City Supports Main Street Designation for The Village

Michigan Main Street is a state-funded program that is part of a national initiative that aims to revitalize and preserve traditional commercial districts. The City of Grosse Pointe, its Downtown Development Authority, The Village community and stakeholders are preparing an application, due in December, seeking admission to the Main Street program. The goal is to be selected for 2020. The program provides support and services designed to stimulate economic development, identify opportunities for grant funding, and develop an organizational framework to engage the entire community in the success of downtown Grosse Pointe. The City Council has committed support of up to $50,000, if matched by private support.

This effort is important because downtowns serve as the heart of a city, and a healthy heart is essential to a strong community. An attractive and vital downtown district leads to better business recruitment, new jobs, a strong tax base, and better public amenities and community facilities. We all have a stake in preserving and improving the vitality of The Village, Downtown Grosse Pointe. For more information about how to support this initiative, contact mainstreetgrossepointe@gmail.com.

DTE Holds Open House as Gas Upgrades Continue

Throughout the City, DTE and its contractors are installing new gas lines and meters as part of a system wide upgrade project. In most cases, DTE will need access to your home to move the gas meter and relight appliances. In order to keep this project moving, please respond to these requests as soon as possible. Also, DTE is responsible for restoration of property such as sidewalks and lawns damaged during the installation.

DTE Energy will be hosting an Open House for Grosse Pointe City residents who have been impacted by its gas main replacement program and by recent electric outages. The event will be held at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, in the upstairs conference room on Wednesday, October 30 from 4:00-7:00 pm. DTE Employees from both DTE Gas and DTE Electric will be available to answer residents’ questions.

Or for more information, check out the DTE information page on the City website at www.grossepointecity.org

Trick or Treating hours in the City are Thursday, October 31 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Halloween in The Village, see page 3

Important Dates

- General Election to be held on November 5. All residents vote at Maire School. Polls open from 7 am to 8 pm - see page 4.
- The Village Aglow Tree Lighting Ceremony held on November 22, along with the Foundation’s Jingle and Mingle. Festivities begin at 5:30 pm (see page 4)
- City Offices closed on November 28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- City Offices closed on December 24 & 25 for the Christmas holiday.
- City Offices closed on December 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020 for the New Year holiday.
Grosse Pointe City Manager named to Michigan Municipal League Board

The members of the Michigan Municipal League recently elected six new members to the statewide League Board of Trustees. During the League’s Annual Meeting, at its 2019 Convention Sept. 25 in Detroit, the League membership elected Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame as a new board member for a three year term.

Pete Dame has more than 25 years of experience as a municipal official. He has been the City Manager of the City of Grosse Pointe since 2006 and is proud to serve on the MML Board and represent the Grosse Pointe area. The MML, founded in 1899, is the primary advocacy organization for Michigan cities. The MML provides services and training to its member cities and officials.
Halloween in The Village

Kids will be able to fill their candy bags even more as The Village hosts its annual Halloween event. This trick-or-treating event will be hosted by the City’s DDA and Parks and Recreation Department.

**Village Trick-or-Treating:** Thursday, October 31
3:30 – 4:45 pm

Platform Tennis Seasonal Memberships and Reservations

For the 2019-2020 season, residents will need to purchase a $125 seasonal membership or a $10 daily pass to play. Seasonal membership applications are available at City Hall, the park office and from the City’s website. The platform tennis courts can be reserved up to three days in advance. All reservations must be made by 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Call the department office about scheduling court time. Please have your park pass and membership number available.

**Platform Tennis Reservation Play**
October 1 to April 30
- - Everyday, 8:00 am – 10:00 pm

**Important Marina Information**

If you currently have a boat in the marina, please remember the following dates:

- **November 1**
  - Boats must be removed from the marina
  - Renewal applications due with a minimum deposit of 50% *(a $5 per week late fee will be enforced)*

- **February 1**
  - Remaining 50% of well deposit due

**Boat Well and Boat Rack Renewal Information**

- If you are on any of the waiting lists, a reminder renewal card will be sent to you after January 1. This card, along with the fee, must be returned to the City by **February 1st** to maintain your spot on the waiting list(s).
- 2020 Small Boat Rack Renewal Agreements and Fees are due by **March 1, 2020**.

When the weather gets cold…. 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.

**Neff Park Ice Rink Warming Room**
December 2019 – March 2020
Everyday, 12:00 – 7:00 pm

**Saturday Warming Fires**

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

MAIRE SCHOOL FUN RUN - Friday, October 11 at 2:00 pm

Maire Elementary, home to approximately 340 students and 160 families, has its yearly Fun Run soon. This is a great opportunity to market your business to a local and supportive community. The money raised will be used on projects, activities, and programs that make it the highest ranked school in the district. This includes the development of an innovative Makerspace - a school-wide hub for hands-on STEM lessons. There is a sponsorship opportunity for every budget. Email danawitczak@yahoo.com for more information.
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General Election – November 5, 2019

AM I ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?
- Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the Local Clerk is Monday, October 21, 2019.
- October 22 - November 4 - Register to vote in person at Local Clerk’s office; must provide proof of residency such as drivers license, State ID card, current utility bill, bank statement, or paycheck.
- On Election Day - November 5, 2019 - Register in person at Local Clerk’s office, NOT at precinct.
- You can verify your voter registration status at the State of Michigan website at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) or at your Local Clerk’s office.

WHERE DO I VOTE?
All registered voters who live in the City vote at: Maire School - 740 Cadieux Rd. Hours: 7:00 am to 8:00 pm (use entrance to building from the parking lot on Waterloo Avenue).

ABSENTEE BALLOTS
All eligible registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. Absentee voting is a convenient way to cast a ballot instead of going to the voting precinct on Election Day. Absentee ballot applications are available online at [www.grossepointecity.org](http://www.grossepointecity.org) or at City Hall.
You can verify your absentee ballot application status and other voter information at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

SAMPLE BALLOTS  Pick up at City Hall or review on the City website under City Clerk, Elections.

PICTURE I.D. REQUIRED - Every Michigan voter who applies to vote at the polls must show picture identification or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification.

EXTRAS - Please ensure you are properly registered, bring picture identification to the polls and familiarize yourself with the candidates and proposals on the ballot. Thank you in advance for your patience and for helping make Election day run smoothly.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming election, please contact the City Clerk’s office at 885-5800 or check online at [www.grossepointecity.org](http://www.grossepointecity.org) under City Clerk, Election Information.

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The Village Aglow Tree Lighting Ceremony

and the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation Jingle and Mingle

Friday, November 22, 2019

Festivities take place at the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval Avenue starting at 5:30 p.m.

The official lighting of the Christmas tree takes place at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Join in as the community celebrates the start of the holiday season!