



City of Grosse Pointe Farms Informative Bulletin

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IN MEMORIAM

Dedicated Councilman Passes

The accomplishments of Charles "Terry" Davis III are many.

He worked for President Ronald Reagan. He started his own business. He was married for 44 years. He was the father of three and the grandfather of five. He was a Grosse Pointe Farms City Councilman. He helped light the stage for Grosse Pointe Theatre actors. He was a Ford executive. The list could go on and on.

"A third-generation Grosse Pointer, Davis was passionate about government and community involvement," his wife, Susan Davis, said. Terry Davis died Aug. 14 from heart failure.

At 68, Davis was as active as ever as a member of a multitude of organizations, one of which he even started. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and still held his passion for government. He attended his last city council meeting less than a week before he died.

"Davis was proud of the accomplishments the current Grosse Pointe Farms City Council had achieved—both financially and in projects," Susan Davis said. "He felt the council had made very sound financial decisions, a topic near and dear to the financial planner," she said.

"He was also very proud of the Grosse Pointe Farms Community Building at Pier Park. Not only did he like the building but he was proud that it was a project that could be shared by everyone," Susan Davis said.

First elected to the Farms city council in 2001, Davis sought and won reelection in 2005 and 2009. He served on the Parking and Traffic Committee, the General Employees and Public Safety Retirement System Committee and was the chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee.

Obituary by Sara Eaton Martin excerpted from Grosse Pointe Patch.



Storm and Sanitary Sewer Update

This has been a particularly difficult year for so many who have been impacted by basement flooding.

The City is developing a special *Informative Bulletin* dedicated to the sewer system and what steps are being taken to improve the reliability of the system.

Please look for this information update which will be delivered to all Grosse Pointe Farms households early in the New Year.

Foundation Appeal Inside

The Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community.

With the generous support of residents, the Foundation has helped the City complete many community-improvement projects. Enclosed in this *Informative Bulletin* is the Foundation's Annual Appeal. Please consider giving generously.





Sign-up for Automatic Water Bill Payment

The Grosse Pointe Farms Water Department has established an Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit payment option for paying your water bill. This service allows you to have the City deduct the balance of your water bill from your bank account on the due date.

Once it is established, you'll never pay a late fee or worry about

your mailed check arriving at City Hall. And no more changing your mailing address when you're out of town, either.

For more information, please contact the City Offices, 90 Kerby Road, 885-6600, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2012 Dog Licenses Available

A City Ordinance requires that all dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed yearly. Licenses expire on April 30th of each year, and on May 1st, the Police Department will begin issuing violations to all owners of unlicensed dogs.

This is a perfect time of the year to renew your dog's license the same time as your Dog Park Pass.

Licenses may be obtained at the City Offices, 90 Kerby Road, 885-6600, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Original Dog Licenses are \$5.00; Renewal Dog Licenses are \$5.00 UNTIL APRIL 30th, \$10.00 AFTER APRIL 30th.

To obtain a Dog License, you must produce a certificate by a licensed veterinary showing the dog has been immunized against Rabies for the period through the May 1st of the licensing year.

Please Clean Up After Your Pet

Being so close to Lake St. Clair, pet waste left on sidewalks and yards gets washed into storm drains that lead directly to Lake St. Clair.

Whether it's in your yard or when walking your dog, please pick the waste up and properly dispose of it in the trash.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE FULL DOGGIE BAGS ON THE SIDEWALK or even where you may think a trash receptacle should be.

Report Street Light Outages to Edison

The City shares residents' frustrations when street lights go out. Improvements have been made to the infrastructure for street lighting, and the number of street light outages have drastically decreased.

The City works with Detroit Edison, the supplier of these street lights, upon becoming aware of an outage. Additionally, the Public Safety Department regularly inventories these lights for their functionality and reports all outages to Edison.

Although we like to be aware when street lights are out, we are asking residents to call Detroit Edison in the event of a street light outage at 1-800-477-4747.

Larger Recycling Bins Available

Are the City's standard-sized recycling bins too small for your needs? Then purchase a 64-Gallon recycling bin from City Hall for \$75.00.

