



City of Grosse Pointe Farms Informative Bulletin

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Boat Wells Available At Pier Park Harbor

As of April, 2011, the City of Grosse Pointe Farms has a limited amount of boat wells available at Pier Park.

Currently there are 20-foot, 30-foot, and 37-foot boat wells available for residents.

The Pier Park marina includes 333 mooring spaces for boats ranging from personal watercraft floating platforms to 55-foot mooring spaces.

Shore power electrical ser-

vice and water are available at pedestals for mooring spaces 25-feet and longer.

Shared electrical service plugs and water are available for boat wells under 25-feet. Wi-Fi and 24-hour security is available from May 1st through October 31st.

A boat lift is available to launch boats with trailers. The boat lift has restrictions and physical limits as to what size of trailers can be launched.

Residents interested in a boat well should either call the Parks and Recreation Office or drop in during regular office hours for more information.

Residents must complete a Harbor Mooring Application and pay the required application fee to be considered for a boat well at Pier Park.

Harbor facilities are only available to residents of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Keep Informed About City Information With Nixle

The Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety continues to provide the "NIXLE" system that allows residents to stay instantly informed of trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information.

You choose the information you want, all delivered at no cost, by text message,* e-mail and web.

Messages are classified as Alerts, Advisories, Community Messages, and Traffic.

Plans are in place to increase the Community Message portion of the system to allow residents to be informed of upcoming community events.

Sign up is easy. Please visit www.nixle.com. Residents needing assistance may contact Lt. Rogers at (313) 885-2100.

**NOTE: Text message rates may apply depending on your wireless plan.*

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Foundation Continues to Enhance City

For more than 30 years, the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation has helped fund a number of community-wide projects and activities that the City cannot afford to through its general fund budget.

These projects include the gate house and front entrance at Pier Park, the Community Building at Pier Park and the James and Aline Orten Field House.

The Foundation's most recent projects include the installation of a new playscape at Kerby Field, facade improvements of the water department's booster station building at Pier Park, and restoration of the Joy Bells, which will soon begin chiming once again.

To learn how you can make a tax-deductible contribution to this great cause, please call Shane Reeside at City Hall at 885-6600.



Building Materials Exchange Day Set for May 14th

The City's Annual Building Materials Exchange Day will be held on Saturday, May 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the St. Paul School parking lot.

Please use the entrance off of Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

Originally organized by Farms residents, the Exchange Day gives residents an opportunity to dispose, trade, and recycle build-

ing materials in good condition that tend to accumulate in our garages, attics and basements.

This event is organized in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity, which always has a need for certain materials. Habitat for Humanity will be on site to accept donations and issue receipts for income tax purposes.

Habitat for Humanity has a Re-

store outlet that relies on donations of new and used building materials and home items from individuals, contractors, organizations, and corporations.

Most reusable building materials are accepted.

For more information and more details, please contact the Habitat for Humanity Detroit Restore at 313-653-4890.

Safely Dispose of Your Household Hazardous Waste on Saturday, May 14th at Pier Park

Do you have old cans of insecticides, weed killers or oven cleaner that are cluttering up your household or garage?

Then dispose of these items properly and safely at the Grosse Pointe Farms Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

This year's collection will be held on Saturday, May 14th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pier Park.

Most items can be dropped off, with the exception of smoke alarms, radioactive material, explosives, propane

tanks, shock-sensitive material such as chemical labs materials or Picric acid, motor oil, batteries and latex paint.

In addition, no commercially generated waste or unknown material will be accepted.

Safety Tips to Keep Us Safe and Sound

Well, spring has finally sprung! With it comes continued concerns for the safety and protection of our residents, business owners and their friends, and families alike.

One of the first signs that spring weather is here is the increase of people outside enjoying it. There are more joggers and walkers than in the previous six months. Both need to remember that running/walking in the street is prohibited when sidewalks are provided.

A common concern I hear from both is that they are leery of drivers backing out of driveways.

Just The Facts

By: Director Daniel Jensen, Chief of Police

Likewise, drivers also need to be mindful of children, runners and bikers. Make special precautions to stop before stop signs and not after them.

Another concern brought out during last summer was the thefts from unlocked lockers left unattended at the Farms Pier Park. This and unlocked bikes in the bike racks are crimes of opportunity. Even with the arrests made in these cases, property is not always recovered. Remember, "Leave it Locked!"

The Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety would like to again thank our families and businesses, and all who visit our beautiful city, for their continued vigilance in reporting unusual occurrences to our dispatch center!

We simply could not be as successful in our apprehension of criminals underfoot without your "eyes and ears!" Keep up the good work and have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer.

2011 Beautification Nominations Accepted

The annual Beautification Awards competition is just around the corner.

All businesses, churches, institutions and residences in the city are eligible for nomination. To nominate a property, the land-

scaping must be clearly visible from the roadway.

Anyone may submit up to two nominations, one of which may be for their own property. All entries must be submitted to the Grosse Pointe Farms Beau-

tification Advisory Commission, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Entries must be postmarked no later than July 12, 2011.

For more information, call the City offices at 885-6600.

It's Time to Renew Annual Dog Licenses

Under City ordinance, all dogs over six months of age must be licensed annually. Licenses expire on April 30th of each year. On May 1st, the Police Department begins to issue violations to all owners of unlicensed dogs.

Licenses may be obtained at City Hall during regular office hours:

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Original dog licenses and renewals are \$5.00. As of May 1st, renewal dog licenses are \$10.00.

To obtain a dog license, you must produce a certificate by a licensed veterinarian showing the dog has been immunized

against rabies for the period through May 1st of the licensing year.

Dog owners can also obtain a Pass for the City's Dog Park by downloading an application at www.grossepointefarms.org



Let's Keep Grosse Pointe Farms Beautiful

Since spring has arrived, many of us are keeping busy with plenty of yard work. As a property owner there are several things you can do to help your home and property, as well as your neighborhood, stay clean and safe.

The following are suggestions from Rose Exterminators and are also requirements of the City's Property Maintenance Code regarding the control of small, unwanted animals (i.e. raccoons, possums, mice, etc.).

- All firewood must be stored a minimum 12-inches above grade, and the area beneath stored wood shall be kept clear.
- Compost/bins/piles should be turned regularly (minimum once per week) and food waste should never be placed in compost, including eggs shells, potato peels, etc.
- Holes, cracks and open joints as small as a one-half inch can be accessed by small animals. Closely inspect the foundation around your house, porch and stairs for entry points that should be sealed.
- Trash cans should be completely and securely covered.
- Dogs or cats should not be fed outdoors and food should not be stored outside.
- Grass and weeds shall be cut to avoid potential areas of con-

cealment for small animals. Keep ground in vegetable gardens and around fruit bearing trees cleared of any dropped fruit and vegetables.

- Other materials or debris, which may constitute a hazard or potential nuisance should be cleared and maintained.
- To sanitize your disposal and sewer lead; rinse kitchen sink with one cup of bleach and follow with boiling water (as a bleach alternative, use one cup of baking soda followed by one cup of vinegar, then rinse with boiling water). This can be done at all sinks and basement floor drains.

Storage of Summer Fun Equipment

Boats and trailers are not to be stored on the property, unless in a fully enclosed structure. However, there is a temporary 24-hour period for those residents who are in the process of mooring their boats.

Lawn Waste

Please be advised that regular maintenance of lawns is the responsibility of the resident. Grass should be no taller than six inches. Also, please advise your landscapers that grass or leaves should not be blown into the street. Use approved yard waste receptacles.

Healthy Lawns

Sound lawn care is an important part of a healthy environ-

ment. That is why the City of Grosse Pointe Farms has taken steps to reduce and, in some cases, eliminate reliance on fertilizers and pesticides when caring for public property.

Working with Michigan State University's Extension Services and the Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Advisory Commission, the City has developed a program that includes practices homeowners may consider incorporating into their lawn care habits. For residents who hire lawn services to maintain their property, it is important to talk to your contractor to discuss whether healthy lawn practices are being used.

Consider the following:

- If pesticides are used, apply to targeted area only, as opposed to using broad-spectrum pesticides. Some pesticides reduce the biological activity in the upper layer of soil. As a result, the process of natural decomposition may be slowed. Weeds and insects can be symptoms of basic soil and lawn problems. Herbicides may kill the weed, but they do not get to the root of the problem. A healthy lawn does.
- Use mulch to control weeds and, when necessary, weed by hand.
- Separate fertilizers from herbicides. "Weed and Feed"

combination products often add unnecessary herbicides to the landscape.

