



# City of Grosse Pointe Woods 2025 Community Calendar





# City of Grosse Pointe Woods 2025

## Mayor & City Council A message to our residents



Arthur W. Bryant

2025 marks an historic year for us as on December 11, 2025, we will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods!

Our enchanting city enjoys a rich history. Did you know? Dating back to 1769, French farmers with names such as Marsac, Chovin, Reneau, and Bonhomme owned “ribbon farms” which extended 40 arpents (c. 1-½ miles) inland from Lake Sainte Claire (so named by Father Louis Hennepin in 1679). The portion of their land – which later became Grosse Pointe Woods – remained wilderness known only to the Indians and the “coureurs de bois” or French-Canadian traders. Thanks to the terrific work of our own Historical Commission in their book “Celebrating the History of Grosse Pointe Woods,” this tidbit and many more nuggets are sprinkled throughout the pages of the calendar, tracing decades of historical events from the 18th up to the 21st centuries. **Familiarize yourself with the city’s bygone days by reading the brief bold-green snippets highlighted in each month.**

Seventy-five years of our charming city can be credited to the remarkable people who made it – and continue to make it – an appealing place in which to live and do business. From mayors to magistrates, proprietors to residents, and employees to devoted commission members, this year we’ll proudly pay homage to the past – commemorating this milestone occasion with a variety of celebrations – and prepare for the next 25 years and beyond with continued community improvements.

For example, we’ve applied for grants to completely redesign the intersection of Vernier and Mack to reduce accidents and increase safety for children, pedestrians, and motorists. We also aim to replace all signals with new “black mast” arm signals; improve pedestrian crossings with new push buttons and improved striping; replace direct left turns with Michigan lefts; and improve Sunningdale Drive with a new signal, dedicated left turn, and a new pedestrian crossing.

Completed projects keep us moving forward, and it’s the people who fuel the effort. We have more than 150 full- and part-time employees driving the smooth-running operations of the city. From Administration to the City Clerk, City Treasurer/Comptroller to Court Clerk, and Public Safety to Public Services, our municipal team includes dedicated professionals across various departments – such as Building Inspection, Information Services, and Parks & Recreation – and the invaluable voluntary commission and board members who help guide our city’s development.

Poised for growth and new opportunities this year and beyond, please join this enthusiastic team, City Council, and myself in celebrating the past 75 years and the best of what’s yet to come for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods!

Most sincerely,

Arthur W. Bryant, Mayor



Angela Coletti Brown



Kenneth Gafa



Vicki A. Granger



Michael Koester



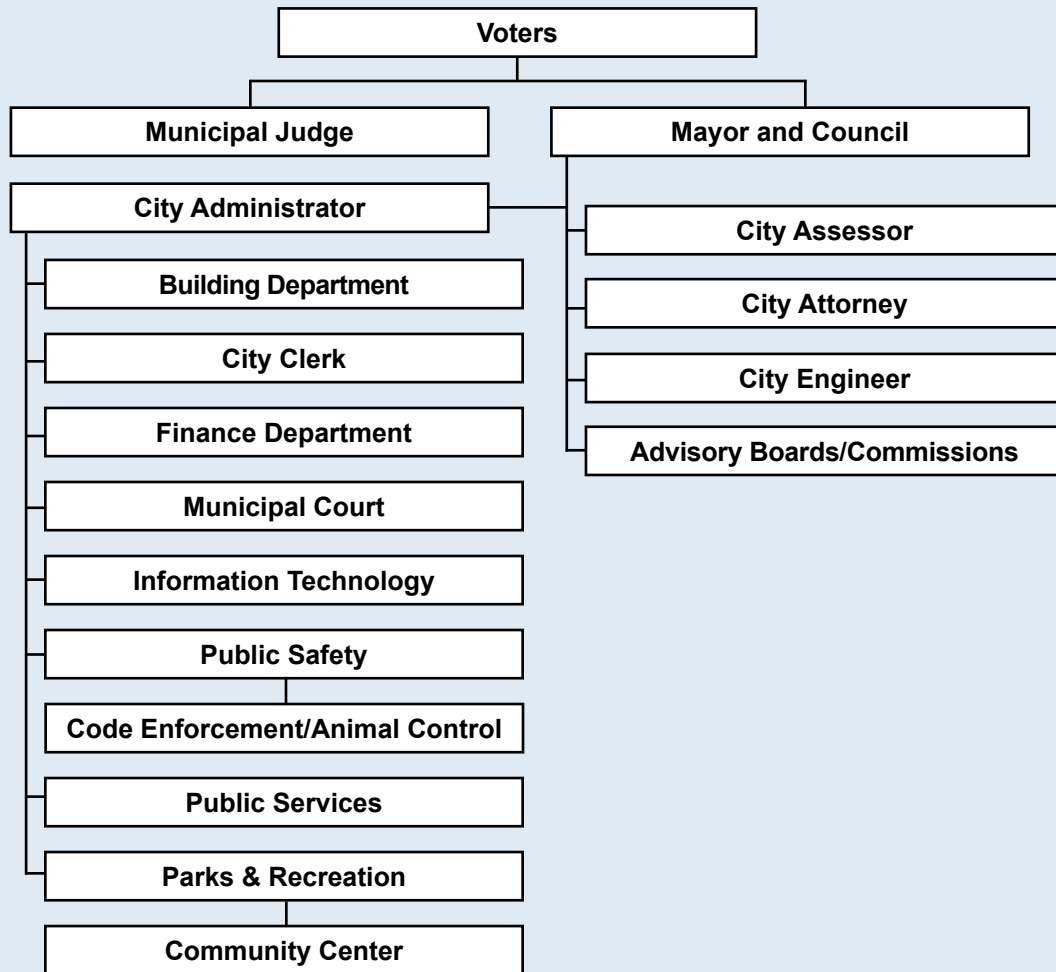
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# City Government



## The City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Originally incorporated in 1927, Grosse Pointe Woods was known as the Village of Lochmoor. In 1939, the Village of Lochmoor became the Village of Grosse Pointe Woods and on December 11, 1950, it was incorporated as the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, a Home Rule City. The city covers an area of 3.28 square miles.

Grosse Pointe Woods operates under a Council-Administrator form of government, established by the city charter and adopted by voters in 1950. This efficient format divides government into policy-making and administrative functions, and has an organizational structure similar to a business.

The residents of the city are the highest government authority. They delegate this authority to representatives they elect for four-year terms. Similar to a board of directors of a corporation, the city council, composed of the mayor and six council members, is responsible for determining policies and adopting ordinances needed to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens.

Input provided by various advisory boards and commissions is a valuable resource. Citizens show interest in the community not only by voting, but also by taking an active part in the policy-making process. There are 20 boards, commissions, and committees established to address specific purposes. Some function in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to the city council; others review problems and petitions from residents and offer recommendations based on local regulations and ordinances; several plan and work on special events.

The mayor and city council are particularly proud of commission and board members who serve the city. On numerous occasions, these dedicated citizens have been honored for their allegiance and inestimable contributions to maintaining one of the finest communities in the nation.



## Municipal Judge

**Theodore A. Metry**

E-mail: [court@gpwmi.us](mailto:court@gpwmi.us)

In accordance with the city charter and code of the city, the municipal judge is an elected official with a four-year term and presides over all court jurisdiction matters (reference city code, chapter 15).

## The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation

Established in 2008, the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation is an independent, all-volunteer organization eager to help fund projects to enhance our community for the benefit of residents, visitors, and businesses. Our governance and operations are separate from those of the city and not covered by municipal budget; however we seek collaborative efforts with City Administration and commissions as well as our local business association to help create and maintain the environment and lifestyle sought by current and prospective residents. Donations are appreciated and are tax deductible; mail a check payable to:

Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation  
PO Box 361068, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236



[www.gpwfoundation.org](http://www.gpwfoundation.org)





January

Winterfest  
Photo Credit: Gabriella Metry

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Main Number..... 343-2440  
 DPW ..... 343-2460  
 Police ..... 343-2400  
 Community Center ..... 343-2408  
 Lake Front Park ..... 343-2470

*On January 4, 1927, the Village of Lochmoor (presently the City of Grosse Pointe Woods) was incorporated.*

**1**  
 City offices closed  
 No rubbish pickup  
 New Year's Day

**2**  
 Wednesday's rubbish pickup

**3**  
 Thursday's rubbish pickup

**4**  
 1 PM  
 Siren test

**5**

**6**  
 7 PM  
 City Council

**7**  
 Feast of the Nativity  
 Orthodox Christian

**8**  
 Municipal Court  
 7 PM  
 Beautification Advisory Commission

**9**

**10**

**11**

**12**

**13**

**14**  
 7 PM  
 Citizens' Recreation Commission

**15**

**16**

**17**

**18**

**19**

**20**  
 City offices closed  
 Rubbish pickup on schedule all week  
 Inauguration Day  
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**21**  
 4 PM  
 Senior Citizens' Commission

**22**  
 Municipal Court

**23**

**24**

**25**  
 Winter Fest  
 Ghesquiere Park

**26**

**27**  
 7 PM  
 Rescheduled City Council

**28**  
 7 PM  
 Planning Commission

**29**  
 Municipal Court  
 Chinese New Year

**30**

**31**

*In January 1997, for the second time, the city was honored by Keep Michigan Beautiful for its efforts in beautification and landscaping.*

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# January 2025





Lion by the Lawlis Family ❄️



Twiggy by the Heilbronn Family ❄️



Icy by the Minnick Family ❄️



Donut by the Leverage Family ❄️

February

## Snow Creation Contest

Photo Credits: Lawlis, Heilbronn, Minnick, and Leverage families

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Main Number..... 343-2440  
 DPW ..... 343-2460  
 Police ..... 343-2400  
 Community Center ..... 343-2408  
 Lake Front Park ..... 343-2470

*In February 1929, Mason School opened with 99 students. The school cost \$499,214.*

