaf Collection Reminder

Autumn is in the air, and that means the leaves will soon be falling all around Grosse Pointe Farms.

The City will provide curbside loose-leaf collection for residents this fall. Service will begin once the leaves begin to fall in significant amounts.

“Instead of beginning on a specific date as we have in past years, we are going to follow Mother Nature’s lead and begin collection once the leaves begin accumulating,” said Shane Reeside, City Manager. “If the leaves begin falling in early October, that’s when we will start our collection.”

The City’s nationally recognized broom-and-chute collection method has brought convenience and cost savings to local residents.

Residents can help make the leaf collection process safe and more efficient for Department of Public Works workers by following a few “Do’s” and “Don’ts:”

- **Do not** park on streets during collection day. Leaf piles that are inaccessible cannot be collected and will remain until the following week.
- **Do not** put leaves at your curb until the night before collection. Also, please avoid piling leaves over or near storm drains, which could become clogged during heavy rainfall and cause street flooding.
- **Do not** allow children to play in leaf piles near the street. It may be fun for them, but it puts kids in extreme danger from passing vehicles.
- **Do** separate brush from leaf piles. This way, the brush can be collected and loaded by hand.
- **Do** exercise caution when driving around our leaf collection crews. Our City has many narrow streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs that are challenging for crews to maneuver on.

Your cooperation in following these requests will help our DPW workers do their jobs safely and efficiently.

# Construction work begins on harbor

A major renovation project to the boat harbor at Pier Park is underway and is progressing steadily. Construction started on September 12 in the small harbor, requiring the removal of all boats. Boats in the larger harbor are able to stay until October 3.

For those boaters who were hopeful of extending the boating season into Indian Summer, the City has made arrangements with Grosse Pointe Shores for available slips in the Shores’ Marina at no cost to the boater.

The \$4.3 million project will be entirely completed by next Memorial Day, with the larger harbor being able to take boats as early as May 1, 2006.

The City is issuing general obligation bonds to pay for the construction project. The bonds are being paid back

by rental fees for the wells. The project will upgrade water and electrical service throughout the harbor, and provide many safety features and enhancements.



# Residents urged to keep car doors locked

When the Michigan State Police report the annual crime state statistics, Grosse Pointe Farms has the distinction of having one of the lowest per-capita crime rates in Michigan.

But that doesn't mean the city is immune to crime or that residents should let their guard down.

Deputy Public Safety Chief Dan Jensen reported that the City recently experienced an upturn in car break-ins, most of which could have been averted if car owners had exercised good judgment.

"We recently experienced about 25 larcenies that involved laptop computers, cell phones, CDs and other valuables being lifted from automobiles," said Deputy Chief Jensen. "Many of these cars were unlocked. In almost every case, the items were left in full view."

Car keys were also left in the ignition in a few instances.

The Public Safety Department has a couple of suggestions about how to prevent this type of crime from occurring to residents.

Deputy Chief Jensen advised people to always lock their vehicle, and not to leave valuable items in open view.

"Ideally, people should secure items in their home, but if they can't, they should make sure the items are hidden in the vehicle."

With cool weather approaching, he advises residents not to warm up their vehicles in the driveway and then go into their house.

"Even if the vehicle is locked, it only takes a thief two seconds to smash a window, get-in and drive off."

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## City Council cuts millage rate third year in a row

With the adoption of the fiscal year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 budget at the May 9 Council meeting, the City Council cut the total millage rate for its residents from 13.375 mills to 13.25 mills, saving the City taxpayers another \$96,000 this fiscal year.

City Council has reduced the total City tax rate over the last three years by .50 mills, resulting in a cumulative tax reduction of \$940,000.

Restraining the growth of operating costs, combined with a healthy tax base, are major factors in reducing the tax rate in the Farms.

This year's initiatives include replacing five patrol cars and other necessary equipment for the Public Safety Department, two vehicles and a front end loader for the Public Works Department and continuing improvements at the Pier Park and Kerby Field.

"I think the City Council, our city management and our department heads should be commended for their fiscal discipline and financial oversight of taxpayer dollars," said Mayor Pro Tem Terry Davis, Chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee. "We have been able to maintain excellent city services while also reducing the burden on taxpayers. Few local municipalities have been able to do this."

