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Spring/Summer 2014

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Greetings

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, I bring you greetings from City Hall. Please review this brief update on some of the high points of our most recent activities.

Speaking of City Hall; it is now staffed on a 24 hour basis. Many of our residents expressed concern with the part-time nature of the post. Rest assured, should it ever be necessary, there will be someone available at the Hall at all times. Keep in mind that 911 should be called for emergencies.

Electrical upgrades have been completed within budget. This included underground wiring as well as LED lights on our streets. We will enjoy reduced energy expenses from this point on, and for years to come.

The Osius park looks to become a more happening place as the splash pad, sponsored by resident donations and the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, will be up and running this summer. In addition, concessions will soon be offered in coordination with National Coney Island. Also note, the Marina decking has been repaired. Please stop by and enjoy the positive changes occurring at your City Park!

Contract negotiations were successfully completed without arbitration or rancor. We are remarkably fortunate to have the caliber of City employees that we enjoy. It appears they all want to be here, and we are delighted with our level of service. Great job to all involved! In addition, three new officers have been hired, as we are now up to full Public Safety staffing levels.

A Fun Committee has been established to obtain citizen input on how to make our City a more attractive place for young families. Please contact us if you care to help or have ideas. The more input we have from the community the better.

Lastly, a GPS book will be published, highlighting our 100 year history. The cost is being covered with an anonymous donation. Hopefully it will be published by Christmas. Any old pictures you may have can be included if you provide them to us.

As you can see your Mayor and Council are hard at work on your behalf. It is a pleasure and privilege to serve our wonderful community. All residents are encouraged to attend our Council meetings the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm. You may also view the meetings on Community Access Channel 12 at noon and 6:30pm daily. You can also visit our web site: www.gpshoresmi.gov for further City information. Enjoy your summer!

Alexander Ajlouni



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Building Department Information

Permit/variance requests, along with the appropriate number of plans, must be submitted to the building department 15 days prior to a Planning Commission meeting (check the GPS municipal calendar or cable TV Channel 12 for exact date) Meetings are normally held at 8am on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Call the City Administrative Office to check for date or time changes).

When planning construction of new homes, plans showing storm water and footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer will be rejected--The drains CANNOT be connected to the sanitary sewer. The City's requirement is to have ALL footing drains disconnected from the sanitary sewer lines.

Water Leaks

On many occasions, residents may question the dollar amount of their water bill as being higher than normal. In the majority of the inquiries that our Water Department looks into, there is a toilet that is leaking within the home. Dye tablets are available through our Water Department and in the Administrative offices to help homeowners detect water leaks within their toilets. They are simple to use and if a leak is detected, will save the homeowner money.

Back-Up Sump Pumps

Many homes within Grosse Pointe Shores are equipped with back-up sump pumps that are activated when there is a power outage. Several of these back-up systems use water. If your electricity should cease within your home, even if it is just for a few seconds and your home is equipped with a back-up sump pump, please make sure to check on your sump pump system when power is restored to make sure that the sump pump system has reset correctly.

There have been a few instances where the homeowner was unaware that their back-up system (that uses water) was still functioning full time adding hundreds of dollars to their quarterly water bill.

Tax Bills

Summer tax bills are due Monday, September 15th without penalty or interest. Please check your PRE (principal residence exemption) status on your tax bill to make sure that our office has the correct status. If your tax bill indicates "PRE/MBT %: 100", our office is showing that parcel of property as your principal residence. The PRE only affects your winter tax billing in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Winter tax bills are normally mailed to the property owner the last week of November. They are due December 1st and payable through February 14th without interest or penalty. On March 1st, all unpaid tax bills are deemed delinquent and the information is forwarded to the County Treasurer for collection.



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City News

Important Voter/Election Information



July 7, 2014 - Last day to register to vote
in the August primary election.

August 5, 2014 - Primary Election
Polls open 7am to 8pm

October 6, 2014 - Last day to register to vote
in the November General Election.

November 4, 2014 - General Election
Polls open 7am to 8pm

PAATS

provides door-to-door transportation service for Grosse Pointes/Harper Woods seniors and the handicapped of all ages. Call the POINTES AREA ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES at (313) 343-2580 for fare and schedule information.

SOC

SERVICES FOR OLDER CITIZENS is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping older citizens maintain their lives in independence and dignity. The services provided by SOC greatly assist in relieving some of the anxieties experienced by many seniors. Call (313) 882-9600 to get more information about all of SOC's services and programs.