*On February 22, 1949, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education approved the purchase of 9.8 acres (at \$2,500/acre) of land lying south of Cook Rd. and west of the Milk River. This was the future site of John Monteith Elementary School.*

*Lochmoor Club was founded on February 23, 1917. One hundred thirty-six acres were purchased for \$150,000.*

**1**  
1 PM  
Siren test

**2**

**3**  
7 PM  
City Council

**4**

**5**  
Municipal Court  
7:30 PM  
Tree Commission

**6**  
6 PM  
Pension Board

**7**

**8**

**9**

**10**

**11**  
7 PM  
Citizens' Recreation Commission

**12**  
Municipal Court  
7 PM  
Beautification Advisory Commission

**13**  
7:30 PM  
Historical Commission

**14**  
Last day to pay Winter Taxes without penalty at City Hall by 5 PM  
  
Valentine's Day

**15**

**16**

**17**  
City offices closed  
Rubbish pickup on schedule all week  
  
Presidents' Day

**18**

**19**

**20**

**21**

**22**

**23**

**24**  
7 PM  
Rescheduled City Council

**25**  
7 PM  
Planning Commission

**26**  
Municipal Court

**27**

**28**  
Last day to pay Summer/Winter Taxes with penalty at City Hall by 5 PM  
  
Ramadan begins

*The Historical Commission held its first meeting in the Conference Room at City Hall on February 14, 1980.*

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# February 2025





# March

## Egg Stroll

Photo Credit: Gabriella Metry





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Main Number.....343-2440  
 DPW .....343-2460  
 Police.....343-2400  
 Community Center .....343-2408  
 Lake Front Park .....343-2470

*On March 16, 1952, the Woods Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library (a wing of Parcels Junior High School) was dedicated.*

*Christ the King Lutheran Church, corner of Mack and Lochmoor, dedicated an addition on March 15, 1964.*

*On March 21, 1937 (Palm Sunday), 138 people gathered in the gymnasium of Mason School for the first service of the Lochmoor Protestant Sunday School. On October 2, 1939, this group was organized as the Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church with 121 members.*

**1**  
1 PM  
Siren test

**2**

**3**  
8:30 AM Online reservation for Gazebo & Pavilion rentals opens  
  
7 PM  
City Council

**4**

**5**  
7:30 PM  
Tree Commission

**6**  
8:30 AM  
Online registration for Egg Stroll opens

**7**

**8**

**9**  
  
Daylight Savings Time begins

**10**

**11**  
10 AM - 5 PM  
Board of Review  
  
7 PM  
Citizens' Recreation Commission

**12**  
Municipal Court  
  
7 PM  
Beautification Advisory Commission

**13**  
7:30 PM  
Historical Commission  
  
Purim begins

**14**

**15**

**16**

**17**  
7 PM  
City Council  
  
Curbside pickup of *bagged* yard waste begins this week  
  
St. Patrick's Day

**18**  
4 PM  
Senior Citizens' Commission  
  
6 PM - 9 PM  
Board of Review

**19**  
Municipal Court

**20**

**21**

**22**

**23**  
  

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**30**

**24**  
  

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**31**

**25**  
9 AM - 5 PM  
Board of Review  
  
7 PM  
Planning Commission

**26**  
Municipal Court

**27**

**28**

**29**  
  
Eid al-Fitr

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March 2025

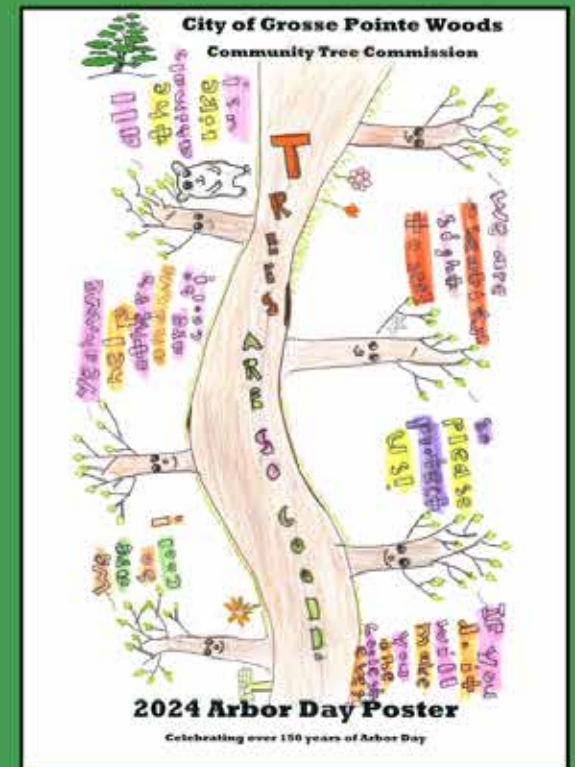
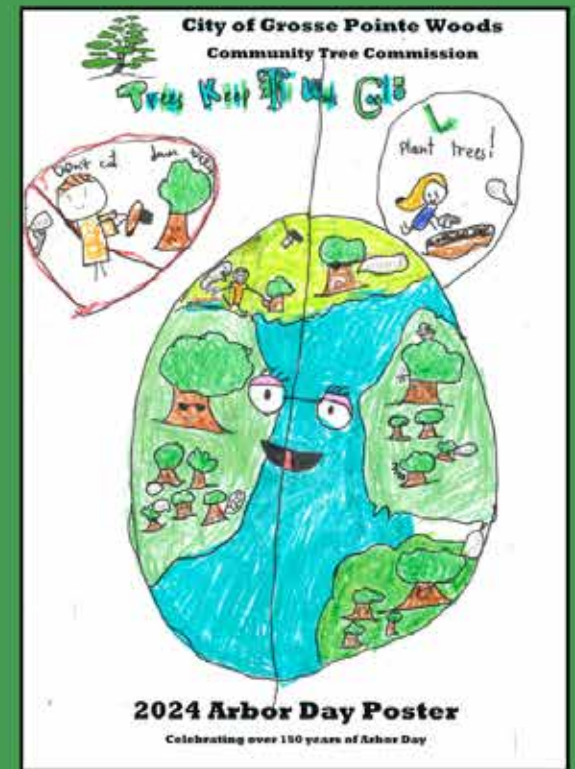




# April

## Arbor Day Contest Winners

Clockwise from top left:  
 Kayden W. / University Liggett  
 Anya B. / Monteith Elementary  
 Gwyneth G. / Our Lady Star of the Sea  
 Rosalie N. / Ferry Elementary  
 Lilla A. / Mason Elementary





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

*On April 13, 1880, Gusselmas Vanderbush obtained a parcel from Cornelia Vernier; Daniel Vanderbush acquired another parcel from Isadore Vernier's estate. In 1898, these neighboring plots were combined and the family provided Grosse Pointe with fresh produce. The farm was the site of the future Grosse Pointe North High School.*

**6**

**7**  
7 PM  
City Council

**8**  
7 PM  
Citizens' Recreation Commission

**9**  
Municipal Court  
7 PM  
Beautification Advisory Commission

**10**  
7:30 PM  
Historical Commission

**11**

**12**  
Egg Stroll  
  
Passover begins

**13**

**14**

**15**

**16**  
Municipal Court

**17**

**18**  
City offices closed  
  
Good Friday

**19**

**20**  
Lake Front Park open  
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Activities Building closed  
  
Easter / Pascha

**21**  
City offices closed  
Rubbish pickup on schedule  
all week  
  
Easter Monday

**22**  
7 PM  
Planning Commission

**23**  
Municipal Court

**24**

**25**  
  
Arbor Day

**26**  
9 AM - 1 PM  
Hazardous Waste Drop-off  
at Public Works

**27**

**28**  
7 PM  
Rescheduled  
City Council

**29**

**30**

*Demolition of the old bridge at Lake Front Park began on April 10, 1987. The old bridge was too low to permit boats to pass under it.*

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DPW ..... 343-2460  
Police ..... 343-2400  
Community Center ..... 343-2408  
Lake Front Park ..... 343-2470





*May*  
Flower Sale,  
Dog Park Grand Opening,  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
Photo Credits: George Young, Sean Murphy





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Main Number.....343-2440  
 DPW .....343-2460  
 Police.....343-2400  
 Community Center .....343-2408  
 Lake Front Park .....343-2470

*On May 18, 1836, 13 women founded the Ladies' Orphan Association of Detroit following a cholera epidemic. That institution became the Children's Home of Detroit, formerly on Cook Rd. The site is now home to The Rivers.*

**1**  
 8:30 AM  
 Online registration for Spring Tennis/Pickleball opens  
 6 PM  
 Pension Board

**2**

**3**  
 1 PM  
 Siren test

**4**

**5**  
 7 PM  
 City Council

**6**

**7**  
 Municipal Court  
 7:30 PM  
 Tree Commission

**8**  
 3 - 7 PM  
 Beautification Advisory Commission Flower Sale Pre-order Pickup  
 7:30 PM  
 Historical Commission

**9**  
 10 AM - 5 PM  
 Beautification Advisory Commission Flower Sale at City Hall

**10**  
 8 AM - 4 PM  
 Beautification Advisory Commission Flower Sale at City Hall  
 12 - 2 PM  
 Cook Schoolhouse open

**11**  
 Mother's Day

**12**

**13**  
 7 PM  
 Citizens' Recreation Commission

**14**  
 Municipal Court  
 7 PM  
 Beautification Advisory Commission

**15**

**16**  
 1 PM  
 Senior Citizens' Ice Cream Social at Community Center  
 2:30 PM  
 Senior Citizens' Commission

**17**

**18**

**19**  
 Public Hearing for FY 25-26 Millage Rates  
 7 PM  
 City Council

**20**  
 Spring Tennis/Pickleball begins

**21**  
 7 PM  
 Swim Team New Parent Meeting at Community Center

**22**

**23**  
 City offices closed

**24**  
 Lake Front Park Aquatic Facility opens

**25**

**26**  
 City offices closed  
 10 AM Memorial Day Ceremony at Circle of Honor  
 No rubbish pickup  
 Memorial Day

**27**  
 7 PM  
 Planning Commission  
 Monday's rubbish pickup

**28**  
 Municipal Court  
 Tuesday's rubbish pickup

**29**  
 8:30 AM  
 Online registration for Swim Session 1 opens  
 Wednesday's rubbish pickup

**30**  
 Thursday's rubbish pickup

**31**

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May 2025



# June

## Woods Warriors

Photo Credits: Tony Rennpage, Ava VanBecelaere, George Young



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1  
Cruisin' Through the Woods  
Family Fun Ride