Each container holds approximately the equivalent of three of the traditional red bins, and have wheels to make it easy for residents to take it to the curb.

For a 64-gallon recycling container, please call City Hall at 885-6600.

Remember Snow Removal Procedures

Winter is here, and that means snow will be falling throughout the City. Residents can help make the streets and sidewalks safer by following a few rules:

If you hire a contractor for snow removal, please specifically ask them to be courteous to your neighbors. Hired contractors are an effective measure to remove snow from your walks, but each year, the City receives complaints from adjacent property owners regarding where that snow is placed. Follow up by the City personnel is required for each one of these complaints.

Many of these complaints and the inconveniences of having snow placed in the wrong place

could be avoided if the resident simply requests the contractor to be courteous about where the snow is moved to.

If your contractor moves your snow down your driveway and across the street, please make sure the mound of snow is completely out of the street and not blocking a neighbor's driveway, or concealing a fire hydrant.

Do not plow snow into the street or sidewalk. Snow thrown back into the street for "the traffic to melt" only creates a snow pack that turns into ice, creating a hazardous condition.

Do not allow children to play on the snow piles near the street. Those larger piles may be

fun, but it puts them in extreme danger from passing vehicles.

When a snow event occurs, please move vehicles out of the street. Snow plows have to maneuver around parked cars and snow gets moved in places that can create additional inconveniences for you and your neighbors.

Emergency Snow Procedures: On occasion, the City will declare a Snow Emergency. In the event of a Snow Emergency, there is no on-street parking. Vehicles on the street during this time may be towed or ticketed. Please remember that these measures are for the safety of all our residents since these efforts ensure emergency access throughout the City.

Cold Fun In Store At 2012 Winterfest

The 6th annual Winterfest on The Hill is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Hill Business Association and the Parks and Recreation Department, this fun day features live music, food and refreshments, kid events, and ice carving demonstrations.

If interested in participating in the very popular Annual Chili Cook-Off, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 343-2405 for an official Entry Form and list of requirements.





2011 Beautification Award Winners Named

The annual Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Award winners were announced and honored at a special ceremony in November.

Here is a listing of the winners:

RESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Mr. & Mrs. David Bergamo
62 Lothrop

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Fedirko
76 Kerby

Mr. & Mrs. George A. Simon II
194 Merriweather

Mr. Robert Day & Joan Blackford
29 Beacon Hill

Mr. & Mrs. John McCormick
141 Muir Road

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Smith
225 Muir Road

Mr. & Mrs. Simon Davis
57 Meadow Lane

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brown
61 Moross Road

Mr. & Mrs. John Miller
118 Kerby Road

Mr. & Mrs. David Manardo
422 Moran

COMMERCIAL AWARDS

Mr. Edward J. Russell
63 Kercheval Avenue

Blufin Sushi Restaurant
18584 Mack Avenue
SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Mark Allen
222 Fisher Road

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Cracchiolo
383 Lake Shore

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hayduk
296 Cloverly Road

In addition, the Commission selected the winner of a contest that was first announced in the Spring Edition of this *Informative Bulletin*:

LARGEST PRIVATE ELM TREE

Mr. & Mrs. William Adlhoch
28 Edgemere



Beautification Commission Honors DPW Workers

The Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Commission, chaired by Karen Shea, takes in all aspects of maintaining the Farms and making sure that our community is observed and enjoyed in the best possible light. Each year, the Commission hosts a special luncheon for the City's DPW workers. The Commission appreciates the partnership of the DPW employees in helping make the Farms beautiful.

2012 Winter Parks & Recreation Programs

Registration Guidelines

All Recreation Programs require pre-registration. Please register by the deadline noted in each description in order to prevent the programs from being cancelled. To register:

- Walk-in at the Parks and Recreation Office.
- Mail the Registration Form, checks payable to City of Grosse Pointe Farms.
- Make sure all information is complete, including birth dates; registrations will not be processed without complete information.
- Don't forget to sign the Registration Form at the bottom.
- Use the "Check List" on each Registration Form to verify that forms are complete.

