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Happy Spring!

Wow. It's hard to believe Detroit Tigers spring training is well underway in Lakeland, Fla., and we will be down there soon for a couple of games. I'm not complaining!

There is something hopeful about spring and a new baseball season. No one expects the Tigers to do anything spectacular this year, but we will still be loyal fans. We've been through this before — the “building years.” It will be nice to see the young talent coming up from the minors.

Another passion of mine is history. So I was thrilled to learn (and write) about the letters Lisa Mower Gandelot had passed down to her and that fellow Grosse Pointer Dr. Thomas Singelyn had published in a book: *An Aide to Custer: The Civil War Letters of Lt. Edward G. Granger*. The beauty of the book is that it was heavily footnoted by a historian, so readers can learn as much, or as little, as they wish to as they read the hero's letters home.

On a somber note, there were errors in our story last time about The Helm at the Boll Life Center (formerly Services for Older Citizens). The story should have noted that while Henry Ford Cottage Hospital rents the building to The Helm for a nominal fee, prior to moving into the building (which occurred in 2013), the organization had to undertake a capital campaign to raise funds to retrofit the aging building to make it suitable to house a senior service program. Literally hundreds of generous community residents, banded together and successfully raised the \$2.2 million it took to cover the renovations.

A critical donation by John A. and Marlene L. Boll helped move the campaign forward, hence the full name of The Helm: The Helm at the Boll Life Center. This significant renovation turned The Helm into a bright, busy gathering place for seniors in our community.

With housekeeping out of the way, I would like to thank all of our loyal readers, advertisers and businesses, without whom this magazine would not be possible.

Please patronize our businesses and tell them you saw them in *Pointe Magazine*! Hope to see you around the Pointe this spring! ☺

John

I had the pleasure of meeting Danielle Carlomusto for this issue's feature about her new children's album, “Motown is Gro-Town.” The collection of fun and accessible songs has become a favorite in our household.

Her album is a celebration of growing plants and imagination away from devices. It's a joy and one that has inspired me to make better use of the yard and garden, not only for my benefit, but for that of my son. Ah, something to do instead of watching another Wiggles episode!

During our interview, we chatted about our children's behavior in the wake of digital entertainment versus (quieter) free play. When we stick to books and simple toys, our toddler is noticeably calmer; his tantrums nonexistent.

I've always joked that I don't have a green thumb, but after purchasing our house last year, we've inherited a large vegetable garden. I kept it weeded that first summer, but amid the chaos of moving, did not plant anything new. And, frankly, I was overwhelmed at the prospect of gardening. Danielle has inspired me to change that this year.

I imagine growing vegetables as a family, encouraging Graham to dig in the dirt, as one of the album's songs so sweetly sings about. Danielle has assured me I can do it, despite my lack of experience.

“That's the joy of planting,” she said. “Anyone can do it.” Let's hope so!

I am accepting all gardening tips! While March can hardly be considered spring in Michigan, I look forward to days of softened soil and planted seeds. Wish me luck in the garden.

Happy Spring! ☺

Lauren

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I love you and nobody else.”*



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Meet Theresa



Name	Theresa Forir
Age	53
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation	Legal secretary

Theresa's Favorites

Season

Fall

Music Genre

No favorites, but absolute least favorite is Screamo

Spot in Grosse Pointe

A seat near the fireplace at the Grosse Pointe Woods Library

Book

Pride and Prejudice, Don Quixote, A Primate's Memoir, Comfort Me with Apples

Food

1. Sushi and 2. My husband's stuffed peppers

Restaurant

Art's Tavern in Glen Arbor, Mich.

Movie

To Kill a Mockingbird

Vacation

White Stallion Ranch in Tucson, Ariz.

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Hyperbole and a Half

Dessert

Anything chocolate

What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

The public school system's teachers, staff, administrators and supporters dedicated to providing Grosse Pointe kids with such outstanding educational opportunities

What are two of your best personality traits?

Kooky and conscientious, hopefully just the right mix most of the time

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Pre-*Game of Thrones* honeymoon in Dubrovnik, Croatia

What is one thing most people don't know about you?

