



**February 20, 2021  
City Updates**



**CITY INTRODUCES NEW TOUCHLESS PARKING PAYMENT APPLICATION**

Short on coins due to the pandemic? Looking for a no touch method of paying for parking?

There is good news. The City now has available a new method of paying for parking using your smart phone. The new application is PASSPORT PARKING. Download the application from either Google Play or the Apple app store, then look for the signs with the Passport logo above. PASSPORT is available for use in City parking lots and on-street instead of paying at meters or paystations. Use the parking zone number on the nearest light pole sign to start your parking session. The convenience fee is only twenty-five cents and is not charged again when you add time to your session.

As an incentive to try this easy new way to pay for parking, the City is providing a free \$1.00 worth of parking for all first-time users. As a Passport user, upon punching in any Grosse Pointe Zone, you will be offered this complimentary discount by using validation code 1DOLLAR, courtesy of the City of Grosse Pointe. This is a one time validation for each user.

For a step-by-step guide on how to use the passport parking app [Click Here](#), or visit the [City Website](#).

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION STUDY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

This week, the Historic District Study Committee adopted a [Preliminary Committee Report](#) that documents the historic resources in a potential historic district located in the original estate section of the City. The report is posted on the City website and is available for public review.

Last July, out of concern for protecting the properties in the estate zoning district from the loss of historic homes and from construction of incompatible new homes or additions, the City Council approved a

moratorium on demolition and new construction within that zoning designation. City Council also authorized an investigation of whether a local historic district should be created there.

Establishing a local historic district is the only available tool for municipalities to preclude demolition of historic buildings. Historic districts also permit review exterior improvements and new construction on all properties in a district to ensure changes are appropriate for the neighborhood. The State Historic Preservation Tax Credit is also only available to owners of historic buildings in local historic districts.

As called for in the state law regarding historic districts, the City Council established a Study Committee to prepare a detailed survey of historic assets with the assistance of a recognized historic preservation expert. The study committee is comprised of Grosse Pointe area residents, and is charged with making a recommendation to City Council on creating a historic district in the study area.

The Committee's Preliminary Report finds that there is a section of the study area authorized by Council that meets the National Register of Historic Places eligibility standards (see district map below). Those proposed district is between Maumee and Lake St. Clair and from Lakeland to Lincoln using a period of significance from 1898 to 1940. The district meets the criteria for:

- 1) The association of the homes with the early development of Grosse Pointe,
- 2) The association of the residences with key figures in the development of Detroit and Grosse Pointe, and,
- 3) The significant number of those properties were the original large homes designed by many noted architects.

MAP OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT



Non-contributing properties marked with an "N"

Green line denotes contributing fence/wall/posts on the south side of East Jefferson

To help provide public information during this investigation stage, the City has dedicated a section of its website to the study process and the committee materials, including background information, surveys, and meeting agendas, notices and presentations: [https://www.grossepointecity.org/news\\_detail\\_T5\\_R45.php](https://www.grossepointecity.org/news_detail_T5_R45.php)

A fact sheet detailing answers to many frequently asked questions is also available for review and download: [Frequently Asked Questions About Historic Districts](#)

The Committee voted to hold a formal public hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7pm via zoom. Public input on the proposed district is encouraged and welcomed. Comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing by emailing: [city@grossepointecity.org](mailto:city@grossepointecity.org) or sending a letter addressed to the "Historic District Study Committee" c/o City of Grosse Pointe, 17147 Maumee.



JOIN US FOR A FREE PRESENTATION!



March 3, 2021  
7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Hosted via Zoom by  
The Clinton River  
Watershed Council and  
the City of Grosse Pointe

### FREE STORMWATER PRESENTATION

Stormwater pollution is the greatest source of water quality impairments in the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair. Join this virtual presentation to learn about the watershed, your individual connection to it, and how you can make changes that directly reduce your impact to stormwater pollution and promote a healthier watershed.

March 3, 2021 7:00pm - 8:00pm Hosted via Zoom by The Clinton River Watershed Council and the City of Grosse Pointe.

To register for this FREE training visit [CRWC.org/events](https://www.crowc.org/events), or click on the following the link:

[www.eventbrite.com/e/stormwater-101-tickets-141005498241](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stormwater-101-tickets-141005498241)

We hope you find this E-News update helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call City Hall at [885-5800](tel:885-5800) or email [city@grossepointecity.org](mailto:city@grossepointecity.org).

Sincerely,

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