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Let it snow

City Plans for the Coming Year

A Happy New Year to all.

The cold weather welcomed us with quite a bit of snow and our Public Works team was poised for pushing. They did a remarkable job over the holidays. Please help and keep sidewalks clear for all the foot traffic despite the bitter cold. We are a walkable community even with all the layers on.

We welcome 2018 with many projects on the agenda.

Plans for our new Department of Public Works Facility in Detroit are underway. Council has approved purchasing the site at 4849 Canyon. Permitting will be concluded by May and hopefully the Public Works Department will be in their new home by the end of the year.

Plans and designs for our new Department of Public Safety Facility on Mack Avenue are also underway. By the end of January, Alger's Deli will be closed to make way for the construction of this landmark facility at our City's entryway. Residents are invited to participate in a public design workshop to discuss the appearance of the new building on *Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm*. The City's architect for the project will lead this meeting, in the City's Council Chambers at 17145 Maumee, to obtain input before final designs are presented to the Council for approval.

Plans are underway for another year of road reconstruction under the 15 year road improvement program, including a quick start up in the Spring for repaving of Kercheval Place in the Village which had to wait as cold weather settled in.

Bidding is underway now for starting the long-awaited Fisher Road business district streetscape project as soon as the school year ends in June.

The members of the City Council and I have an extraordinary amount of work to do. I believe there is more work expected in the coming years than we have experienced since the early 1900's when the City began to flourish. The City staff is prepared to take to task these many projects and continue to provide us with the quiet tree lined streets, beautiful parks, and "bedroom" community atmosphere.

Please let us know how we can improve in 2018, every little idea counts.

On to a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year....

Mayor Christopher Boettcher

Items to Remember

- *Real Christmas trees will be picked up at the curb until January 26, 2018.*
- *Parks and Rec Winter Fest - see page 4*
- *City Offices closed on February 19 for the President's Day holiday*
- *County & School tax bills are payable without penalty until February 14*

City News

City Council Creates Ad Hoc Hotel Committee

In December, the City Council approved a temporary hotel working group “to provide guidance and definition for the development of a presentation of a hotel project at the April 16, 2018, City Council meeting.” The City Council also extended the preferred developer agreement on Lots 2 and 3 with Pedersen Development, the developer selected by the Council last year to explore the feasibility of a hotel/mixed use project, until the end of April 2018.

The goal of the committee is to provide guidance to the developer so Pedersen can present a project for Council to consider at its April 16 meeting. The objective is to provide input to the developer on the parameters of a hotel project that the Committee feels may be suitable for the community. At the January meeting of the City Council, eight members of the community were appointed to the Committee by the Council to offer input to the developer. The group includes representatives from the Council including the Mayor, from the Grosse Pointe Village DDA, from the Village business community, and residents.

All of the ad hoc Hotel Committee meetings are public, and held at the City Council Chambers at 17145 Maumee. The agendas and minutes will be posted on the City website in the Economic Development section about the hotel development, at www.grossepointecity.org.

DTE Infrastructure Updates

DTE officials have indicated that the gas infrastructure upgrade program they initially planned start last year in the City’s neighborhoods will actually begin this year. Over the course of the next two years, DTE’s Gas Renewal Program will replace all of the gas mains in the City, and the connections to homes and businesses. For detailed information about the program, check out the Gas Renewal section of DTE’s website under Service, Meters at www.newlook.dteenergy.com. In 2018, DTE has indicated their crews will be working in the area between Maumee and Lake St. Clair and tackle the rest of the City in 2019. As you may have observed in nearby communities where the gas line replacement has already begun, there are significant excavations made during the course of DTE’s gas projects. As a result, the City recommends that you be cautious in starting any landscaping or new sprinkler work in the City ROW, on the sidewalk, or near where your gas line enters your home, until DTE is finished with your block. DTE is, of course, required to restore any damage caused by their work. DTE will send out a letter to your neighborhood before starting work.

DTE Tree Trimming

In 2018, DTE also expects to conduct its power line tree trimming maintenance program throughout the City. Most electrical outages are actually caused by interference with tree limbs, and regular maintenance around the power lines is required to minimize outages. DTE last completed power line trimming in the City about five years ago. Here's what to expect:

1. Before DTE begins trimming, DTE will send a letter advising residents when they will be in the area.
2. Shortly after, planners will assess the neighborhood and create a trimming plan.
3. If trimming is needed on your property, DTE will knock on your door and leave a door hanger describing the necessary trimming. The DTE planner will leave his or her contact information to answer any questions you may have regarding the work planned for your property.