2  
7 PM  
City Council

3  
7 PM  
Synchronized Swim Parent  
Meeting at Bathhouse

4  
Municipal Court  
7:30 PM  
Tree Commission

5

6  
8:30 AM  
Online registration for  
Tennis/Pickleball  
Summer 1 opens

7  
1 PM  
Siren test

8

9

10  
7 PM  
Citizens' Recreation  
Commission

11  
Municipal Court  
7 PM  
Beautification Advisory  
Commission

12  
7:30 PM  
Historical Commission

13  
Movie In the Park  
at dusk at Ghesquiere Park

14  
  
Flag Day

15  
  
Father's Day

16  
Swim Session 1 begins  
  
Bus Service begins  
  
7 PM  
City Council

17

18  
5:30 PM Swim Meet  
GPS@GPW

19  
Rubbish pickup on schedule  
  
Juneteenth

20

21

22

23

24  
Tennis/Pickleball  
Summer 1 begins  
  
7 PM  
Planning Commission

25  
Municipal Court  
  
5:30 PM Swim Meet  
GPW@GPC

26

27  
6 - 9 PM  
Music on the Lawn  
at City Hall

28  
9 AM Relay Meet  
ALL@GPF

29

30  
Rubbish pickup on schedule  
all week

*On June 4, 1996, the new Jules J. DePorre "pocket park" was dedicated at a ceremony (co-sponsored by Mason School and the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission) held in the gym of Mason School and on the grounds of the park.*

*On June 30, 1993, Our Lady Star of the Sea all-girls Catholic high school closed. The structure housed their middle school in September.*

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DPW ..... 343-2460  
Police ..... 343-2400  
Community Center ..... 343-2408  
Lake Front Park ..... 343-2470

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June 2025





July  
City Scenes  
Photo Credits: Nicole Gerhart, Heidi Korte, Gabriella Metry,  
George Young



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

On July 13, 1989, a pilot curbside recycling program, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Citizens for Recycling, began.

In 1984, the annual July Fourth fireworks display returned to the city. Mason School then Parcels had been the sites previously.

1 Summer Property Tax bills mailed (approx.)

2 5:30 PM Swim Meet GPP@GPW

3

4 City offices closed Independence Day

5 1 PM Siren test

6

7 City offices closed

8 8:30 AM Online registration for Swim Session 2 opens 7 PM Citizens' Recreation Commission

9 Municipal Court 5:30 PM Swim Meet GPW@GPF 7 PM Beautification Advisory Commission

10 8:30 AM Online registration for Tennis/Pickleball Summer 2 opens

11

12

13

14 Swim Session 2 begins 7 PM Rescheduled City Council

15 All Pointes Synchronized Swim Show 9 AM Board of Review 4 PM Senior Citizens' Commission

16 5:30 PM Swim Meet SCS@GPW

17

18

19

20

21 9:30 AM Swim Tournament Prelims (10 & under) @GPW 7 PM City Council

22 9:30 AM Swim Tournament Prelims (11 & over) @GPW 7 PM Planning Commission

23 Municipal Court 5:30 PM Swim Tournament Finals@GPW

24

25 6 - 9 PM Music on the Lawn at City Hall

26

27

28

29 Tennis/Pickleball Summer 2 begins

30 Municipal Court

31 6 PM Synchronized Swim Show

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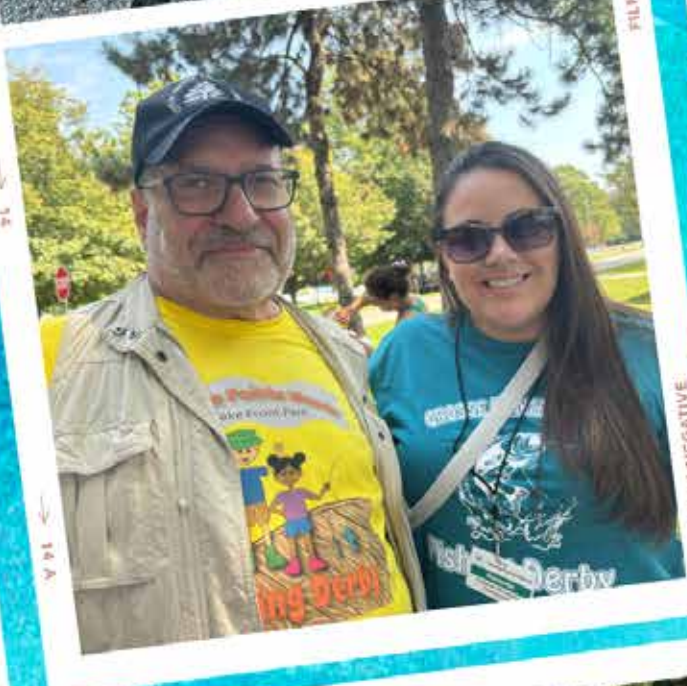
July 2025



# August

## Splash Pad Grand Opening, Fishing Derby

Photo Credits: Heidi Korte, Gabriella Metry,  
George Young





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Main Number.....343-2440  
 DPW .....343-2460  
 Police.....343-2400  
 Community Center .....343-2408  
 Lake Front Park .....343-2470

*On August 2, 1997, the city celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Lake Front Park with music, games, dedication of the two water slides, pony rides, a pictorial display, and food.*

*On August 10, 1959, the Grosse Pointe Woods Boat Club held its first meeting.*

**1**

**2**  
 Fishing Derby & City Picnic  
 at Lake Front Park  
 1 PM  
 Siren test

**3**

**4**  
 7 PM  
 City Council

**5**

**6**  
 Municipal Court

**7**  
 6 PM  
 Pension Board

**8**

**9**

**10**

**11**

**12**

**13**  
 Municipal Court  
 7 PM  
 Beautification Advisory  
 Commission

**14**

**15**  
 Movie In the Park  
 at dusk at Ghesquiere Park

**16**

**17**

**18**  
 7 PM  
 City Council

**19**

**20**

**21**  
 8:30 AM  
 Online registration for  
 Tennis/Pickleball Fall opens

**22**  
 6 - 9 PM  
 Music on the Lawn  
 at City Hall

**23**

**24**  
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**31**

**25**

**26**  
 7 PM  
 Planning Commission

**27**  
 Municipal Court

**28**

**29**  
 City offices closed

**30**

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August 2025



# September

## Community Bridge Walk

Photo Credit: George Young



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

*The community celebrated its 50th anniversary as a city on September 7, 2000.*

**1**  
City offices closed  
Aquatic Facility closes  
9:30 AM Community Bridge Walk at Lake Front Park  
No rubbish pickup  
Labor Day

**2**  
Last day to pay Summer Taxes without penalty at City Hall by 5 PM  
Monday's rubbish pickup

**3**  
Municipal Court  
7:30 PM  
Tree Commission  
Tuesday's rubbish pickup

**4**  
Wednesday's rubbish pickup

**5**  
Thursday's rubbish pickup

**6**  
1 PM  
Siren test

**7**

**8**  
7 PM  
Rescheduled  
City Council

**9**  
Tennis/Pickleball Fall begins  
7 PM  
Citizens' Recreation Commission

**10**  
7 PM  
Beautification Advisory Commission

**11**  
8:30 AM  
Online registration for Hob Nobbin' with the Goblins opens  
7:30 PM  
Historical Commission  
**Patriot Day**

**12**  
**Movie In the Park at dusk at Ghesquiere Park**

**13**

**14**

**15**  
Last day to file for Summer Tax deferral  
7 PM  
City Council

**16**  
Senior Citizens' Commission rescheduled to 9/17

**17**  
Municipal Court  
11 AM - 1 PM  
**Senior Citizens' Picnic at Lake Front Park**  
1 PM  
Senior Citizens' Commission

**18**

**19**

**20**

**21**

**22**  
Rosh Hashanah begins

**23**  
7 PM  
Planning Commission

**24**  
Municipal Court

**25**

**26**

**27**

**28**

**29**

**30**

*The city celebrated its 35th anniversary with a parade down Mack Ave. and a ceremony followed by festivities in Ghesquiere Park on September 8, 1985.*

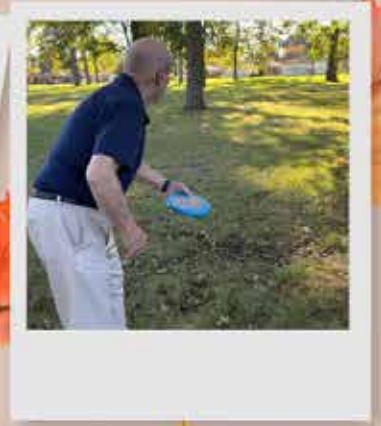
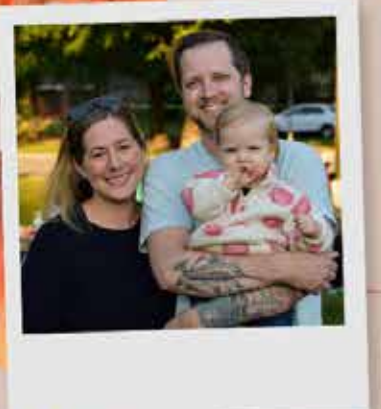
*Grosse Pointe North High School opened in September, 1968. Grades 9, 10, and 11 had an enrollment of 1,951. The Senior Class remained at South High School.*

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# September 2025





October

Public Safety Open House, Fall Fest,  
Ahee Jewelers Disc Golf Course Grand Opening

Photo Credits: Claudette Darga, Heidi Korte, George Young

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Main Number.....343-2440
DPW .....343-2460
Police.....343-2400
Community Center .....343-2408
Lake Front Park .....343-2470

The Woods Theater,
which opened in
1946, was closed
in October and
demolished on
June 15, 1998.