### Comparison millage rates

Here is how our local millage rate compares to other Wayne County communities:

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Grosse Pointe Farms*</b> | <b>13.25 mills</b> |
| Grosse Pointe Woods**       | 12.98 mills        |
| Grosse Pointe               | 13.5 mills         |
| Grosse Pointe Park          | 13.41 mills        |
| Grosse Pointe Shores        | 13.7 mills         |
| Plymouth                    | 15.77 mills        |
| Northville                  | 15.87 mills        |

\* After May 9, 2005, Council roll-back

\*\* Does not include special assessment for sewer separation  
Source: Wayne County 2004 Apportionment Report



# City voters go to polls on November 8

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The change in voting equipment was required by Michigan’s Public Act 91 of 2002, which requires the state to select a standard, uniform voting system. Michigan adopted a precinct-based optical scan tabulation system. This equipment lets voters indicate their ballot choices on a paper form by marking designated areas with a pen.

Under the precinct-based system, voters insert their completed ballots into an electronic tabulator. The tabulator reads and stores ballot totals, and alerts voters to potential problems such as voting for too many candidates in a particular race. The paper ballot is then channeled into a storage bin where it remains until the polls close.

According to Shane Reeside, City Manager/Clerk, the new system is much more efficient for the city and should also be easier for voters.

Voters who are 60 years old and older also have the option to vote by absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots can be mailed to those who request them from the City Clerk’s

## Polling locations

### Precinct/Location

- 1 Grosse Pointe South High
- 2 Richard School
- 3 City Hall
- 4 Kerby School
- 5 Brownell Middle School



*City Manager/Clerk Shane Reeside demonstrates the City’s new optical scan voting machine as colleagues Pamela Baker and Matthew Tepper look on.*

office until Friday, November 5. Voters may vote absentee in person until 4 p.m. on Monday, November 7, at City Hall.

Residents can register to vote in the upcoming election at the City Clerk’s office or at any Michigan Secretary of State office.

The deadline for voter registration for the November election is October 11.



*The beautiful new Pier Park Community Building was dedicated on May 28. Among city leaders participating in the ribbon cutting were Mayor James Farquhar (left) and Butch Wardwell, former president of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.*

# What happens to stormwater in your neighborhood?

When it rains in your neighborhood, what happens to the water that flows into the street and into the sewer?

In Grosse Pointe Farms, the water goes a couple of different places since the City has two different storm-water districts.

