It’s time to renew
New policies for park passes and picnic reservations

The park pass you used last summer will get you and one guest only into Lake Front Park just one more time, but you can expect it to be confiscated at the gate. New 2016 passes currently are being issued for the calendar year – Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

An application and explanation of the new policy were included in the November 2015 issue of the city’s Update newsletter. By mid-January, nearly 5,000 new passes had already been issued at the Community Center.

“Since the Community Center desk isn’t as busy during the winter months, changing the issue dates from May 1 through April 30 to the calendar year beginning Jan. 1 allows the staff to more efficiently serve the residents coming in for their new passes,” explained Nicole Byron, recreation supervisor.

“As the weather gets warmer and the pool-opening date approaches, there always is a rush for passes – at the same time residents are lining up to reserve boat wells and spots for picnics, signing up children for the swim team, or registering for swim and tennis lessons.”

If you didn’t save your application from the November UPDATE, it is available at the Community Center, or online at www.gpwm.us in the “New Items” scrolling list. Bring your completed application to City Hall where it likely can be processed on the spot.

Rules regarding park passes
As before, park pass applicants must show proof of residency, including those who have moved from one Grosse Pointe Woods address to another, anyone newly added to the household, and any non-head-of-household over the age of 21 years.

However, there also are some changes to the park pass policy, including the following:

• Children under 8 years of age do not need a park pass (previously age 6).
• Each pass allows for 15 guest punches in a calendar year.
• Each pass allows one guest to accompany the resident without using a guest punch any day, October to April.

David Peters accepted the 2015 Legacy Award from Mayor Robert E. Novitke at the 42nd annual Beautification Awards Night in November. Having received its first Landmark Award in 1988, this Legacy Award recognizes A.H. Peters Funeral Home’s decades of commitment to the beautification of the city’s business district. Only one other business – Ahee Jewelers – has received this top honor.

“Timeless elegance characterizes this property, with stately pillars flanking the grand entrance and well manicured beds,” explained Linda Stephens, Awards Night co-chairperson.

“Impeccably trimmed, iconic trees line the boulevard on Vernier and add to the impressive setting. A. H. Peters Funeral Home defines the award criteria which requires the overall appearance to be proportionate, harmonious, and of enduring benefit to the community.”

For more 2015 Beautification Award winners, see page 4.

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* March Board of Review sessions are by appointment only. Call (313) 343-2435 to schedule.

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**Update** is published quarterly – February, May, August and November – and delivered to all households and businesses in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.
New legislation affects your voting process

The Michigan Legislature recently adopted new legislation, effective Jan. 1, 2016, that has a direct impact on the voting process in Michigan.

Senate Bill 13, eliminates straight ticket voting in the partisan section of the ballot. Michigan General Election ballots are composed of three sections: the partisan section, which includes candidates representing political parties; the nonpartisan section does not identify political parties, and includes candidates for judgeships, municipal offices, and school boards; and the proposal section, which includes State, County and Local ballot issues.

Previously, voters could choose from three options when voting the partisan section of the ticket, with the following instructions provided with their ballot:

- Straight Ticket: Vote the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.
- Split Ticket: You may vote a straight ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice.
- Mixed Ticket: Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.

Senate Bill 13 eliminates the first two options, requiring a voter to select a candidate for each office individually. Rather than making a single selection to vote for all candidates of one political party, or selecting that party and voting for candidates of a different party, as was previous the practice, a voter now must record their vote separately for each race.

These legislative changes will place a greater emphasis on planning ahead. Here are a few things you can do to help ensure an enjoyable Election

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Winter tax deadline extended to Feb. 16

The winter property tax deadline is extended from Feb. 14 to Feb. 16 due to the city offices being closed for Presidents’ Day, Feb. 15. Penalty and interest charges are added if paid on Feb. 17 or after.

The final day to pay 2015 summer and winter taxes at city hall, with penalty and interest, is Monday, Feb. 29. Taxes can be paid only at the Wayne County Treasurer’s office beginning March 1.

Public Works

All residents must visit the Department of Public Works (DPW) office to show proof of residency before entering the grounds to dispose of motor oil, large car and boat batteries, and anti-freeze, or to pick up compost, wood chips or salt.

Report, don’t repair damaged sprinkler heads

If a sprinkler head is damaged by city equipment during winter snow removal or during city construction projects, the Department of Public Works (DPW) will make the necessary repairs. Please contact the DPW at (313) 343-2460 regarding such damages. The City does not reimburse residents for repairs made by private contractors.

