



# Grosse Pointe NOW

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## Spring is here! Construction has Begun

Pro-Line Asphalt Paving has already begun on this year's road construction work, having won a competitive bid awarded by Council earlier this year. All of St. Paul – from Cadieux to Fisher – will be resurfaced with new curbs and drainage. Roosevelt Place from Maumee to Jefferson and University Place from Maumee to just north of Jefferson will also resurfaced. Work on those blocks is projected to begin in July. These major roadway repairs are made possible by the Road Improvement Fund levy approved by voters in the Fall of 2014. Road construction updates are posted on the City website under the "News" section until the projects are completed in August.

After school is out in June, on Fisher Road between St. Paul and Maumee, the City will replace a deteriorated water main between St. Paul and Maumee. Preceding the water main work, DTE will be installing a new gas main. Already under construction in that business district are the foundations for a new location of Subway at the corner of an entirely new and expanded Fresh Farms Market scheduled to open in 2017. Complementing these public and private investments, the City intends to transform the block with decorative street lighting, landscaping bike racks, benches all new aggregate walkways, and a more defined and safer crosswalk between the business district and Grosse Pointe South mid-block. These planned streetscape improvements are made possible with assistance from a \$335,000 MDOT grant.

## Download the City of Grosse Pointe Mobile App

These days, there is an app for almost anything. This now includes getting help from the City of Grosse Pointe. If you have a smart phone, you can download a new app that allows you submit service requests, or ask questions, of City staff. You can even send in a picture of the issue that you have identified, such as a street pothole. Just check out the Apple store or Google Play for the Grosse Pointe mobile app by WebQA. Residents can also submit service requests using the City's website, under the online services section, and sign up to keep apprised of the latest news and updates on the City electronically.



### Items to Remember

- *Yard waste collection began April 4. See page 2.*
- *Pool opens at Neff Park on May 28.*
- *City Offices closed - Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day holiday.*
- *Music on the Plaza concerts begin on June 9. For the concert schedule, please visit the Village website at [www.thevillagegp.com](http://www.thevillagegp.com).*

# City News and Information



**Reminder** - Yard waste should not be placed at the curb prior to 4:00 pm on the day before your scheduled pick up day.

## City Yard Waste Carts

**For Sale \$65**

**Contact City Hall**

**All empty containers (rubbish and/or recycling bins/carts & yard waste containers) must be removed from the curbside by the evening of your regular collection day. Thanks for your help!**

## Upcoming Meetings

Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Ave.

May 9	Budget Hearing	7:00 pm
May 16	City Council	7:00 pm
June 20	City Council	7:00 pm
July 18	City Council	7:00 pm

## YARD WASTE REMINDERS

- Yard waste pickup began April 4 & continues until leaf pickup starts in the fall.
- The best way to dispose of yard waste is by using a green City yard waste cart. It can hold far more than paper bags or containers purchased elsewhere and it has wheels so you can roll it around your yard and to the curb. You may also place yard debris in waste containers labeled with a “yard waste sticker” or use a biodegradable brown paper bag. Stickers and information about purchasing a City yard waste cart are available at City Hall or on the City’s website. Biodegradable brown bags can be found at local hardware or lawn/garden stores.
- Plastic waste containers with stickers & biodegradable bags shall *not* weigh more than 50 lbs. and/or be larger than 32 gallon capacity. Carts purchased from the City have no weight limit.
- Please do not mix your yard waste with any household rubbish.
- **Yard Waste will not be picked up in plastic bags at any time!**
- Yard waste accumulated by private landscapers will not be collected by the City and must be removed by the contractor.
- All branches and limbs shall be neatly placed at curb on your pickup day all facing the same direction (trunks toward curb). Limbs shall not exceed six (6) feet in length. Intertwined brush shall be bundled
- Yard waste should be placed at the curb prior to 7:30 am on your rubbish day.
- \$50.00 charge will apply for special pickup requests.

## **Rubbish & Recycling Pickup Spring - Summer Holidays**

Rubbish pickup will be delayed *one* day the week of May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday.

