



Summer 2016

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# Greetings

On behalf of your Mayor and Council I bring you greetings from City Hall. As is our custom, we are pleased to provide a brief summary of some of the projects undertaken by your local government.

On December 17, 2015, the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores received an upgrade on our bond rating from Standard and Poor's. Our bond rating rose from AA+ to AAA. This resulted in lower borrowing costs for the City which was witnessed with a recent refinancing of our 2007 Bonds, and will result in significant savings to the City. This is Standard and Poor's highest rating grade available and we are now one of only two AAA rated communities in Wayne County. The increase was based on many factors but overall strong budget management with good financial policies in place made our City a low risk bond investment. This demonstrates a remarkable turnaround in the City's finances, as we were under State observation due to poor financial conditions just six years ago. Team work and determination among the Mayor, City Council, Administration, employees and residents made this goal come to realization.

The traffic light near city hall will be replaced and modernized, and a pedestrian island will be added. This will improve foot traffic into the park. Speaking of our park, our residents will soon see major improvements there in various ways. We have a master plan revision underway with the prestigious Albert Kahn Group (incidentally, Mr. Kahn designed our City Hall). One of the primary concerns to be addressed is improved control in access to the park. We will be able to better manage the cars that enter the parking lot, thereby assuring the park is used by residents only. We are reviewing changes to the park itself to provide increased usage and enjoyment for all of us. Dog owners who use the dog park will note more secure access, as a license for your dog will allow use of a key fob to a locked gate. Again, this to help restrict use of our parks to GPS residents only. Repair of our tennis courts is also on the docket at this time, and we intend to have this effected by the end of this year.

Moving on to Lake Shore, several cameras have been placed at key points in the city, which will provide live data to our Public Safety Department, and these images can be stored and reviewed if necessary. One can easily imagine the increase in safety this will provide our residents. DTE is working on an overhaul of the natural gas delivery system throughout the City. This upgrade is long overdue and will assure fewer gas leaks, improved response times to outages, reduced need for estimates and a more modern and efficient delivery system. We, again, are recipients of the generosity of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, as we have new decorative light posts and grills in the park due to their largesse. Many thanks to GPSIF!

As a city, we are more than fortunate to have the very best personnel in our administrative staff, our DPW alchemists (who can make anything!) and of course Grosse Pointe's Finest, our Public Safety. We remain grateful for their fine work. I would like to congratulate a member of our PS staff Lieutenant Ken Werenski, as his son Zach was signed to a professional hockey contract with the Columbus Blue Jackets!

Please join us at our monthly Council Meetings, the third Tuesday of each month at 7PM at City Hall. You can also catch a replay of all the exciting action at 12 noon and 6:30 PM daily on community access channel 12.

Thanks for reading and have a safe and happy summer!

## Honoring Volunteers Who Serve Our City

The Mayor and Council as well as the Administrative Staff express sincere appreciation to all the Boards, Committees and Commission members who volunteer their countless hours and valuable expertise for the betterment of all the residents of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City. In addition to attending meetings, they take personal responsibility and pride in enriching our community with programs, events and activities that would not otherwise be possible. Thank you to all who make Grosse Pointe Shores a "Portrait of Unique Beauty & Community Pride"!!

**Upcoming Monthly Mayor Office Hours: 8:30am – 9:30am**  
(call 881-6565 to schedule appointment)  
June 17    July 15    August 12  
September 16    October 14    November 11    December 16

**Upcoming Town Hall Meeting Date: 10:00am (Held in  
the First Floor Council Room of City Hall)**  
September 17



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# SUMMER HAPPENINGS



## GROSSE POINTE SHORES ANNUAL SPLASH PARTY

Sunday, July 10th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm

## ANNUAL GROSSE POINTE SHORES FISHING DERBY

Saturday, July 23rd at 8:00am – 10:00am

## ANNUAL GROSSE POINTE SHORES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, August 28th at 1:00pm

## ANNUAL GROSSE POINTE SHORES CHESS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 11th at 2:00pm at the Park Pavilion

## ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

Sunday, September 18th at 1:00pm – 4:00pm





# Parks and Recreation

## Park Pass Info

- 2016 park pass applications are available at city offices or online at [gposhoresmi.gov](http://gposhoresmi.gov) under the park page.
- If you have submitted a park pass application for processing, passes are available for pick up by an adult at the Public Safety desk located on the first floor of the Municipal Building.
- 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:

April 15th – Memorial Day: 7:00am – 11:00pm  
Memorial Day – Labor Day: 6:00am – 12 Midnight  
Labor Day – November 15th: 7:00am – 11:00pm  
November 15th – April 15th: 7:00am – 7:00pm

## Picnic Reservations Began April 1st, 2016

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 the time of reservation. The deposit may be retained for cleaning charges unless the Pavilion is returned to its original condition.

Monday – Friday (Weekdays) Maximum of 100 Persons per event  
Saturday / Sunday (Weekends) Maximum of 75 Persons per event  
Guest list required for reservation of 10 or more Persons

## American Red Cross Lifeguard Class

Offered at Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park

June 20-30 7:30-11:30 a.m., Monday – Thursday  
Fee \$220, (non-resident of GPW) includes books & materials. Lifeguard students must be 15 years old by the last class of the session.

Registration begins June 2nd to the 17th,  
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
at the GP Woods Community Center,  
20025 Mack Plaza Dr., 313-343-2408.

## Osius Park Concession Stand Hours of Operation

Beginning Memorial Weekend, the Osius Park Concession Stand will be supplied by National Coney Island and operated by Full Circle

Fridays 3:00pm - 8:00pm  
Saturdays 11:00am - 8:00pm  
Sundays 11:00am - 6:00pm  
Also available for home swim meets

For parties of 50 or more, National Coney Island will provide catering services.  
For more information call 586-771-7744

**A BIG THANK YOU to resident, Daniel Stahl of Stahls, Inc. for donating the Grosse Pointe Shores Arbor Day Fun Run t-shirts again this year. His generosity and assistance in helping us with this event is very much appreciated!!**



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## Registration: Park Classes Monday, June 13th at 4pm at the Pool Office

### Tai Chi

Classes Begin 6/20

Residents \$45 for 6 weeks

Non-residents \$50 for 6 weeks

Tuesday Evenings: 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Wednesday Mornings: 10:00am – 11:00am

(6/20 – 8/1) No Class on July 4th.

Instructor Jennifer Silverston

### Swim and Tennis Lesson Sign-Up

Swim \$40 per 2 week session

Tennis \$30 per 1 week session

1st Session lessons begin Monday,  
June 20th

### Water Aerobics

Monday & Thursday 6:15pm to 7:15pm

\$75 for 8 week session

beginning June 21, 2016

For registration information call 884-2305

### Early Morning Swim

Monday through Friday

5:30am to 7:30am

\$50 for 11 week season

(\$70 for non residents)

beginning June 20, 2016

### Sharks Swim Team

**Come join your neighbors, Registration is still open!** As a SHARK you will compete in swim meets hosted by neighboring parks, participate in an ice cream social, go bowling, enjoy picnics after every Wednesday swim meet, a team camp out and a year end banquet. Please contact the city office for more information on how to sign up!

A big welcome to Nick Valice as our new Sharks Swim Team Coach for 2016. Nick has an extensive swim and coaching background and is eager to bring his knowledge and expertise to the team. We are happy to have him on board.