2015 Tree planting report

Forty-four trees were planted in residential areas throughout the city during the 2015 annual fall tree planting. The tree species planted included Cleveland Select Callery Pear, Little Leaf Linden, Northern Red Oak and Red Sunset Red Maple.

Tree trimming schedule

Beginning in January 2016, trees in District 4 (west of Mack from City Hall to north city limits) are being trimmed as part of the eight-year, rotating maintenance program. Trained crews remove dead wood, trim branches lower than six feet, thin branches to allow better penetration of light and air, and inspect the trees for any problems. Residents who have questions about trees should call the DPW at (313) 343-2460.

Hazardous Waste Day – April 16

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the next Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. Questions regarding hazardous waste may be directed to the DPW.

“Flushables” continue to be a problem

You can decrease your chances of home sewer issues by making an effort not to flush any paper products other than toilet tissue. Baby wipes, facial tissue, paper toweling, and sanitary products are creating havoc with sewer lines all over the city, even though manufacturers claim them to be flushable and safe for your plumbing.

“These products don’t break down as quickly as toilet tissue,” said Joe Ahee, Director of Public Services. “Over time, they build up in the sewer lines, causing blockages and possibly leading to basement backups.”

If you are experiencing problems with your sewer line, and it has been cleared of standing water, the DPW may be able to help determine the cause by using a camera that goes through the line, sending pictures back to a monitor. The charge for this service is $100. Call the DPW at (313) 343-2460 to make an appointment.
A distinguished group of residents and business owners were honored in November for outstanding contributions to the appearance and vitality of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. It was the 42nd anniversary of this Beautification Advisory Commission event that recognizes outstanding efforts in landscaping, maintenance and exterior building design.

Fifteen residential awards were presented to individuals whose homes display overall style and curb appeal. Two renovation awards were given for significant building and landscaping improvements made to homes, updating and bringing new life to the city’s aging housing stock.

Eight businesses were recognized for adherence to criteria that include attractive, clutter-free windows, plantings that enhance the building, and ongoing maintenance. Back entrances also were considered.

Photos of all the homes and businesses honored can be found on the November and general information pages of the 2016 City Calendar.


Residential Award Winners included (front row) Jack Pellegrino and Jennifer Joseph, Kathryn Raulston, Anna and Paul Henning, Kathy Ziegler-Bronikowski and Sally Ziegler, Sue and Drew Winter, (back row) Jim and Dianne McPharlin, Michael Lacey, Patricia Paquin, Missy Rancilio, Mayor Novitke, Stephanie and Bruno Tabbi, Tina and Jeffrey Allor, Kristin and Christopher Rogers. Not pictured - Matthew and Karen Cullen, David and Judy Dobbins, John and Noelle George, Steve and Barbara Mallires, William and Susan Yee.

Tree Commission

Plant a Memorial Tree

You can honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by purchasing a Memorial Tree that will live on for decades. For $280, you are invited to select from among many suitable trees and locations. Once planted, an engraved granite marker is set in concrete underneath your tree.

Those purchasing trees by Feb. 29 will be invited to the April 6 Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony.

To learn more, call the Department of Public Works – (313) 343-2460.
Special fun for kids

Mother-Son Movie Day
12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6

Moms and their boys three-to-ten years of age are invited for an afternoon of fun with the Disney Pixar movie *Inside Out*, and refreshments at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Each boy will create a keepsake picture frame and receive a photo of himself with mom to put in it.

In the movie, Riley (Kaitlyn Dias) is a happy, hockey-loving 11-year-old Midwestern girl, but her world turns upside-down when she and her parents move to San Francisco. Riley’s emotions – led by Joy (Amy Poehler) – try to guide her through this difficult, life-changing event. However, the stress of the move brings Sadness (Phyllis Smith) to the forefront. When Joy and Sadness are inadvertently swept into the far reaches of Riley’s mind, the only emotions left in Headquarters are Anger, Fear and Disgust.

There is a $5 fee per person, and advance registration is required since spaces fill quickly. Stop by the Community Center to secure your seats by Tuesday, Feb. 2, or register online with a credit card at https://recweb.gpwmi.us.

Egg Hunt at Lake Front Park
Saturday, March 19

Mr. E. Bunny is hopping by Lake Front Park, leaving lots and lots of colorful eggs for elementary school-age children to find on Saturday, March 19. The first hunt takes place at 11 a.m. and the last at 11:20 a.m., so it’s important to arrive in plenty of time.

