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WELCOME SUMMER!

2004 Summer Concert Series

Enjoy warm summer afternoons and evenings overlooking beautiful Lake St. Clair at Pier Park. Listen to a wide variety of music at any or all of these free concerts. Bring a friend, a blanket, a lounge chair and picnic and kick back and relax.

Sunday, June 13 — 4:30 - 6 p.m.
"Serieux"

Serieux (pronounced "serious") has performed at the Toronto Caribbean Festival, Showtime Lounge at Windsor Casino and Greektown Casino. Serieux performs music by the Temptations, Earth Wind & Fire, The Four Tops, The Miracles and more.

Sunday, June 27 — 4:30 - 6 p.m.
"Bobby Lewis and Cracker Jack Band"

This group performs classic rock tunes ranging from Crosby, Stills and Nash, Jimmy Buffett to Elton John. Always a crowd favorite, they have performed throughout southeastern Michigan.

Sunday, July 3 — 8 - 10 p.m.
"Soul Provider Band"

This group will lead us up to the City's Annual 4th of July Fireworks Display. They perform a wide range of favorites. Enjoy a great evening of music and fireworks.

Sunday, July 25 — 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
"Heritage Concert Band"

This band has performed for us numerous times over the past decade and the crowds always look forward to their return. Enjoy a great afternoon of patriotic music, marches and big band sounds.

Sunday, August 8 — 4:30 - 6 p.m.
"Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra"

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Strings perform both classical and pops music. String players who would like to perform with the orchestra should call 882-0077.

Wednesdays, June 30 & July 14 — 7 p.m.
Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra practices at Pier Park's Picnic Shelter.

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Neighborhood Speed Awareness

Speeding drivers on neighborhood streets is one of the most common complaints received by the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department. “Neighborhood Speed Awareness” is a four-part program designed to supplement, not replace, the traffic enforcement responsibilities of the Public Safety Department. The program is a partnership between the Grosse Pointe Farms police and our citizens. It is initiated by citizens concerned about speeding vehicles in their neighborhood.

PART ONE: A portable radar unit is loaned to citizens to measure the speed of vehicles in their neighborhood.

A minimum of two people are needed for Part One. One person uses the radar unit to measure speed while the other logs the license plate number and description of the vehicle (make, model and color). The log is then turned over to the police department which sends a warning letter to the registered owner. Warning letters notify the owner that their vehicle was observed exceeding residential and/or posted speed limits. NO violations are issued, NO fines are imposed, and NO action is taken toward registered owners’ driving records. Warning letters are sent as a courtesy to inform the registered owner and to avoid further incidents.

Training in the operation of the radar unit is provided when the unit is picked up. One person is responsible for the safe return of the radar unit.

PART TWO: Placing a TimeMark traffic monitoring unit in a fixed location in the neighborhood.

A TimeMark unit monitors traffic volume, speed and type of vehicle using the roadway. The unit is inconspicuous with its small brown box and rubber tubing that stretches across the street.

PART THREE: Placement of Speed Monitoring Trailer in the neighborhood.

The Speed Monitoring Trailer is a self-contained speed display unit, designed to promote speed awareness. The Trailer uses a radar unit to determine the speed of vehicles approaching it. The speed is then displayed on the front of the trailer and is visible to approaching motorists. Excessive speed is noted by a flashing speed reading. The Speed Monitoring Trailer also is equipped with a speed limit sign informing drivers of the posted limit.

PART FOUR: Traffic enforcement by the Police Department

Citizens who would like to participate in the Neighborhood Speed Awareness program should contact Grosse Pointe Farms Traffic Unit officers Lt. Brian Bilinski or PSO Frank Zielinski at 885-2100, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The radar unit is initially loaned for a 72-hour period. Extensions may be granted if the unit is not scheduled to be used by other citizens.

Emerald Ash Borer Disease

What the City Is Doing to Prevent Its Spread

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) disease was discovered two summers ago in southeast Michigan, likely carried over from Asia on a shipping boat. The very aggressive beetle larvae feed on the phloem (inner bark) and outer sapwood of the tree, producing galleries that eventually girdle and kill the tree. EAB disease is expected to spread throughout Michigan and North America. It has already wreaked havoc on the urban forests of several surrounding communities. The cost of removing dead trees will be substantial.

Though the picture is currently bleak, Dr. David Roberts, a prominent plant pathologist from Michigan State University, is encouraged by the proactive approach the City of Grosse Pointe Farms is taking to save our more than 500 public ash trees. Last summer, the City treated all ash trees on public property.

Based on Dr. Roberts' recommendation, we will provide, where possible, an additional ground-type pesticide application. He also feels spraying trees may be helpful but not yet justified weighed against possible environmental issues. Therefore, we do not recommend spraying at this time.

Though the effectiveness of treating our ash trees is under evaluation, preliminary results are promising. It is certain, however, that we will lose our entire ash tree population in a short time period if we do nothing.



The Emerald Ash Borer beetle

It is hoped that by treating our trees we may delay the spread of the disease as we did in the past when we treated trees to prevent the spread of Dutch Elm disease. Treatment of our ash trees now may buy us

more time as scientists work to develop an effective program to deal with the spread of this disease.

Based on Dr. Roberts' counsel, we recommend the application of the pesticide Imidacloprid (product name: Pointer) through the Wedgel application method and, where possible, an additional application of Imidacloprid through a ground soil injection or soil drench method. This additional soil treatment has limited application due to the required 360 degrees of feeder root accessibility needed for effective absorption by the tree.

Shock Brothers Tree Care is providing treatment of private trees at the same cost as City trees. Last fall, the company provided treatment of ash trees for individuals requesting this service at the same unit cost.

Further information can be obtained at the following Web sites:

www.msue.msu.edu/reg_se/roberts/

www.msue.msu.edu

www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab/eabinfo/eabinfor.htm

Grosse Pointe Farms Fights West Nile Disease

This past winter has given us a reprieve from the threat of mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus. It has also been a time for the continuance and implementation of strategies designed to reduce exposure to this potentially deadly virus.

The City has consulted with various experts in the field of entomology to develop a program to control the immature mosquitoes before they develop into the infectious adult stage. The focus of the program is to identify and target catch basins (ideal breeding grounds) and apply biological controls using natural insecticides that only affect mosquito larvae. Fertilized adult female mosquitoes hibernate in catch basins and other sites that provide winter protection.