- Do not treat problems that are not there.

Lawn Fertilization Tips

Fertilizer jeopardizes aquatic life. Phosphorus from fertilizers can cause excessive weed and algae growth, and nitrates help deplete the oxygen in water. Pesticides can be harmful to pets, fish, earthworms and birds, and some are known carcinogens.

To reduce the amount of storm water pollution when it rains, residents should consider the following:

- Use organic slow-release fertilizers.
- Reduce fertilizer and pesticide use.
- Fertilizers should not be placed within 25-feet of Lake St. Clair's shoreline.
- Fertilizer should not be applied, deposited or placed in any manner that could allow it to enter directly into the City's sewer system.
- Seek alternatives to insecticides for pest control and herbicides for weed control.

Manufactured fertilizers should be applied at the lowest rate necessary without exceeding the maximum weight per application. For example:

Nitrogen:

- Should only be applied in a slow-release formula and at a maximum of four pounds per 1,000- square-foot of turf area per year.

Phosphorus:

- Should not be applied without first performing a soil test to verify the necessity of its use.
- Should not exceed one-quarter pound per 1,000-square-feet.

Other Considerations:

- If a commercial fertilizer is used, select a slow-release fertilizer to promote steady, uniform growth — and to protect water quality. Slow release options include: organic fertilizers, products with 25 percent or more WIN (water insoluble nitrogen) and products with synthetic coatings.
- Read the label carefully to identify the amount of slow-release nitrogen. Higher percentages (50 percent or more) are better for the environment.
- Apply fertilizer when there is little or no wind. Remove fertilizer that falls on sidewalks or roadways.
- Water to allow fertilizer to soak into the ground.
- Do not fertilize and water when rain is predicted since it may cause fertilizers to enter the lake or drains leading to the lake.

Use Mulching Lawn Mowers

Feed your lawn grass clippings. Short clips quickly decompose, adding valuable nutrients to the soil. By recycling grass, fertilizers can be reduced by 30 percent or more.

Additional tips:

- Set the mower blade at the highest setting, leaving grass blades 3-inches tall, if possible.

sible. Tall grass encourages deep roots and also shades out crab grass and low-growing weeds.

- Remove no more than the top 1/3 of the grass blade.
- Use a sharp mower blade. A dull blade tears grass, providing entry for disease.
- Whenever possible, mow grass when it is dry.
- Keep the mower deck clean.

Lawn Watering

According to Michigan State University researchers, light daily watering (15-20 minutes per day) is the optimum schedule. Avoid excess waters which can cause lawn disease and wastes water. Light watering keeps both water and fertilizer on the lawn, preventing them from running off into storm sewers, lakes or ground water.

Residents Should Also:

- Disconnect downspouts from sewer systems.
- Use porous paving materials.
- Recycle hazardous waste products at the annual Hazardous Household Waste event.
- Recycle oil.
- Plant native plants around your house (native plants do not need as much fertilizer or pesticides).
- Start a compost with leaves, spent flowers and shrub and grass clippings.

Remember, when it rains in Grosse Pointe Farms, the storm-water drains directly into Lake St. Clair. Anything put into sewers ends up in the lake. Let's all do our part to keep our lake alive and healthy.



2011 Summer 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.
- A Registration Form can be obtained online at www.grossepointefarms.org or at the Parks and Recreation Office.
- 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.
- **The first day to register for all Parks & Recreation Programs, except for Youth Swim and Tennis Lessons, Swim Team and Synchronized Swim Team, is Tuesday, May 17th.**

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.

2011 Park Passes

- 2011 Park Pass Applications are available at the City Offices, the Parks and Recreation Office or online at www.grossepointefarms.org.
- Park Passes are issued to all residents, 8 and older.
- All Park Passes expire on December 31st.
- All information must be complete in order to have your new passes processed.
- All residents, 18 and older, must show ID when picking up Passes.
- Husbands and wives may pick up each others' Passes.

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.



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

Park Hours

May 1st – October 31st
6:00 a.m. – Midnight
November 1st – April 30th
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Pool Hours

Saturday, May 28th – Friday, June 17th

Large Pool

Noon – 9:00 p.m.

