

The

Shorelines



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2016

WCA ASSESSING CONTRACT APPROVED

At the September 21st City Council Meeting, Grosse Pointe Shores officials awarded WCA Assessing a four year contract to provide the assessing functions for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores. This will include the supervision and preparation of the yearly assessment roll for all real and personal property, maintenance of the assessment database, preparing all assessing records to be available online, representation of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores from all claims arising before the Michigan Tax Tribunal, and all other typical Assessing functions.

Assessor Pete Bierzynski will be available here in the Administration Office every Tuesday between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm for appointments and calls. He can be reached at (313)881-6565 and is also available by email at pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov.

A special thank you goes out to Wayne County Assessing and Equalization for their assistance in our records updating process!



**LOOK FOR YOUR WINTER TAX BILL IN THE MAIL THE END OF
NOVEMBER.**

**PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PENALTY THROUGH
FEBRUARY 14, 2017 (WITH 2/14/17 U.S. POST OFFICE POSTMARK)**

**DELINQUENT TAXES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY ON
MARCH 1, 2017**

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

CITY NEWS

IMPORTANT CITY DATES IN NOVEMBER

5. Last day to obtain Absentee Voter Ballots for the 11/8 General Election. City offices open 8:30am to 2:00pm.
7. Requests/Plans for 11/22 Planning Commission Meeting must be submitted by this date.
8. **GENERAL ELECTION— POLLS OPEN 7:00AM TO 8:00PM**
11. Veterans Day—DPW, Administrative and Court Offices **OPEN!**
14. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation Trustee Meeting - 7:00pm
15. Harbor closes for season.
15. Park & Harbor Meeting - 9:30am
15. Council Meeting - 7:00pm
22. Planning Commission Meeting - 8:00am
23. Wednesday's & Thursday's household rubbish collection. Recycling on schedule.
24. **THANKSGIVING—** Administrative offices, Court and DPW Closed. No collection of household rubbish or recycling.
25. Administrative offices, Court & DPW closed. Collection of Thursday's recycling.
25. Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade
27. Lighting of the Village—6:00 PM



NOVEMBER 6TH

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

ELECTION NEWS

NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION

- * November 5th, 2016—Last day to obtain AV Ballots
(City offices open 8:30am to 2:00 pm)
- * November 8, 2016—General Election
(Polls open 7am—8pm)

The logo features a large, stylized red checkmark on the left side, followed by the word "Vote" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

DTE continues its Gas Renewal Program which involves the replacement of our current aging natural gas infrastructure and the installation and relocation of the new natural gas advanced meters from inside the home to outside, including renewing service lines.

Residents are advised to watch for letters and door-hangers explaining the progression of the work crews.

**PLEASE BE PATIENT AS THE CREWS WORK THROUGH YOUR AREA!
CONTACT DPW SUPERVISOR BRETT SMITH @ (313)886-0020
TO REPORT ANY DAMAGE TO YOUR PROPERTY**



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY RUBBISH SCHEDULE

Wednesday - November 23rd
Wednesday's & Thursday's
Household Rubbish Collection.
Recycling on schedule.

Thursday - November 24th
DPW CLOSED
No collection of Household
Rubbish or Recycling.

Friday - November 25th
DPW CLOSED
Collection of Thursday's
Recycling.



LEAF PICK-UP CONTINUES THROUGH DECEMBER 2ND

**The leaf vacuum takes
the leaves left at the curb
by
residents raking their
own leaves.
Pickup will coincide with
your regular household
rubbish day.**

**Contractors are
responsible for the
removal of leaves from
their clients'
properties**



Village of Grosse Pointe Shores

Department of Public Safety

POLICE - FIRE - EMS

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Chief John J. Schulte
Director of Public Safety

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PART II IDENTIFY THEFT

NOVEMBER

How can someone steal my identity?

Your mail often contains sensitive information, like your Social Security Number, and criminals can obtain it by going through your trash. It's important to destroy documents that include personal information before putting them in the garbage. Identity theft can also occur as the result of a lost or stolen wallet or personal items such as credit or debit cards, passports, driver's licenses, checks and/or Social Security cards, in which case you should file a report with the local police, as well as your bank and credit card companies. Other ways information can be stolen include using malware or spyware to steal information from personal computers, hacking into computer networks or databases, or acting as a trusted organization in order to obtain personal information. Additional ways to protect yourself from identity theft include password-protecting your devices and using anti-virus software, using caution when sharing personal information or account numbers online or over the phone and by clearing all personal information off of technology devices before donating or selling them.