Homeowners also can take steps to reduce the mosquito population by eliminating areas of standing water on their private property.

- Dispose of any waste that could hold water, such as empty cans, containers and tires.
- Drill holes in the bottom of trash receptacles.
- Clean your home's roof gutters frequently, and check storm drains and window wells.
- Empty standing water from toys, wheelbarrows and pots. Turn them over when not in use.

- Do not allow water to stagnate in swimming pools, water gardens, ornamental pools or bird baths. Ornamental pools should be aerated or stocked with fish. Swimming pools should be cleaned or chlorinated when not in use.
- Inspect and change the landscape of your property to eliminate standing water. Remember, in warm weather mosquitoes can breed in a puddle.

Protecting Yourself

Now that you have eliminated the mosquitoes' breeding ground, here are some ways to protect yourself from being bitten by a mosquito:

- Inspect all window and door screens to ensure they are "bug tight."
- Stay indoors at the times mosquitoes are most prevalent: morning, dusk and early evening. When you are outdoors, cover up with long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- Use insect repellent. When applied properly to exposed skin and clothing, repellents deter mosquitoes from biting.

For more about the West Nile Virus, log onto the Center for Disease Control's Web site at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>

Spring Maintenance Reminder

Animal Nuisance Control

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 keep your home, property and neighborhood clean and safe. The following are suggestions from Rose Exterminators and are also required by the City's Property Maintenance Code with regard to the control of small, unwanted animals such as raccoons, possums and mice.

- All firewood must be stored a minimum of 12" above the ground, and the area beneath the stored wood should be kept clear.
- Compost/bins/piles should be turned regularly (at least once a week) and food waste should never be placed in compost, such as egg shells, potato peels, etc.
- Holes, cracks and open joints as small as 1/2" 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 should be cut to avoid potential hiding places for small animals.
- Keep ground in vegetable gardens and around fruit-bearing trees cleared of any dropped fruit and vegetables.

- When feeding birds please make sure seeds are contained by an elevated bird feeder. Regularly clean the surrounding ground of discarded birdseed. Never place birdfeed directly on the ground.

Storage of Summer Fun Equipment

A boat or trailer is not to be stored on your property unless it is in a fully enclosed structure. However, there is a temporary 24-hour period for 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 landscaper that grass and/or leaves should not be blown into the street. Use approved yard waste receptacles.

Remember:

- Our garbage trucks are only so big. Please cut branches into 4-foot sections and bundle them together. Your cooperation saves both time and money.
- To limit your trash containers to a maximum of 32 gallons, and a maximum of 50 pounds.
- A list of collection days/streets is available at www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us

Healthy Lawns and a Healthy Environment Can Co-Exist

Sound lawn care is an important part of a healthy environment. 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. Pesti-

cides 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.
- ✓ Should be applied at a maximum of four pounds per 1,000 square feet 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 of turf area per application.
- ✓ Should not be applied more than twice a year.

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% or more WIN (water insoluble nitrogen) and products with synthetic coatings.

- ✓ Read the label carefully to identify the amount of slow-release nitrogen. High percentages (50% 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.

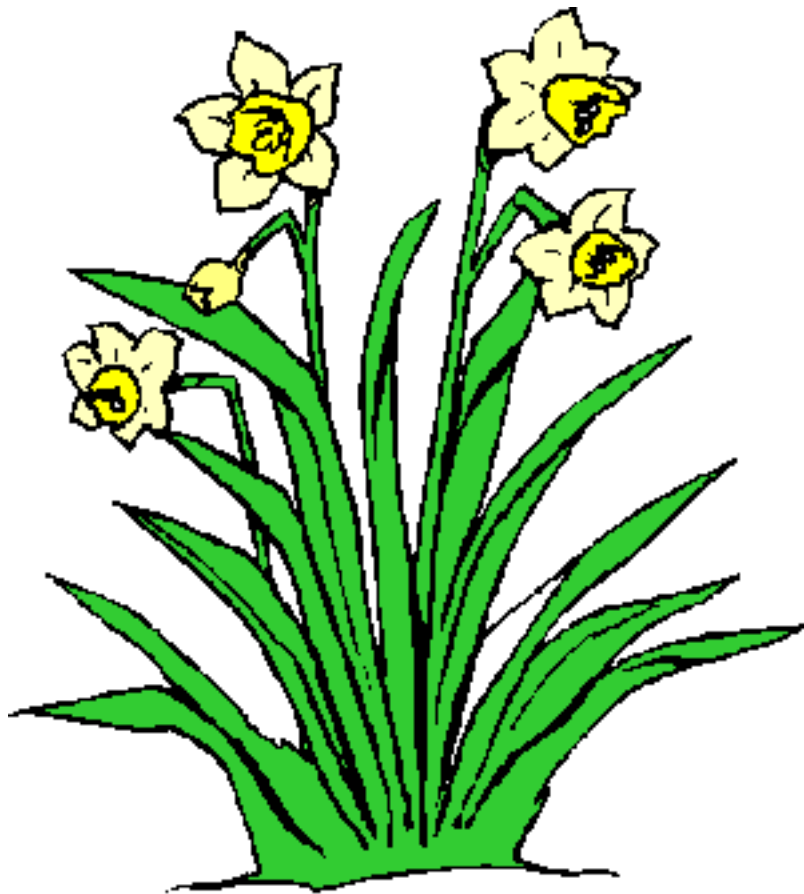
Use Mulching Lawn Mowers

Feed your lawn grass clippings. Short clips quickly decompose, adding valuable nutrients to the soil.

By recycling grass, fertilizers can be

reduced by 30% or more. Additional considerations:

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

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.

For a more comprehensive list of health lawn practices, click on "The New American Lawn" on the City's Web site: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

Remember: In Grosse Pointe Farms, when it rains it 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.