Upon entering the park, each child receives a bag for egg collection. After the hunt, they exchange their eggs for a treat bag and can visit with the Easter Bunny – be sure to bring your camera. Any child finding a golden egg receives a special prize.

Registration for the Egg Hunt – $5 per child – opens Feb. 8. Grosse Pointe Woods residents can make reservations with a credit card online at https://recweb.gpwmi.us or stop by the Community Center no later than Friday, March 11.

All-Pointes Daddy-Daughter Dance
6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 16
Grosse Pointe South High School Gym

Girls age five-to-ten years old throughout the Pointes are steppin’ out with their best beau – Dad. It’s a semi-formal affair, complete with frilly decorations, lots of yummy treats, and a parting gift for each young lady, co-sponsored by Beaumont Health System. Dads are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the special moments.

Grosse Pointe Woods residents can make their reservations beginning March 1 – $8 per person – at the Community Center, online at https://recweb.gpwmi.us or at any of the other Pointes’ Parks and Recreation centers. The deadline is April 8. Registrations will not be taken at the door.
Parks & Recreation

**COMMUNITY CENTER**
Hours – 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Telephone – 343-2408
Email – comctr@gpwmi.us

**LAKE FRONT PARK & ACTIVITIES BUILDING**
Winter hours –
Nov. 1 - April 30
8 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily
Telephone – 343-2470
Ext. 3 – Gatehouse
Ext. 4 – Activities Building
Email – parks@gpwmi.us

**THE PARK OFFICE**
has relocated for the winter to the Community Center, adjacent to City Hall. All park business is conducted at the Community Center during these months.
The Bathhouse building is closed for the winter, through May 28, 2016.

**GROUP & PICNIC PERMITS**
Park use applications will be accepted for the summer season beginning April 1 at the Community Center. This application is required for any picnics hosted at the park that require a large number of non-resident guests or rental of a pavilion, gazebo, or tent. Call the Community Center for details – (313) 343-2408.

**PLATFORM TENNIS COURTS**
Reservations can be made at the Lake Front Park front gate (343-2470 ext. 3) beginning at 8 a.m. Courts are open only when they are naturally snow-free and dry. Snow and ice cannot be cleared by park staff or residents.

**NOTICE:** Lake Front Park is open Easter Sunday, March 27, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. The Activities Building will be closed all day.

**Stay active all winter long**
Enjoy winter by visiting the Grosse Pointe Woods city parks and Community Center for indoor and outdoor fun. The Activities Building at Lake Front Park has a half-court basketball court and a full-size racquetball court, volleyball, billiards, table tennis, table shuffle-board, exercise bicycles, treadmills, a mountain climber and Direct TV television. Also available are tables and chairs, playing cards and bocce ball.

Participants must be at least 13 years old to use the billiard table, racquetball court or exercise equipment without an adult present. Residents can reserve an area or game in the Activities Building for an hour at a time. To read the reservation policy, go to www.gpwmi.us and click on “Parks and Recreation.”

There also are skating rinks at Lake Front, Ghesquiere, Chene-Trombley and Sweeney parks, and lots of space for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing – weather permitting, of course.

The Community Center offers a variety of fitness classes for all levels of ability, and Merry Melodies for children age 1-to-4 years (see page 7). Friends gather to play cards from noon to 4 p.m. on Mondays, and an informal knitting group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday. For more information on these activities, call (313) 343-2408 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

**Nautical News from Lake Front Park**

**BOAT WELLS AVAILABLE**
Boat wells under 21’ – $635
Boat wells 21 to 25’ – $700
Boat wells over 25 to 28’ – $810

**BOAT LAUNCH FEES**
Daily boat launch: $12 per trailer
Season boat launch: $75

**DATES TO REMEMBER**
March 1 – Boat dock balance statements mailed
April 1 – Balance payments due
April 15 – Boats may be placed in wells with signed waiver
May 1 – Boating season begins

Call 343-2408 between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays to speak with the Harbor Master.

Applications are now being accepted for seasonal help at Lake Front Park. Positions include temporary, part-time lifeguards, building attendants and grounds keepers.

