



# City of Grosse Pointe Farms Informative Bulletin

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## Remember to Vote in Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> General Election

Due to the number of state, county and local proposals that will be decided in the November General Election, voters will be issued a two-page ballot.

It is anticipated that the two-page ballot, and the additional time required to insert ballots into the tabulator, may cause delays.

To avoid long waits in line, eligible voters are encouraged to vote absentee this year.

Eligibility requirements to vote absentee include:

- You are 60 years of age or older.
- You expect to be absent from the community in which you are a registered voter for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
- You are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person.

Absentee ballot applications are available at City Hall. If you wish to be mailed an absentee ballot application, please call 313-885-6600.

### What Will Be on Your Ballot

#### National Elections

President and Vice President of the United States  
United States Senator  
14<sup>th</sup> District Representative in Congress

#### State Elections

2<sup>nd</sup> District State Representative  
Members of the State Board of Education  
Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents  
Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees  
Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors

#### Judicial Elections

Justice of the Supreme Court  
Judge of the Court of Appeals  
Judges of the Circuit Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit  
Judge of the Probate Court

#### Local Elections

Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney  
Wayne County Sheriff  
Wayne County Clerk  
Wayne County Treasurer  
Wayne County Register of Deeds  
Wayne County Commissioner, District 1  
State, County and Local Proposals  
Wayne County Community College Board of Trustees, Dist. 1  
Grosse Pointe Public School Board

### Election Information:

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- See page 2 for polling locations.
- Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, by 2:00 p.m. is the last day to request absentee ballots by mail.
- Absentee voters may vote on Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, at City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- To view ballot online, visit [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).
- For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 313-885-6600.



## IN MEMORIAM

# Community Mourns Loss of Public Servant

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms suffered a tremendous loss with the death of longtime city official Joseph Leonard.

Mr. Leonard passed away on August 19 surrounded by his family after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Leonard had represented Grosse Pointe Farms with distinction in many different ways.

He served on the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council from 2003 until his death. He was elected to the Council three times -- in 2003, 2007 and 2011.

Prior to elected office, Mr. Leonard was the city's director of the Department of Public Services from 1990 through 2002.

Before that, he was deputy director of Wayne County's En-

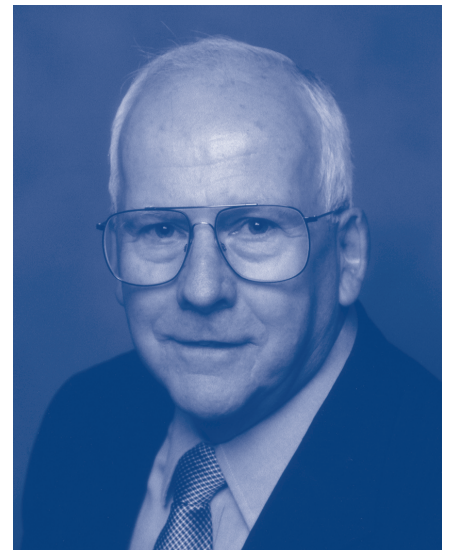
gineering Department, where he helped with the transition of the former Wayne County Road Commission into the county's Department of Public Services.

The city and its residents are grateful for Mr. Leonard's many accomplishments and contributions.

He was instrumental in several projects, including the Kercheval streetscape renovations, Lakeshore and Mack Avenue beautification projects, the restoration of the Farms Pier Park and the building of the Farms Pier playscape.

In addition, he helped oversee the renovation of the city's harbor at Pier Park and the construction of the new community building.

Mr. Leonard is survived by



his wife of 50 years, Joanne; daughters, Patricia and Mary Lenhardt (Mel) and his three grandsons Michael, Matthew and Danny.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the U of D Jesuit High School Scholarship Fund, 8400 S. Cambridge Ave., Detroit, MI 48221.

## Grosse Pointe Farms voting locations

Precinct	Location	Address
1	Grosse Pointe South High	11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.
2	Richard School	176 McKinley
3	Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall	90 Kerby Road
4	Kerby School	285 Kerby Road
5	Brownell School	260 Chalfonte

Unsure which precinct to vote at? Call City Hall at 885-6600 or visit [www.publius.org](http://www.publius.org). You must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

# City's Curbside Leaf Collection Begins

With crisp, cool Autumn air upon us, leaves are falling in Grosse Pointe Farms, and the City has begun its curbside loose-leaf collection.

Remember, leaf collection is the day after your regular rubbish collection.