Application for 2004 Beautification Awards
City of Grosse Pointe Farms
Deadline: July 20, 2004



Nominations for the 2004 Beautification Awards will be accepted through July 20, 2004. All businesses, churches, institutions and residences in Grosse Pointe Farms are eligible for nomination. To nominate a property, the landscaping 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 Beautification Advisory Commission, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, postmarked no later than July 14, 2004. All entry materials become the property of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Advisory Commission. Subcommittees of the Commission will inspect the properties nominated and meet to review their evaluation. The judges' decision will be final.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Advisory Commission
Application for 2004 Beautification Award (Deadline: July 20, 2004)

Name _____

Address _____

Submitted by _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Please indicate one:

Residence _____ Church _____ Business _____

Can your name and address be used to publicize your beautification effort? Yes _____ No _____

If additional information is to be submitted, please attach a separate sheet.
Any Grosse Pointe Farms resident/property is eligible.

Registration for All Programs EXCEPT for Youth Swim and Tennis Lessons

Registration for all programs (**EXCEPT Youth Swim and Tennis lessons—see below**) may be made at the Parks & Recreation office located in the Pier Park Recreation Building during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You also may register by mail for any program (**EXCEPT Youth Swim and Tennis lessons**) by using the “Mail-in Registration Form” found on page 18 of this bulletin. Mail the form to: City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Parks and Recreation, 350 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. In lieu of mailing, you may use the drop box located behind the City offices.

Full payment must accompany all registrations. Do not send cash with mail-in registrations. Checks should be made payable to: City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

GPF Swim Team Registration

Registration should be done in person or call the Parks and Recreation Office during regular business hours to request a Swim Team Package. Swim Team registration checks must be made payable to: Grosse Pointe Farms Swim Team. Please do not send cash with mail-in registrations.

Youth Swim and Tennis Lesson Registration

Registration for youth swim and tennis lessons are by WALK-IN ONLY at the Pier Park Community Center (formerly known as the Recreation Building).

First & Second session Swim and Tennis registration:

Saturday, June 5, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Third session Swim and Tennis registration:

Saturday, July 17, 8:30 a.m. – noon

Basketball Camp



Other Important Registration Information

All class and program registrations are limited to residents of Grosse Pointe Farms unless otherwise indicated in the program information. It is recommended that registrations be completed early since the majority of recreation programs have limited space.

Registrations are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. The City of Grosse Pointe Farms does not guarantee all registrants a place in any class or program. Parents should bring park passes or birth certificates when registering for any youth lessons or programs having age restrictions.

Refund Policy

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

General Park Information

PHONE NUMBERS

Parks & Recreation Office.....343-2405
 Front Gate House.....343-2375
 Pool Office and Checkroom.....343-2476

PARK HOURS

May 1st - October 31st
 5 a.m. - Midnight
 November 1st - April 30th
 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

POOL & BEACH HOURS

May 15th - May 28th

Splash Playground & Wading Pool
 Noon - 8 p.m. (every day)

May 29th - June 11th

Large Pool - 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Wading Pool & Splash Playground - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Beach - Noon to 8 p.m.

June 12th - September 6th

Large Pool - 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Wading Pool & Splash Playground - 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Beach - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

September 7th - September 12th

Large Pool - 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Monday - Friday)
 Large Pool - Noon - 8 p.m. (Saturday & Sunday)
 Wading Pool & Splash Playground
 Noon - 8 p.m. (every day)

September 13th - September 26th

Wading Pool & Splash Playground
 Noon - 8 p.m. (every day)

POOL CLOSINGS

Park and pool hours are subject to weather conditions. Pier Park programs take precedence over open swim times and use of other park facilities.

The Large Pool will be closed to the public during all Home Swim Team Meets, which are on Wednesdays, June 23 and July 7, from 3 - 9 p.m.

Park Passes

Admission to Pier Park is limited to residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms who have a *valid* Grosse Pointe Farms Park Pass. Park pass applications are issued at the City Offices, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, during regular office hours. New residents must provide three pieces of identification when requesting a park pass (i.e., driver's license, utility bill, voter registration card, birth certificate, vehicle registration, property deed, etc.). Validated park passes can be picked up at the Pier Park's front gate with picture I.D. Allow two weeks to process.

It is illegal to loan or give away a park pass to any other person. Park passes are required for *everyone* to enter. Passes are valid for one year: June 1st of the current year through May 31st of the following year. Passes are to be presented to the gatehouse attendant for admittance to Pier Park throughout the year. Lost park passes may be replaced at the City offices for a fee of \$5. Replacement passes do not receive guest privileges.

Nonresident guests *must* be accompanied by the Farms resident host and *must* be punched in on the host's park pass. Each resident park pass has 10 guest privileges.

LIFT FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

Available at the Large Swimming Pool

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms has a Swimming Pool Lift available for persons who have difficulty entering and/or exiting the pool. The Lift can be used individually or with assistance. If you have questions regarding the Pool Lift, call the Pool office at 343-2476.

PICNIC PERMITS (Group & Family)

Group Picnic and **Family Picnic Permits** are issued through the Parks & Recreation Department during regular office hours. A complete alphabetical guest list with city of residence (printed or typed) must be submitted when applying for Picnic Permits.

Group Picnics

- Group Picnic Permits issued for weekends and holidays must use Park Pass punches for all nonresident guests.
- Group Picnic Permits issued for weekdays which have at least 50% of the guests as residents of Grosse Pointe Farms do not need to use Park Pass punches.
- Group Picnic Permits issued for weekdays which have less than 50% of the guests as Grosse Pointe Farms residents must use Park Pass punches for all nonresident guests.

Family Picnics

- Family Picnic Permits issued for weekends and holidays must use Park Pass punches for all nonresident guests.
- Family Picnic Permits issued for weekdays do not require Park Pass punches for nonresident guests except for holidays.
- Family Picnic Permits require the sponsoring person to be a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and the family member is a parent, grandparent, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, daughter-in-law or son-in-law.

PICNIC SHELTER AND RECREATION BUILDING USE

Residents may reserve the Picnic Shelter for a refundable fee of \$25. The Community Center (formerly known as the Recreation Building) also may be reserved year-round for a fee of \$100 (with use of the kitchen), \$75 (without use of the kitchen) and a \$75 refundable deposit.

The Community Center Meeting Room is available for \$50 plus a \$50 refundable deposit. Call the Parks and Recreation Department at 343-2405 if you are interested in reserving the Picnic Shelter or renting the Community Center.

Note: All City functions take priority at the Picnic Shelter and Community Center.