If interested, complete the General Employment Application located on the city website at [http://www.gpwmi.us/departments/hr.html](http://www.gpwmi.us/departments/hr.html), and submit it to City Hall.
Classes at the Community Center
All classes are held in the Community Center, adjacent to City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Participants can pay per day or a “Membership Pass” can be used for any class. This pass allows participants to pay in advance at a discounted rate. The card is scanned each time a member attends, and one class “credit” is deducted. When the prepaid class credits are used up, the participant can then purchase additional credits. At least six class credits must be purchased and loaded on the card to receive the discounted membership rate.

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Santa makes a grand entrance
Santa had a brand new ride when he came to town just before Thanksgiving. For the first time, he arrived at Woods Aglow festivities on the city’s trolley, all decked out for the holidays, to greet the crowd that had gathered in front of City Hall.

Mayor Robert E. Novitke made sure Santa could find his way by first setting the city aglow. Analise and Augustine Schroeder (below) helped him pull down the giant switch that lit up holiday lights all along Mack Avenue and Vernier Rd., and especially at City Hall.

Santa was presented with the key to the city, a gift that came in handy as he visited Grosse Pointe Woods homes on Christmas eve. Then everyone went into the Community Center where the children, like A.J. Gumapac (right) had an opportunity to visit personally with Santa and whisper what they’d like to find under the tree this Christmas.

Of course, it wouldn’t really be a party without the Grosse Pointe North High School Choir singing seasonal favorites, and a bountiful supply of cocoa and cookies for all to enjoy.

Outdoor ice skating is available at all four city parks – Lake Front, Ghesquiere, Chene-Trombley and Sweeney – as long as the weather cooperates. Remember, a park pass is required to enter Lake Front Park any time of the year.

Toddler Tumble Time
Monday through Friday
Activities Building
10 a.m. – Noon

Toddlers (ages 5 and under) have fun while benefiting from guided motor movement in the Lake Front Park Activities Building gym. Tumble Time equipment includes a large mat and 37 pieces of large soft-coated module blocks. Questions? Call (313) 343-2295.

Drop in & knit for a bit
Experienced or just getting started, all knitters and other fiber crafters are invited to the Community Center to sit and knit for a bit from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday.

Share a great pattern, pick up a tip or new technique, celebrate your accomplishments, and benefit from experienced answers to problems with this friendly and informal, weekly knitting group. No membership is required.
Michigan Secretary of State offers time-saving option

Frustrated with long lines at the Secretary of State’s office?

You now can “get in line” online at Secretary of State MI-TIME Line participating offices. Join the line using your phone or the Web. When your turn in line nears, you will be alerted via text message or a call.

**By Phone or Texting**

Get in line by calling or sending a text message to the MI-TIME Line number set up for each participating office. You’ll get a confirmation text or call back and updates about when you’ll reach the front of the line. The call or text may not be from a local area code.

Please note: The phone number is only for getting in line. Customers should call 888-SOS-MICH (888-767-6424) with service questions.

**At a Secretary of State Office**

Customers still can visit a MI-TIME Line Secretary of State office normally. They can get a paper ticket from the MI-TIME Line kiosk or they can enter their mobile phone number to get in line as well. Touch the kiosk screen to begin and follow the instructions. You can leave to take care of other business and will be alerted when it’s your turn in line so you can come back to the office.

**Online**

Get in line online at one of the participating offices or schedule an appointment up to 60 days in advance at one of the participating offices.

A complete list of participating offices, by county, is available at http://www.michigan.gov/sos/ and putting MI TIME Line in the search box. The office closest to Grosse Pointe Woods is:

**Southeast Macomb County PLUS**
24040 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores
Call 586-460-7067 or text “stclair” to 608-478-0793

And remember, many transactions can be done at ExpressSOS.com without even visiting a branch office.

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**Welcome to the Woods**

The following businesses opened in Grosse Pointe Woods in 2015.

**Adorn Hair & Nail Salon, LLC**
20788 Mack Ave.

**Applied Licensing, LLC**
20247 Mack Ave.

**Ashby’s,** 20081 Mack Ave. (new owner)

**Center for Preventive Medicine,**
20870 Mack Ave.

**Citizen’s Bank,** 19307 Mack Ave.
(formerly Charter One Bank)

**Garrido’s Bistro & Pastry**
19605 Mack Ave.

**Grosse Pointe Communications/USA Wireless,** 21155 Mack Ave.

**It’s Personal Design**
1835 Fleetwood Dr.

**K.G. Investments,** 19798 Mack Ave.

**Law Offices of Laura McMahon Lynch,** 19658 Mack Ave.

**Mathanasium,** 20489 Mack Ave.

**Monogram Lady,** 1841 Lancaster St.

**My Family Dental,** 21308 Mack Ave.

**Rugs Liquidator/Rug Imports**
19483 Mack Ave.

**Santa’s Workshop,** 19603 Mack Ave.

**Spire Equities LLC,** 19451 Mack Ave.

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**Changes to park use permits - continued from page 1.**

Picnic Permits and Group Permits are available to residents to increase guest privileges for a specific event. Permits are available at the Community Center beginning April 1, and are required at least five days prior to the reserved date. A list of names of all guests and residents must be submitted with permit applications.