Wading Pool & Splash Playground

Noon – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18th – Monday, Sept. 5th

Large Pool

10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wading Pool & Splash Playground

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 6th – Friday, Sept. 9th

Large Pool

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wading Pool & Splash Playground

Noon – 6:00 p.m.

(Weather Permitting)

Saturday, Sept. 10th & Sunday, Sept. 11th

Large Pool

Noon – 8:00 p.m.

Wading Pool & Splash Playground

Noon – 6:00 p.m.

(Weather Permitting)

Beach

(NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY)

Scheduled Pool Closings

- Park and Pool hours are subject to weather conditions.
- Pier Park programs take priority over open swim times and use of other Park facilities.
- The Large Pool will be closed for public swimming Sunday, July 24th at 3:00 p.m. for the Annual Synchronized Swimming Show.
- The Large Pool will be closed June 29th, July 6th and July 20th for home Swim Meets at 3:00 p.m.
- The pool will reopen after cleanup of these events.

A Grand Experience

Join us for a Grand Experience at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island Friday, October 21st – Monday, October 24th! This opportunity is offered by The Northeast Recreation and Park Association, which is a regional Parks and Recreation group consisting of Parks and Recreation Departments in Macomb, St. Clair and Northeast Wayne County. All individuals 50 and older are invited to participate in this all inclusive trip, complete with five-course dinners, wide variety of unique programs and activities such as golf, tournaments, crafts, dancing and carriage tours that make your stay at this world class destination a truly Grand Experience. For more details and Registration information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 343-2405. Registration deadline is June 28th.

Let's Walk Michigan!

Walking enthusiasts are encouraged to participate in the Walk Michigan! program at Pier Park. For every mile or more walked, you can complete an entry form to enter a grand prize drawing to win an all-expense paid Labor Day Weekend trip for two to the 2011 Labor Day Bridge Walk. The four-day, three-night stay includes hotel accommodations and meals. The drawing for the trip will include entries from both the Pier Park and Grosse Pointe City's Neff Park. Entry forms will be available starting May 20th, at the Front Gate. The last day to walk for a chance to win the trip is tentatively July 31st.

Parks and Recreation Office Office Hours

May 1st – October 31st

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

November 1st – April 30th

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please visit our website for more information
at www.grossepointefarms.org.



Adult Aquatic Programs

Adult Water Aerobics

This is an excellent way to improve or maintain physical fitness whether you are a swimmer or a non-swimmer. It is recommended that you receive your doctor's approval prior to any exercise program.

Class size is limited – Attendance will be taken. Participants must attend class time that they are registered for.

#2000

11 Weeks, June 20th – August 31st, \$55.00
Monday/Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Large Pool
Registration Deadline June 13, 2011

#2001

11 Weeks, June 20th – August 31st, \$55.00
Monday/Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
No Class June 29th, July 6th & July 20th
Large Pool
Registration Deadline June 13, 2011

#2002

11 Weeks, June 21st – September 1st, \$55.00
Tuesday/Thursday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Large Pool
Registration Deadline June 13, 2011

#2003

11 Weeks, June 21st – September 1st, \$55.00
Tuesday/Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Large Pool
Registration Deadline June 13, 2011

Early Morning Swim

Early Morning Swim is intended for serious lap swimmers only! Swimmers will have exclusive use of lap lanes to swim laps. Attendance will be taken daily. Please note, depending on how many people show up, lanes may need to be shared.

#2004

11 Weeks, June 20th – September 2nd, \$55.00
Monday through Friday
6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
Registration Deadline is June 13, 2011

Adult Athletic & Recreation Programs

Adult Tennis Classes

Tennis is a lifetime and life-changing sport. Get a great workout while learning the fundamentals of tennis. Classes will cover stroke production, proper footwork, court positioning, and rules of the game.



Please wear tennis shoes and bring a racquet and water bottle. Wilson racquets are available for \$45.00 from the instructor. All tennis classes will be conducted by professionals.

#2005

3 Weeks, June 14th – June 30th, \$90.00
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tennis Courts
Registration Deadline is June 7, 2011

#2006

3 Weeks, July 5th – July 21st, \$90.00
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tennis Courts
Registration Deadline is June 28, 2011

#2007

3 Weeks, July 26th – August 11th, \$90.00
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tennis Courts
Registration Deadline is July 19, 2011

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.

#2026

Heidi George, Certified Yoga Instructor
10 Weeks, June 23rd – August 25th, \$120.00
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Great Room, Community Building
Registration Deadline is June 16, 2011

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.