Flower Planting

Wednesday May 21 and Thursday May 22
Volunteers are always welcome!
Please call 881-6565 if interested

Sponsor A Garden

The Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee invites you to sponsor a garden.

Your donation will help purchase annuals and bulbs for one of the many gardens in the City. The garden you sponsor will be planted with you recognized as its sponsor for a full year's growing season.

For more information, contact the administrative office at:
(313) 881-6565



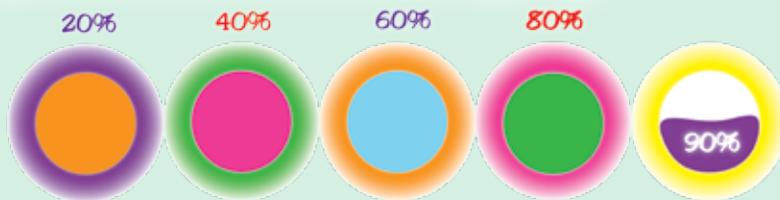


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Exciting News From The GPS Improvement Foundation



The Osius Park Splash Pad is near completion. The finishing touches will be done in May and the anticipated Grand Opening will be in June. The Splash Pad will be fun for all ages. Please support the Foundation by sending your membership dues in today. Visit The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation Website, www.gpsif.org.



We are 90% of the way there!! Thanks to everyone that has donated!



The refurbished 100 year old horse trough fountain was rededicated on April 15, 2014, a century after its original installation. The fountain is made of cast iron and weighs approximately 2,000 pounds. The fountain has been completely restored to bring it as close to its original condition and color. It is located in the municipal parking lot garden.

Concession Stand Underway at Osius Park!

Construction of a permanent concession stand at Osius Park has begun. The addition is 10 by 20 feet located on the east side of the park bathhouse and will be operated by National Coney Island. It is scheduled to open Memorial weekend (weather permitting). We will begin with limited hours of Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11am to 7pm.





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Public Safety

The following items are reminders that will assist your Public Safety Department:

Chief John J. Schulte
Director of Public Safety

- Remember there is no parking on the street between 2am - 5am. If you or your guests need to park on the street, please contact the Public Safety Department. This will assist the officers and avoid unnecessary parking violations.
- Avoid crimes of opportunity, lock your vehicle at all times. Remove all items of value, such as computers, cell phones, wallets and electronic devices from your vehicle overnight and whenever your vehicle is unattended.
- If you hire a contractor for your leaves, the contractors may not leave them in the street for removal by the Village. Snow must not be plowed into the street or left to block driveways. Permits are required for snow plowing contractors and are available at the Public Safety desk. Proof of insurance is required prior to purchase.
- The Public Safety Department employs part time clerks to staff the Public Safety desk 24 hours a day to perform administrative and clerical duties for Police, Fire and EMS. Residents currently have the ability, with use of the phone tree, to make their non-emergency and administrative calls directly to the appropriate personnel or department within the City. 9-1-1 calls continue to report directly to the dispatch center.
- If you plan to be on vacation or away, please notify the Public Safety Department to put your home on our watch list by calling our non-emergency line at 881-5500.
- Do not leave your clothes dryer or dishwasher running while you are away. Lint can ignite in the dryer or plastic in the dishwasher.
- Battery smoke alarms **SAVE LIVES**. Replace the batteries at the start and the end of daylight savings time. Smoke alarms should be installed at the top of each set of stairs, in the furnace room, and near the bedrooms.

- Please notify our Public Safety Department immediately anytime day or night if you observe anything that seems out of the ordinary or suspicious.
- The Court Office is located on the first floor of the Municipal Building and is open from 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday and closed daily for lunch between 12:30pm and 1:30pm. The court office phone number is (313) 881-5503.

Be Responsible

Instruct your children to never go with, or talk to strangers. **ALWAYS KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND WHO THEY'RE WITH.** If you see any suspicious activity/persons in your neighborhood, **DO NOT HESITATE** to call the police at any time, day or night.

DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

The Department of Public Safety's non-emergency number is 881-5500

Bike Riders:

PLEASE, use your bells/horns to warn pedestrians well in advance of your approach.

Permits are required for the following:

Garage Sale; Fee is \$25

Limit one sale per household per year.