1
Municipal Court
7:30 PM
Tree Commission
Yom Kippur

2

3

4
1 PM
Siren test
5 - 8 PM
Fall Fest at City Hall
5 - 7 PM
Cook Schoolhouse open

5
12 - 3 PM
Fire Prevention Week
Public Safety Open House

6
7 PM
City Council
Curbside leaf pickup begins
on your scheduled day
this week

7

8
7 PM
Beautification Advisory
Commission

9

10

11
Hob Nobbin' with
the Goblins at
Lake Front Park

12

13
Columbus Day

14
7 PM
Citizens' Recreation
Commission

15
Municipal Court

16

17

18
9 AM - 1 PM
Hazardous Waste Drop-off
at Public Works

19

20
7 PM
City Council

21

22
Municipal Court

23

24

25
8:30 AM
Online reservations for
Polar Express opens

26

27

28
2 PM
Election Commission Public
Accountancy Test
7 PM
Planning Commission

29

30

31
5:30 - 8 PM Suggested
Trick-or-Treat time
Halloween

On October 2, 1977,
the west end of the
Veterans' Memorial
Parkway on Vernier
was dedicated. It
was a project of
the Beautification
Commission.

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October 2025

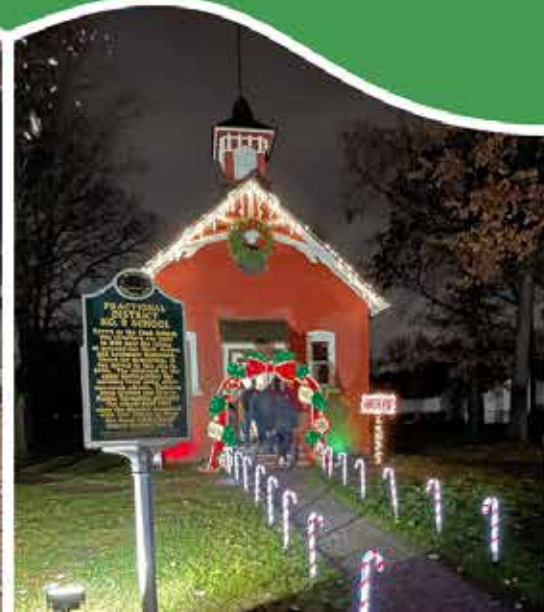




# November

Hob Nobbin' with the Goblins,  
Woods Aglow

Photo Credits: George Young, Sean Murphy



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Main Number.....343-2440  
 DPW .....343-2460  
 Police.....343-2400  
 Community Center .....343-2408  
 Lake Front Park .....343-2470

*On November 17, 1911, the Grosse Pointe Riding and Hunting Club, now known as the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, acquired the August Cook farm for its activities. Though much modified, the original brick Cook home houses the present Clubhouse.*

*Lochmoor Club opened its new clubhouse on Thanksgiving Day, 1969. Previously there had been two clubhouses.*

*The Police and Fire Departments were combined into a Department of Public Safety in November 1943.*

1  
1 PM  
Siren test

2  
  
Daylight Savings Time ends

3

4  
Local General Election

5  
Municipal Court  
7:30 PM  
Tree Commission

6  
6 PM  
Pension Board

7

8

9

10  
7 PM  
Rescheduled City Council

11  
**City offices closed**  
Rubbish pickup on schedule  
Citizens' Recreation Commission rescheduled to 11/18  
**Veterans' Day**

12  
Municipal Court  
6:30 PM Beautification Advisory Commission Awards Ceremony

13  
7:30 PM  
Historical Commission

14

15

16

17  
7 PM  
City Council

18  
4 PM  
Senior Citizens' Commission  
7 PM  
Rescheduled Citizens' Recreation Commission  
7 PM  
Planning Commission

19  
Municipal Court

20

21

22

23  
  
30

24  
Curbside leaf pickup ends on your scheduled day this week

25  
7 PM  
Woods Aglow at City Hall

26

27  
**City offices closed**  
**Lake Front Park closed**  
No rubbish pickup  
**Thanksgiving Day**

28  
**City offices closed**  
Thursday's rubbish pickup

29

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# November 2025



# December

Polar Express, Holiday Social,  
75th Anniversary on 12/11

Photo Credits: Heidi Korte, Renee Landuyt





**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

*The Village of Grosse Pointe Woods became the City of Grosse Pointe Woods on December 11, 1950. Mr. Leon Ratcliffe became mayor.*

**1**  
Winter Property Tax bills mailed (approx.)  
7 PM  
City Council

**2**

**3**  
Municipal Court  
7:30 PM  
Tree Commission

**4**  
Polar Express

**5**  
1 - 4 PM  
Senior Citizens' Holiday Social  
Polar Express

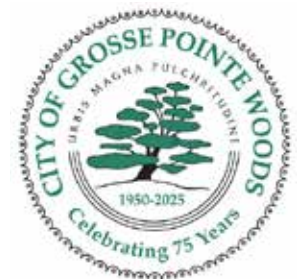
**6**  
1 PM  
Siren test  
Polar Express

**7**  
Polar Express  
  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**8**  
Curbside pickup of bagged yard waste ends on your scheduled day this week

**9**  
9 AM  
Board of Review  
7 PM  
Citizens' Recreation Commission  
7 PM  
Planning Commission

**10**  
Municipal Court



**12**  
Polar Express

**13**  
Polar Express

**14**  
Polar Express  
  
Hanukkah begins

**15**  
7 PM  
City Council

**16**

**17**  
Municipal Court

**18**  
Polar Express

**19**  
Polar Express

**20**  
Polar Express

**21**

**22**

**23**

**24**  
City offices closed  
4 PM  
Lake Front Park closes  
Rubbish pickup on schedule

**25**  
City offices closed  
Lake Front Park closed  
No rubbish pickup  
  
Christmas Day

**26**  
Thursday's rubbish pickup  
  
Kwanzaa begins

**27**

**28**

**29**

**30**

**31**  
City offices closed  
4 PM  
Lake Front Park closes  
Rubbish pickup on schedule

*In December, 1948, new bridges were built over the Milk River at Hampton, Roslyn, and Hawthorne to improve drainage.*

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DPW ..... 343-2460  
Police ..... 343-2400  
Community Center ..... 343-2408  
Lake Front Park ..... 343-2470

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**December 2025**





# January

## Winterfest

Photo Credit: Gabriella Metry



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Main Number.....343-2440  
 DPW .....343-2460  
 Police.....343-2400  
 Community Center .....343-2408  
 Lake Front Park .....343-2470

*In 1900, while some areas of Grosse Pointe were becoming residential, the future Grosse Pointe Woods remained primarily farmland cultivated by longtime French, Dutch, and Belgian families: Vernier, Beaufait, Allard, VanAntwerp, Vanderbush, and Brys.*

**1**  
 City offices closed  
 Lake Front Park closed  
 No rubbish pickup  
 New Year's Day

**2**  
 Thursday's rubbish pickup

**3**  
 1 PM  
 Siren test

**4**

**5**

**6**

**7**  
 Municipal Court

**8**

**9**

**10**

**11**

**12**

**13**  
 7 PM  
 Citizens' Recreation Commission

**14**  
 7 PM  
 Beautification Advisory Commission

**15**

**16**

**17**

**18**

**19**  
 City offices closed  
 Rubbish pickup on schedule all week  
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**20**  
 4 PM  
 Senior Citizens' Commission

**21**  
 Municipal Court

**22**

**23**

**24**

**25**

**26**

**27**  
 7 PM  
 Planning Commission

**28**  
 Municipal Court

**29**

**30**

**31**  
 Winter Fest  
 Ghesquiere Park

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January 2026



# City of Grosse Pointe Woods 2025

## City Administrator

### Frank Schulte

Ph: (313) 343-2450 | Fax: (313) 343-2658 | E-mail: fschulte@gpwmi.us

Appointed by and reporting to the mayor and city council, the city administrator is the chief administrative officer of the government. Primarily, the city administrator is responsible for: the efficient administration of all city departments; the enforcement of all city laws and ordinances; the enforcement of contracts and agreements; the recommendation of an annual city budget and its management. The city administrator, in conjunction with the city treasurer/comptroller, maintains a system of accounts which conforms to uniform systems required by law, the city council, and generally accepted principles and procedures of government accounting; and performs other duties as may be prescribed by city charter, city ordinances or city council.

## City Clerk

### Paul Antolin

Ph: (313) 343-2440 | Fax: (313) 343-5667 | E-mail: cityclerk@gpwmi.us

Appointed by and reporting to the city administrator, the city clerk is responsible for:

- voter registration and verification of nominating petitions for local offices or questions;
- administering all elections for the city, state or federal government and school boards as needed, and serving as chair of the election commission;
- training and supervising election inspectors and processing absentee voter requests;
- preparing meeting agendas, posting agendas, recording and preserving the official minutes of the city council and various boards and commissions;
- filing and safeguarding contracts and other legal documents;
- providing notary services, issuing business licenses, and other permits and licenses;
- serving as the city's freedom of information coordinator and managing the repository of all official city records such as ordinances, resolutions, custodian of city seal, and notifications regarding public hearings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act;
- serving as the city's claims administrator.

### Voting information

To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, attained 18 years of age, a resident of the State of Michigan, and registered to vote. You may register to vote at the city clerk's office up to and including Election Day.

### Animal licenses

Any person owning, possessing or harboring a dog, cat or wild animal over the age of four months must obtain a license for that animal from the city clerk. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to obtain the license and tag which must be worn by the animal.