## GO SHARKS!!





# 2016 Calendar of Park Activities

May		June		July			
Day	Event	Day	Event	Day	Event	Day	Event
27	Pool Opens for Season - Limited Hours	13	Tennis & Swim Lesson Sign-Up. Pool Office 4pm	6	Swim Meet GPF@ GPS 5:30pm Home	26	Swim Pre-Lims Hosted by GPP 8:00am
		20	1st Session Tennis & Swim Lessons Begin	9	Mini-Meet GPS @ GPP Away 9:00am	27	Swim Finals Hosted by GPP 5:30pm
		22	Swim Meet SCS@ GPS 5:30pm Home	10	Splash Party 1:00pm – 4:00pm	28	Swim Team Banquet 6:00pm
		24	Garden Tour 10:00am – 4:00pm	13	Swim Meet GPS@ GPW 5:30pm Away		
		25	Relay Swim Meet @GPC 10:00am Away		All GP Outdoor Movie Grosse Pointe South 6:00pm		
			Garden Tour 10:00am – 4:00pm	16	Mini-Meet SCS@ GPS Home 9:00am		
		29	Swim Meet GPS@ GPP 5:30pm Away	20	Swim Meet GPS@ GPC 5:30pm Away		
				23	Fishing Derby 8:00am – 10:00am		
August		September		October		November	
Day	Event	Day	Event	Day	Event	Day	Event
28	Annual Tennis Tournament at 1:00pm	5	Labor Day. Pool Closes for season	19	Halloween Boo Fest 6:00pm – 7:30pm at GPS Municipal Park	15	Harbor Closes for season
		6	Doggie Days of Summer 4:00pm – 6:00pm			27	Lighting of the Village 6:00pm at GPS Municipal Building
		11	Chess Tournament at GPS Park Pavilion 2:00pm				
		18	Antique Car Show 1:00pm – 4:00pm				

Visit the GPS website at [gpshoresmi.gov](http://gpshoresmi.gov) for updated park and harbor rules



# City News

## Important Voter/Election Information for November 8th General Election

October 11, 2016 - Last day to register to vote

November 5th, 2016 - Last day to obtain  
AV Ballots

For your convenience, city offices will be open  
this day from 8:30am – 2:00pm

November 8, 2016 - General Election  
Polls open 7am – 8pm

Election workers needed, must be 18 years or  
older. Please contact City Hall at 881-6565

**August 2, 2016 Primary Election Dates:**  
July 5th – Last day to register to Vote  
July 30th – Last day to obtain A/V Ballots  
(City offices open at 8:30am – 2:00pm)  
August 2nd – Primary Election –  
Polls Open 7:00am – 8:00pm

### **Annual Summer Garden Tour 2016**

The Grosse Pointe Shores Park has been selected to be included in the 25th Annual Summer Grosse Pointe Garden Tour. Tour dates are Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day (rain or shine).

Tickets are available at local retailers, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial or by calling the Grosse Pointe Garden Center at 313-881-7511 X206.

### **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**

### **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.

158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.  
Meals offered daily.

### **Pointes Area Assisted Transportation**

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.

Now based at SOC offices,  
158 Ridge Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms.



# Public Works

## Project Update:

We would like to issue a sincere thank you to the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation for helping to make updates and improvements throughout the city. They have generously donated funds to replace our decorative street poles and provide all new grills for our park. Other exciting additions include a new Kayak launch at the park.

## DTE Gas Main, Line & Meter Replacement:

You have probably noticed the DTE and InfraSource crews around the city. The utility company is complying with a directive from the Michigan Public Service Commission on this project that will affect every home throughout the city. The work began this spring and is continuing year-round, as weather permits, until the entire job is completed. The Gas Renewal Program (GRP) involves the replacement of our current aging natural gas infrastructure, which consists mainly of cast iron or unprotected steel mains and steel or copper service lines- some of which may be 100 years old- and the installation and relocation of the new natural gas advanced meters from inside the home to outside, including renewing service lines. According to DTE, all work is being done at absolutely no additional cost to the customers. Benefits to the community include:

- Reduced number of gas leaks
  - Improved response time to system outages
  - Minimized estimated reads
  - Minimized customer inconvenience and improved satisfaction by facilitating more frequent and comprehensive inspections and maintenance work on the outside meters.
- Residents are advised to watch for letters and door-hangers explaining the progression of the work crews. Please be patient as the crews work thru your area.