- With a Picnic Permit, the resident’s pass is punched in advance for each non-resident guest.
- A Group Permit allows up to 25 non-residents into the park on a specified day without punching the residents’ passes. Only six such groups are allowed per day. One request per park pass season (May 1 to April 30), per property address may be approved. Group permits are not issued for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or city-observed holidays.

A complete list of park use guidelines is available at the Park office and the Community Center.

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**Voting - continued from page 3.**

Day experience:

- Obtain a sample ballot from the City’s website or Clerk’s Office, allowing time to fully review the ballot and determine voting preferences prior to arriving at the polling location.
- Be prepared for potential increased wait times at the polling location. While the City of Grosse Pointe Woods takes great care to ensure that the Precinct Workers are well trained, the elimination of straight party voting may increase the amount of time a voter spends in the voting booth.
- Remember to check both sides of your ballot to ensure that all offices and proposals have been fully voted.
Let’s get “crafty”

Create something nice for yourself during Crafty Afternoons at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Learn a new skill. Have some fun, and make new friends. Instructions, craft materials, and resources are supplied for you.

Crafty Afternoons are held at 1:15 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

Space is limited to 10 for each session, so register well in advance. The fee is just $7 per session for Woods residents; $8 non-residents.

Upcoming projects include:

- **February 10** - ‘Arm Knit’ Scarf
- **March 9** - Polymer Clay Scarf Pin
- **April 13** - Paper Flower Decorated Grapevine Wreath
- **May 11** - Painted Wine Glasses (2)

For more information, call the Community Center, (313) 343-2408.

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**Good friends, food & fun at Holiday Social**

It was a grand day to celebrate the upcoming holidays as 72 Grosse Pointe Woods residents and friends gathered at the Community Center for the annual Senior Holiday Social in early December.

The afternoon included a delightful buffet luncheon, seasonal songs by members of the Grosse Pointe North High School Choir, and gifts for each person attending, generously donated by local businesses. Special thanks go to: Ahee Jewelers, Big Boy Restaurant, Champs Rotisserie & Seafood, Da Edoardo’s Restaurant, DiMaggio Jewelers, Fishbones Restaurant, Garrido’s Bistro & Pastry, GPW Senior Citizen Commission, Hill & Hill Tobacconists, Home Instead Senior Care, Johnny B’s Cookies, Knotted Needle, Koeiter Jewelers, Lamia and Lamia, Little Tony’s Lounge, Marchiori Catering, Moehring Woods Flowers, Mr. C’s Car Wash, Original House of Pancakes, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Oxford Beverage and Deli, Rabaut’s Interiors, TCBY, Wild Birds Unlimited, and Woods Wholesale Wine.
Afternoon Lunch & Movie

Enjoy a tasty hot meal at 12 noon, followed by the featured movie. Lunch includes the specified entrée prepared by Marchiori Catering, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages.

Fliers with each movie synopsis and menu are available at the Community Center. Advance registration is required, and space is limited.

February & March –
$9 residents; $11 non-residents

Beginning April –
$10 residents; $12 non-residents

Tuesday, Feb. 16

**Still Alice**
Starring Julianne Moore
Entrée — Chicken Marsala & Santa Anna Potatoes
• Register by Feb. 12

Tuesday, March 15

**I’ll See You in My Dreams**
Starring Blythe Danner
Entrée — Pork Cutlets with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
• Register by March 11

Tuesday, April 19

**Mr. Holmes**
Starring Ian McKellen
Entrée — Greek Roast Chicken & Rice Pilaf
• Register by April 15

Tuesday, May 17

**The Martian**
Starring Matt Damon & Kristen Wiig
Entrée — Lasagna with Green Beans Amandine
• Register by May 13

Wednesday, March 23

**Detroit Institute of Arts**
You’ll be greeted with a cookie reception before browsing your favorite galleries. Visit the gift shop and take an optional guided tour at 1 p.m. Lunch is on your own at Café DIA or Kresge Court Coffee Shop.