Parking of recreational vehicle

(in driveway); Fee is \$25 for 48 hours
Call 881-5500

Pet News

Now is the time to get your 2014 pet license tags, available at the police desk:

- 🐾 \$7 for neutered/spayed pets
- 🐾 \$10 for pets that are not
- 🐾 2014 tags expire on **December 31st!**

Remember that dogs must be confined to their own yards or be on a leash when walking.

MAKE YOUR CAT AN INDOOR PET!!



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and DPW



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Director of Public Safety



POLICE - FIRE - EMS
Telephone: 881-5500 Tele-fax: 881-2622

In Fall of 2013, the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council requested that the Public Safety Department research the purchase and installation of exterior security cameras to be positioned at various locations within the City Limits.

The intent of this project is to provide the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores the ability to view, record and retain digital video surveillance images from High-definition, fixed IP camera views of municipal roadways in key locations within the City Limits. This information will then be received at the GPS police station, where a new Surveillance Command Center will be developed.

Being that there is no direct line of sight, this system information will be required to be transmitted via cellular signal. As a result, the system will be designed to have the capability to record the high-definition video locally on a micro hard-drive and then transmit the down-throttled live images to the command center on an as-need basis. The original HD images can be retrieved as they are being stored at the selected camera sites.

As of the date of this publication, site surveys have been completed and the two selected vendors are preparing a project analysis and scope of services.

Project Update

The Honeywell project is coming to a close. There have been many updates made to City Hall and the Department of Public Works building. A much needed boiler, furnace and generator were installed as well as new garage doors, roof and sewer pumps. LED lights were installed to give an energy reduction of over 60% and reducing the high maintenance costs of the old system.

The Hampton, Lochmoor and Sunningdale paving projects are complete and we would like to thank residents and motorists for exercising caution around the work area and obeying all posted construction signs.

Brett Smith
Director of Public Works
886-0020



Outdoor Watering

In order for the City to keep water rates down, we are requesting residents to limit their outdoor watering to non-peak hours. Please water your lawns between 11:00pm and 4:00am.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Parks and

Park Pass Info

-  2014 park pass applications are available at city offices or online at gpshoresmi.gov under the park page.
-  If you have submitted a park pass application for processing, passes are available for pick up at the park gate house by an adult.
-  Park passes are issued to all residents 8 years and older.
-  Replacement park passes cost \$5 and can be obtained at city offices.

Osius Park Info

-  Pool Office: 884-2305
Gate House: 884-7018
-  **Park Hours:**
Memorial Day - Labor Day: 7am to Midnight
Pool opens for season with limited hours:
Weekdays 4:00pm to dusk
Weekends 10:00am to dusk
Full hours begin in June
Open everyday 10:00am to 9:00pm

2014 Calendar of Park Activities

June

Day	Event	Day	Event
9	Tennis & Swim Lesson Sign-Up Pool Office 4pm	25	Swim Meet GPS@GPC 5:30pm Away
16	1st Session Tennis and Swim Lessons Begin	28	Mini - Meet GPS@GPC 9am Away
18	Swim Meet GPF@GPS 5:30pm Home	30	2nd Session Tennis and Swim Lesson Sign-Up Pool Office 4pm

July

Day	Event	Day	Event
2	Swim Meet GPS@GPW 5:30pm Away	16	Swim Meet GPS@GPP 5:30 - Away
7	Tennis and Swim Lessons Begin	22	Swim Pre-lims Hosted by GPW@GPW 8am
9	Swim Meet SCS@GPS 5:30 - Home	23	Swim Finals Hosted by GPW@GPW 5:30pm
12	Mini - Meet GPS@GPF 9am - Away	24	Swim Team Banquet 6pm
13	Community Splash Party 2pm - 4pm		

August

Day	Event
16	Outdoor Movie Grosse Pointe South 6pm

September

Day	Event
1	Labor Day Pool Closes for Season

October

Day	Event
22	Halloween Boo Fest 6pm - 7:30pm at GPS Municipal Park

November

Day	Event
15	Harbor Closes for Season
30	Lighting of the Village 6pm @ GPS Municipal Building



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Recreation

Early Morning Swim

Monday through Friday 6:00am to 7:30am
\$50 for 11 week season
beginning June 16, 2014

Water Aerobics

Monday & Wednesday 6:15pm to 7:15pm
Friday 1pm
\$20 for 10 week session
beginning June 16, 2014
For registration information call 884-2305

Picnic Reservations Began April 1st, 2014

Reservations must be made at City Hall during normal business hours. The Pavilion is available for reservation accompanied by a \$25 usage fee and a \$150 refundable deposit due at time of reservation. The deposit may be retained for cleaning charges unless the Pavilion is returned to its original condition.