**Additional information can be found on the city website, [www.gpshoresmi.gov](http://www.gpshoresmi.gov), or call (313) 886-0020, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, if you have questions or concerns regarding this DTE project.**

## Traffic Signal

The long awaited project that will update the look of the Lake Shore and Vernier Intersection is underway. Decorative traffic signal poles with mast arms and an extended pedestrian island are some of the features of this project. The traffic signals for the pedestrian crossing between City Hall and Osius Municipal Park and Vernier and Lake Shore intersection will be upgraded with the newest traffic signal technologies.

Thank you for your patience as we complete this long awaited project.

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

The annual household hazardous waste drop-off day is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th 2016.

It will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year the event will take place at Windmill Pointe Park – 14930 Windmill Pointe, in Grosse Pointe Park.

Questions may be directed to the Director of Public Works, Brett Smith, at (313)886-0020.



## 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.

The Grosse Pointe Shores Public Works Department has been installing new radio read water meters to many residences this past year. The new meters will reduce the amount of time required for our staff to read each meter within the City and also communicate daily with our Water Department personnel. Alerts are relayed to the Water Department when there appears to be unusual water usage. Upon receiving an alert of unusually high water usage, the staff will contact the homeowner.

We have had several alerts come through this past winter alone where a homeowner was out of town on vacation and there was a sudden increase in water usage. The staff was able to contact the homeowner (or an emergency contact on file) with the water meter information and action was able to be taken to avoid a potentially larger utility bill and also lessen the damage to the home in cases of waterline ruptures.

These alerts will also help when underground lawn sprinkler lines break. With the lines being underground, that are not always noticeable above ground.

If you are interested in having one of these new radio meters installed, please call the Public Works Department. In most cases, the new meter can be installed in less than an hour and it is FREE.

## Water/Sewer Bills too High?

With rising utility rates, it is important to make sure that you are not incurring higher water/sewer charges due to problems within your home and/or sprinkler system. Do you have a backup sump pump that runs on city water? If so, make sure that the sump pump system has reset to electric usage when the power has returned.

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.

Do you notice water movement in your toilet bowl when not in use? Many times there may be an issue with the flush valve not working correctly. You can easily check to see if there is a leak by placing special dye tablets in the toilet tank or even food coloring. If the water in the toilet bowl turns to the color of the tablet or coloring, you have a leak. The dye tablets are available through the administrative offices and through our water department. Make sure all water faucets are not dripping. You would be surprised how much water is used by just one bad washer in the faucet. It is always a good idea to use your dishwasher and washing machine when you have a full load. The average dishwasher uses six gallons of water with each load regardless of how many items are being cleaned. Your washing machine can use as much as 40 gallons of water; energy efficient washing machines use about half.

Do you have a soggy spot in your yard? You may have a leak in your sprinkler system. If you are not handy with a shovel, you may want to contact a sprinkler system contractor. If your sprinklers are set to automatically activate on certain days and times, make sure they are not running during peak water usage times (5am - 9am) as this will affect future rate increases from the City of Detroit. Also, if it is raining and your sprinklers are in use, manually shut the sprinklers down.

**Please note - the City waters the Lake Shore Road islands and city properties using water from the lake.**

It is important to note that as water meters age, the meter will slow down or stop. Water meters do not speed up. For those that would like to pay their water/sewer bill by credit card, there is also a secure link to do so on the City's website.