Rubbish pickup will be delayed *one* day the week of July 4 for Independence Day holiday.

## **All Pointes Outdoor Movie**

**Saturday August 13, 9:00pm *Made possible by St. Johns Health System***

Join the other Pointes and watch a movie in the open air with your family. This year’s movie will be held at Grosse Pointe South’s Football Field and is open to all five Grosse Pointes. Park passes are required and will be checked at the Fisher Road Entrance. Concession stands will be open with a reminder that alcohol on school grounds is prohibited. Movie title will be posted several weeks before the movie.



# Parks & Recreation

## Neff Park & General Information

Gate Hours:

Every day, 6 am – 11 pm (May – October)

Park Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm  
(Closed holidays)

## Permit/Reservation Restricted Dates

*Group permits and Pavilion reservations will not be issued for the following dates. Call for availability.*

Sunday, May 8	Sunday, July 3
<b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>Independence Weekend</b>
Saturday, May 28	Monday, July 4
<b>Memorial Weekend</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>
Sunday, May 29	Friday, August 5
<b>Memorial Weekend</b>	<b>Campout &amp; Outdoor Movie</b>
Monday, May 30	Saturday, September 3
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Labor Day Weekend</b>
Sunday, June 19	Sunday, September 4
<b>Father's Day</b>	<b>Labor Day Weekend</b>
Saturday, July 2	Monday, September 5
<b>Independence Weekend</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>

## 2016 Special Events

### Camp Norbert P Neff: Friday, August 5 - Saturday, August 6

In one of our most popular events, you can spend a night outdoors without going far from home. We'll have arts and crafts, an outdoor movie, a campfire, and a pancake breakfast. The number of campsites is limited, so register early. \$40 per family. *Registration begins Monday, July 11.*



### Neff Park Outdoor Movies: Friday, August 5 and Saturday, September 24 at Dusk

Throw down a blanket and watch a movie in the open air with your family. We provide the popcorn. Movie titles will be posted at least a week before the movie.. \$3 per person

### Farms/City Fishing Rodeo: Saturday August 13, 8:30 am at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park

City residents 17 and under are invited to participate in this annual tradition. Prizes and awards will be given out in different categories. There will even be door prizes for parents! Breakfast and lunch refreshments will be available. The Fishing Rodeo takes place rain or shine. Participants must bring their own rods and bait and should be ready to cast their lines at 8:30 am.

## Recreation Class Schedule and Offerings - Call the park office or check ONLINE for class availability.

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
<b>Online Registration Dates</b>	5/16 - 6/17	5/16 - 6/10; 7/4 - 7/8	5/16 - 6/10; 7/25 - 7/29
<b>In-Person Registration Dates</b>	6/13 - 6/17	7/4 - 7/8	7/25 - 7/29
<b>Swimming, Diving and Tennis Class Dates</b>	6/20 - 7/1	7/11 - 7/22	8/1 - 8/12

## Late Registration

Registrations will be accepted after the deadline provided that there is availability in the requested class. All registrations submitted after the deadline will be assessed a \$10 late fee per class.

A complete listing of our available courses, as well as course descriptions and instructions on how to register, can be found by visiting the Parks and Recreation page of the City website: [www.grossepointecity.org](http://www.grossepointecity.org).

# Parks & Recreation

## POOL SCHEDULE

### Open Swim

### Early Morning Lap Swim

May 28 – June 16	<i>Monday – Thursday: 4:00 – 8:00 pm</i> <i>Friday: 4:00 – 9:00 pm</i> <i>Saturday: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm</i> <i>Sunday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm</i>	<i>Monday – Friday: 6:00 – 10:00 am</i> <i>Saturday: 6:00 – 8:00 am</i> <i>Sunday: 8:00 – 10:00 am</i>
June 17 – September 5	<i>Monday – Friday: 12:00 – 9:00 pm</i> <i>Saturday – Sunday: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm</i>	<i>Monday – Saturday: 6:00 – 8:00 am</i> <i>Sunday: 8:00 – 10:00 am</i>
<b>Memorial Day</b> Monday, May 30	10:00 am – 9:00 pm	8:00 – 10:00 am
<b>Independence Day</b> Monday, July 4	10:00 am – 9:00 pm	8:00 – 10:00 am
<b>Labor Day</b> Monday, September 5	10:00 am – 9:00 pm	8:00 – 10:00 am