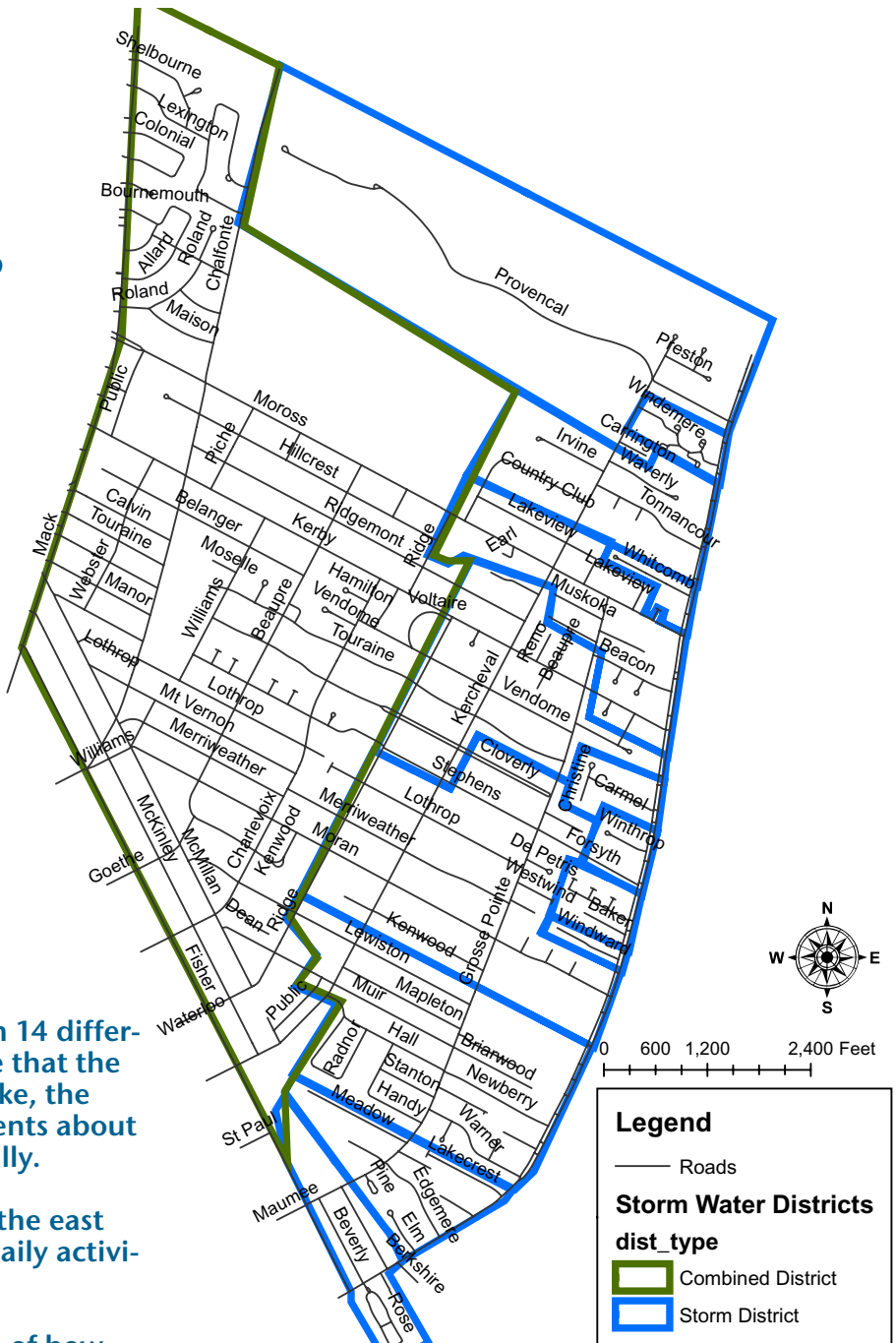
The western part of the City is a combined sewer system where stormwater and sanitary sewage flow through a single pipe to the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) for treatment.

In the eastern part of our community, the stormwater sewers and sanitary sewers are separated. In these neighborhoods, the sanitary sewage goes to DWSD, but the stormwater drains into the lake through 14 different districts. Although residents realize that the stormwater generally drains into the Lake, the City receives many inquiries from residents about where their stormwater drains specifically.

The map to the right gives residents in the east part of town a good idea of how their daily activities can directly affect the shoreline.

The map also illustrates the importance of how residents can help keep Lake St. Clair clean.

When fertilizing lawns, make sure you sweep the excess material off of the sidewalk and driveway to make sure it won't wash down the storm drain. Fertilizer run-off spurs the growth of algae in the lake which chokes out oxygen and hurts fish and other wildlife. And never let pet waste, motor oil or other chemicals into the storm drains.



As part of State and Federal regulations involving the City's sewer separation, the City is obligated to inform our residents of how our activities impact Lake St. Clair. Future bulletins will incorporate more efforts that citizens can undertake to help keep our City beautiful and clean.



# Parks & Recreation Information

## Park Passes

Admission to Pier Park is limited to residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms who have a valid Grosse Pointe Farms Park Pass. Park Passes are issued through the Parks and Recreation Office, 350 Lakeshore, during regular Office Hours. New residents must provide three pieces of identification when requesting a Park Pass, such as Driver's License, Utility Bills, Voter Registration Card, Birth Certificates, Vehicle Registrations, Property Deeds, etc. Park Passes are issued to residents, 6 years of age and older, who reside permanently at an address in Grosse Pointe Farms.

It is illegal to loan or give away a Park Pass to a relative or close friend to gain entry into Pier Park. Use of a Park Pass by anyone other than the person for whom the Park Pass was issued will result in the confiscation of the Pass. Park Passes are required for everyone to gain entry into Pier Park. Park Passes are valid for one year ≈ June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year through May 31<sup>st</sup>, of the following year. Park Passes are to be presented to the Gatehouse Attendant for admittance to Pier Park throughout the year. Lost Park Passes can be replaced at the Parks and Recreation Office for a fee of \$5.00. Replacement Resident Park Passes will not receive any guest privileges.