# Public Safety

## Two Lifesaving Awards in Grosse Pointe Shores

**#1**  
On Sunday November 29, 2015 at 10:56 AM PSO's Tony Spina and Justin Childrey were dispatched to a residence in the 700 block of Shelden on a report of a 62 y/o male resident experiencing chest pain and severe respiratory distress. Once on the scene, the paramedics recognized the patient's rapidly deteriorating condition that quickly declined into full cardiac arrest. This fatal condition was reversed with the initiation of advanced life support interventions. Due to their treatments on scene and in-route to the hospital, the patient had a return of circulation and spontaneous respirations saving this critically ill patient's life. The patient's condition continued to improve during transport and was TOT the resuscitation staff at St. John Hospital. The cardiologist from St. John Hospital informed the patient that it was the quick response of the paramedics that allowed him the opportunity to clear the artery.

**#2**  
On August 19th 2015 at 11:31 PM, PSO / Paramedics Jason Rengert and Michael O'Brien working the night shift were informed over the radio by our dispatch center that approx. 10 motorcycles were E/B on Jefferson at speeds in excess of 100 MPH.

Public Safety Officer O'Brien reported one of the motorcycles struck a curb and crashed at Blairmoor Ct. and Lake Shore Road. Officer O'Brien was joined immediately at the crash site by Officer Rengert. With only the headlights from their scout cars illuminating the crash site, paramedics O'Brien and Rengert assessed the patient to find an 18 y/o male with multiple chest fractures and an open femur fracture with arterial blood pooling on the roadway.

Because of the critical trauma, there was no time to bring our ambulance to the scene, so Medic 5 was requested from GPW. Officer O'Brien retrieved a tourniquet from his duty bag and Officer Rengert applied it to the patient to control the bleeding, while O'Brien monitored the victim's airway. Bleeding was temporarily controlled and upon the arrival of the medic, the patient was conveyed to St. John hospital where he underwent emergency surgery which saved his leg. Under very difficult conditions, the actions of these two officers clearly saved the life of this individual.



Pictured from left to right: Public Safety Paramedics Tony Spina & Justin Childrey, Director John Schulte and Public Safety Paramedics Jason Rengert and Michael O'Brien. All four officers earned lifesaving awards for their efforts.

### Nixle Alerts

The Nixle program is your link to local public safety alerts and community announcements delivered by your choice of text message or email. Subscribe to Nixle free of charge by logging on to [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com), Nixle is a secure communications service. There is no SPAM or advertising associated with Nixle messages. We urge all residents to take advantage of this informational service.



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**Chief John J. Schulte**  
**Director of Public Safety**

**POLICE - FIRE - EMS**  
Telephone: 881-5500 Fax: 640-1661

*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.

- 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.
- As a courtesy, Grosse Pointe Shores is offering its municipal lobby as a Safe Haven for Craigslist and other transactions. The lobby is under video surveillance and offers a safe location to buy and sell items to and from strangers.
- Residential Property Maintenance**  
To keep our community beautiful, city ordinance requires residents to keep their property well maintained:
  - Maintain brick, paint, siding and gutters on dwellings and garages.
  - Lawns and shrubs are to be regularly cut and trimmed.
  - Building materials or cut brush cannot be stored on the property.
  - Permits are required and 10 day time limits apply to dumpsters and storage pods.
  - No advertisements or notices of any kind can be posted on city property

A complete list of ordinances can be found on our Building Department website @ [gpshoresmi.gov](http://gpshoresmi.gov). The building department page lists those construction projects where permits are required.

**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:**

<b>Garage Sale;</b> Fee is \$25 Limit one sale per household per year.	<b>Parking of recreational vehicle</b> (in driveway) Fee is \$25 for 48 hours Call 881-5500
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**Pet News**

Now is the time to get your 2016 pet license tags, available at the police desk:

- 🐾 \$7 for neutered/spayed pets
- 🐾 \$10 for pets that are not
- 🐾 2016 tags expire on **December 31st!**

Beginning soon, Key Fobs will be required to gain entry to the dog park. This will require an application, proof of license and a \$10 fee. Fobs will coincide with dog licenses expiring on December 31st. More information to follow.