Adult Aquacize

This program is open to both men and women. Aquacize is an excellent way to improve or maintain your physical fitness even if you do not know how to swim. This water aerobics program is offered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from June 14 - August 27 (except June 23, July 7 and July 16, for the **evening class only**). Both the afternoon and evening classes are limited to 25 participants each.

The afternoon class runs from 1 – 2 p.m. The evening class is from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Registration is required. It is recommended that you receive your doctor's approval prior to starting any exercise program. [\$35]

Adult “Early Bird” Morning Swim

“Early Bird” swimmers can get started Monday, June 14. Sessions run daily, Monday – Friday, 6:30 – 7:30 a.m., through Friday, August 27. Early Bird Swim is for serious lap swimmers only. Registration required. Limited to 25 participants. [\$35]

Discover SCUBA

There will be a **free** “Discover SCUBA” program Sunday, June 20, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Pier Park Municipal Pool. This program is designed to give you a chance to experience SCUBA diving firsthand. You **MUST** be at least 12 years old to participate. Phone registration required before June 17. [Free]

SCUBA Diving Certification Class

This entry-level course provides the knowledge and skills necessary to safely visit the underwater world.

Part I will be held at the Pier Park on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Community Center and poolside from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Class dates are July 5, 7, 12, 14, 19 and 21. You **MUST** pre-register to reserve your

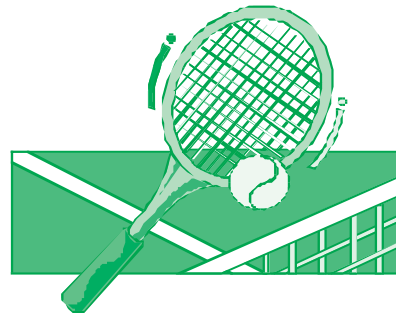
space in this class. Part I costs \$150 per person and includes diving equipment (except for personal equipment, which will be discussed during the first class), text and dive tables. Checks should be made payable to: *Advanced Aquatics Diving*. Fees will be collected at the first class.

Part II, Open Water Certification Dive, will be scheduled after completion of Part I. [\$150]

There will be a maximum of 10 students in the class. This program is being taught by Advanced Aquatics Diving and is a PADI certification program. You may also call Advanced Aquatics at (586) 779-8777 for additional diving classes and diving trips.

Adult Co-ed Drop-in Volleyball Night

Adult volleyball players meet at the Pier Park's sand courts on Mondays, June 14 - August 30, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. This very informal program allows individuals to play co-ed volleyball in an unstructured atmosphere. Phone registration required. [Free]



Doubles Women's Tennis League

The Doubles Women's Tennis League will meet on Thursday evenings from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Pier Park tennis courts. League play begins on June 17 and concludes on July 22. The league is limited to the first 12 players who register by mail or at the Parks & Recreation office. It will be organized by our tennis coordinator, Ruben Ascencio. Registration by mail or at the Parks & Recreation office. [\$48 per player; tennis balls provided]

Adult Beginners Tennis Lessons

Adult Beginner Tennis Lessons will be offered on Wednesdays, from June 16 through July 21, at the Pier Park tennis courts. The one-hour lessons will be taught by our tennis coordinator, Ruben Ascencio. Each class is limited to four to six players. Class times are available for 9, 10 and 11 a.m. [\$48 for the four-week session; tennis balls provided]

You may sign up for either a day and/or evening class. [\$75 for each 10-week class]

Mondays from 1 - 2 p.m.

June 14 - August 16

Wednesdays from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

June 16 - August 18

Women's Tennis Drills and Play

Half-hour drills followed by an hour-and-a-half of doubles play under the supervision of our tennis coordinator, Ruben Ascencio. The program will be held on Fridays, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., starting June 18 and concluding on July 23. Limited to the first eight registrants. [\$48 per person]

This year's Ice Cream Social will be Saturday, August 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. Below are photos from previous ice cream socials.

Adult Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament

The Parks & Recreation Department will host the 4th Annual Pier Park Adult Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament on Saturday, July 10. Players must be 18 years of age or older. Prizes and refreshments included. Tournament coordinator: Ruben Ascencio. [\$30 team]

Basic Yoga Classes for Adults & Teens

Grosse Pointe Farms will offer a Basic Yoga Class for adults and teens. This class, which is for every "body," integrates the entire body with special emphasis on breath and posture. The instructor, Caroline Kaselitz, has practiced yoga for more than five years. She is certified by the Yoga Alliance and teaches throughout metro Detroit. She believes that yoga is not so much about self-improvement as it is about the art of self-acceptance. "Through breath and posture we awaken to a greater understanding of ourselves which leads to greater acceptance." Participants must bring their own yoga mat. It is recommended that you bring a bottle of water and a towel to every class.



Youth Swimming Lessons

Two-week swimming lesson sessions are offered at Pier Park for *Grosse Pointe Farms residents only*. Classes are listed below; each one is 45 minutes long and runs Monday through Friday. (Levels I and II will be in the water for 30 minutes and the remaining 15 minutes will focus on water safety.) [\$35 per child per session]

Children in the Level I swim class must be at least four years old by the first day of class. **Parents/guardians should bring the child's birth certificate to show proof of age.** Children six and over should bring their park pass to show proof of age. Levels I and II are limited to six children per class. All other classes are limited to eight. Please read ALL registration information to avoid any inconveniences!

SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE

First Session Swim Class Sign-Up

Registration: Sat. June 5, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Pier Park Community Center
 Class Dates: Start June 14, finish June 25
 Class Times: 9:15, 10:15, 11:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
 Class Levels: I, II, III, IV, V and VI*

Second Session Swim Class Sign-Up

Registration: Sat. June 5, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Pier Park Community Center
 Class Dates: Start July 5, finish July 16
 Class Times: 9:15, 10:15, 11:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
 Class Levels: I, II, III, IV, V and VI*

Third Session Swim Class Sign-Up

Registration: Sat. July 17, 8:30 a.m. - noon, at the Pier Park Community Center
 Class Dates: Start July 26; finish August 6
 Class Times: 9:15, 10:15, 11:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
 Class Levels: I, II, III, IV, V and VI*

*Not all levels are available at all times.