How do I find out if my identity has been stolen?

Getting your credit report from a credit company is an effective way to detect identity fraud. You can review your report for signs of suspicious activity, such as accounts opened in your name that you don't recognize, or credit checks from companies with which you've never done business. This could be a sign that someone is applying for credit in your name. You can also monitor your phone calls and mail for credit card or account statements that

you did not open, denials of credit you did not apply for or information on purchases you did not make. It's better to catch them early. You can't always prevent identity theft, but you can be proactive and minimize the damage. If you don't review your credit report on a regular basis, months might go by before you find out that someone has stolen your identity. Imagine a collection agency contacting you about purchases you didn't make, or the police showing up at your door with an arrest warrant for fraud you didn't commit.

What do I do if my identity has been stolen?

If you suspect that someone has stolen your identity, there are several things you need to do.

Report the theft

Report the identity theft to the local police and the company or financial institution where the fraud occurred. Inform them that a false account has been opened in your name. For insurance fraud, contact your insurance company, and let them know that your identity has been stolen. For tax fraud, contact the IRS.

Freeze your accounts

Contact the credit companies and place a freeze on your accounts. The freeze will block any further credit applications made in your name.

Call the bank

Report the situation to the fraud departments of all of your financial institutions (any and all banks with which you do business or have current accounts).

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



2016 Holiday Lighting Celebration

Sunday
NOVEMBER 27TH

6:00PM

Grosse Pointe Shores City Hall

SAVE THE DATE

THE GROSSE POINE
SHORES
IMPROVEMENT
FOUNDATION
Presents:
"OPENING OUR DOORS"

Holiday Home Tour
Sunday, December 4, 2016
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Visit www.gpsif.org or call
(313)881-6565 for more info.



**4 PAWS
1 HEART**



The Village of
Grosse Pointe Shores will be
accepting the following items
to be donated to 4 paws and 1
Heart this Holiday Season:

Dog/Puppy Food

Cat/Kitten Food

Cat Litter

Blankets

Towels

Cat and Dog Toys

Donations can be dropped off
at the Public Safety desk or
Administrative offices through
December 16th!

CAPUCHIN SOUP KITCHEN

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores will be accepting non-perishable food items along with sample size toiletries, new men's and women's underwear and socks, new or "gently used" winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens to be donated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit this Holiday Season.

Donations can be dropped off to the Public Safety desk or the Administrative offices through December 16!

Please call (313)881-6565 should you have any questions.

PARKS & RECREATION



This year's BooFest was a thrilling success! With over 200 little ghosts and goblins who squealed with delight with the opportunity to jump in the bounce house, stroll through the haunted house and be driven through the park on the hay ride. Before the trick or treaters left BooFest they were invited to have their picture taken in the make shift jail and to wander the pumpkin patch to select their perfect pumpkin.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK PREPARING THE PARK FOR THIS THRILLING EVENT!

THANK YOU TO THE GROSSE POINTE SHORES IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION FOR SUPPLYING AND SERVING THE DELICIOUS HOT CHOCOLATE, CIDER & DONUTS.

THANK YOU ALSO TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES THAT HELPED IN MANY WAYS.

IT'S BECAUSE OF ALL OF OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS THAT JOIN TOGETHER THAT MAKE WONDERFUL EVENTS LIKE THESE POSSIBLE IN GROSSE POINTE SHORES!!



**HARBOR CLOSURES FOR THE SEASON
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 15TH**



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: 9-1-1
TDD Unit 343-0666
(for the hearing impaired)



Ted J. Kedzierski, Mayor

Robert Gesell, Mayor Pro tem

Mark Wollenweber, City Manager

Alexander Ajlouni, Council Member

Rhonda Ricketts, Finance Officer & Treasurer

Robert Barrette, Council Member

John Schulte, Public Safety Director

Bruce Bisballe, Council Member

Brett Smith, Public Works Director

Tina Ellis, Council Member

Harold Michaux, Grounds Supervisor

Doug Kucyk, Council Member

Kay Drake, Parks/Recreation Pool Manager

Bruce Nichols, City Clerk

**GPS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
HOURS:**

Mon–Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

DPW: Mon–Fri 7:30am to 4:00pm

PUBLIC SAFETY: Open 24 Hours

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