Swim and Tennis Lesson Sign-Up

Monday, June 9, 2014 @ 4pm - Park Pool Office
1st Session lessons begin Monday, June 16

2nd Session sign-up Monday, June 30, 2014 @ 4pm - Park Pool Office

2nd Session lessons begin Monday, July 7th

A big welcome to Kay Drake, as our new park director and Joe Ryan as swim team manager. Both are very familiar faces around the pool deck and bring much knowledge and expertise to the park and pool operations. We're extremely happy to have kept you on board.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes will be offered at the GPS Park beginning the week of June 23rd

Tuesdays - 9am
Thursdays - 7pm
1 Class a week
\$40 for a 6 week session



Sign up at Pool Office Monday, June 9th at 4pm





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Go Green

Grosse Pointe Shores wants to remind you to help keep the watershed clean!

Many items found in homes, garages, and yards can cause serious stormwater pollution if they are washed into the storm drains and allowed to flow untreated into the Clinton River. Everyone can prevent stormwater pollution by taking simple steps, such as, taking household cleaning or pesticide materials to a Household Hazardous Waste collection event. We also remind you to make sure to put all pet waste, and household trash in the garbage. Compost yard waste at home or send to your waste collector separate from trash. Remember if you wouldn't put it directly into the river, do not put it in the storm drain.

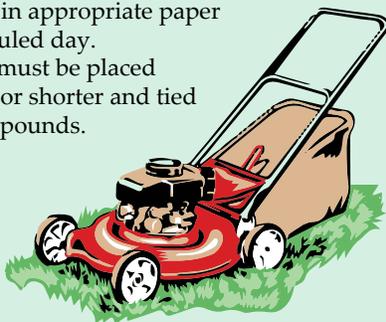
Helpful tips for keeping the watershed clean:

- Never dispose of paint or paint-related products into the gutters or storm drains. This is illegal dumping.
- Do not blow, sweep, hose or rake leaves or other yard trimmings into the street, or storm drain.
- For one time use items, only buy what you need, so storage or waste will not be a problem.
- Oil-based paints should be cleaned with paint thinner. Paint thinner can be filtered and reused. Used thinner can be set aside in a closed jar to settle out paint particles and can be stored in a well-ventilated location.
- Choose earth friendly landscaping. Use non-toxic products for your garden and lawn whenever possible. Use pesticides sparingly.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Practice good car care.
- Conserve water.

Please refrain from outdoor watering between 4:00am and 9:00am

Collection of Yard Clippings and Garden Rubbish:

A seasonal service beginning on the Monday closest to April 1, ending on the Friday closest to November 30. These must be placed at the curb in appropriate paper bags for collection on your scheduled day. Tree limbs and branches (brush) must be placed at the curb in lengths of four feet or shorter and tied in bundles weighing less than 50 pounds.



30 Gallon paper bags for yard clippings and garden rubbish are available at the Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Safety in packages of ten for \$5.00.

Collection of Leaves:

This (curbside) service begins when needed in Autumn, and ends on the Friday closest to November 30, coinciding with the end of the yard clippings and garden rubbish collection. The leaf vacuum takes the leaves left at the curb by residents raking their own leaves - contractors are responsible for the removal of leaves from their clients' properties.

Recyclables:

In addition to metal, glass and plastic containers, Rizzo Sanitation also picks up household batteries (in plastic bags), and magazines (in bundles) separate from newspapers placed in your recycling bins before 7:00am.

Large recycle bin containers are available for purchase at the City Offices for \$60

Rizzo Sanitation Services
1-888-877-4996





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and Clean

What does water quality have to do with washing your car?

Water quality is an important issue to the residents of southeast Michigan. Every step we do to help keep our waters clean is one step closer to improving that quality. Here are some tips on how to be environmentally responsible when washing your car so that you can participate in preventing stormwater pollution.

There is no problem with washing your car. It is just where and how you do it. Many people do not realize that the waste water from washing cars that enter storm drains are not treated at plants before being discharged into local waters.