For more information about DTE’s power line tree trimming, consult DTE’s website under Service, Tree Trimming at www.newlook.dteenergy.com

If you have questions about DTE’s proposed work on trees on your property or about DTE’s work around the power lines, please feel free to contact the City of Grosse Pointe’s forester, a licensed arborist, for assistance at 885-5800.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Chambers - 17145 Maumee Ave.

February 6	Public Design Workshop	
	New Public Safety Bldg.	7:00 pm
February 12 (2nd Mon.)	City Council	7:00 pm
March 19	City Council	7:00 pm
April 16	City Council	7:00 pm

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Snow Removal Procedures

Listed below are some of the key points of the City's adopted snow removal and salt application policy.

Plowing and Salting - Streets are plowed when snow fall is 3 inches or greater. Streets with less than 3 inches of snow are generally not plowed, but are spot salted, especially at intersections. The City does not salt streets to a bare road surface.



Sidewalks - The clearing of snow from sidewalks adjacent to private property is the responsibility of the property owner or resident. As a courtesy, when snowfall accumulation is greater than 2 inches, the City will clear sidewalks during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, typically before school starts. Please make every effort to keep your sidewalks clear throughout the winter.

City personnel take every precaution to ensure that snow is removed in a safe manner but sometimes snowplowing results in property damage. Residents are reminded that the City is not responsible for damage to items in the public right-of-way such as sprinkler heads, shrubbery, plantings/planters, or any decorative materials.

The Public Works and Public Safety Departments monitor specific weather and road conditions to ensure the City roads are safe during snow removal season.

Rubbish and Recycling Pickup and Winter Holidays

Rubbish and recycling pickup will be delayed one day the week of:

February 19 for President's Day holiday

Christmas Tree Pickup



Please note that real Christmas Trees placed at the curb will be picked up after the holiday until January 26, 2018.

If a Christmas Tree is placed at the curb more than one month following the Christmas holiday, the homeowner will be charged an Extra Trip Garbage pickup fee of \$75.00.

Dog Licenses

Just a few reminders about making sure you are complying with city ordinances and being a responsible pet owner.

- All dogs are required to be licensed on or before March 1 of each year.
- Proof of immunization against rabies must be presented at time of application.
- The fee for a dog license is \$5.00 on or before March 1. After March 1, the fee is \$15.00.
- If your dog is found by the police department and it is necessary to impound the dog, there are several charges that may apply.

If you have any questions related to the dog license ordinance, please contact the Public Safety Department at 886-3200.



Parks and Recreation



Annual Winter Fest and Pig Roast

Our Winter Fest is in its fourteenth year and is a wonderful opportunity to take pleasure in the winter weather. You will be able to experience various activities like curling, ice sculpting, ice skating, petting farm, a hockey shoot out and broomball. Warming fires along with free hot chocolate and s'mores will be available. There will also be a catered meal for your enjoyment at \$5 per person. Valid park passes required for entry. So let it snow!!!

Neff Park Winter Fest

Saturday, January 27, 2018 - Activities begin at 1:00 pm.

Ice Rink and Warming Room

What would winter be without outdoor ice skating? For those who don't take to the cold, the warming room will be available. The warming room will be closed on holidays.

Neff Park Ice Rink Warming Room

December 2017 – March 2018
Everyday, 12:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday Warming Fires

This year we will be hosting weekend warming fires catered with s'mores and hot chocolate during each Saturday that the Neff Park Ice Rink and Warming Room is open.



Used Ice Skate Donation

Continues during the winter season. All sizes and types in good condition will be accepted. Please bring your skates to the Neff Park Office.

All Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance

March 10, 2018

6:30 pm



Held at Grosse Pointe South High School in Main Gym. For girls ages 12 and under. Registration begins February 1, 2018 with a March 5, 2018 deadline. Cost is \$8 per person. Registration includes a single stem rose, appetizers, refreshments, photo opts, and dancing.

Please check the City's website or contact the Parks and Recreation Office to register or for additional information.

Boat Well and Boat Rack Renewal Information

- If you are on any of the waiting list(s), a reminder renewal card has been sent out to you. This card must be returned to the City by **February 1** to maintain your spot on the waiting list(s).
- Remaining 50% balances of boat well deposits are due by **February 1**.
- 2018 Small Boat Rack Renewal Agreements and Fees are due by **March 1, 2018**.
- Late fees imposed.
- If we do not receive payment by the dates above, your space may be offered to the waiting list(s).