Swim lessons at Pier Park



Swim Chicks Synchronized Swim Team

The Synchronized Swim Team combines swimming skills, ballet and music to create routines to be performed at the Annual Synchronized Show that will be held on Sunday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Team practices start Monday, June 7, from 4-5 p.m. (Practices for this week only are optional for swimmers who will be attending the Barracuda Swim Team practices.) Regular practices begin June 14, and run Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – noon. (Note: New Swim Chicks begin practice at 9:30 a.m.) Friday practices are optional.

The program is open to 8-17 year olds and is limited to 40 swimmers. To participate, swimmers must demonstrate ability to swim 30 meters without stopping, tread water for five minutes and pass the American Red Cross swimming level V.

There will be a swimsuit try-on Wednesday, May 19, at 4 p.m. at the Pier Park Community Center (formerly known as the Recreation Building). You may buy a suit on this date or go to Different Strokes on Mack Avenue to buy a suit.

An informational parent meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. For more information please e-mail Robin Hartnett at jmouse806@aol.com or call 343-2405. [\$65 per person, includes instruction and T-shirt; Fee DOES NOT include a team bathing suit which is a requirement for participation.]

Swim Team

Grosse Pointe Farms Barracudas

The Grosse Pointe Farms Swim Team is a competitive program for swimmers ages 6-17. Swimming skills and team spirit grow through this summer program as the team competes against each of the other Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores swim teams. No prior competitive swim experience is necessary, but swimmers will be required to perform specific strokes and swimming endurance skills. The season runs from the end of May through the end of July, culminating in an exciting six-city swimming final. Team activities include family picnics following home meets, a team bowling trip, lively poster parties, and an end-of-the-year award picnic and dance.

Join us for a parents-only meeting on either Monday, May 17, or Tuesday, June 1, at 7 p.m. in the Pier Park Community Center. Swim practices begin Wednesday, June 2.

Swim team registration checks in the amount of \$35 per swimmer MUST be made payable to: GROSSE POINTE FARMS SWIM TEAM. Team swimsuits are not included in the fee.

For more information, e-mail:

GPFSwimTeam@hotmail.com or call the Recreation office at 343-2405 or the Pool Office at 343-2476.

Lakefront Swim Association Lifeguard Competition - Public Welcome!

The public is welcome to attend this annual competition among lifeguards from all five Grosse Pointe communities. They compete in numerous lifeguarding and swimming skills. Join us to cheer on the Farms Pier Park Lifeguard Team. The competition will take place on Wednesday, July 28, 4 p.m., at Grosse Pointe City's pool. [no charge]

Swim Meet Schedule

Sat., June 12 — Relay Meet at GPS (10 a.m.)
 Wed., June 16 — Away Meet at GPS (5:30 p.m.)
 Sat., June 19 — Away Mini-meet vs. GPC (9 a.m.)
 Wed., June 23 — Home Meet vs. GPW (5:30 p.m.)
 Sat., June 26 — Home Mini-meet vs. GPS (9 a.m.)
 Wed., June 30 — Away Meet at GPP (5:30 p.m.)
 Wed., July 7 — Home Meet vs. GPC (5:30 p.m.)
 Sat., July 10 — Away Mini-meet at GPW (9 a.m.)
 Wed., July 14 — Away meet at SCS (5:30 p.m.)
 Tues., July 20 — Prelims hosted by GPP at GPP (9 a.m.)
 Wed., July 21 — Finals hosted by GPP at GPP (5:30 p.m.)



Red Cross Lifeguard Training

A lifeguard training course is being offered at Pier Park through the American Red Cross. The course includes 36 hours of instruction. Participants must be at least 15 years old at the start of the class.

Classes are from 6 – 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes start on June 15 and will be completed on July 15. The course includes CPR, First Aid, Lifeguard Training and all textbooks required to complete Red Cross requirements. Class is limited to 10 students. Grosse Pointe Farms residents have priority for this class. Register by mail or at the Parks & Recreation office. [\$135]

Youth Tennis Lessons (Ages 7 - 12)

There will be 3 sessions, each two weeks long. Classes will be held Monday through Friday for 45 minutes daily. Lessons are open to G.P. Farms residents between the ages of 7 and 12. Classes are limited to 12 students with two instructors per class.

It is important to fully read the registration information on page 9 to avoid any inconvenience.

Students may be asked to provide park passes to verify their age. Each class offers the following times and levels: 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. & Beginner, Advanced Beginner & Intermediate. Participants can only attend one level at a time. Register at the Pier Park Community Center according to the schedule below. [\$35 per person, per session]

First Session Tennis Lessons

Registration: Sat. June 5, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Class Dates: Start June 14, finish June 25

Second Session Tennis Lessons

Registration: Sat. June 5, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Class Dates: Start July 5, finish July 16

Third Session Tennis Lessons

Registration: Sat. July 17, 8:30 a.m. - noon

Class Dates: Start July 26, finish August 6

Youth Volleyball Camp - (Ages 10 - 13)

In this weeklong camp, youngsters will become familiar with the game, rules and have the opportunity to practice game skills. The volleyball camp will be held outdoors at the Pier Park's sand volleyball court on consecutive days, Monday through Friday, starting June 14, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. In the event of severe weather, camp will be canceled for that day and not rescheduled. On the last day there will be a pizza party. Drinks will be provided daily. Limited to 20 students. [\$35 includes fee, T-shirt, refreshments and certificate]

Youth Basketball Camp - (Ages 7, 8, 9)

Youngsters learn the fundamental skills of basketball during this weeklong program for ages 7-9. The camp will be held on consecutive days at Pier Park from Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 18, from 1-3 p.m. In the event of severe weather, the camp will be canceled for that day and not rescheduled. On the last day, there will be a pizza party. Drinks will be provided daily. Limited to 30 students. [\$35 includes fee, T-shirt, refreshments and certificate]

Youth Basketball Clinic (Ages 10, 11, 12)

Fundamental skills of basketball will be taught during this weeklong program for youngsters 10-12 years old. The clinic will be held on consecutive days from Monday, June 21, through Friday, June 25, from 1-3 p.m. In the event of severe weather the clinic will be canceled for that day and not rescheduled. On the last day, there will be a pizza party. Drinks will be provided daily. Limited to 30 students. [\$35 includes fee, T-shirt, refreshments and certificate]



