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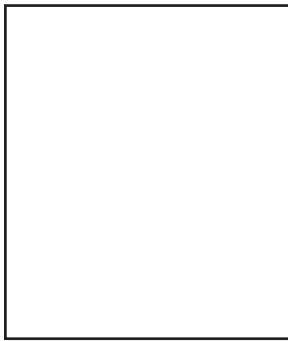
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From the Mayor's Desk

Before I step down on November 6th, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you for ten years on the Farms' Council and as Mayor.



Ronald V. Kneiser
Mayor

Much has changed at City Hall in the past decade. Massive infrastructure improvements have been completed (e.g., upgraded public safety radio systems, emergency enhanced E-911 service, street and sewer upgrades, leaf collection, public safety vehicles and equip-

ment, water plant systems and distribution line upgrades). Even some of the ways you interact with your city have changed, such as downloading forms from the city website and faster voting using an optical scanner rather than pulling a lever. These may not be the most conversational items, but they are a part of the core operations of your city government. When it comes to core operations, we are doing terrific!

Managing this city and understanding the unique needs and requirements of our residents takes years of experience. Recently, a number of our senior employees and department heads have retired. I am confident that our new city leaders and employees will continue to meet the challenges that lie ahead. They cannot do it alone. They need your support and encouragement.

I spent a significant amount of time each year meeting with our neighboring cities and government agencies, attending seminars; simulating; planning and working on the emergency preparedness of your city and municipal leaders. Some of this was my background and interest, some of it was driven by the straight line wind disaster at Pier Park on July 2, 1997, and preparing for the overanticipated Y2K disasters. After all that planning, to lead the City through the blackout of 2003 and to watch our city employees implement direction and plans with such calm and such professionalism was really the peak experience of my public service.

As I drive through the Farms daily, I am proud of the improvements we as a community have made on almost every block. From our housing stock to the Hill revitalization and even the greening of the Mack/Moross corner. These are a direct result of a strong financial condition and, more importantly, the positive attitude and support of you, your family, and your neighbors.

I urge each of you to look beyond your yard and work to improve the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in at least some small way. Although there is never a shortage of opinions around here, your input and contribution are still vitally necessary to the continued success of this city.

Best wishes,
Ronald V. Kneiser, *Mayor*

Election Information Enclosed

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Remember to Vote in the General Election

Tuesday, November 4, 2003 (Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.)

COUNCILPERSON

Vote for not more than *FOUR* (4)

Therese M. Joseph
Joseph T. Leonard
Doug Roby
Frances L. Schonenberg
Eric M. Turin
Peter W. Waldmeir

MAYORAL NOMINATION

Vote for not more than *ONE* (1)

Charles S. "Terry" Davis III
James C. Farquhar, Jr.
Therese M. Joseph
Joseph T. Leonard

PROPOSAL A:

JOSEPH AMENDMENT MAYORAL ELECTION PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

This initiative proposal amends Sections 3.5 and 4.4 to permit the voters at each regular city election to elect a Mayor for a 2-year term. This proposal would replace the current requirement that the Mayor be selected by the City Council from among its members. While the Council will continue to consist of a Mayor and six other Councilmembers, the number of Councilmembers elected at each regular city election would be reduced from four to three (to compensate for the change in the election of the Mayor).

Shall the Joseph Amendment be adopted?

[YES] [NO]

PROPOSAL B:

CITY COUNCIL MAYORAL ELECTION PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

This proposal by City Council amends Sections 3.5 and 4.4 to permit the voters at each regular city election to elect a Mayor for a 2-year term. This proposal replaces the current requirement that the Mayor be selected by Council from among its members, but retains the current procedure for electing four members of Council at each election. The Council will continue to consist of a Mayor and six other Councilmembers. To be elected Mayor, a candidate also must be elected to Council or be a continuing member of Council.

Shall the City Council Mayoral Election Proposal be adopted?"

[YES] [NO]

PROPOSAL C:

CITY COUNCIL AUTOMATIC SUCCESSION PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

This proposal by City Council amends Sections 4.5 and 5.4 to provide for the automatic succession by the Mayor Pro Tem. to the Office of Mayor caused by the death, resignation or extended absence or disability of the Mayor.

Shall the Automatic Succession Proposal be adopted?

[YES] [NO]

Upcoming Pier Park Activities

Babysitting Class

This course, offered in cooperation with the St. John Health System and National Safety Council, will cover basic babysitting skills, age-appropriate play activities, basic first aid and rescue breathing.