Non-Resident Guests must be accompanied by the Farms resident host and must be punched in on the host's Park Pass. Each Resident Park Pass has ten guest privileges.

## Community Building Use

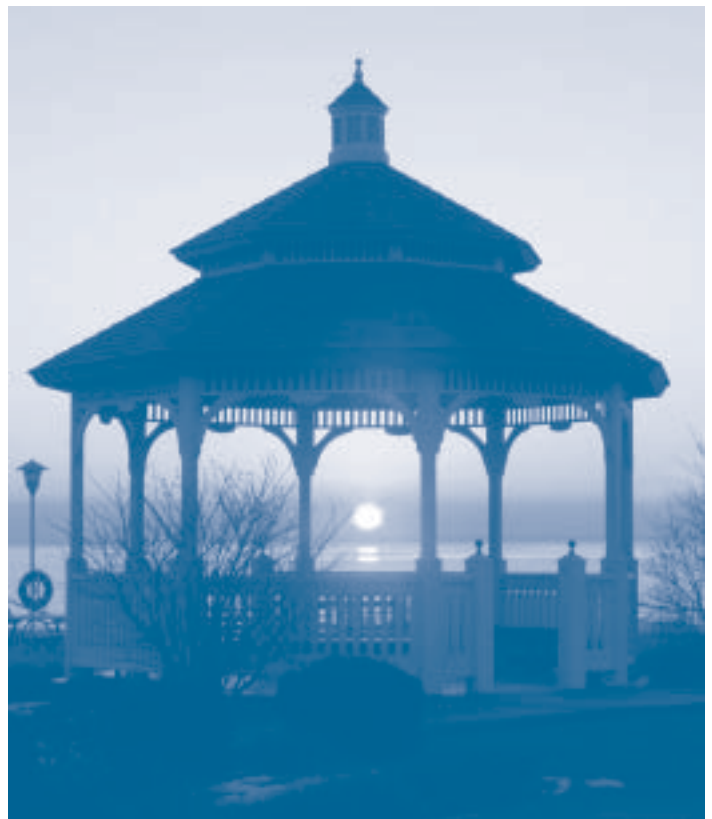
Community Building Rental Applications are issued through the Parks and Recreation Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Community Building Great Room (Capacity 134) and Activity Room (Capacity 44) are available to rent year round. Please call the Parks and Recreation Office for more information and for available dates.

- City sponsored activities or special events will take priority over all rentals.

- Rentals are available to Grosse Pointe Farms residents Monday through Thursday, except for Holidays, with no park pass punches required for non-resident guests.

- No rentals are available for the Holiday weekends of Memorial Day and Labor Day (including Saturday, Sunday, and Monday). No rentals are available on the Fourth of July, or on the Saturday and Sunday of the Fourth of July weekend, if the Fourth of July is on either a Friday or Monday.

- The following policies apply to rentals on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, and Holiday evenings except for Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. (1) Rentals are only available to residents of Grosse Pointe Farms. (2) Park pass punches are not required for rentals with more than 50% of guests being residents of Grosse Pointe Farms. (3) Rentals with less than 50% of guests being residents of Grosse Pointe Farms must use park pass punches for their non-resident guests.



## ***Exercise Programs***

### **Youth Beginning Yoga – Ages 7-12**

Youth yoga engages both children's bodies and minds. It will help build strength, flexibility, and balance. They will learn playful postures such as Flower, Airplane, Gorilla, and Lion poses. Come ready to breathe, bend and smile. Please bring your own yoga mat, bottle of water, and towel.