## City Treasurer/Comptroller

### Steven Schmidt

Ph: (313) 343-2604 | Fax: (313) 343-2785 | E-mail: sschmidt@gpwmi.us

Appointed by and reporting to the city administrator, the city treasurer/comptroller is the chief financial officer of the city. The comptroller works along with the city administrator developing, enacting and overseeing the fiscal policies of the city, and is responsible for budget preparation and review, general ledger accounting and payroll, property/liability/worker's compensation insurance coverage, property tax collections/utility billings/records, accounts payable/receivables, debt financing, pension administration, collection/deposit/investment of all city funds, and fixed asset inventory.

The city treasurer/comptroller assists the city administrator and the finance committee in the preparation of the annual budget. The adopted budget document details the revenue and expenditure estimates of the city for the forthcoming fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Residents are invited to attend the annual budget hearings held in April and May of each year. The budget document is available to the public, upon request, following its adoption by city charter on the third Monday in May.

### Summer Tax Deferment

You can delay paying your summer taxes until February 14 if your total household income is \$40,000 or less as shown on your Michigan Homestead property tax return, **and** you can be classified as one of the following:

- eligible service person, eligible veteran,
- eligible widow or widower as defined in Chapter 9 of the Income Tax Act of 1967 (MCL 206.501 to 206.532)
- blind
- senior citizen (age 62 or older) or un-remarried spouse
- paraplegic, quadriplegic or totally and permanently disabled

Taxpayers may claim a deferment by filing an "application for deferment of summer taxes" form available at City Hall or at [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us). Forms are due by September 15. All taxes paid after February 28 must be paid at the Wayne County treasurer's office.

<b>The tax bills you receive</b>	City of Grosse Pointe Woods	(313) 343-2435
<b>include taxes for:</b>	Grosse Pointe School District	(313) 432-3000
	Grosse Pointe Public Library	(313) 343-2074
	Huron Clinton Metro Authority	(800) 477-2757
	Grosse Gratiot Drain	(313) 343-2604
	Wayne County	(313) 224-5950
	Wayne County Jail	(313) 224-5950
	Wayne County Community College	(313) 496-2513
	Wayne County Regional Ed. Service	(313) 467-1455
	Wayne County Trans. Authority	(313) 223-2100
	Detroit Institute of Arts	(313) 224-5950
	Detroit Zoological Society	(313) 224-5950
	The Helm	(313) 882-9600

## Attorneys

### Debra A. Walling, City Attorney

Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C.

Ph: (248) 489-4100 | Fax: (248) 489-1726 | E-mail: [dwalling@rsjalaw.com](mailto:dwalling@rsjalaw.com)

### Timothy Tomlinson, Prosecutor

York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C.

Ph: (586) 263-5050 | Fax: (586) 263-4763 | E-mail: [ttomlinson@yorkdolanlaw.com](mailto:ttomlinson@yorkdolanlaw.com)

The city attorney, appointed by and reporting to the mayor and city council, provides legal services to the city, including review of complaints made to the department of public safety, and of all proposed new ordinances or amendments to ordinances. The city attorney consults, when requested, with the various city department heads concerning legal matters.

## Assessing Department

### WCA Assessing

Ph: (313) 343-2452 | Fax: (313) 343-2785 | E-mail: [WCA@gpwmi.us](mailto:WCA@gpwmi.us)

WCA Assessing is contracted by the city to perform assessing services. A company representative is at City Hall on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The assessing department is responsible for listing all real and personal property in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. Generally, real property is land and all things attached to it. Personal property is property such as machinery and equipment belonging to a business. Annually, the assessor is required by state law to individually place an assessment equal to 50 percent of its true cash value on all property in the jurisdiction.

Records in the assessor's office, including field sheets, appraisal reports, legal descriptions, 12-month sales data, lot and building sizes, are available to the public. Assessment rolls are completed in February. A formal review is held in March by members of the board of review, a body composed of Grosse Pointe Woods citizens appointed by the city council to review such issues. Any property owner who feels there may be an error in assessment may attend one of the sessions. Property owners must make an appointment to appear before the board by calling (313) 343-2435. Check the online calendar for scheduled hearing dates. Also, the hearing dates are published in the *Grosse Pointe News* as required by law.

## City Engineer

### Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.

Ph: (586) 726-1234 | 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, MI 48315

Appointed by the mayor and city council, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick Inc. provides consulting engineering services that include preparation of construction plans, specifications and bid documents, with all necessary on-site surveying, inspection of new sewer, water main and pavement construction, review and appraisal of television inspection of sewers in ongoing city maintenance programs, updating all utility records as they are affected by new construction, and assisting the city council in the advertisement for construction bids and selection of qualified contractors to perform the work.

## Department of Public Safety

### John G. Kosanke, Director

Ph: (313) 343-2420 – Complaints or information | E-mail: [pubsafty@gpwmi.us](mailto:pubsafty@gpwmi.us)

**Emergencies (24 hours) dial 911 • TDD for the Hearing Impaired: (313) 343-9249**

Public safety officers perform police and firefighter duties and are cross-trained as medical first responders. The department of public safety is responsible for:

Text to 911 • FOIA • Kind Call • 911 Emergency Service • Advanced Life Support (ALS)  
Firearm Permits • Youth Services Division • Traffic Safety • Crime Prevention  
Animal Control • Fire Inspections • Criminal Investigations • Fire Fighting  
Business Parking Permits • Block Party Permits • Code Enforcement • School Resource Officer

#### Public Safety items to note

- Vehicles are not allowed to park on the street between 3 and 5 a.m. unless a permit is obtained.
- Bicycle licenses are required and can be purchased at the department of public safety for \$1.
- Per the city ordinance, cats and dogs are limited to a combination of four per household, and no more than three dogs or four cats. All cats and dogs over four months of age are required to be licensed and vaccinated annually. Licenses can be purchased at the City Clerk's office with proof of vaccination. Dogs must be on a leash when leaving your property and are not allowed in the city parks except with a dog park pass or dog boater pass for Lake Front Park.

## Municipal Court

### Rachelle Matouk, Court Administrator

Ph: (313) 343-2455 | Fax: (313) 886-6284 | E-mail: [court@gpwmi.us](mailto:court@gpwmi.us)

The municipal court is responsible for the administration of justice under the laws of the State of Michigan and the local ordinances of the city. Jurisdiction includes civil matters up to \$3,000, and criminal misdemeanors occurring within the city.

The court handles the arraignment, setting bail and conducting preliminary examinations in felony cases, as well as traffic offenses, city charter and ordinance violations, and landlord-tenant disputes. The Michigan Supreme Court has directed municipal courts not to accept small claims cases. Litigants may still proceed with their civil claims (up to \$3,000) under the court's general civil division.

**Notice** – All meetings and events listed in this calendar are subject to alteration or cancellation. For weekly updates and timely announcements, subscribe to the city eblasts using this QR code. Eblasts are sent weekly or more often as needed.

News and notices also are available on the city website – [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us). For recreation registration, visit <https://recweb.gpwmi.us>.





## Building Department

### Sam Woodrick, Building Administrator

Ph: (313) 343-2426 | Fax: (313) 343-2439 | E-mail: [building@gpwmi.us](mailto:building@gpwmi.us)

The primary responsibility of the building department is the enforcement of construction codes relating to building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical work including new construction, additions, alterations, renovations, demolitions, swimming pools, sheds, fencing and other related activities. McKenna, a full-service community planning, design, and building services firm headquartered in Northville, MI, holds the contract from Grosse Pointe Woods to manage the city's Building Department.

Permits must be secured for the following types of work:

- installation of fences, swimming pools, sidewalks, driveways, porches, sewers, decks; sheds
- major electrical, plumbing, heating, cooling and mechanical installations
- additions and alterations to homes and accessory buildings
- aluminum or vinyl siding installation; roofing
- rebuilding of masonry chimneys or fireplaces
- temporary signs, business signs and awnings

*Note: This list is not all inclusive. Please call the building department if you have questions.*

*Alterations to commercial structures require a review before the planning commission.*

*Guidelines for this procedure may be obtained from the building department office.*

Whenever there is a change of ownership of a home or business, or new residential construction, a Certificate of Occupancy inspection is required. Rental properties require a certificate of approval and must be registered with the building department. Upon the change of tenants, the property owner or agent has 30 days to register new tenants with the building department.

### Code Enforcement

Report a complaint by sending an email to [building@gpwmi.us](mailto:building@gpwmi.us) or calling the building department at (313) 343-2426.

### Common Code Violations

- If the owner of any parcel of property within the city fails or neglects to cut the weeds, brush or grass growing upon the property and the weeds, brush and grass attains the height of six inches or more, the city after 48 hours of notice, shall have the authority to and may enter upon the property, or hire a private contractor to enter upon the property to abate the nuisance. Costs incurred by the city plus a 30-percent administrative fee shall be billed to the owner.
- Yard maintenance standards include the plant material in any right-of-way abutting the property. On a corner lot, no fences, walls, hedges or planting shall be erected or maintained to a height exceeding thirty (30) inches above the crown of the roadway within fifteen (15) feet of the intersection of the front and side street property lines. Vegetation and trees must be trimmed so as not to impair vision or obstruct the travel of motorists or pedestrians.
- Inoperative motor vehicles cannot be stored except in a fully enclosed structure that was constructed with a permit.

- Junk, trash and debris cannot be left in the yard and must be disposed of properly.
- Parking is permitted for passenger cars and motorcycles in residential lots only on a legal driveway or in a garage.
- Commercial equipment and commercial vehicles may not be parked or stored in a residential area unless they are within a fully enclosed structure.
- All exterior building structures and walls shall be maintained in a secure and attractive manner. All defective structural and decorative elements of such building facade(s) shall be repaired or replaced in a competent manner, to match as closely as possible the original materials and construction of the building.
- The maintenance of a structure is the responsibility of the property owner. Any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows and screens, and other exterior parts of a structure must be maintained in weather tight, rodent proof, sound condition and good repair. The property owner is responsible for maintaining secure windows, doors or other openings that cannot be readily opened from the outside.
- Outdoor storage is prohibited. Any equipment, materials or furnishings that would ordinarily not be used outdoors may not be stored outdoors.