The City is again utilizing its nationally recognized broom-and-chute collection method, which has brought convenience and cost savings to local residents.

Department of Public Works officials urge residents to help make the leaf collection process safe and more efficient for DPW 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.



## 2012 Autumn & 2013 Winter Parks & Recreation Programs

### Registration Guidelines

All Recreation Programs require pre-registration. Please register by the deadline noted in each description in order to prevent the programs from being cancelled.

- Walk-in at the Parks and Recreation Office.
- Mail the Registration Form, checks payable to City of Grosse Pointe Farms.
- Make sure all information is complete, including birthdates. Registrations will not be processed without complete information.
- Don't forget to sign the Registration Form at the bottom.
- Use the "Check List" on each Registration Form to verify that forms are complete.

### Refund Policy

- No refunds will be made after the start date of each Program.
- Requests must be made in writing and submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office.
- Full refunds will be made for any Program that is cancelled by the City.

### Pier Park Volunteer Opportunity

The Pier Park offers many family events. These events have grown greatly through the years. To make every event a success, we are looking for volunteers from our community. If you are interested in being added to our list of volunteers, please call 343-2405.

### 2013 Park Passes

- 2013 Park Pass Application is available at the City Offices, the Parks and Recreation Office or online at [www.grossepointefarms.org](http://www.grossepointefarms.org).
- Park Passes are issued to all residents, 8 years and older.
- All 2012 Park Passes expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- All information must be complete in order to have your new passes processed.
- All residents, 18 and older, must show ID when

**Parks and Recreation Office**  
**Phone Number:**  
313- 343-2405

### Park Hours

May 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 a.m. – Midnight  
November 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.\*

*\* If there is ice skating, the park will be open until ice skating closes for the night. See ice skating hours below and on the next page*

### Office Hours

May 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
November 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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picking up Passes.

- Husbands and wives may pick up each others' Passes.
- If you would like to request a Temporary Non-Resident Park Pass, Caregiver Park Pass or Dog Park Pass, please complete an Application two weeks before the Pass is needed.

### Ice Hockey Skating Hours

Grosse Pointe Farms residents may utilize the skating rink at Kerby Field throughout the skating season, which is subject to weather conditions. The enclosed rink is only available for hockey playing. During the following skating hours the Orten Fieldhouse will be open for use of the warming area and restrooms. Skating hours are as follows:

**Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays:**  
10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.



**Monday – Friday:**  
4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Open Skating Hours

The Refrigerated Ice Skating Rink at Pier Park is tentatively scheduled to open sometime in November, weather permitting. This rink is only for open skating; hockey is prohibited. During the following skating hours the newly constructed Warming Building will be open for use of restrooms and relaxation. Skating hours are as follows:

**Sunday:**  
10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Monday – Thursday:**  
4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Friday:**  
4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Saturday:**  
10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Platform Tennis Courts

- Open Seasonal Play Dates: October 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Reservations can only be made by GPF residents in person at the Pier Park Gate House or by calling 343-2405, ext. 119. Reservations will require the name of the resident, address, and phone number.
- Up to three non-residents can play as guests of the resident who made the reservation on one

court. No park pass punches will be required for the non-resident guests.

- A resident may only reserve a court for 1-½ hours at a time. A second resident may reserve a court for additional time for the same group. This will be limited to a maximum of three hours for the same group of players for each day.
- Courts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis if there are no reservations.
- Reservations can only be made up to two days prior to the reservation date.
- Reservations may be cancelled by the City if persons arrive later than 15 minutes after the reserved time.
- Courts will be locked. Keys will be issued to players when they arrive and the players must leave their Park Pass or Driver's License in exchange for the key.

### Daily Operation Hours

#### October

6:00 a.m. – Midnight

#### November

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.\*

#### December – April

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

\*Court hours may be extended during the month of November up to 10:00 p.m. if other park functions are scheduled or court reservations are made by noon for that date.

Note: Daily operation hours may vary for holidays and due to inclement weather.





# Adult Exercise and Recreation Programs

### Adult Platform Tennis Lessons

Grosse Pointe Farms residents can learn how to play this very popular cold weather sport. Participants will become familiar with the equipment and learn the types of grips, court positioning, basic screen play, lobs, drives, scoring, etc.

**#3011**

**Madeleine Paolucci**

**6 Weeks, October 25<sup>th</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**\$90.00**

**No Class November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Warming Building/Platform Tennis Courts**

**Registration Deadline is October 18, 2012**

### Pilates: Core Conditioning

Looking to improve your core strength in a safe and effective manner?