**Caroline Kaselitz**

**10 Weeks, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**\$50.00**

**Wednesdays**

**4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**Activity Room, Community Building**

### **Adult Aerobic Dancing**

Aerobic Dance will firm your body, strengthen your cardiovascular system, reduce stress and increase your energy level. This complete fitness workout includes abdominal work, light weight training to promote muscle toning and prevent osteoporosis, and simple aerobic dance routines all choreographed to a wide variety of music. Bring an exercise mat, fixed-end hand weights and Velcro closing ankle weights. No class on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Martha Popovich**

**9 Weeks, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**\$100.00**

**Tuesdays/Thursdays**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Activity Room, Community Building**

## ***Registration Information***

Registrations for all programs can be taken at the Parks and Recreation Office, located in the Pier Park Community Building, during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You may also mail the "Mail-in Registration Form" to City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Parks and Recreation Department, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Full payment must accompany all registrations. The majority of Recreation Programs have limited space for participants; please call to make sure there is still space available before mailing Registration Forms/checks. Checks must be made payable to the "City of Grosse Pointe Farms". Please do not send cash. All registrations are handled on a first-come, first-serve basis; therefore, it is not guaranteed that all registrants will be assured a place in any Program.

All Program registrations are limited to residents of Grosse Pointe Farms unless otherwise indicated in the Program information. Parents should bring Park Passes or Birth Certificates when registering for any youth Programs that have age restrictions.

### **Refund Policy**

No refunds will be made after the starting date of each Program. All requests for refunds must be made in writing and submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department. Full refunds will be made for any Program that is canceled by the City.



## **Adult Basic Yoga**

Basic Yoga integrates the entire body with special emphasis on breath and posture; it is for every “Body,” teens and adults. Yoga is not so much about self-improvement, but rather about the art of self-acceptance. “Through breath and posture we awaken to a greater understanding of ourselves which leads to greater acceptance.” All participants must bring their own Yoga Mat, and it is recommended that you bring a bottle of water and towel to every class. There are two class times to choose from below.

**Caroline Kaselitz**

**10 Weeks, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**\$75.00**

**Saturdays,**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Activity Room, Community Building**

**10 Weeks, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**\$75.00**

**Tuesdays,**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Activity Room, Community Building**

## **Adult Body Sculpting**

This one hour class incorporates plenty of resistance equipment (Body Balls and elastics) as well as use of free weights. Plenty of stretching finishes each hour. Please bring a mat and a bottle of water to every class.

**Cherylynn Pellegrino, MA,  
Personal Trainer**

**10 Weeks, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**\$100.00**

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday**

**6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.**

**Great Room, Community Building**



## **Pre-Natal Exercise**

Carefully paced exercise for expecting moms who want to remain active during pregnancy. This specially adapted 45 minute workout includes light cardio, body sculpting, stretching and relaxation, all to improve flexibility and prepare the body for child birth. A doctor’s approval is required. Please bring a cushioned mat and a bottle of water to every class.

**Cherylynn Pellegrino, MA,  
Personal Trainer**

**10 Weeks, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**\$75.00**

**Mondays/Wednesdays,**

**10:30 – 11:15 a.m.**

**Activity Room, Community Building**

## **Senior Low Impact Aerobics (55 and older)**

Carefully paced exercise for seniors who want to remain active. This specially adapted one hour workout includes low impact cardio with emphasis on body sculpting and flexibility work. A doctor’s approval is required. Please bring a mat and a bottle of water to every class.

**Cherylynn Pellegrino, MA,  
Personal Trainer**

**10 Weeks, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**\$100.00**

**Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Activity Room, Community Building**

## Craft Programs

### Youth Freestyle Knitting

Freestyle knitting is designed for knitters of all levels. Whether you already know how to knit, or want to learn something new, this is the class for you. Enjoy learning at your own pace while being in a pleasant social atmosphere. Simply bring your own project and your instructor will get you started. For project ideas, visit The Wool and The Floss on Fisher in Grosse Pointe. The staff will be happy to recommend a project appropriate for your skill level. Choose from two separate sessions.

#### Chris Schulte

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, \$20.00**

**4 Weeks, Wednesdays**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Parkview Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, \$20.00**

**4 Weeks, Wednesdays**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Parkview Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

### Pewabic Pottery for Youth Holiday Tile Making

Youth ages 6-13 years old are welcome to participate in a Holiday Tile Making workshop given by Pewabic Pottery at the Community Building. Each participant will get a brief history of tile making then create and decorate a clay tile which Pewabic will kiln fire. The Parks and Recreation Office will then notify the participants as to when the tile is ready for pick-up at Pier Park. Please register early, limited space available.