#2008

Kate Sarowski, ACE
10 Weeks, June 1st – Aug. 5th, \$110.00
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.
No Class July 4th
Great Room, Community Building
Registration Deadline is May 25, 2011

#2009

Cherylynn Pellegrino, MA, Personal Trainer
10 Weeks, June 1st – Aug. 5th, \$110.00
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
No Class July 4th
Great Room, Community Building
Registration Deadline is May 25, 2011

#2010

Kate Sarowski, ACE
10 Weeks, August 8th – October 14th, \$110.00
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.
No class on September 5th
Great Room, Community Building
Registration Deadline is August 1, 2011

#2011

Cherylynn Pellegrino, MA, Personal Trainer
10 Weeks, August 8th – October 14th, \$110.00
Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
No class on September 5th
Registration Deadline is August 1, 2011

America's Boating Course

America's Boating Course - 3rd Edition is all new with a completely updated manual, outstanding graphics, and two bonus computer disks. The course manual is divided into five chapters. The course covers the required topics that all recreational boaters must know. In addition to the rules of the water, the various types of boats, required safety equipment, navigation aids, lights and sounds, anchoring, communications afloat, adverse conditions, water sports safety, trailering, personal water craft safety, and knots and lines will be discussed. Digital charts and GPS waypoint navigation; a key skill for boating on larger lakes and rivers and coastal waters will also be introduced. Background for more advanced piloting courses will also be discussed.

#2012

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
5 Weeks, June 15th – July 13th
\$50.00
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Conference Room, Community Building
Registration Deadline is June 8, 2011

#2013

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
5 Weeks, July 27th – August 24th
\$50.00
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Conference Room, Community Building
Registration Deadline is July 20, 2011



Youth Aquatic Programs

Red Cross Swim Class Descriptions

Parent and Child (ages 6 months to 3 years)

Parent and Infant: For ages 6 months to 18 months. With the parent’s assistance, infants will learn water adjustment and basic water skills, which are introduced through games, songs, and activities.

Parent and Tot: For ages 18 months to 3 years. With the parent’s assistance, toddlers will focus on water exploration, floating, basic locomotion, stroke readiness and stroke development. Skills will be introduced through games, songs and activities.

Learn to Swim Program (ages 4 years and up)

Level 1 – Introduction to Water Skills: Begin developing positive attitudes, good swimming habits and safe practices in and around the water.

Level 2 – Fundamental Aquatic Skills: Gives participants success with fundamental skills, including learning how to float without support and to recover to a vertical position.

Level 3 – Stroke Development: Builds on the skills learned in Level 2 through additional guided practice in deeper water.

Level 4 – Stroke Improvement: Develops confidence in the skills learned and improves other aquatic skills.

Level 5 – Stroke Refinement: Provides further coordination and refinement of strokes.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF SWIMMERS

Parks and Recreation Staff WILL BE checking birth certificates this year of all 4 and 5-year-olds who register for swim lessons this year.

Please bring your child's birth certificate. Parents who do not bring their child's birth certificates will not be able to sign the child up for swim lessons.

Swim Lessons

- On June 11th, you may sign up for either Session 1 or Session 2, not both.
- Registration for Parent/Tot and Parent/Child also begins on June 11th.
- Children interested in Level I must be at least 4 years of age by the first day of the class and must provide a copy of a Birth Certificate to prove age.
- Parents may not register their children until they are able to show proof of age.
- Swim lessons are open to Grosse Pointe Farms children only.
- Lessons run 45 minutes, Monday through Friday, for two weeks.
- Levels I and II will be in the water for 30 minutes and focus on water safety for the remaining 15 minutes.
- The cost is \$45.00 per child.
- Levels I & II are limited to six students per class. All other Levels are limited to eight students per class.
- Please read all registration information to avoid any inconveniences.

First Session

Registration: Saturday, June 11th

8:30 a.m.

Pier Park Community Building

Class Dates: June 20th – July 1st, M-F

Class Times: 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

Class Levels: Parent/Infant, Parent/Child, Level I, Level II, Level III, Level IV, Level V, and Level VI

**** Not All Levels Are Available At All Times**

Second Session

Registration: Saturday, June 11th

8:30 a.m.