(Left) Volleyball Camp

Youth Arts and Crafts Program (Ages 6-12)

This program is offered for elementary school children ages 6-12. Programs are always on Friday at 2 p.m. in the Pier Park Community Center. Classes are limited to the first 24 children. Preregistration required along with full registration fee. The four class dates are: June 18 (Star Wreath), July 16 (Whirl-A-Gig), July 30 (Sun Catchers) and August 13 (Monkey Doorknob Hanger). [\$5 per child per each arts and crafts day]

Arts & Crafts Program



Pewabic Pottery Project (Ages 6-15)

Young people (ages 6-15) can spend a few hours on Saturday, July 31, creating their own pottery tile under the auspices of Pewabic Pottery. The project will run from noon to 3 p.m. in the Pier Park Community Center. Each student must be accompanied by an adult who is welcome to assist. Projects may be taken home after they are kiln dried. Program limited to 25. [\$20]

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training

This babysitter's training course is for children at least 11 years old. The program covers basic babysitting skills, age-appropriate play activities, basic first aid and rescue breathing.

Each student must bring a doll or stuffed animal and a snack and beverage.

Class will be held at the Pier Park Community Center on Tuesday, June 22, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. This class is offered in cooperation with the St. John Health System and National Safety Council. The class is limited to 10 participants. Registration through the Parks & Recreation Department required. Call 343-2405. [\$40]

Ballet and Jazz Dance

Children will learn the fundamentals of ballet and jazz dance while having fun. They'll also learn proper stretching techniques, and dance steps to numerous popular songs. This class, taught by Emily Bassett, is for beginners as well as the experienced. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Community Center for 6 weeks. They start on Monday, June 28, and end on Wednesday, August 4. [\$35]

3-5 year olds: 12:30 - 1 p.m. (max. 10)

6-7 year olds: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (max. 15)

8+ years: 3 - 4 p.m. (max. 15)

The program includes a dress rehearsal on Monday, August 9, from 12:30 - 4 p.m., and a Dance Recital on Wednesday, August 11, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Auditorium.

NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick (Ages 8-15)

This free program for boys and girls ages 8-15 (as of December 31, 2004) will be held on Saturday, September 18, at 9 a.m., at the Grosse Pointe South High School football field. Participants will compete against their age group in punting, passing and kicking. Several practice sessions will be held prior to the event. Please call the Parks & Recreation Department to register. More information will be available after August 1. Sponsored by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department and the Grosse Pointe Red Barons Youth Football Organization.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

(Not for Swim Team Registration)

GROSSE POINTE FARMS
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
350 LAKE SHORE ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MI 48236

Please register early; you may save an activity from being canceled.

Use one form per applicant. (This form may be duplicated.) This form must be filled in completely in order to be processed. Please print clearly. **(NOTE: SWIM TEAM REGISTRANTS SHOULD NOT USE THIS FORM. CALL THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE FOR THE PROPER FORM.)** Participants with medical conditions should consult their doctor prior to participating in any physical activity or program.

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I have read the Department of Parks & Recreation registration and refund procedures on page 9 of this newsletter and agree to abide by them. In addition, I understand these fees do not include accident insurance, and no liability is assumed by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Participant's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

(If Participant is under 18) Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Child's Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: () _____

ACTIVITY	CIRCLE DAY(S)	START DATE	TIME	FEE
_____	M T W Th F	_____	_____	_____
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TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: City of Grosse Pointe Farms

Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Parks & Recreation reserves the right to cancel, change and postpone activities due to insufficient enrollment. Please register early.

REFUND POLICY

NO refunds will be made after the starting date of each program. All requests for refunds must be made in writing and submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department. Full refunds will be made for any program canceled by the City or is filled at the time the mail-in registration and fee are received.

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club Annual Regatta - Saturday, July 3

(Rain date: Sunday, July 4)

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club welcomes all residents of Grosse Pointe Farms and their guests to attend the new and exciting Annual Regatta on Saturday, July 3. The Regatta is being coordinated with the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Regatta activities start at noon and run through the evening at Pier Park. The City will provide the music (see p. 1 for details), and a fireworks show immediately following the concert. The Annual Boat Club Regatta and evening events create a special day for all family members. There are plenty of games, prizes and many other activities.



Grosse Pointe Farms Annual Fireworks

Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 3 (Rain date: Sunday, July 4), starting around 10 p.m. The Annual Fireworks is held in conjunction with the GPF Boat Club Regatta (see details above).

Ice Cream Social - Saturday, August 7

The City's Annual Ice Cream Social will be on Saturday, August 7, at Pier Park. The Ice Cream Social will run from 1 - 4 p.m. and includes free ice cream, games, dunk tank, train rides, Moonwalk, inflatable maze, and many other activities. Two special magic shows will be performed by Magician Joe Chasney and our friend, the clown, with balloons for the children. This free event is sponsored and hosted by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation. This is a day that all families will want to mark on their summer calendar as a "can't miss day."

Family Overnight Camp

You must register early to reserve a campsite for the Family Overnight Camp Program at Pier Park on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12. This is a once-a-year opportunity for Grosse Pointe Farms families to sleep under the stars next to Lake St. Clair. At least one parent **MUST** be present for the full camp time. There will be a nominal fee of \$25 for each camp site plus \$1 per camper. Each family is limited to one camp site (20' x 20') due to limited space. Families must provide their own tent and food for dinner and snacks. Special evening programs include a family movie, campfire sing-a-long with s'mores, and a special star-viewing program with telescopes (if the clouds stay away). Everyone will also be treated to a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must include the camp reservation form (available at the Parks & Recreation office) and full payment. No refunds after Labor day. Limited to 50 families.

Grosse Pointe Farms/Grosse Pointe City Fishing Rodeo

The Farms/City Fishing Rodeo will be on Saturday, August 14. All kids 17 and under enjoy this annual event. This is an entirely free program for the children and the adults who accompany them. There will be prizes for all participants and door prizes for the adults. The event includes refreshments for breakfast and lunch. The Fishing Rodeo will be held at Pier Park, and all anglers should be ready to cast their lines by 8:30 a.m. with the actual time for fishing to start at 9 a.m. sharp. Everyone should bring their own bait and fishing poles. The program is open to all residents of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe City. This program is organized by Dick Graves Concessions.