#### Pewabic Pottery Representative

**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, \$35.00**

**Noon – 2:00 p.m.**

**Activity Room, Community Building**

### Youth Beginning Needlepoint

Designed for youth currently in the second grade to the fifth grade to learn basic needlepoint stitches. The fee includes needlepoint canvas and fiber necessary to learn basic stitches and complete a small project.

#### Valerie Moot

**5 Weeks, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, \$55.00**

**Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Park View Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

### Youth Intermediate Needlepoint

Designed for youth 12 years old and older to learn basic and more elaborate needlepoint stitches. Participants must bring their own needlepoint canvas and fiber for their projects. For help with fiber selection and recommendations for stitches, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office.

#### Valerie Moot

**5 Weeks, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, \$40.00**

**Thursdays**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Park View Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**





### **Gingerbread House Making for Youths**

Youth ages 6-12 will learn how to decorate and build edible Gingerbread Houses using royal icing and a simple piping bag. Creativity is encouraged with the “no rules” policy. An adult chaperone is suggested for participants 6-9 years old. Register early, limited space is available.

**Liz Bakunovich**

**Saturday, December 17, 2005, \$40.00**

**11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.**

**Activity Room, Community Building**

### **Ready, Set, Power Sort for Adults**

Are your pictures scattered everywhere in the house, from boxes under the bed to the attic? Overwhelmed? Grab your pictures and throw them in a box or bag. Learn how to sort 500-1,000 pictures in 2 hours. The following items are included: timeline paper (if needed), pencils, Crop Talk Lesson, Power Sort Box (holds 2,400 photos and is compact and photo safe). There are two sessions to choose from.

#### **Session 1**

**Barbara Critchell**

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, \$45.00**

**Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m or**

**7 p.m. -9:30 p.m.**

**Park View Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

#### **Session 2**

**Barbara Critchell**

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, \$45.00**

**Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m or**

**7 p.m. -9:00 p.m.**

**Park View Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**



### **Adult Beginners Scrapbooking**

Learn how to start your album projects simply and quickly. All materials will be provided. Please bring two photos of a special person or event in your life.

#### **Session 1**

**Barbara Critchell**

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, \$75.00**

**Tuesday**

**9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m or**

**7 p.m. -9:00 p.m.**

**Park View Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

#### **Session 2**

**Barbara Critchell**

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, \$75.00**

**Wednesday**

**9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m or**

**7 p.m. -9:00 p.m.**

**Park View Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

## Mats and Ribbons for Adults

Learn how to make a variety of techniques and borders that you can use over and over again in your albums and many other ways. A 12" decorative trimmer is included. Please bring your paper and stickers.

**Barbara Critchell**

**Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, \$36.00**

**Thursday**

**1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. or**

**7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Park View Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

## Adult Beginning Needlepoint

Class designed for basic needlepoint stitches. Participants must bring their own needlepoint canvas and fiber for their projects. For help with fiber selection and recommendations for stitches, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office.

**Valerie Moot**

**5 Weeks, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, \$60.00**

**Tuesdays**

**12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Activity Room, Community Building**



## Adult Intermediate Needlepoint

Class designed for basic and more elaborate needlepoint stitches. Participants must bring their own needlepoint canvas and fiber for their projects. For help with fiber selection and recommendations for stitches, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office.

**Valerie Moot**

**5 Weeks, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, \$60.00**

**Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Park View Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**



## Needlepoint for Seniors (55 years plus)

Designed for seniors to learn basic and more elaborate needlepoint stitches. Participants must bring their own needlepoint canvas and fiber for their projects. For help with fiber selection and recommendations for stitches, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office.

**Valerie Moot**

**5 Weeks, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, \$60.00**

**Thursdays**

**12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Park View Room, Community Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**



## Recreation Programs

### NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick

Young pro football fans in the Grosse Pointes will have the opportunity to exhibit their football skills when the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Departments host an NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick program on Saturday, September 24, at the Grosse Pointe South High School Football Field starting at 9:00 a.m. This free program creates a lively and engaging forum for boys and girls ages 8-15 in the Grosse Pointes to compete separately against their peers in punting, passing and kicking skills. All participants will be put into the following age groups: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (age as of December 31, 2005). The winners of each of the boys and girls group will advance to the Sectional Competition. You may register at the Parks and Recreation Office. Deadline for Pre-Registration is Wednesday, September 21, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. If you miss this deadline, you must register at the event starting at 8:00 a.m. Please bring a copy of the participant's birth certificate when registering the day of or when pre-registering.