Refund Policy

- NOTE: We will not prorate any Programs.
- No refunds will be made after the start date of each Program.
- Requests must be made in writing and submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office.
- Full refunds will be made for any Program that is cancelled by the City.

Pier Park Volunteer Opportunity

The Pier Park offers many family events. These events have grown greatly through the years. To make every event a success, we are looking for volunteers from our community. If you are interested in being added to our list of volunteers, please call 343-2405.

2012 Park Passes

- The 2012 Park Pass Application is available at the City Offices, the Parks and Recreation Office or online at www.grossepointefarms.org.
- Park Passes are issued to all residents, 8 and older.
- All Park Passes expire on December 31st.
- All information must be complete in order to have your new passes processed.
- All residents, 18 and older, must show ID when picking up Passes.
- Husbands and wives may pick up each others' Passes.

General Information

May 1st – October 31st

Park Hours: 6:00 a.m. – Midnight
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

November 1st – April 30th

Park Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.*
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

** When there is ice skating, the park will be open until ice skating closes for the night. See ice skating hours.*

- If you would like to request a Temporary Non-Resident Park Pass, Caregiver Park Pass or Dog Park Pass, please complete an Application two weeks before the Pass is needed.

Ice Hockey Skating Hours

Grosse Pointe Farms residents may utilize the skating rink at Kerby Field throughout the skating season, which is subject to weather conditions. The enclosed rink is only available for playing hockey. During the following skating hours, the Orten Fieldhouse will be open for use of the warming area and restrooms. Skating hours are as follows:

Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays:

10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday:

4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.





Open Skating Hours

The Refrigerated Ice Skating Rink at Pier Park is only for open skating, hockey is prohibited. During the following skating hours the Warming Building will be open for use of restrooms and relaxation. Skating hours are as follows:

Sunday:

10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday:

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday:

4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday:

10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Platform Tennis Courts

- Open Seasonal Play Dates: October 1st – April 30th.
- Reservations can only be made by GPF residents in person at the Pier Park Gate House or by calling 343-2405 ext. 119. Reservations will require the name of the resident, address, and phone number.
- Up to three non-residents can play as guests of the resident who made the reservation on one court. No park pass punches will be required for the non-resident guests.
- A resident may only reserve a court for 1^{-1/2} hours at a time. A second resident may reserve a court

for additional time for the same group. This will be limited to a maximum of 3 hours for the same group of players for each day.

- Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis if there are no reservations.
- Reservations can only be made up to two days prior to the reservation date.
- Reservations may be cancelled by the City if persons arrive later than 15 minutes after the reserved time.
- Courts will be locked. Keys will be issued to players when they arrive and the players must leave their Park Pass or Driver's License in exchange for the key.

Daily Operation Hours

October

6:00 a.m. – Midnight

November

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. *

December – April

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Sunday-Thursday)

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Friday-Saturday)

*Court hours may be extended during the month of November up to 10:00 p.m. if other park functions are scheduled or court reservations are made by noon for that date.

Note: Daily operation hours may vary for holidays and due to inclement weather.



Adult Exercise & Recreation Programs

Adult Platform Tennis Lessons

Residents can learn how to play this very popular cold weather sport. Participants will become familiar with the equipment and learn the types of Grips, Court Positioning, Basic Screen Play, Lobs, Drives, Scoring, etc.

#1006

Judy Sarvis

6 Weeks, January 11th – February 15th,

\$90.00

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Warming Building/Platform Tennis Courts

Registration Deadline is January 4, 2012

#1007

Judy Sarvis

6 Weeks, January 14th – February 18th,

\$90.00

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Warming Building/Platform Tennis Courts

Registration Deadline is January 11, 2012

#1008

Madeleine Paolucci

6 Weeks, January 12th – February 16th,

\$90.00

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Warming Building/Platform Tennis Courts

Registration Deadline is January 5, 2012

Low Impact Combo

Get a jumpstart on your day with this 60 minute total body workout. This upbeat fun class combines weights and cardio intervals to help get your blood pumping and burn extra calories. The class ends with an abdominal workout to challenge and firm your core and stretching to get you ready for your day.

