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Upcoming Meetings

Neighborhood Club

2nd Floor - 17150 Waterloo
at 7:00 pm

Mar 18 City Council

Apr 15 City Council

May 20 City Council

City Facility Improvements



New Public Safety Headquarters on Mack and St. Clair

New Building Projects Ready To Go

Demolition on the former Alger's Liquor Store on Mack Avenue and the house behind it on St. Clair, began this month. While the demo process will only take a couple of weeks, construction on the new Public Safety building for fire and police operations, which is to be relocated from Maumee, will not begin until the weather clears in the Spring.

Demolition on the existing Public Works building on Maumee will begin in March, readying the site for the new, fully enclosed facility that will replace it. With some cooperation from Mother Nature, construction is anticipated to begin in March on both of these new facilities. City voters authorized the bond financing of these projects in August 2017.

Implementation Planning in 2018

Preparation for constructing these buildings this year took place over the entire course of 2018, after original approvals for the Public Works building from the City of Detroit were revoked in January. After multiple revisions to both the Public Safety and Public Works plans and designs, the City Council gave final approval for each in the Fall of 2018. The City Council issued a design/build contract to the team of Partners in Architecture, an architectural firm specializing in public buildings, and DeMaria, a 50-year-old construction company from the Detroit area. In November, the City competitively sold bonds to help finance the project. The bonds were independently rated AAA, the highest possible, ensuring that the City received the lowest possible interest rates.

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Timeline

The entire project is expected to take 16 - 18 months to construct. The last element of the construction is the Municipal Court improvements. The new court offices and court room will require renovation of the fire truck bays in the existing Public Safety building on Maumee Avenue. This work cannot take place until the Public Safety Department moves into the new police and fire building. This move to Mack Avenue is anticipated in roughly February of 2020. The first project to finish is expected to be the new Public Works facility, hopefully by January of 2020.

To keep track of the progress on the facilities' projects, check the section of the City's website on the Facilities' Improvements Bond Project. This section will include online postings of the notices that are distributed to the neighbors surrounding the projects.

Temporary Relocations

While this work is underway, the City's municipal court sessions will take place at the Unitarian Church, across the street from City Hall, starting on Thursday, March 28. Court offices will remain open every day inside City Hall for payments.

City Council meetings will be held at the Board Room on the 2nd floor of the Neighborhood Club building in the Village, starting on Monday, March 18, 2019.

The Public Works operations will use the Pump Station at Neff and Charlevoix as its temporary headquarters with both lunch room and bathroom facilities. Most of the equipment, vehicles and materials will be stored in the back part of the parking lot behind CVS, near the cell tower.

FEMA Flood Map Information Open House

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Flood Map Information Open House for Wayne County. The Open House will provide Grosse Pointe City residents and others impacted by the proposal in Wayne County, with an opportunity to review a recently completed preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS), and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). The FIS and the FIRMs provide base flood zone information, and designate areas that are subject to significant flood hazards within the county. In Grosse Pointe City, FEMA has proposed to include properties along Lake St. Clair in the flood zone. This designation, if finalized, would add flood insurance purchase requirements for those properties, and triggers new construction restrictions in the building codes.

The Open House will be staffed with representatives from FEMA, who will provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Wayne County. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps will be on display.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 5 - 7 p.m.

WHERE: Wayne County Community College, Frank Hayden Room, 1001 W. Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Grosse Pointe residents south of Jefferson are urged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation. Digital files of the preliminary FIRMs and FIS report can be downloaded at www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata. After the public hearing, there will be a 90 day public comment period that can be used to appeal the new designation before the preliminary maps are finalized by FEMA. The City of Grosse Pointe is unaware of any past home flooding along the lakeshore from overtopping of the current seawalls, and is concerned the proposed flood plain expansion is unwarranted. The City is submitting comments on behalf of impacted residents, but comments from City residents, and to federal elected officials are strongly encouraged.

City News

Snow Removal Procedures

Listed below are some of the key points of the City's snow removal and salt application policy adopted in 2010.

Plowing and Salting - Streets are plowed when snow fall is 3 inches or greater. Streets with less than 3 inches of snow are generally not plowed, but are spot salted, especially at intersections. The City does not salt streets to a bare road surface. Private roads are maintained by the property owners of that street.



Sidewalks - The clearing of snow from sidewalks adjacent to private property is the responsibility of the property owner or resident. As a courtesy, when snowfall accumulation is greater than 2 inches, the City will clear sidewalks during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, typically before school starts. Please make every effort to keep your sidewalks clear throughout the winter.

City personnel take every precaution to ensure that snow is removed in a safe manner but sometimes snowplowing results in property damage. Residents are reminded that the City is not responsible for damage to items in the public right-of-way such as sprinkler heads, shrubbery, plantings/planters, or any decorative materials.

The Public Works and Public Safety Departments monitor specific weather and road conditions to ensure the City roads

Rubbish and Recycling Pickup and Winter Holidays

Rubbish and recycling pickup will be delayed one day the week of:

February 18 for President's Day holiday

Items to Remember

- *Parks and Rec Winter Activities - see page 4*
- *City Offices closed on February 18 for the President's Day holiday*

Dog Licenses

Just a few reminders about making sure you are complying with city ordinances and being a responsible pet owner.

- All dogs are required to be licensed on or before March 1 of each year.
- Proof of immunization against rabies must be presented at time of application.
- The fee for a dog license is \$5.00 on or before March 1. After March 1, the fee is \$15.00.
- If your dog is found by the police department and it is necessary to impound the dog, there are several charges that may apply.

If you have questions related to the dog license ordinance, please contact the Public Safety Department at 886-3200.



Parks and Recreation



Neff Park Ice Rink and Warming Room

What would winter be without outdoor ice skating? For those who don't take to the cold, the warming room will be available. The warming room will be closed on holidays.

December 2018 – March 2019

Everyday, 12:00 – 7:00 pm



Saturday Warming Fires

This year we will be hosting weekend warming fires catered with s'mores and hot chocolate during each Saturday that the Neff Park Ice Rink and Warming Room is open.

All Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance

March 30, 2019

6:30 pm

Held at Grosse Pointe South
High School in Main Gym.
For girls ages 12 and under.

Registration begins February 1, 2019 with a
March 22, 2019 deadline. Cost is \$10 per person.
Registration includes a single stem rose, appetiz-
ers, refreshments, photo opts, and dancing!

Please check the City's website or contact the Parks and
Recreation Office to register or for additional information.



Platform Tennis Seasonal Memberships

Seasonal membership applications are available at City Hall, the Park office and the City's website. Platform tennis courts can be reserved up to three days in advance. All reservations must be made by 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Additional information and court reservations are available through the City's website.

Platform Tennis Reservation Play

October 1 to April 30

Everyday, 8:00 am - 10:00 pm



Used Ice Skate Donation

Continues during the winter season. All sizes and types in good condition will be accepted.

Please bring your skates to the Neff Park Office.

Boat Well and Boat Rack Renewal Information

- If you are on any of the waiting list(s), a reminder renewal card has been sent out to you. This card must be returned to the City by **February 1** to maintain your spot on the waiting list(s).
- Remaining 50% balances of boat well deposits are due by **February 1**.
- 2019 Small Boat Rack Renewal Agreements and Fees are due by **March 1, 2019**.
- Late fees imposed.
- If we do not receive payment by the dates above, your space may be offered to the waiting list(s).