A Skills Clinic will be held on Tuesday, September 20 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Kerby Field, located at Mack Ave. and Kerby Rd., for all participants who would like to practice before the actual competition.

### Afternoon Drop-In for Seniors (55 years plus)

All Grosse Pointe Farms Seniors and their guests will have exclusive use of the second floor in the new Community Building at Pier Park to play ping-pong, shoot pool, play cards and play board games. Coffee and all equipment for activities will be provided. There is no cost, but we do ask that you call and register.

**Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, No Fee**  
**Tuesdays, Noon – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Community Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**



### Boat Smart for Everyone

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron is offering a Boat Smart course for all boaters, 14 years or older (the personal watercraft operator, the hunter or fisherman operating an outboard utility boat; the skipper of a family cruiser, the sailing enthusiast). All boaters must follow same nautical rules, regulations, and courtesies of the sea. All are subject to the same forces of nature while boating. This course meets the educational standards of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and features a proctored examination as required by the state of Michigan for a Boating Safety Certificate. The class is limited to 30 students.

**Dick Munro**  
**4 weeks, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>,**  
**and Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, \$35.00**  
**Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

# Special Events & Teen Activities

## Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling

Grosse Pointe Farms residents are invited to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling at Pier Park. Representatives from The Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Chorus and the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra will lead the residents in singing Christmas Carols while the Christmas Tree is being lit by the Mayor. After the lighting ceremony, everyone is invited to the Community Building to listen to Christmas music and enjoy light snacks and refreshments.

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

## Breakfast With Santa

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park will be hosting Breakfast with Santa for Grosse Pointe Farms Families on December 10, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The event will be held in the Pier Park Community Building. Breakfast will be served, a story told by Santa, and children will then be able to tell Santa what they want for Christmas and get a photo with Santa. More information will be available after November 1, 2005.



## Teen Activities

The Grosse Pointe Parks and Recreation Departments have put together a Middle School Student/Teen Council. Once a month there is a meeting for all teens to attend that involves planning future outings and activities. Below are the dates of the meetings and scheduled events. In order to attend the events, all teens must show a school I.D. from a Grosse Pointe Middle School.

## Scheduled Events

- Tuesday, Oct. 11, 4 p.m., Teen Meeting: volunteer to work at Halloween events, pick movie for Nov. 7, brainstorm @ Grosse Pointe Farms Community Building
- Friday, Oct. 14, 7:30– 9:30 p.m., Bonfire: card games, s'mores & snacks, music, capture the flag at Grosse Pointe City Neff Park
- Monday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Movie: To be decided, free popcorn at Grosse Pointe Park Lavins Center
- Friday, Dec. 16, 7-10 p.m., Teen Night: open gym, walleyball, snacks, disc jockey, dancing, ice skating (weather permitting) at Grosse Pointe Woods Activities Building
- Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, 7-10 p.m., Teen Dance: disc jockey, snacks, karaoke at Grosse Pointe Farms Community Building
- Friday, Feb. 24, 6:30– 8:00 p.m., Ice Skating: music, snacks at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park (Three Mile Dr. and Essex).



**MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM**

**Pier Park  
350 Lakeshore Road  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236  
343-2405**

I wish to register for the activities listed below. Enclosed is my check or money order made payable to: "City of Grosse Pointe Farms." I understand the Department of Parks and Recreation Registration and Refund Procedures (explained below) and agree to abide by them. In addition, I understand that these fees do not include accident insurance and that no liability is assumed by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms or the Department of Parks and Recreation. Use one Form per applicant; it may be duplicated, if needed. This Form must be filled out completely in order to be processed. Please print clearly.

**PARTICIPANT'S LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18/PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME :** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT'S AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

| ACTIVITY              | CIRCLE DAY(S) | START DATE | TIME | FEE |
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| <b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b> |               |            |      |     |

Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel, change, and postpone activities due to insufficient enrollment. Please register before the registration deadline, which is one week prior to the program starting date, in order to avoid program cancellation. **Refund Policy:** NO refunds will be made after the starting date of each Program. All requests for refunds must be made in writing and submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department. Full refunds will be made for any Program that is canceled by the City.