Lots of pollutants can be found in the waste water from washing your car, and lots can be picked up as it travels on the pavement (driveway, street or parking lot) from your car to the storm drain:

- Oil
- Grease
- Metals (e.g. benzene, lead, chromium, zinc, arsenic)
- Detergents
- Phosphorus (harmful to fish and other aquatic life)

The storm drain water ends up in our lakes, rivers and streams! This toxic load then adds to the overall burden from other sources of homeowner water pollution such as improper disposal of excessive yard waste, winter road salt and sand, inorganic fertilizers, poor lawn mowing practices, lack of rain gardens and more.

Believe it or not, it's more economical, more environmentally responsible, and quicker to wash your car at a commercial car wash! Commercial car washes often either recycle their water waste or send it to the sanitary sewer to be treated for removal of pollutants. If you do prefer to wash your car at home, here are some watershed friendly tips to keep in mind:

- Choose a biodegradable and phosphate-free soap and use it sparingly. Most stores carry at least one phosphate-free and biodegradable car wash product.
- Wash your car on gravel or other pervious surface that can soak up wash water. Washing cars on grass is an option, but runs the danger of compacting soil and damaging tree roots.
- Use a hose nozzle with a trigger to save water.
- Pour your bucket of wash water onto the lawn or down the sink when you're done, not on the driveway or street.

Tips for a Cleaner Boating Environment

How we take care of our boats and personal watercrafts greatly influences the health of the Clinton River. You can do your part to prevent pollution by following these simple steps:



Use onshore restrooms and shore side facilities when in docks



If your boat has a toilet, make sure your equipment is U.S. Coast Guard certified.



Empty portable toilets **only** at pump-out stations or at home.



Take dogs to the marina's posted pet walk area (and always use a pooper scooper).



Keep boat and car engines property tuned for efficient fuel consumption and clean exhaust. Routinely check for and fix oil and fuel leaks.



When cleansing your boat, look for non-toxic and phosphate-free cleansers.



Bring back what you take out. Empty all trash bags on shore in garbage cans or take them home.

For more information on keeping the Clinton River clean, call or email the National Clean Boating Campaign (NCBC) at: 877-892-0011; ncbc@cleanboating.org

Every measure that you can take, especially when it comes to urban stormwater pollution prevention, helps to protect water quality of our lakes, rivers and streams. Visit: <http://www.crowc.org/stormwaterprotection/> for more information.

Lake St. Clair Direct Drainage Subwatershed

<http://www.crowc.org/watershed/subwatersheds/lakestclair/>

Wayne County 24-Hour Hotline

http://www.waynecounty.com/doe_wqm_res_idemp_investigation.htm

Wayne County HHW Program

http://www.waynecounty.com/doe_lrm_prog_swplanning_hhwp.htm

RV Waste Dumps in Michigan

<http://www.rvdumps.com/dumpstations/michigan>



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City Directory

Attention Residents

Please remember to visit the Grosse Pointe Shores website at gpshoresmi.gov. It offers a variety of information useful to residents such as:

-  Recent News
-  Tax and Assessing Information
-  Building Information
-  Ordinances
-  Meeting Dates
-  Web Calendar

Important Reminders

Look for your summer tax bill in the mail at the end of June

-  Payment Due July 1st, 2014.
-  Payments will be accepted without penalty through 9-15-14. (with 9-15-14 U.S. Post Office Postmark!)
-  Delinquent Taxes will be taken to the County on 3-1-2015.
-  Water bills are mailed quarterly. Mailing is December, March, June and September. They are due the first week in January, April, July and October.

Ted J. Kedzierski, Mayor

- Bruce Bisballe, Mayor Pro Tem**
- Daniel Schulte, Council Member**
- Alexander Ajlouni, Council Member**
- Kay Felt, Council Member**
- Robert Barrette, Council Member**
- Robert Gesell, Council Member**
- Bruce Nichols, City Clerk**

- Mark Wollenweber, City Manager**
- Rhonda Ricketts, Finance Officer and Treasurer**
- John Schulte, Public Safety Director**
- Brett Smith, Public Works Director**
- Harold Michaux, Grounds Supervisor**
- Kay Drake, Parks/Recreation and Pool Manager**
- Brian Renaud, City Attorney**

GPS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:

- Mon - Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm
- DPW: Mon - Fri 7:30am to 4:00pm
- GPS website: gpshoresmi.gov

GPS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY:

- City Administration: 881-6565
- Dept. Of Public Safety: 881-5500
- Court Office 881-5503
- Dept. Of Public Works: 886-0020
- Municipal Park - Gate: 884-7018
- Pool Office: 884-2305

EMERGENCIES ONLY: 911

TDD Unit (for the hearing impaired): 343-0666