**MAKE YOUR CAT AN INDOOR PET!!**

Dogs must be confined to their own yards or be on a leash when walking.



# Go Green & Clean

## 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 5:00am and 9:00am

### 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**



### 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. (Please refrain from watering between 5:00am – 9:00am).

Please be advised all municipal grounds are watered from lake access so residents are advised not to drink water from the sprinkling system.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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.

### Collection of Leaves:

This (curbside) service begins October 17th, and ends on December 2nd, 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.



## 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](mailto: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.crwc.org/stormwaterprotection/> for more information.

### Lake St. Clair Direct Drainage Subwatershed

<http://www.crwc.org/watershed/subwatersheds/lakeclair/>

### Wayne County 24-Hour Hotline

[http://www.waynecounty.com/doi\\_wqm\\_res\\_idcp\\_investigation.htm](http://www.waynecounty.com/doi_wqm_res_idcp_investigation.htm)

### Wayne County HHW Program

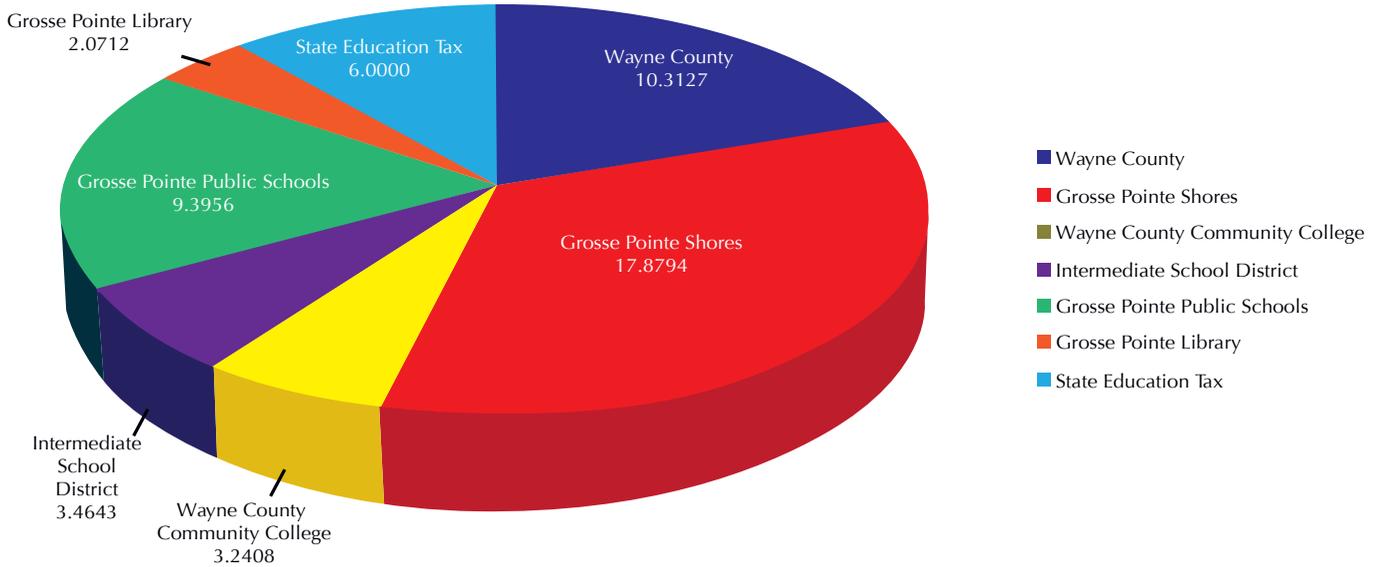
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### RV Waste Dumps in Michigan