**Pool Closing Policy** - - The weather and other swimming conditions will be evaluated throughout the day by Department staff. The pools will be closed if any of the following conditions occur:

- The presence of or the threat of inclement weather that is unsafe or undesirable for swimming
- The daily high temperature is below 65 degrees and there is precipitation



If the pools close at 7:00pm or later, they will remain closed for the remainder of the evening.

## Pool Schedule Adjustments

Saturday, June 18: Open swim begins at noon  
 Saturday June 25: Open swim begins at noon  
 Wednesday, June 29: Both pools close at 4:00 pm  
 Saturday, July 16: Open swim begins at noon  
 Tuesday, July 19: Main pool closes at 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday, July 20: Both pools close at 4:00 pm  
 Friday, July 22: Both pools close at 7:00 pm

## Marina Reminders

All fueling must be done out of the Marina, as fuel can spill into the water and onto the dock. Should any spilled fuel ignite, fire would rapidly consume neighboring boats.

When disconnecting power cables from your boat, the cable must also be disconnected from the power tower, or the breaker must be turned off. This is to control stray currents in the marina.

Fishing and swimming is not permitted in the harbor at any time.

Any violations of these rules will be reported to Department staff where they will be documented and reviewed by the Harbor Master. Violations may result in warnings up to revocation of the mooring permit.

## Park Pass Reminders

Emergency response forms have been sent out and need to be returned to the City by May 1. Forms can be dropped off at City Hall, the Parks and Recreation office, or mailed back in the provided envelope.

A valid park pass will be required to enter Neff Park beginning May 1.



# More City News



**Sponsor A Garden Project**

Project Bloom is in its fifth year! Residents and merchants continue to sponsor flowerbeds in The Village and Neff Park. Thanks to all of our loyal sponsors who have donated money year after year to beautify our downtown area and City park! Although most of our sponsors have agreed to once again sponsor a bed, Project Bloom does have opportunities for new sponsors. Donations are tax deductible and go through the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation. Also, Project Bloom is very much in need of volunteers to help plant and maintain the flowerbeds. Planting Day at the park is May 26 and in The Village on June 2, we'd love to have your help!

If you are interested in either sponsoring a garden or helping to plant/weed, please contact Susan Budrys at [suebudry@gmail.com](mailto:suebudry@gmail.com) or 882-9816, or Susan Hartz at [susanhartz@att.net](mailto:susanhartz@att.net) or 886-8982.

Susan Budrys and Susan Hartz, Project Bloom Co-Chairs



## **National Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA Award**

The City of Grosse Pointe has been recognized by The National Arbor Day Foundation once again for its high standard of excellence in its urban forestry programs.

The National Arbor Day foundation has awarded the City with its Tree City USA award for the 30<sup>th</sup> year.

The Tree City USA organization recognizes communities that effectively manage their public tree resources by meeting four

standards. The standards require a tree department, tree ordinance, forestry budget, and an Arbor Day observation with proclamation. The program requires an annual forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita. The City currently budgets over \$15.25 per capita.



**TREE CITY USA®**



## **Repairing or Renovating Your Home?**

Winter can take a toll on your home. If you plan on making home repairs this spring or are starting a long awaited renovation project, please keep in mind that a building permit may be required. Depending on the type of project, other permits such as mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fence permits may also be required. Consult with your contractor to ensure proper permits have been secured from the City. Even if you are doing the

work yourself, a permit may still be required. Inspections are then made to ensure the work meets code requirements which helps to avoid future problems. Please take advantage of the City Inspectors' building expertise to ensure that your home project meets safety standards. For more information regarding what type of work requires a permit, please contact the Grosse Pointe Building Department at 417-1180.