Pier Park Community Building

Class Dates: July 11th – July 22nd, M-F

Class Times: 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

Class Levels: Level I, Level II, Level III, Level IV, Level V, and Level VI

**** Not All Levels Are Available At All Times**

Third Session

Registration: Saturday, July 23rd

8:30 a.m.

Pier Park Community Building

Class Dates: August 1st – August 12th, M-F

Class Times: 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

Class Levels* *: Level I, Level II, Level III, Level IV, Level V, and Level VI

**** Not All Levels Are Available At All Times**

Parent and Infant Swim

#2014

5 Weeks, June 21st – July 21st, \$45.00

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

#2015

10 Weeks, June 18th – August 20th, \$45.00

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Parent and Tot Swim

#2016

5 Weeks, June 21st – July 21st, \$45.00

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

#2017

10 Weeks, June 18th – August 20th, \$45.00

Saturdays, 8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Red Cross Lifeguard Training

Participants will become certified in American Red Cross Lifeguard Training and First Aid, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, Automated External Defibrillator, and Preventing Disease Transmission. The class is limited to ten students. Participants must be 15 years of age by the last day of class. There are no make-up sessions, please do not register if you do not intend to be present every day of class.

#2021

Kara Reynolds

5 Days, August 15th – 19th, \$150.00

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Swim Chicks Synchronized Swim Team (Ages 7-17)

The Synchronized Swim Team combines swimming skills, ballet, and music to create routines that will be performed in an Annual Show on Sunday, July 24th. Team fee includes a t-shirt but does not include a team suit; which is a requirement for participation. All past swimmers have received a packet via e-mail. If you are interested in receiving a packet, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 343-2405, or email meickhorst@grossepointefarms.org.

#2018

Ages 7-17

June 20th – July 24th, \$95.00

Monday through Thursday

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Registration Deadline is June 17, 2011



Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas Swim Team (Ages 6-17)

The Barracuda's compete against each of the Grosse Pointe's and St. Clair Shores. All past swimmers have received a packet via e-mail. If you are interested in receiving a packet, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 343-2405, or email meickhorst@grossepointefarms.org.

#2020

**9 Weeks, June 1st – July 28th, \$110
(\$80 per each additional swimmer)
Monday through Saturday
Registration Deadline is May 27, 2011**

2011 Swim Meet Schedule

- Saturday, June 18th, at 10:00 a.m.
Relay Meet @ GPP
- Wednesday, June 22nd, at 5:30 p.m.
GPF @ GPC
- Wednesday, June 29th, at 5:30 p.m.
SCS @ GPF
- Wednesday, July 6th, at 5:30 p.m.
GPS @ GPF
- Wednesday, July 13th, at 5:30 p.m.
GPF @ GPW
- Wednesday, July 20th, at 5:30 p.m.
GPP @ GPF
- Tuesday, July 26th, TBD
Prelims Hosted by GPF @ GPW
- Wednesday, July 27th, at 5:30 p.m.
Finals Hosted by GPF @ GPW

Youth Recreation Programs

Ballet and Jazz

Children will learn the fundamentals of ballet and jazz while having fun. They will learn proper stretching techniques, and dance steps to numerous popular songs. The program will conclude with a Dance Recital on Thursday, August 11th, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Price includes costumes and t-shirts. **The registration deadline for all Ballet and Jazz classes is June 20, 2011.**

#2077

Linda Paton

3 – 5 year olds

Monday/Wednesday

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

June 27th – August 11th, \$65.00

Activities Room, Community Building

#2078

Linda Paton

3 – 5 year olds

Monday/Wednesday

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

June 27th – August 11th, \$65.00

Activities Room, Community Building

#2079

Linda Paton

3 – 5 year olds

Monday/Wednesday

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

June 27th – August 11th, \$65.00

Activities Room, Community Building

#2080

Linda Paton

6 – 7 year olds

Monday/Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

June 27th – August 11th, \$65.00

Activities Room, Community Building

#2081

Linda Paton

6 – 7 year olds

Monday/Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

June 27th – August 11th, \$65.00

Activities Room, Community Building



#2082

Linda Paton

8 – 10 year olds

Monday/Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

June 27th – August 11th, \$65.00

Activities Room, Community Building

#2083

Linda Paton

11 years old & up

Monday/Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

June 27th – August 11th, \$65.00

Activities Room, Community Building

Yoga Ed

Yoga Ed is an educational program that combines a science-based exploration of the body, mind, and self with the exercise system of yoga to support and enhance learning, health, and personal responsibility. Yoga Ed serves to help others, and to develop confidence through postures, partner work, games, and visualizations. Students will learn how to move gracefully, breathe smoothly and deeply, and sustain their focus and concentration, while developing strength, flexibility, balance, mental clarity, and emotional stability.