Students will attend two sessions: Tuesday, November 18, and Wednesday, November 19. Class will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Pier Park Recreation Building, and is open to anyone at least 10 years old as of November 18, 2003. Class size is limited to 10 participants. [\$40 per student, includes babysitting manual]

Annual Pier Park

Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club invites all Farms residents and their families to its Annual Pier Park Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols program. It will be held on Saturday, November 29.

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be at 7 p.m. followed with the singing of carols. Free hot chocolate, coffee and refreshments will be available afterward in the Recreation Building.

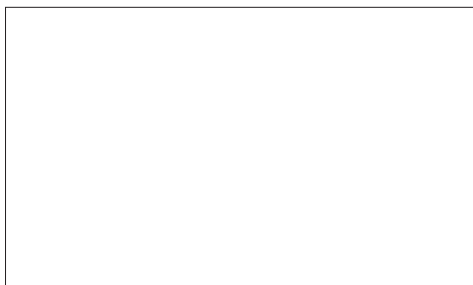
Program Registrations and Information

Any programs that require pre-registration may be dropped off at the Parks & Recreation office located at the Pier Park. Registrations can also be mailed to: Grosse Pointe Farms Parks & Recreation, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Be sure to include the program name, your name, address, phone number and ages of children. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for programs that have limited space. Make checks payable to: City of Grosse Pointe Farms. For additional information regarding programs or registration, call (313) 343-2405.

City Honors Its Volunteers

Last May, the City of Grosse Pointe Farms honored its volunteers with a reception at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provencal-Weir House. Pictured here are a few of the many extraordinary people who devote their time, talent and energy to making the city a special place in which to live.

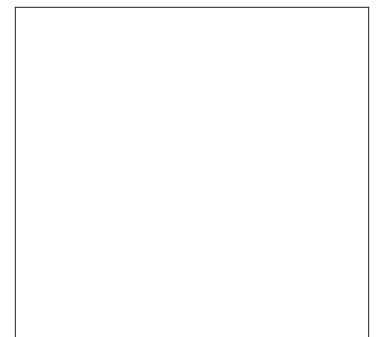
(l-r) Marijke Janeway and Kathy Lenz, Beautification Commission; Jerry Broderson, Easter Bunny; and Ed Haug, Beautification Commission.



(l-r) Police reserves Greg Heffner, Phil Steffes, Tony Prohownik and Mike Titterington.

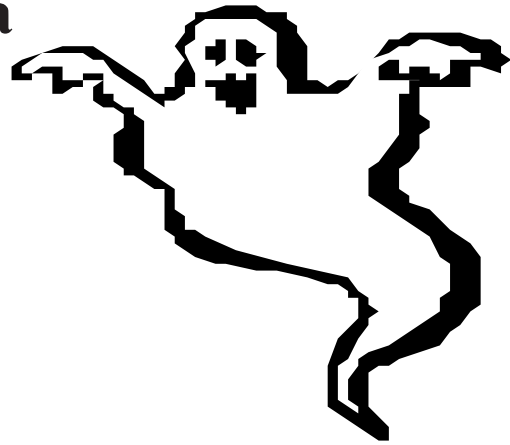


Mary Anne Petz, Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation Trustee, with her husband, Bob.



2003 Halloween Extravaganza

Thursday, October 30, 2003 • 7 - 9 p.m.



The annual "Halloween Extravaganza" is open to all Grosse Pointe Farms residents and their guests. Tickets, which cost \$4 for each child and adult, are available at the Pier Park Gatehouse starting Saturday, October 18, during regular park hours.

Individuals may enter a Jack-O-Lantern Decorating Contest for which you must pre-register by calling the Parks & Recreation office, at (313) 343-2405, by 4 p.m., Wednesday, October 29. There will be prizes for first and second place. IMPORTANT: Each decorated Jack-O-Lantern must be delivered to the Pier Park before 6 p.m. on the night of the "Halloween Extravaganza."

The first 300 children (12 and under) who arrive in costume will receive a trick-or-treat bag.

Special assistance for this program is being provided by the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club. Any adult interested in volunteering to help at the Halloween Extravaganza should contact the Parks & Recreation Office, (313) 343-2405.

Halloween Extravaganza Activities

Trick-or-Treat House.....	7 - 9 p.m.
Hay Rides.....	7 - 9
Pumpkin Moonwalk.....	7 - 9
Walk-Around Magic performed by Magician Nicholas.....	7 - 9
Refreshments.....	7 - 9
Ornamental Plaster Ghost & Pumpkin Painting [\$5 for each piece].....	7:30 - 8:30
Announcement of Jack-O-Lantern Decorating Contest winners.....	7:45
<i>Ha Ha Halloween Show</i> , featuring Ventriloquist Richard Paul.....	8:00

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