## Staff Schedules

### Building Official

Jeremy Collins (313) 343-2426

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

*Call for appointment*

### Code Enforcement

Debbie Reed (313) 343-2426

or (313) 348-0743

Monday – Friday

7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Electrical Inspector

Bob Hey (313) 343-2426

Tuesday & Thursday

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

*Call for appointment/message*

### Mechanical & Plumbing Inspector

Tim Israel

(313) 343-2426

Tuesday & Thursday

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

*Call for appointment/message*

- In residential areas, storage of boats, mobile homes, campers, recreational vehicles, and boat/travel/house/non-commercial utility trailers are permitted only if such vehicles or equipment are unoccupied and parked in a fully enclosed garage, or if permitted with a 72-hour pass by the Department of Public Safety per Ordinance Section 50-208(8).

# Department of Public Services

James Kowalski, Director

## Public Works Division

1200 Parkway Drive | Ph: (313) 343-2460 | E-mail: [pubwks@gpwm.i.us](mailto:pubwks@gpwm.i.us)

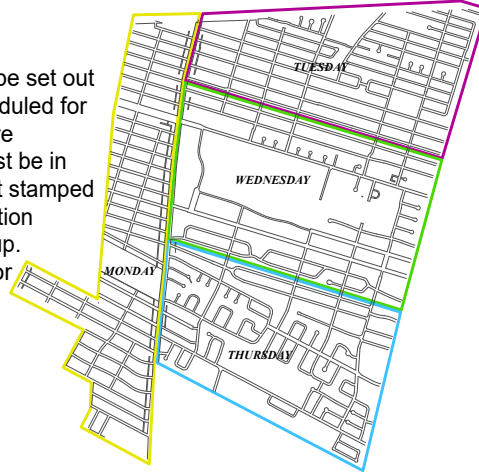
Public works is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is responsible for maintaining all city buildings and grounds. Public works operates on an eight-year rotating schedule and is responsible for maintenance and capital improvements including water system repairs, tree trimming, replacement of street signs, concrete sidewalk and approach, and miscellaneous street repair, asphalt street resurfacing, maintenance of the sewer system and fire hydrants. City employees inspect driveway approaches and sidewalks, and handle care of grass, flowers and sprinkling systems on city property.

### Rubbish & yard waste removal

All rubbish, recycling, yard waste and brush is to be set out for collection no later than 7 a.m. on the day scheduled for collection and no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before scheduled collection. Rubbish and food waste must be in plastic bags and placed in the 64-gallon brown cart stamped "Waste Only" provided by Priority Waste. Construction materials, concrete or car parts will not be picked up. Contractors, owners or tenants are responsible for disposal of these items outside of the city.

### Yard waste

- Acceptable items are grass clippings, leaves, twigs, fruit, garden and hedge clippings, and house and garden plants with soil removed.
- Suitable containers are paper yard waste bags or 32-35 gallon containers labeled "yard waste" or "compost."
- Bags and containers may not exceed 50 lbs.
- Compost stickers for containers are available for no charge at the DPW and City Hall during normal business hours.
- **Chipping Service**
- Brush and branches must be no more than 4" in diameter, at least 4' in length and no more than 12'.
- Stack brush neatly at the curb with cut ends facing the street. DO NOT bundle.
- Long pieces should be placed on a diagonal so as not to cover sidewalks.
- **DPW will not chip tree removals.**



### Bundled brush, branches and wood

- Brush, branches and wood must be no more than 4" in diameter and cut to measure NO MORE than 4' in length.
- Bundled brush and tree trimmings must be tied with twine.
- Bundles tied with twine must not exceed 50 lbs. or 18" in diameter.
- Wood must meet the same size requirements as bundled brush and must have any nails bent over or removed to prevent injury.

### Sod, soil, dirt, tree stumps, plant containers, or garbage of any kind will not be picked up.

There is limited curbside pickup of yard waste from December 16, 2024, through March 13, 2025, due to the minimal amount during these months. However, residents may bring bags to the public works yard for disposal. Residents must stop in the office to show proof of residence.

### Heavy household items

Appliances, furniture, and other oversized items are collected on your regular pick-up day. Call public works 48 hours in advance to advise of pickup. If you have extra rubbish due to a move, please arrange for a dumpster rental or call DPW for more information.

### Leaf disposal

From October 6 - November 27, 2025, leaves may *only* be raked into the gutter for vacuuming on your collection day. Leaves are collected as shown on the map at right. In order to keep up with the volume of falling leaves, there is a possibility of additional leaf pickups on unscheduled streets. This does not affect the regular pickup schedule. Leaves cannot be vacuumed from beneath parked cars, so avoid parking on the street at collection time. Do not mix other garden waste with leaves because it can damage the equipment. Mixed piles will not be picked up.

Curbside pickup of bagged leaves and other yard waste is available until December 11. From December 15, 2025, through March 12, 2026, residents may bring bags to public works yard for disposal. Residents must stop in the office to show proof of residency.

### Recycling

Each residence is provided with a 64-gallon green cart stamped "Recycling Only." Items that can be recycled include: newspapers, magazines, catalogues, office paper and telephone books, clean and flattened cardboard and cereal boxes, junk mail; all metal or aluminum cans and containers including trays, foil and pie tins, rinsed and flattened if possible; empty aerosol cans, plastic caps discarded; glass bottles and jars, rinsed and unbroken, with metal lids removed and recycled. When recycle cart is full, place at the curb next to your trash.

The following items are *not* recyclable and should be disposed of as follows: plastic bags, broken glass, incandescent light bulbs, mirrors, Pyrex, ceramic dishes, styrofoam, and empty motor oil containers should be put in regular rubbish bags. Fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and can be dropped off at the DPW on Hazardous Waste Drop-off days in April and October. Used motor oil, antifreeze, and car or boat batteries can be dropped off at the DPW during normal business hours. Household batteries are considered hazardous waste and can be dropped off during normal business hours at the Community Center, the DPW, or the public safety department.

### Forestry

The forestry division is responsible for the maintenance of trees, shrubs, flowers and grass throughout the city and parks. Trees are trimmed every eight years according to the district maintenance schedule. Residents who want to plant these same trees on private property can obtain a complete list of acceptable trees by calling (313) 343-2460. DTE is responsible for pruning trees encroaching on their easement. If you have questions, call them at 1-800-477-4747. Public works can supply a list of trees suitable for planting under electrical wires. DTE is responsible for maintaining all streetlights. Report street light outages to public works or directly to DTE at 1-800-477-4747.

### Snow removal

When a snowfall begins, crews start salting and snow removal immediately on major streets and school areas, followed by residential streets. Sidewalks are plowed only when there are at least 4" of frost in the ground and 2" or more of snow. Residents are responsible for clearing snowfall of less than two inches. Sod or sprinkler systems damaged by city plows should be reported to public works. Repairs are made in the spring. **The city does not reimburse residents for repairs made by private contractors.** Salt is available to residents at public works on weekdays, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Bring your own shovel and container.



To report emergencies or service problems with Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. and DTE Energy, call 1-800-477-4747.



# City of Grosse Pointe Woods 2025

## Parks & Recreation

### Owen Gafa, Director

Ph: (313) 343-2470 | E-mail: parks@gpwmi.us

#### Admission to parks

Entry to the parks is by resident park pass only (**passes valid January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025**). Completed applications are accepted at the Community Center and usually can be processed on the spot. Children under 8 years of age do not need a park pass. Changes in residency will result in park pass cancellation.

#### Park pass procedures

The Community Center processes park passes every three years, at which time residents will be required to have a new photo taken. Park passes for 2023-2025 are available for each resident, eight years and older, and must be obtained at the Community Center in order to gain entry to any of the city parks. New residents must show proof of residency, including those who have moved to another Grosse Pointe Woods address, anyone newly added to the list, and any non-head-of-household 21 years or older.

#### Guests privileges

Park passes no longer include guest punches. All pass-holding residents under 18 years of age may bring in one guest per day into Lake Front Park; residents 18 and over are allowed two guests per day. Lost park passes can be replaced through adult application for a \$20 fee. Stolen passes may be replaced free of charge if a police report is provided. Damaged passes may be turned in at the Community Center for a new pass free of charge.

#### Rentals and special passes

Pavilion and gazebo rentals allow for 25 non-resident guests. Reservations can not be made for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or city-observed events. For a complete list of guidelines, refer to the application available at the Community Center.

Special visitor passes for Lake Front Park are issued for out-of-town guests coming 100 miles or more and staying for an extended period (\$10 each; valid for six weeks).

A caregiver permit (\$10) may be issued to a household and used by any non-resident caregiver only when accompanied by the child requiring caregiver services.

#### Neighborhood parks

##### SWEENEY PARK

Public access is through Ford Court, Baltree Court, Clairview Court, and Fair Court | Size: 2 3/4 acres. Play area is designed primarily for children under 12 years of age. An ice skating rink is maintained in winter.

##### CHENE-TROMBLEY PARK

Corner of Ridgemont and Mack Avenue | Size: under 1 acre. Significant upgrades in 2023 include a walking path, bathrooms, and the all-new Phyllis A. DeMars Tot Lot & Swing Area.

##### JULES DE PORRE PARK

Corner of Anita & Goethe, near Mason School | Size: pocket park

#### DOG PARKS

In 2023, all-new dog park near City Hall; entrance at Torrey Rd. and Mack. Also at Lake Front Park. For information, contact the Community Center at (313) 343-2408.

#### GHESEQUIERE PARK

20025 Mack Plaza, behind City Hall | Size: 32 acres

This recreational area features: the Ahee Jewelers Disc Golf Course, playscape, tennis practice wall, mini-soccer fields, ice skating/roller hockey rink, baseball diamonds, batting cage, two all-new family bathrooms, future walking path, and pickleball courts.