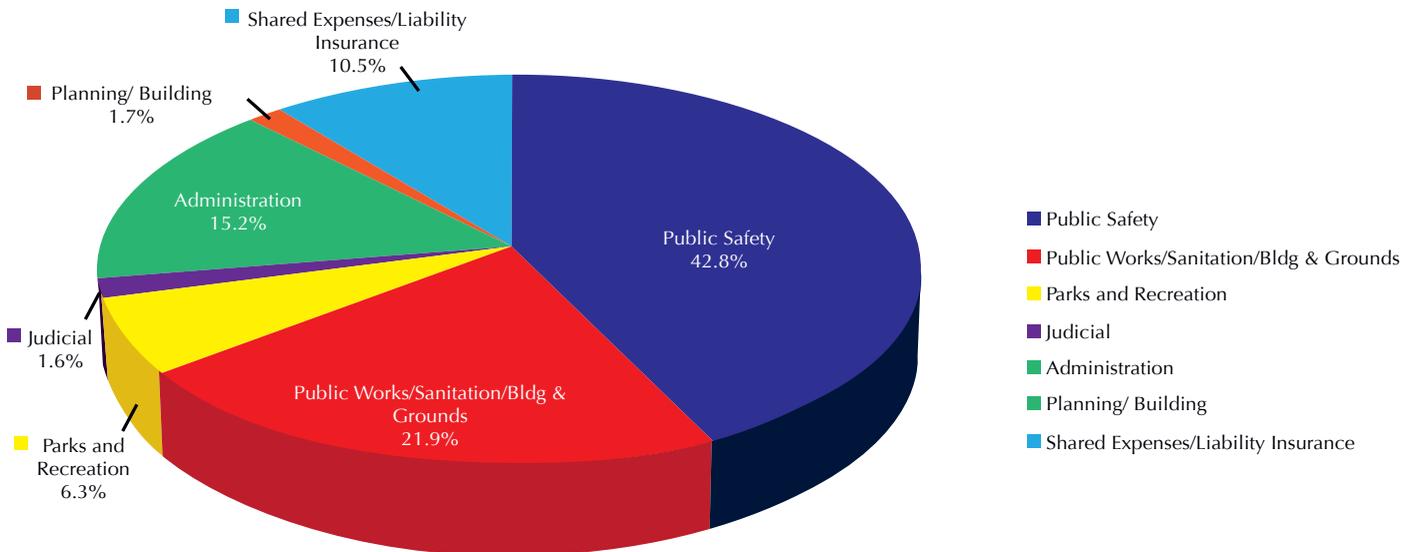
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## 2015 Millage Rate - Principal Residence - Within Wayne County