This group mat class will focus on developing the power of your deep abdominal and back muscles, toning the overall body and moving with precision and control. Flex bands, small balls and light weights are incorporated to enhance and intensify this STOTT Pilates method of exercise.

Instructor will provide exercise modifications to minimize unnecessary stress on the body and to ensure the use of the targeted muscles in each exercise. With consistent engagement of the core or “powerhouse” of the body, clients can feel the benefits of improved strength, posture and vitality.

**#3007**

**Amy Pugliesi, STOTT Pilates Instructor**

**6 Weeks, November 6<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**\$78.00**

**Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Great Room, Community Building**

**Registration Deadline is October 30, 2012**



### Low Impact Combo

This exercise 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.

**#3006**

**Cherylynn Pellegrino, MA, Personal Trainer**

**10 Weeks, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**\$110.00**

**No Class December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday,**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Great Room, Community Building**

**Registration Deadline is October 15, 2012**

*If the registration deadline for any course has passed, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department to inquire if there are still openings available.*

## **It's Your Back Yoga for Adults**

Take time for yourself! Nurture your mind and take care of your body in this challenging yet relaxing yoga practice. A combination of postures and breathing techniques that help prevent, as well as treat, back pain. Move through flows that strengthen muscles which support your posture and lengthen and relax areas that are tense and tight. A great class for beginning as well as experienced yoga students.

### **#3006**

**Heidi George, Certified Yoga Instructor**  
**10 Weeks, January 9<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>, \$120.00**  
**Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**  
**Great Room, Community Building**  
**Registration Deadline is January 2, 2013**

## **Creative Ceramics**

This introductory workshop focuses on hand painting bisque (once fired) items with under-glazes (ceramic 'paints'). The item is then covered with a clear glaze and kiln fired resulting in a uniquely beautiful, functional art

piece. This workshop is open to all skill levels; size is limited to provide more individualized attention. All materials are included, you will receive a step-by-step instruction sheet, choice of 1 bisque item, 12 under-glaze colors, brushes, and all materials are for class use only. Firing of painted item is done by instructor; your finished piece will be available to pick up from the Parks and Recreation Office the following week.

### **#3014**

**Ages 12 - 16**  
**Judy Alford/Artbella Studio**  
**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, \$25.00**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Activity Room, Community Building**  
**Registration Deadline is October 20, 2012**

### **#3015**

**Ages 17 and Older**  
**Judy Alford/Artbella Studio**  
**Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, \$25.00**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Activity Room, Community Building**  
**Registration Deadline is October 17, 2012**

# ***Youth Recreation Programs***

## **Daddy-Daughter Dance**

It promises to be an evening they will long remember, as Grosse Pointe girls, age 12 and under, twist and twirl with their best beau – daddy – at the Second All-Pointes Daddy-Daughter Dance.

Parks and Recreation staff from Grosse Pointe Farms, Woods, Shores, Farms, City and Park have collaborated once again to create what is hoped will be an annual event every local daughter will look forward to attending with her dad.

It's a semi-formal affair, complete with a wrist corsage for each young lady. And, just like a grown-up party, there will be frilly

decorations, and lots of yummy appetizers and snacks with the addition of everyone's favorite tunes, keeping the party moving on the dance floor. Most importantly, dads are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the memories of this magical night.

### **#1000**

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, \$8 per person**  
**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Grosse Pointe South's Main Gym**  
**Registration Deadline is March 9, 2013**



## City Directory

**City of Grosse Pointe Farms**  
90 Kerby Road  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236  
Website: [www.grossepointefarms.org](http://www.grossepointefarms.org)  
E-mail: [cityclerk@grossepointefarms.org](mailto:cityclerk@grossepointefarms.org)

**Administration 885-6600**

Elections and registrations, council meetings, ordinances, birth and death certificates, taxes and tax rates, assessments, collections and water bills, accounts and finance, recycling and refuse disposal.

**Public Service 885-4285**

Building permits, engineering, inspections, pest control, regulations, sidewalks, streets, tree service, sanitary and storm sewers and zoning.

**Parks and Recreation Office 343-2405**

Pier Park, Pier Park Gate House, Kerby Field, Marina, class schedules, Community Building rental and picnic and temporary park permits.

**Municipal Court 885-2104**

**Public Safety (Police & Fire) 885-2100**

**Ambulance and Emergencies 911**

**Poison Control 745-5711**

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