#### Lake Front Park | Ph: (313) 343-2470

23000 East Jefferson, at Marter Road | Size: 55 acres

For the most up-to-date information on pool, park and activities building hours and events, refer to the city website – [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us).

#### Aquatic Facility

Lake Front Park boasts one of the largest outdoor municipal swimming facilities in the Midwest. The pools are open from Memorial Weekend until Labor Day. Features include an all-new Splash Pad, waterslide with two flumes, diving boards, Olympic-size swimming pool, one wading pool, and separate lap swimming section with seven lanes. Also available are seven large "funbrellas" to shade patrons from the sun, numerous benches, lawn chairs and deck chairs. Call the Community Center or check the city website – [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us) – regarding swim lessons, lifeguard classes, water aerobics, tennis lessons, pickleball lessons, and more.

#### Picnic accommodations

Lake Front Park has picnic tables, small and large barbecue grills, three small and one large pavilion, four gazebos, four swingsets, and one playscape.

#### Facility reservations

Call the Community Center for information on pavilion or gazebo rentals – (313) 343-2408.

#### Marina

With direct access to Lake St. Clair, the marina has dockage space for 227 power and sailboats up to 28' in length. Also available are 11 dry dock spaces for boats on trailers, a rack for 96 kayaks or canoes with a state-of-the-art kayak launch, and 30 floating docks for personal watercraft. Daily boat launch passes are available at the front gate for a nominal fee; seasonal launch passes are purchased at the Community Center.

#### Sport facilities

A sand volleyball court, basketball court, platform tennis courts, outdoor tennis and pickleball courts, seasonal bocce ball and shuffleboard courts, a walking path with fitness stations, and mini-golf are available within the park.

#### Activities building at Lake Front Park | Ph: (313) 343-2295

Open year-round, the activities building offers a half-court basketball court, racquetball court, pool table, shuffleboard, ping-pong and air hockey tables, and a modern workout facility.

#### Special needs

Disabled visitors are welcome to use the special park facilities, including the pool ramp, picnic tables and showers adapted for their use and the ADA-compliant kayak ramp.

## Community Center Division

Ph: (313) 343-2408 | E-mail: [comctr@gpwmi.us](mailto:comctr@gpwmi.us)

The Community Center is located at 20025 Mack Plaza, adjoining City Hall. Three attractive rooms are available for rent by residents. They offer space for an intimate gathering of up to 24, or a grander party for as many as 120 guests.

The historic Cook Schoolhouse is available for small events or meetings. A copy of the rental, catering, alcohol guidelines and rates is available at [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us) or upon request from the Community Center.

A variety of leisure-time activities are offered by the parks and recreation division. Visit the Community Center for details on current offerings or subscribe to the city's eblasts for the latest information.

## Senior Citizen Programs & Services

### Community Center senior programs • Ph: (313) 343-2408

A variety of fun activities are offered at the Community Center. Drop in for Thursday afternoon games and Tuesday afternoon knitting. Monthly events include "Lunch & a Movie" days and bus trips to area attractions. The city also hosts a festive Senior Holiday Social in December. Detailed fliers for all activities are available at the Community Center.

**The Helm** at the Boll Life Center • Ph: (313) 882-9600 • 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms  
Meals on Wheels; exercise and education; case coordination; information and assistance; social activities; Medicare assistance; AARP tax preparation; and other programs, services, and activities are offered for seniors aged 60 and above.

**Reserve a ride with PAATS** • Ph: (313) 394-9712 between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.  
Call PAATS – Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service – for low-cost transportation for residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods who are 60 years of age and up and disabled persons of any age.

The fare each way within the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods is \$2; \$3 each way within the area bounded by 8 Mile Road to 11 Mile Road and Kelly Road to Gratiot; or \$4 each way to the St. John Surgery Center, Henry Ford Main Campus, Detroit Medical Center, VA Hospital, City County Building, or The New Center. All appointments must be made at least two days in advance.

**Shop the Gratiot loop** • PAATS offers service to popular destinations on Gratiot Ave. every Friday – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – for \$3 each way. Stops include Target, Walmart, Meijer, Kroger at 13 Mile & Little Mack, and Macomb Mall. Reservations for destinations along the Gratiot loop must be made two days in advance. Call (313) 394-9712 for details and reservations.

PAATS ride services and fees are subject to change. Call for the current schedule and fees.

## Information Services

### Internet: [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us)

The city's website allows residents immediate access to information about the city, including news and announcements, meetings, agendas, schedules and minutes, city services, election results, assessment and tax information, building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permit applications, and city ordinances. Also available are links to other government web sites including MuniCode providing the entire Grosse Pointe Woods city code.

### Limited mobility access at City Hall

The city provides necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired or audio tapes of printed materials being considered at meetings, to individuals with disabilities. All such requests must be made at least five days prior to the specific meeting. Call the city clerk's office, (313) 343-2440.

## It's good to know what's going on

### Eblast notices

Register for regular email event reminders and announcements using the QR code here. Eblasts are sent weekly or more often as needed.



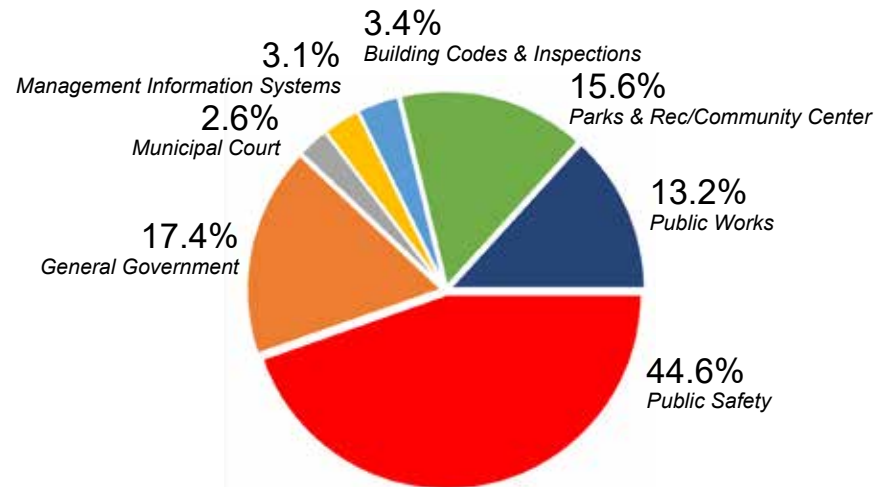
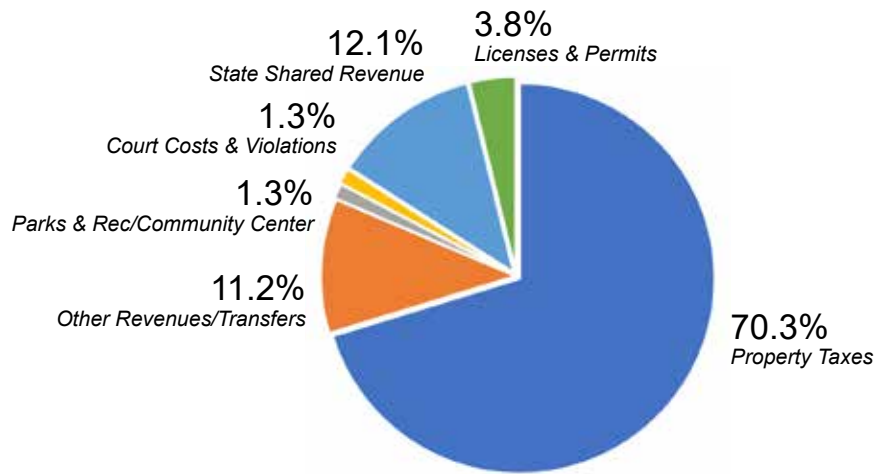
### Nixle alerts

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. Nixle contains no SPAM or advertising.



# City of Grosse Pointe Woods 2025

## General Fund Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025



### Revenues

Property Taxes	\$12,365,208	70.3%
Other Revenues/Transfers	\$1,968,994	11.2%
Parks & Rec/Community Center	\$224,015	1.3%
Court Costs & Violations	\$232,000	1.3%
State Shared Revenues	\$2,136,594	12.1%
Licenses & Permits	\$674,584	3.8%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$17,601,395</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Expenditures

Public Safety	\$7,855,623	44.6%
General Government	\$3,063,911	17.4%
Municipal Court	\$455,071	2.6%
Management Info Systems	\$544,515	3.1%
Building Codes & Inspections	\$606,476	3.4%
Parks & Recreation	\$2,745,344	15.6%
Public Works	\$2,330,455	13.2%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,601,395</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Paying bills is easier

- Paperless billing is now available for utility bills.
- Direct debit for utility and tax bills also is offered.

Visit [www.gpwwi.us](http://www.gpwwi.us) or call (313) 343-2430 to enroll in these convenient programs.