#1005

Cherylynn Pellegrino, MA, Personal Trainer

10 Weeks, January 2nd – March 9th, \$110.00

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

No class on January 16th

Great Room, Community Building

Registration Deadline is December 22, 2011

Pilates: Core Conditioning

Would you like to shrink your waistline? This class will challenge your core through proper alignment and engagement of deep abdominal muscles in all exercises. Using STOTT Pilates principles which are based upon safe biomechanics of movement, you will move through a warm-up and series of mat exercises that build stability and endurance in your core and tone your overall body.

Pilates is a muscle control and conditioning program and not an aerobic or impact activity. However, with deep muscle contraction, proper form and breath your body will be challenged. Small balls and bands are available. Please bring mat and small towel.

#1002

Amy Pugliesi, STOTT Pilates Instructor

7 Weeks, January 3rd – February 14th, \$91.00

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Activity Room, Community Building

Registration Deadline is December 27, 2011

#1003

Amy Pugliesi, STOTT Pilates Instructor

7 Weeks, January 3rd – February 16th, \$182.00

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Activity Room, Community Building

Registration Deadline is December 27, 2011

#1004

Amy Pugliesi, STOTT Pilates Instructor

6 Weeks, February 28th – April 3rd, \$78.00

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Activity Room, Community Building

Registration Deadline is February 21, 2012

#1010

Amy Pugliesi, STOTT Pilates Instructor

6 Weeks, February 28th – April 5th, \$156.00

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Activity Room, Community Building

Registration Deadline is February 21, 2012



#1017

Amy Pugliesi, STOTT Pilates Instructor
5 Weeks, April 17th – May 15th, \$65.00
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Activity Room, Community Building
Registration Deadline is April 10, 2012

#1018

Amy Pugliesi, STOTT Pilates Instructor
5 Weeks, April 17th – May 17th, \$130.00
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Activity Room, Community Building
Registration Deadline is April 10, 2012

It's Your Back Yoga for Adults

Take time for yourself! Nurture your mind and take care of your body in this challenging yet relaxing yoga practice. A combination of postures and breathing techniques that help prevent, as well as treat, back pain. Move through flows that strengthen muscles which support your posture and lengthen and relax areas that are tense and tight. A great class for beginning as well as experienced yoga students.

#1010

Heidi George, Certified Yoga Instructor
10 Weeks, January 4th – March 7th, \$108.00
Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Great Room, Community Building
Registration Deadline is December 28, 2011

Kindermusik

Kindermusik is a 20 year old Grosse Pointe tradition and the world's most trusted name in children's music and movement. Your educator will provide carefully researched, developmentally appropriate music and movement programs for your child designed to help develop their social, emotional, physical, cognitive and language development! For more information about Kindermusik, please call Tracy Gusmano at 882-8834 for class specifics.

VILLAGE CLASSES

Ages Newborn to 18 Months with Parent
Two Curriculum Combined!

Cock-a-Doodle-Moo

Hop on the hayride in Cock-a-doodle-Moo!—it's time to head for the farm! In this class, you will sing songs about the farm, including "Old MacDonald," "Hayride," and "Clever Cows." You'll engage in playful activities with your baby, including infant massage, lap bounces, exercise, and play time.

Home Materials: CD with songs from class, an instrument—Kindermusik egg shaker and scarf, a picture board book—Do-Si-Do—with

lilting move-to-it rhyming text, and a set of Art Banners for the nursery wall that strengthens vision and promotes early literacy.

...and

Dew Drops

Stop and smell the roses—and lily of the valley, and tulips, and pansies. In this class, parents and babies will play and move together to songs about flowers, such as "Jasmine Flower," "How Does Your Garden Grow?," and "White Coral Bells." You'll also hear traditional Irish music, dance a jig and move to the "Irish Trot." Home Materials: CD with songs from class, an instrument—Kindermusik egg shaker and scarf, a picture board book—Do-Si-Do—with lilting move-to-it rhyming text, and a set of Art Banners for the nursery wall that strengthens vision and promotes early literacy.