**Physical Exercise/Activity Participation Acknowledgement**

I understand that all those who register to participate in an exercise or physical activity program should do so only after receiving medical approval for participation from their personal physician. I further understand that the fees for these programs do not include accident insurance and that no liability is assumed by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms or the Department of Parks and Recreation. A signature is required below in order for your registration to be processed.

I have read and understand the above statement. Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## *Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation supports important City activities*

The mission of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in Grosse Pointe Farms by helping to provide extra amenities that make our City so attractive to our residents and visitors. The Farms Foundation works to raise funds for improvements that would be outside the provisions of the normal City budget, serving as a catalyst for funding special needs of the Community.



An upcoming project the Foundation is supporting is the restoration of the Water Filtration Plant's Front Entrance on Moross Road along with related landscaping.

The aforementioned projects only have been possible as a result of strong support from many residents of Grosse Pointe Farms. The Farms Foundation continues to seek donations to enhance the quality of life in our City. Its annual appeal will be sent to all residents of Grosse Pointe Farms in November and your tax deductible support, whether you have contributed in the past or not, are very much appreciated and most welcome.

Since its inception in 1980, the Farms Foundation has supported numerous projects which have made a real difference in the quality of life in our community. A few of the past projects include:

- 2002 Children's Splash Pad at Pier Park
- 1999-2000 Ornamental Street Sign Program
- 1998 Gazebo and Landscaping at Pier Park
- 1997 Renovation and Reforestation at Pier Park
- 1993 Lake Shore Adopt-An-Island Project
- 1990 The Joy Bells Park – Moross Road
- 1986 New Pier Park Entrance and Gatehouse
- 1984 Richard Plane – Kercheval-on-the-Hill

Our more current projects include the Community Center at Pier Park. The Farms Foundation raised \$250,000 to assist in the construction of this beautiful facility.

Another project recently completed is the James and Aline Orten Field House at Kerby Field (see photo on page 1). This project was made possible in large part by a substantial donation made to the Farms Foundation by the James and Aline Orten Foundation.

In addition to your direct support, please consider the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation in your planned giving activities. This private support for the public good is so important to our community.

If you wish to leave a gift to the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, please call Shane Reeside at 885-6600. Gifts of all size are welcome and we appreciate your consideration.



*Tentatively, the Foundation has identified the Water Filtration Campus as the focus of their activities for the coming year.*



## City Directory

Grosse Pointe Farms City Offices  
90 Kerby Road  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236  
[www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us](http://www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us)

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|---|-----------------|
| <b>Administration</b>   | <b>885-6600</b> |
| <i>Elections and registrations, council meetings, ordinances, birth and death certificates, taxes and tax rates, assessments, collections and water bills, accounts and finance, and refuse disposal.</i> |                 |
| <b>Public Service</b>   | <b>885-4285</b> |
| <i>Building permits, engineering, inspections, pest control, recycling, regulations, sidewalks, streets, tree service, sanitary and storm sewers and zoning.</i>  |                 |
| <b>Parks and Recreation</b>   | <b>343-2405</b> |
| Gate House: 343-2375  |                 |
| Pool Office and Bathhouse 343-2476  |                 |
| <i>Pier Park, Kerby Field, marina, class schedules, Community Building rental and picnic and temporary park permits.</i>  |                 |
| <b>Municipal Court</b>  | <b>885-2104</b> |
| <b>Public Safety (Police &amp; Fire)</b>  | <b>885-2100</b> |
| <b>Ambulance and Emergencies</b>  | <b>911</b>      |
| <b>Poison Control</b>   | <b>745-5711</b> |

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City Manager  
 Shane Reeside

## News Briefs

### Halloween Harvest

We are sorry to say that due to the Harbor Renovation, there will not be a 2005 Halloween Harvest at Pier Park. We look forward to seeing you at our 2006 Halloween Harvest.

### Hill Fall Sidewalk Sale

The Hill Association is hosting a Fall Sidewalk Sale on September 23-24. The Association is coordinating this sale with Frogs-Fur-Friends. Many of the "Frog" artists will be at the sale.