GPF Boat Club Thursday Night Sail Races

First Series — June 10, 17, 24 & July 2

Second Series — August 5, 12, 19 & 26

If you are interested in participating in the Sail Races, you may pick up race forms at the Pier Park Community Center or call Sonny Gorenflo at 882-4417.

Special Invitation to Join the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

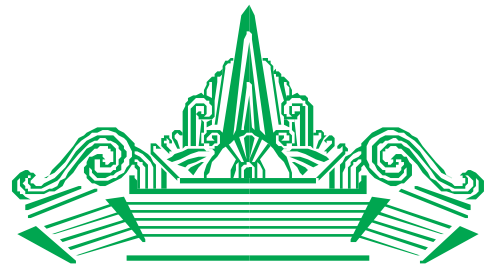
Wanted: Non-boaters and boaters! Farms residents are invited to join the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club.

Despite its name, most of its members are NOT boat owners. Think of it more as a “Pier Park Booster Club” and a “Community Service & Social Club” rolled into one. Cost? There is a one-time initiation fee of \$25 when you apply. After that, dues are \$20 per calendar year for individuals and \$35 per calendar year for families.

New members receive a free Club Burgee (a 12” x 18” green & white pennant with the club’s logo) and a subscription to the club’s newsletter, *The Dock Box*, a bi-monthly publication. The club goes all out sponsoring its annual Regatta, a fun day at the Pier Park for the whole family. The Thursday Night Race Series (during June & August) is GPFBC’s traditional sailboat racing time and an exciting spectator event.

You’ll also meet new and interesting people at the social events sponsored by the club throughout the year — events like the Commodore’s Ball, “Night In The Orient” party, the “Greek Lamb Roast,” the “Blessing of the Fleet” and decorating the Pier Park’s Christmas tree. General membership meetings are held in the Community Center. Interested residents are urged to contact Frank Hogan, at 882-2498, for a membership application.

Family Outdoor Movie Nights at Pier Park



"Finding Nemo"

Saturday, July 17 (approx. 9 p.m.)

"Monsters, Inc."

Saturday, September 4 (approx. 9 p.m.)

What Do You Think?

The Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department would like to offer some new programs and events next year. Please consider the following proposals and let us know what you think. If either idea appeals to you, please call 343-2405.

Mini RV Rally

Would you be interested in an overnight RV Rally at Pier Park some time in the future? The event would take place over a weekend with seminars held during the day and local RV dealer(s) bringing in vehicles to look at. If you are interested, please call the Parks and Recreation Department, 343-2405, for a short survey to assist us in our planning.

Teen Activity Planning Group and Teen Activities

We are particularly interested in hearing from teens on this proposal. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to organize a group of teens to help plan various teen activities. If you are a teenager and would like to be involved, please call 343-2405.

Sat.	05/29	Pool opens.....	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Tue.	06/01	Swim Team Parents Meeting.....	7 p.m.
Wed.	06/02	Swim Team practices start.....	4 - 6 p.m.
Sat.	06/05	1st & 2nd session Youth Swim & Tennis registration.....	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Th.	06/10	GPF Boat Club Sail Race.....	7 p.m.
Mon.	06/14	Synchronized Swim Practices begin.....	10 - noon
Sat.	06/12	Relay Swim Meet at GPS.....	10 a.m.
Sun.	06/13	Concert at Pier Park — <i>Serieux</i>	4:30 - 6 p.m.
Mon.	06/14	Youth Basketball Camp begins, ages 7-9.....	1-3 p.m.
Mon.	06/14	Youth Volleyball Camp begins, ages 10-13.....	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Mon.	06/14	1st Youth Swim & Tennis Sessions begin.....	Times vary
Mon.	06/14	Adult Early Morning Swim begins.....	6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
Mon.	06/14	Adult Aquasize begins.....	1 - 2 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Mon.	06/14	Adult Drop-in Volleyball begins.....	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Mon.	06/14	Basic Yoga (evening) begins.....	7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Tue.	06/15	Lifeguard Training Course begins.....	6 - 9:30 p.m.
Tue.	06/15	Red Cross Guard Training begins.....	6 - 9:30 p.m.
Wed.	06/16	Adult Beginner Tennis begins.....	9, 10, & 11 a.m.
Mon.	06/16	Basic Yoga (daytime) begins.....	1 - 2 p.m.
Wed.	06/16	Away Swim Meet at GPS.....	5:30 p.m.
Th.	06/17	Women's Doubles Tennis League begins.....	6 - 8 p.m.
Th.	06/17	GPF Boat Club Sail Race.....	7 p.m.
Fri.	06/18	Women's Tennis Drills & Play.....	10 - 11:30 a.m.
Fri.	06/18	Arts & Crafts Program (Ages 6-12).....	2 p.m.
Fri.	06/18	Women's Tennis Drills & Play.....	10 - 11:30 a.m.
Sat.	06/19	Away Swim Mini-Meet w/GPC.....	9 a.m.
Sun.	06/20	Discover SCUBA (free).....	noon - 2 p.m.
Mon.	06/21	Youth Basketball Clinic begins, ages 10-12.....	1 - 3 p.m.
Tue.	06/22	Babysitter's Training begins.....	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wed.	06/23	Home Swim Meet vs. GPW.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	06/23	POOL CLOSED TO PUBLIC (Swim Meet).....	3 - 9 p.m.
Th.	06/24	GPF Boat Club Sail Race.....	7 p.m.
Sat.	06/26	Home Swim Mini-Meet vs. GPS.....	9 a.m.
Sun.	06/27	Concert at Pier Park — <i>Bobby Lewis & the Crackerjack Band</i>	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Mon.	06/28	Ballet & Jazz Dance, children	Times vary
Wed.	06/30	Grosse Pointe Symphony String Rehearsal.....	7 p.m.
Wed.	06/30	Away Swim Meet at GPP.....	5:30 p.m.