### Apply for a passport

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods is a Department of State Passport Acceptance Agency. Call (313) 343-9955 to schedule an appointment to obtain a passport. For passport renewals, visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

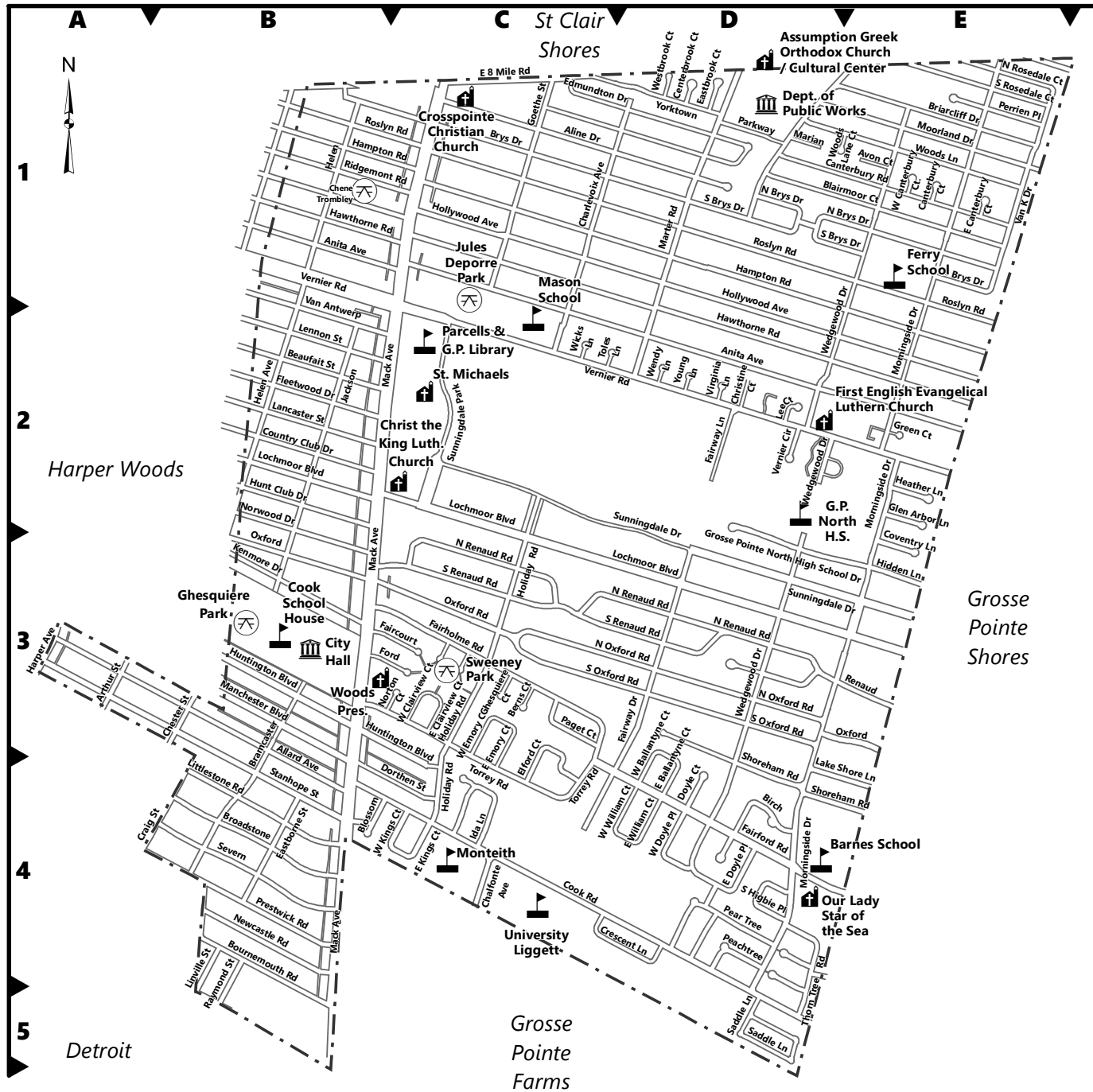
# BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

NAME	APPOINTED BY	TERM	MEMBERS	MEETINGS	INTENT
Beautification Advisory Commission	Mayor	3 years	15	2nd Wednesday/month Except December	Beautify city; encourage private improvements
Board of Review	Council	2 years	6	March, July, December	Review Assessor's records
Building Authority	Council	3 years	3	As needed	Serve as financial mechanism for capital projects recommended by mayor and council
Citizens' Recreation Commission	Council	3 years	9	2nd Tuesday/month Except August	Review recreational needs of city
Community Tree Commission	Mayor	3 years	11	1st Wednesday/month Except January, July & August	Reforestation
Construction Board of Appeals	Mayor	2 years	3	As needed	Allow an appeal process of the city's code
Downspout Board of Appeals	Mayor	3 years	3	As needed	Allow an appeal process of downspout disconnection
Community Events Committee	Mayor	No term	7	Called by mayor	Raise funds for community events
Historical Commission	Mayor	3 years	11	2nd Thursday/month Except Jan/July/Aug/Oct/Dec	Preserve the history of Grosse Pointe Woods
Local Officers Compensation Commission	Mayor	5 years	5	Odd-numbered years	Recommend salaries of local elected officials
Mayor's Mack Avenue Business Study Committee	Mayor	No term	5	As needed	Recommend and review public improvements to commercial district
Pension Board	Mayor/Council	3 years	5	Called by pension board	Administer municipal employees' retirement system
Planning Commission	Mayor/Council	3 years	9	4th Tuesday/month Date changes in Nov/Dec	Recommend and review city's physical development
Senior Citizens' Commission	Mayor	Staggered	9	3rd Tuesday/odd # months Rescheduled in May & September	Serve seniors

If you are interested in serving on one of these public bodies, complete a "Biographical Sketch" form available from the City Clerk's office or online at [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us). The form will be kept on file for one year.



# City of Grosse Pointe Woods 2025



## STREETS

ALINE DR.	C1-D1	EASTBROOK CT.	D1	LEE CT.	D2	RIVER RD.	D1
ALLARD	A3-B4	EDMUNDTON	C1-D1	LENNON	B2	ROBERT JOHN	E1
ANITA	B1-E2	EDSHIRE LN.	D4	LESLIE	B4	ROSEDALE CT. N-S.	E1
ARTHUR	A3	EIGHT MILE RD.	B1-E1	LINVILLE	B4	ROSLYN	B1-E2
AVON CT.	E1	ELFORD CT.	C4	LITTLESTONE	B4	SADDLE LN. N-S.	D5
BALLANTYNE CT. E-W	D4	EMORY CT. E-W.	C3	LOCHMOOR	B2-E3	SEVERN	A4-B4
BALTREE CT.	C3	FAIR CT.	B3	LOCHMOOR PL.	D2	SHOREHAM	D3-D4
BEAUFIT	B2	FAIRFORD	C4-D4	MACK AVE.	B5-C1	STANHOPE	A3-B4
BERNS CT.	C3	FAIRHOLME	B3-C3	MACK PLAZA DR.	B3	SUNNINGDALE	C2-E3
BIRCH LN.	D4	FAIRWAY	C4-D2	MANCHESTER	B3	SUNNINGDALE PK.	C2
BLAIRMoor CT.	C1-D1	FLEETWOOD	B2	MAPLE LN.	D2	THORN TREE	D5
BLOSSOM LN.	B4	FORD CT.	B3	MARFORD CT.	C3	TOLES LN.	C2
BLOSSOM PL.	B4	GHEsqUIERE CT.	C3	MARIAN CT.	D1	TORREY RD.	B3-C4
BOURNEMOUTH	B4-B5	GLEN ARBOR LN.	E3	MARTER RD.	D1-D2	VAN ANTWERP	B2
BRAMCASTER	B3-B4	GOETHE	C1	MONTAGUE LN.	D2	VAN K DR.	E1-E2
BRIARCLIFF	E1	GREEN CT.	E2	MOORLAND	D1-E1	VERNIER RD.	B1-E2
BROADSTONE	B4	HAMPTON	B1-E2	MORNINGSIDE	D5-E1	VERNIER CIR.	D2
BRYs DR.	B1-D1	HARPER AVE.	A3	MORNINGSIDE LN.	D2	VIRGINIA LN.	D2
BRYs DR. N-S.	D1-E2	HAWTHORNE	B1-E2	NEWCASTLE	B4	WEDGEWOOD	D2-E1
CANTERBURY	D1-E1	HEATHER LN.	E2	NORTON CT.	B3	WENDY LN.	D2
CENTERBROOK CT.	D1	HELEN	B1-B2	NORWOOD	B2-B3	WESTBROOK CT.	D1
CHALFONTE AVE.	C4	HIDDEN LN.	D3-E3	O'MARA CT.	D4	WICKS LN.	C2
CHARLEVOIX	C2-D1	HIGBIE N-S.	D4	OXFORD	B3-E4	WILLIAM CT. E-W.	C4-D4
CHESTER	A3	HOLIDAY	C2-C4	OXFORD N-S.	C3-D3	WOODS LN.	D1-E1
CHRISTINE CT.	D2	HOLLYWOOD	B1-E2	PAGET CT.	C3	WOODS LN. CT.	D1
CLAIRVIEW CT. E-W.	B3	HUNT CLUB DR.	B2	PARKWAY	D1	W. DOYLE CT.	D4
COOK RD.	B4-D5	HUNTINGTON	B3	PEACH TREE LN.	D4	YORKTOWN	C1-D1
COUNTRY CLUB	B2	IDA LN. E-W.	C4	PEAR TREE LN.	D4	YOUNG LN.	D2
COVENTRY LN.	E3	JACKSON	B2-B3	PERRIEN PL.	E1		
CRESCENT LN.	C4	KENMORE	B3	PRESTWICK	B4		
DEEPLANDS	D4	KINGS CT. E-W.	B4	RAYMOND	B4-B5		
DORTHEN	B4	KINGSVILLE AVE.	B5	RENAUD	B3-E3		
DOYLE PL. E-W	D4	LAKE SHORE	D4	RENAUD N-S.	C3-D3		
EASTBOURNE	B4	LANCASTER	B2	RIDGEMONT	B1		

## CHURCHES

CHRIST THE KING LUTH.	B2
FIRST ENG. EVAN. LUTH.	D2
CROSSPOINTE CHRISTIAN	C1
ST. MICHAELS	C2
STAR OF THE SEA	D4
WOODS PRESBYTERIAN	B3

## CITY BUILDINGS

CITY HALL	B3
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	D1

## PARKS

CHENE TROMBLEY	B1
GHEsqUIERE	B3
SWEENEY	C3
JULES DEPORRE	C1

## SCHOOLS

FERRY SCHOOL	E1
MASON SCHOOL	C2
PARCELLS & G.P. LIBRARY	C2
G.P. NORTH HIGH	D2
BARNES	D4
UNIVERSITY LIGGETT	C4
MONTEITH	C4
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA	D4



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