All Classes are limited to 12 students. The registration deadline for all classes is January 9, 2012. Fee includes Home Materials.

#1011

12 Weeks, January 17th – April 17th, \$210.00
 Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 No class on Feb. 21st or April 10th

#1012

12 Weeks, January 18th – April 18th, \$210.00
 Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 No class on Feb. 22nd or April 11th

#1013

12 Weeks, January 16th – April 16th, \$210.00
 Mondays, 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
 No class on Feb. 20th or April 9th

#1016

12 Weeks, January 16th – April 16th, \$210.00
 Mondays, 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 No class on Feb. 20th or April 9th

OUR TIME CLASSES

Ages 18 Months to 3^{-1/2} Years With Parent

Away We Go

Hop on the train, get in the car, board the plane, and Away We Go! This class focuses on transportation, a favorite topic for toddlers who are on the go, go, go! Sing and play along with favorite songs, such as “I’ve Been Workin’ on the Railroad” and “Wheels on the Bus”. Explore fast and slow, smooth and bumpy, and high and low. Read stories about ways to get around. Shiny Dinah tells the story of a train, and Giddy-Up! has a horse, speedboat, racecar, and more to help you get where you want to go. Materials include: Double CD featuring songs from class; two interactive story books— Shiny Dinah and Giddy-Up! to develop early literacy skills; Home Activity Book, and two harmonicas designed for toddlers. All Classes are limited to 12 students. The registration deadline for all classes is January 9, 2012. Fee includes Home Materials.

#1014

12 Weeks, January 17th – April 17th, \$210.00
 Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 No class on Feb. 21st or April 10th

#1015

12 Weeks, January 18th – April 18th, \$210.00
 Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 No class on Feb. 22nd or April 11th

Family Activities

All Pointe's Daddy-Daughter Dance

It promises to be an evening they will long remember, as Grosse Pointe girls, age 12 and under, twist and twirl with their best beau – Daddy – at the Second All-Pointes Daddy-Daughter Dance. The Parks and Recreation staffs from Grosse Pointe Farms, Woods, Shores, City and Park have collaborated once again to create what is hoped will be an annual event every local daughter will look forward to attending with her Dad.

It’s a semi-formal affair, complete with a wrist corsage for each young lady. And, just like a grown-up party, there will be frilly decorations, and lots of yummy appetizers and snacks with the addition of everyone’s favorite tunes, keeping the party moving on the dance floor. Most importantly, Dads are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the memories of this magical night. Reservations for the Daddy-Daughter Dance can be made by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department, 343-2405, beginning February 1st. If you know of anyone in one the other Grosse Pointes who would like to attend, please have them contact their local Parks and Recreation Department to register.

#1000

Saturday, March 10th, \$8.00/person
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Grosse Pointe South’s Main Gym
Registration Deadline is March 7, 2012

Easter Egg Hunt

Rain, shine or snow, bring your Easter basket and hunt for candy filled eggs. Bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny!!

March 31st, Free
Saturday, 10:00 a.m.



City Directory

City of Grosse Pointe Farms
90 Kerby Road
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Website: www.grossepointefarms.org
E-mail: cityclerk@grossepointefarms.org

Administration **885-6600**

Elections and registrations, council meetings, ordinances, birth and death certificates, taxes and tax rates, assessments, collections and water bills, accounts and finance, recycling and refuse disposal.

Public Service **885-4285**

Building permits, engineering, inspections, pest control, regulations, sidewalks, streets, tree service, sanitary and storm sewers and zoning.

Parks and Recreation Office **343-2405**

Pier Park, Pier Park Gate House, Kerby Field, marina, class schedules, Community Building rental and picnic and temporary park permits.

Municipal Court **885-2104**

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

Ambulance and Emergencies **911**

Poison Control **745-5711**

Council Members

James C. Farquhar, *Mayor*
Joseph Leonard, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Therese Joseph
Louis Theros
Peter W. Waldmeir
Martin F. West
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City Manager

Shane Reeside