## Fiscal Year 2015/2016 General Fund Estimated Year End Expenditures by Department

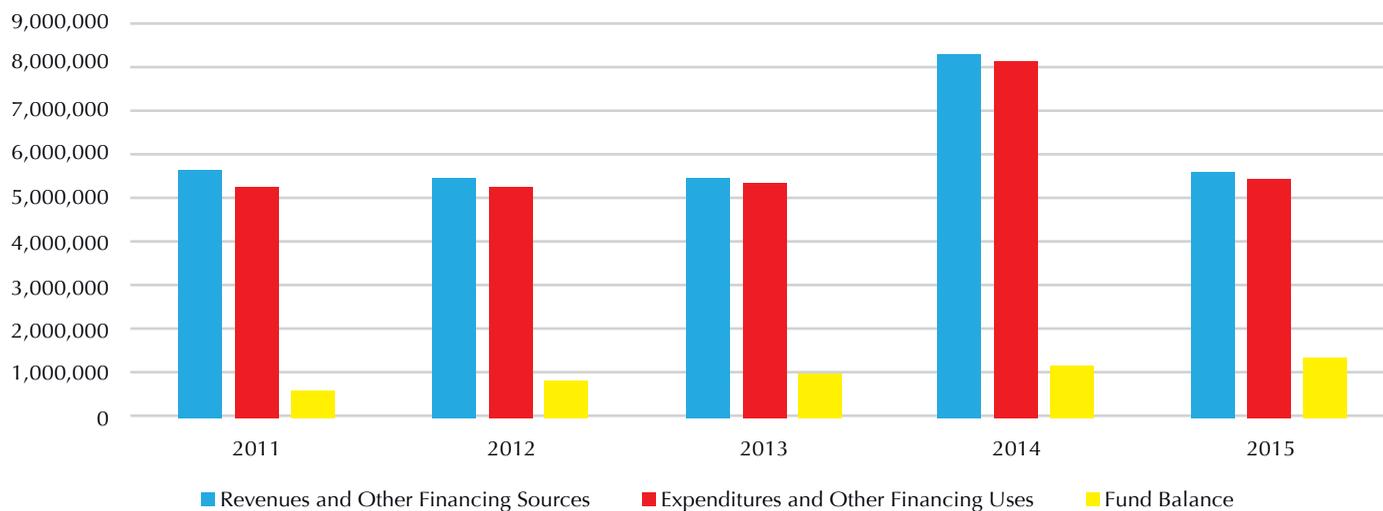


## Tax Bills

**Summer tax bills** will be mailed to property owners in the last week of June and are due Wednesday, September 14th 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.



## Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City General Fund Revenues, Expenditures And Funds Balance



As illustrated on the above graph, each year the City has been successful in keeping our expenditures within budget so that our Fund Balance (rainy day fund) can slowly increase to a level that is recommended and encouraged. Currently our reserves are approximately 20% of budgeted revenues with the goal of moving toward a minimum of 25% to 30%

### Assessing Update

Beginning in June, you may see one of our Assessing staff members in your neighborhood if you live in the South end of the City – between Woodland Shore and Webber Place. The State Tax Commission suggests that each governmental unit canvas 20% of the community each year to ensure accuracy of the record cards for each property. We will be physically measuring each property along with porches and outbuildings unless there is a no trespassing sign. If there is a no trespassing sign or no access to a property, the assessor will estimate what can be seen from the street or a neighbor’s yard. While we are at each property, we will be noting any visible updates. A photo of the property may be taken at the time of the visit. Should we notice anything new to the property, or removed from the property, the record card will be updated which may result in an increase or decrease in the assessment valuation. Rhonda Ricketts and Joe Sucher will be canvassing each street and will have an identification badge. Canvassing will be conducted between 9AM and 4PM. The staff members will knock on the door and proceed to measure unless the owner refuses or there is a no trespassing sign. Please feel free to contact City offices at (313) 881-6565 with any questions.



# City Directory

## Attention Residents

Please remember to visit the Grosse Pointe Shores website at [gpshoresmi.gov](http://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

The summer tax bills will be mailed out to property owners the last week of June

- Payments will be accepted beginning July 1st without penalty through 9-14-16. (with 9-14-16 U.S. Post Office Postmark!)
- Delinquent Taxes will be taken to the County on 3-1-2017.
- Water bills are mailed quarterly. Mailing is December, March, June and September. They are due the first week in January, April, July and October.
- We encourage all residents to supply their email address on their park pass application and/or updating their census form to receive additional information.

## Ted J. Kedzierski, Mayor

- Robert Gesell, Mayor Pro Tem
- Alexander Ajlouni, Council Member
- Robert Barrette, Council Member
- Bruce Bisballe, Council Member
- Tina Ellis, Council Member
- Doug Kucyk, Council Member
- Bruce Nichols, City Clerk

- Mark Wollenweber, City Manager
- Rhonda Ricketts, Finance Officer, Treasurer and Assessor
- Joseph Sucher, Assessing Technician
- 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 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

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

- Tom Krolczyk
- Laurie Duncan
- Lynn Michaux

### GPS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:

- Mon - Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm
- DPW: Mon - Fri 7:30am to 4:00pm
- GPS website: [gpshoresmi.gov](http://gpshoresmi.gov)