Th.	07/02	GPF Boat Club Sail Race.....	7 p.m.
Sat.	07/03	GP Farms Boat Club Regatta Games, etc.....	noon - 5 p.m.
Sat.	07/03	Concert at Pier Park — <i>Soul Provider</i>	8 - 10 p.m.
Sat.	07/03	GPF Fireworks (Rain date: 07/04).....	Around 10 p.m.
Mon.	07/05	SCUBA class begins.....	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Mon.	07/05	2nd session Youth Swim & Tennis Lessons begin.....	Times vary
Wed.	07/07	Home Swim Meet vs. GPC.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	07/07	POOL CLOSED TO PUBLIC (Swim Meet).....	3 - 9 p.m.
Sat.	07/10	Away Swim Mini-Meet at GPW.....	9 a.m.
Sat.	07/10	Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament.....	TBA
Wed.	07/14	Deadline for Beautification Award nominations.....	4 p.m.
Wed.	07/14	Away Swim Meet vs. SCS.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	07/14	Grosse Pointe Symphony String Rehearsal.....	7 p.m.
Fri.	07/16	Arts & Crafts Program, ages 6-12.....	2 p.m.
Sat.	07/17	Outdoor Movie Night - <i>Finding Nemo</i>	9 p.m.
Sat.	07/17	3rd session Youth Swim & Tennis registration.....	8:30 a.m. - noon
Tue.	07/20	Swim Meet Preliminaries at GPP.....	9 a.m.
Wed.	07/21	Swim Meet Finals at GPP.....	5:30 p.m.
Sun.	07/25	Concert at the Pier Park — <i>Heritage Concert Band</i>	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun.	07/25	Synchronized Swim Show.....	6:30 p.m.
Sun.	07/25	POOL CLOSED TO PUBLIC (Swim Show).....	5 - 10 p.m.
Mon.	07/26	3rd Session Youth Swim & Tennis lessons begin.....	Times vary
Wed.	07/28	All-City Lifeguard Competition at GPC	4 p.m.
Fri.	07/30	Arts & Crafts Program, ages 6-12.....	2 p.m.
Sat.	07/31	Pewabic Pottery Project, ages 6-15.....	noon - 3 p.m.
Th.	08/05	GPF Boat Club Sail Race.....	7 p.m.
Sat.	08/07	Annual Ice Cream Social.....	1 - 4 p.m.
Sun.	08/08	Concert at Pier Park — <i>Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra</i>	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Mon.	08/09	Ballet & Jazz Dance Dress Rehearsal.....	12:30 - 4 p.m.
Wed.	08/11	Ballet & Jazz Dance Recital.....	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Th.	08/12	GPF Boat Club Sail Race.....	7 p.m.
Fri.	08/13	Arts & Crafts Program, ages 6-12.....	2 p.m.
Th.	08/19	GPF Boat Club Sail Race.....	7 p.m.
Sat.	08/14	Fishing Rodeo, ages 17 & under.....	8:30 a.m.
Th.	08/26	GPF Boat Club Sail Race.....	7 p.m.
Sat.	09/04	Outdoor Movie Night - <i>Monsters, Inc.</i>	9 p.m.
Sat.	09/11-12	Family Overnight at Pier Park.....	TBA

Pool Closings (Limited Contamination)

The City's Emergency Action Plan for Pool Closings (due to limited contamination occurrences caused by feces and vomit) is supported by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The swimming pools may be opened one hour after a limited contamination situation has been treated. The City of Grosse Pointe Farms strictly follows all state health department guidelines.

The City is providing the following guidelines for parents and guardians to help minimize pool closures. These guidelines have been established after consulting with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Wayne County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines.

1. All children who use diapers or are currently being toilet trained must wear a swim diaper covered with a swimsuit or other approved swimwear. (Swim diapers are available from a vending machine located in the Women's Bathhouse. Cost is \$2.50 in quarters.)
2. All children should use the bathroom prior to entering the pool and take a soapy shower after using the bathroom. Parents also should have their children use the bathroom at regular intervals when swimming for an extended time.
3. Parents should not allow children who have recently eaten to participate in active play in the pool until they have had time to digest their food. This reduces the likelihood of vomiting.
4. No one should use the pool if he or she has diarrhea or abdominal cramping. Individuals who have had diarrhea should not use the pool for two weeks after the symptoms have disappeared. Cryptosporidium can be contagious up to two weeks after symptoms have disappeared.
5. It is strongly recommended that children who use diapers or are currently being toilet trained use the wading pool whenever possible.
6. Do not rinse diaper-age children in the pool before, during or after diaper changes. Diapers cannot be changed poolside. Diaper changing areas are available in both the men's and women's bathhouses.

Beach Closings

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms did not experience any beach closings last summer. The City acquired "Kate," our Border Collie, last year to keep geese away from Pier Park. Bird droppings have been shown to greatly contribute to the contamination of beach swim areas if not controlled. "Kate" has done an excellent job of discouraging geese from visiting Pier Park.

The City also contracted with Aquatic Restoration Engineering Inc. to install an "oxygen enrichment system" at the beach. The system started running on July 21, 2003. This is a rather new technology and implementation. The aeration system was refined through September 2003. The system should be operating for the full summer season between Memorial and Labor days. The City and Aquatic Restoration Engineering, Inc. are cautiously optimistic that

this system will prevent beach closings caused by high e-coli counts, or at least keep beach closings to a minimum.

The City asks that all visitors to Pier Park refrain from feeding the birds. Feeding encourages them to stay in this location and encourages other birds to locate at the park. Politely discourage others from feeding birds.

The City has also completed the separation of its storm and sanitary sewers from Ridge Road to the lake. This project will help eliminate sanitary overflows from the system when heavy rains fall. The City will continue to work with the Wayne County Department of Health and other agencies to closely monitor our beach and water conditions. A beach water testing program will be followed through the 2004 summer season.

City Contacts:

Grosse Pointe Farms City Offices
90 Kerby Road
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Administration.....885-6600

Elections and registrations, council meetings, ordinances, park permits, birth and death certificates, taxes and tax rates, assessing, collections, water billing, accounts and finance

Public Service..... 885-6600

Building permits, engineering, inspections, pest control, recycling, refuse disposal, regulations, sidewalks, streets, tree service, water and sewers, zoning, picnic and temporary park permits

Parks and Recreation.....343-2405

Pier Park, Kerby Field, marina, class schedules, Community Center rental

Gate House:	343-2375
Pool Office	343-2476
Bathhouse	343-9535

Municipal Court.....885-2104

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

Ambulance and Emergencies.....911

Poison Control.....745-5711

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