#2025

Heidi George

Grades 1 - 5

6 Weeks, June 20th – August 1st, \$72.00

Mondays, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

No Class July 4th

Great Room, Community Building, 1st Floor

Registration Deadline is June 13, 2011



Youth Tennis Lessons

The Pier Park Youth Tennis program will be led by some of the top teaching professionals in the area. The USTA Quick start format will be used which scales the game down for children with lower nets, low compression balls and rubber throw-down lines to reduce court size. Children are able to rally the ball within their first hour of stepping on the court. This program is designed to teach everything from the fundamentals of tennis for beginners to strategy and match play for more advanced players. We will give young students the skills necessary for a lifetime of fun in tennis.

Racquets will be available for approximately \$25.00. Classes will be held rain or shine. Refunds will not be given due to poor weather. In the event of poor weather, class will be held under the gazebo for verbal instruction. If weather is too extreme, a sign will be posted on the gazebo for instructions on where to proceed indoors.

- On June 11th, you may sign up for either Session 1 or Session 2, not both.
- Tennis lessons are open to Grosse Pointe Farms children only, ages 4 & older

Tennis Class Descriptions

Pee Wee: For pre-school/kindergarten children ages 4 years old to 6 years.

Beginner: For children who have never played tennis and/or have never participated in organized lessons.

Advanced Beginner: For children who have limited tennis experience and understand the basic fundamentals of the game.

Intermediate: For children that have previously participated in organized tennis instruction and can serve and rally the ball from the baseline. Intermediate players have a good understanding of the game of tennis.

- Lessons run 45 minutes, Monday through Friday, for two weeks.
- The cost is \$45.00 per child.
- Children interested in Pee Wee lessons must be at least 4 years of age by the first day of the class and must provide a copy of a Birth Certificate to prove age.
- Children eight and older must bring their Park Pass to show proof of age.
- Parents may not register their children until they are able to show proof of age.
- Please read all registration information to avoid any inconveniences.

First Session Tennis Lessons

Registration: Saturday, June 11th, 8:30 a.m., at the Pier Park Community Building

Class Dates: June 20th – July 1st, M-F

Class Times: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Class Levels: Pee Wee (ages 4-6), Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate

**** Not All Levels Are Available At All Times**

Second Session Tennis Lessons

Registration: Saturday, June 11th, 8:30 a.m., at the Pier Park Community Building

Class Dates: July 11th - July 22nd, M-F

Class Times: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Class Levels: Pee Wee (Ages 4-6), Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate

**** Not All Levels Are Available At All Times**

Third Session Tennis Lessons

Registration: Saturday, July 23rd, 8:30 a.m., at the Pier Park Community Building

Class Dates: August 1st - August 12th, M-F

Class Times: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Class Levels: Pee Wee (Ages 4-6), Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate

**** Not All Levels Are Available At All Times**

Youth Basketball Clinics

Youngsters can learn the fundamental skills of basketball during this weeklong Clinic. The cost includes a pizza party on the last day of the camp, a t-shirt, refreshments, and certificates of completion. In the event of inclement weather, the Clinic will be held in the Warming Building.

#2022

Ray Trincia

Ages 7-9

1 Week, August 1st – August 5th, \$50.00

Monday – Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pier Park Basketball Court

Registration Deadline is July 25, 2011

#2023

Ray Trincia

Ages 10-12

1 Week, August 8th – August 12th, \$50.00

Monday – Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pier Park Basketball Court

Registration Deadline is August 1, 2011



Special Family Programs & Events

Grosse Pointe Farms & City Annual Fishing Rodeo

The Fishing Rodeo will again be held at Pier Park and is open to Farms and City residents ages 17 and under. This is a free program for all ages. There are prizes for all participants and door prizes for the adults, too. There will be refreshments for breakfast and lunch. All fisher persons should be ready to cast their lines by 8:30 a.m. with the actual starting time for fishing to start at 9:00 a.m. sharp. This program is open to all residents of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe City. Everyone should bring their own bait and fishing poles. This program is organized by Dick Graves Concessions.