Arrive at Community Center at 9 a.m.; depart the DIA approx, 3 p.m.
$5 residents; $7 non-residents  Registration deadline is March 16

Friday, April 29

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra**
Reminisce to the Beach Boys’ sound – the sun-melt harmonies and all the good vibrations, conducted by Bob Bernhard – Papa Doo Run-Run Band. Enjoy the Beach Boys’ endless-summer hits including a 50th anniversary tribute to their path-breaking “Pet Sounds” album. Coffee and donuts are served before the show. Seats are main floor, section A.

Arrive at Community Center at 8:30 a.m.; depart the venue at approx, 12:45 p.m. for a catered lunch at the Community Center. Menu is Chicken Caesar Salad with rolls, dessert and beverages.
$55 residents; $60 non-residents  Registration deadline is March 29

Thursday, May 19

**Visit Frankenmuth**
Shop, lunch and sightsee wherever you like in downtown Frankenmuth. Fare is for bus ride only.

Arrive at Community Center at 8:30 a.m.; depart Frankenmuth at 3 p.m.
$12 residents; $15 non-residents  Registration deadline is May 16

Trip guidelines: Due to the popularity of these trips, payment is due at time of registration. Registration is accepted until the deadline date or until the bus is full, whichever comes first. A 10% administrative fee is charged when cancelling trip reservations before the registration deadline. If reservations are cancelled after the registration deadline, a portion of the trip fee may be reimbursed as determined on a case-by-case basis.

Do you have an idea for a trip, activity or movie that would be of interest to Grosse Pointe Woods Seniors? Contact Kathy Norris, senior coordinator, at (313) 343-2408.
Seeking teen volunteers

Don’t miss out on the fastest and most fun way to earn your community service hours for school or any other requirement you have. If you are between the ages of 12 and 17, and are willing to volunteer time to the community, contact the Parks and Recreation office at (313) 343-2408 or parks@gpwmi.us to apply for a volunteer position.

Teens can choose to volunteer for upcoming events including “Mother-Son Movie” on Feb. 6, “Easter Egg Hunt” March 19, and “Daddy-Daughter Dance” April 16.

It’s good to know what’s going on

E-Blast notices - Register for regular e-mail announcements by sending a message to parks@gpwmi.us. Put “E-mail Updates” in the subject line and include your full name and e-mail address. E-blasts are sent approximately every two weeks or as needed.

Nixle alerts - The Nixle program is your link to local public safety alerts and community announcements delivered by your choice of text message or email. Subscribe to Nixle free of charge by logging on to www.Nixle.com, Nixle is a secure communications service. There is no SPAM or advertising associated with Nixle messages.

Plan your next event at the Community Center or Schoolhouse

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center and historic Cook Schoolhouse are perfect for hosting that important meeting or festive family occasion. Rent the Park Room (capacity 80), Garden Room (capacity 50), or Lake Room (capacity 20), or combine all three for larger events. The Cook Schoolhouse can be rented for groups of up to 50 people.

Rental prices are for five-hour blocks of time, including set-up and clean-up; renting for additional hours is possible. Tables, chairs and set-up are included in the price of the rental. Optional items to rent include coffee urns, linen table covers and a projection screen. Use of the Community Center kitchen is available for an additional fee when the Park Room is reserved. Alcohol can be served providing the application to do so has been approved by the Public Safety department and a $50 permit is obtained in advance.

For complete rental guidelines, fees and availability stop by the Community Center, or call (313) 343-2408.

For up-to-the-minute news and announcements regarding City business and events, go to www.GPWMI.us

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If you are hearing impaired and need to reach Public Safety, call 343-9249 to access the Telecom Device for the Deaf (TDD).

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Lake Front Park
Activities Building
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Community Center Division
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Meeting agendas available

All meetings of the City Council, Committee-of-the-Whole, Planning, Community and Citizens’ Committees and Commissions are open to the public. Agendas for these meetings are posted in the following locations:

GPW website – www.gpwmi.us

City Hall – 20025 Mack Plaza  •  Dept. of Public Safety – public foyer

On exterior municipal bulletin boards located near City parking lots at:
Mack/Lochmoor  •  Mack/Broadstone  •  Mack/Anita
Mack/Hollywood  •  Mack/Ridgemont  •  Mack/Newcastle