August 13th, Free
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.
Pier Park

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club Thursday Night Sail Races

The newly rejuvenated Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club will be sponsoring the Thursday Night Sailboat Races featuring a Triangular Course off the Pier Park with the first race beginning at 7:00 p.m. The races are each Thursday for the months of June and August and also the first Thursday in September. The races are open to all sailors. Come out and enjoy the fun. The schedule is as follows: June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and September 1st. If you are interested in entering please visit www.grossepointefarmsboatclub.com



Annual Fireworks Display & Concert

On Saturday, July 2nd, the City will have a free concert from 7:00 – 9:45 p.m., featuring the “Soul Provider Band”, and a fireworks show immediately following the concert. The Fireworks and Concert is part of the Annual Regatta.



Annual Ice Cream Social

Save the date for this one! Grosse Pointe Farms residents and their guests are invited to indulge in free ice cream and enjoy activities such as a Moonwalk, Dunk Tank, Train Rides, Face Painting and Magic Shows. This day is sponsored and hosted by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation. This is a day that all families must mark on their summer calendar as a “can’t miss day.”

August 6th, Free
Saturday, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Pier Park

All Pointes Family Outdoor Movie

This summer’s All Pointes Family Outdoor Movie, “Despicable Me,” will be held at Grosse Pointe South’s Football Field. This movie night is open to residents of all five Grosse Pointes. Parks passes are required and will be checked at the entrance on Fisher Rd.

Saturday, August 20th
Approximately 9:00 p.m. (At Dusk)

Family Campout

You must register early to reserve a campsite for the “Family Campout Weekend”. This is a once a year opportunity for Grosse Pointe Farms families to sleep under the stars of Pier Park and Lake St. Clair. This program is limited to the first sixty families and is only open to Grosse Pointe Farms families. Camping families are limited to one camp site (20’ x 20’) per family due to limited space.

Families must provide their own tent, dinner and snacks. This is a family event, at least one parent **MUST** be present for the full camp. Special programs will be offered in the evening including a family movie and campfire sing along with s’mores. Campers will also be treated to a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis and must include the camp reservation form and full payment.

#2024
September 10th & 11th, \$10.00 per person
Saturday and Sunday

2011 Summer Concerts

Come and enjoy a warm summer evening on beautiful Lake St. Clair at Pier Park. Listen to some of your favorite music. Bring a friend, a blanket, a lounge chair and picnic. These are free concerts.

Saturday, July 2nd
7:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.
Soul Provider Band, LLC

Sunday, July 31st
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Swing Shift Orchestra

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club is Fun for the Entire Family

For nearly sixty years, members of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club have worked to enhance the lives of residents in the community of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

To that end, our members partner with the Parks and Recreation Department to provide meaningful and memorable community events throughout the year. Our biggest event coincides with the city's annual fireworks display – Regatta. This weekend-long celebration of Independence Day brings families, neighbors, and friends

together at our beautiful Pier Park. Regatta is our club's only fundraiser and monies raised help us continue to thrive through service and social events throughout the year.

Membership in GPFBC is open to any resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and we are proud to boast over 150 families of all ages and stages...there's always room for YOU in Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club!

To learn more about sponsorship or getting involved in the 2011 Regatta, please contact Cyndee Harrison at 313-410-2343 or cyndeeharrison@att.net.

Annual Regatta

The 2011 Regatta will run all weekend with lots of fun activities for the whole family. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Saturday, July 2nd

All Day

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Children's Art in the Park Display

50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold (tent by shuffle board courts)

Grand Prize Raffle Tickets will be sold (tent by shuffle board courts)

Decorated Bicycle Parade

Pie Eating Contest

Inflatable Boat Races

Face Painting

The Barbershop Quartet – "In The Neighborhood" strolling

Yellow Duckie Race

Sand Castle Building Contest (judged at 4:00 p.m.)

Pie Baking Contest

Picnic Table Decorating Contest

Children's Games

Award's Ceremony

Glow Stick Sale

Sunday, July 3rd

1:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

Pet Parade

Regatta Rendezvous



City Directory

City of Grosse Pointe Farms
90 Kerby Road
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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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