Middlesex County Cricket Club. I enjoy watching cricket. It is mysterious and oddly relaxing.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I am a late bloomer; I expect to accomplish big things any day now.

What is the best gift you've ever received?

Time

You win the million dollar lottery. What do you do?

Half for family, half to set up a charitable trust

Words to live by?

Be kind. Be brave. Be weird.

About Theresa

"My husband, Robert, and I are transplants, he from Serbia and I from Detroit via London and Frankfurt, but Grosse Pointe is our *home*. It's where one son, Deniel, met his future wife and another, Dodi, is making friends for life.

No place is perfect, but I am grateful to live in a community that values education, family enrichment, nature and neighborliness."

Theresa is also fond of reading, gardening, jogging and remembering log-ins and passwords.

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By Susan Bollinger

Since it officially kicked-off last August, Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods has become a robust health- and community-minded coalition that is taking action to improve physical and emotional health locally.

The non-profit already has more than 250 supporters who meet monthly. Three particular areas of need – cardiovascular health, diabetes and obesity – were identified through a Community Health Needs Analysis conducted by Beaumont Health.

According to Suzy Berschback, Healthy Communities Manager for Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods at Beaumont Health, “The group developed eight action teams, and each set two to three goals. These include walking, cycling and dancing

opportunities, creating a transportation database, establishing a farm-to-table school curriculum, eliminating waits for meal delivery programs, and designing multiple support, awareness and education campaigns.” Wayne State University Public Health Interns are key members of the action teams.

A walking and dancing group, holiday food drive and food basket delivery, and mindfulness training for teachers in partnership with Wayne County Community College District are a few early successes.

Another facet of the coalition is a partnership with CARE of Southeastern Michigan to address mental health awareness and substance abuse prevention.

MaryJo Harris, Community Organizer at CARE, says, “Our work has

been centered around identifying the needs and issues of the community as a whole. By listening to the community, we can develop purposeful prevention and treatment programming that matches identified needs.”

A program already in place brings trained high school students to middle schools, where they connect with the younger students to deliver powerful anti-vaping messages. In addition, watch for the “Out of the Darkness Walk and Mental Health Fair,” coming in May.

Connect with the group on Instagram or Facebook at www.facebook.com/HealthyGrossePointe. To join an action team, attend open community meetings held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. every third Wednesday of the month at the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club. [Φ](#)



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Lauren & Thomas

Lauren and Thomas Card

Wedding date: July 14, 2018

Hometowns: Lauren, St. Clair Shores; Thomas, Grosse Pointe

Parents: Rick and Nancy Fedon, parents of the bride; Dan and Mary Card, parents of the groom

Current city: Grosse Pointe Park

Ceremony: The Grosse Pointe Academy

Reception: The War Memorial

Wedding Planner: Emily Dekker, The War Memorial

Photographer: Mike Staff Productions

Baker: Scrumptious by Sandi

Florist: Thrifty Florist

Dress: Danae by Martin Thornberg, Arena Bridal

Menswear: Jos A. Bank

Transportation: GP Trolley

Entertainment: SpaceCat

First dance: “Crazy Love” by Van Morrison

Colors: Pale shades of lavender, gray, beige, blue

How did you meet?

Lauren: At Ye Olde Tap Room. I was out for a friend’s birthday and Tom was out with friends and his sister-in-law, Caitlin. Caitlin was playing “wing-woman.” She struck up a conversation with me and after a little bit, Tom joined in. When I was getting ready to leave, Tom asked for my number but he didn’t realize his phone was dead. I rattled off my number as I was on my way out, thinking he didn’t catch it, but he memorized it until he got home and texted me later that night, and every night since. The rest, as they say, is history.

When did you realize you wanted to marry each other?

Lauren: After the second date. He took me out for sushi, then to the park for wine, cheese and grapes. What more could a girl want?

Tom: After spending a week together in the Outer Banks, North Carolina. I just knew.

What do you love most about one another?

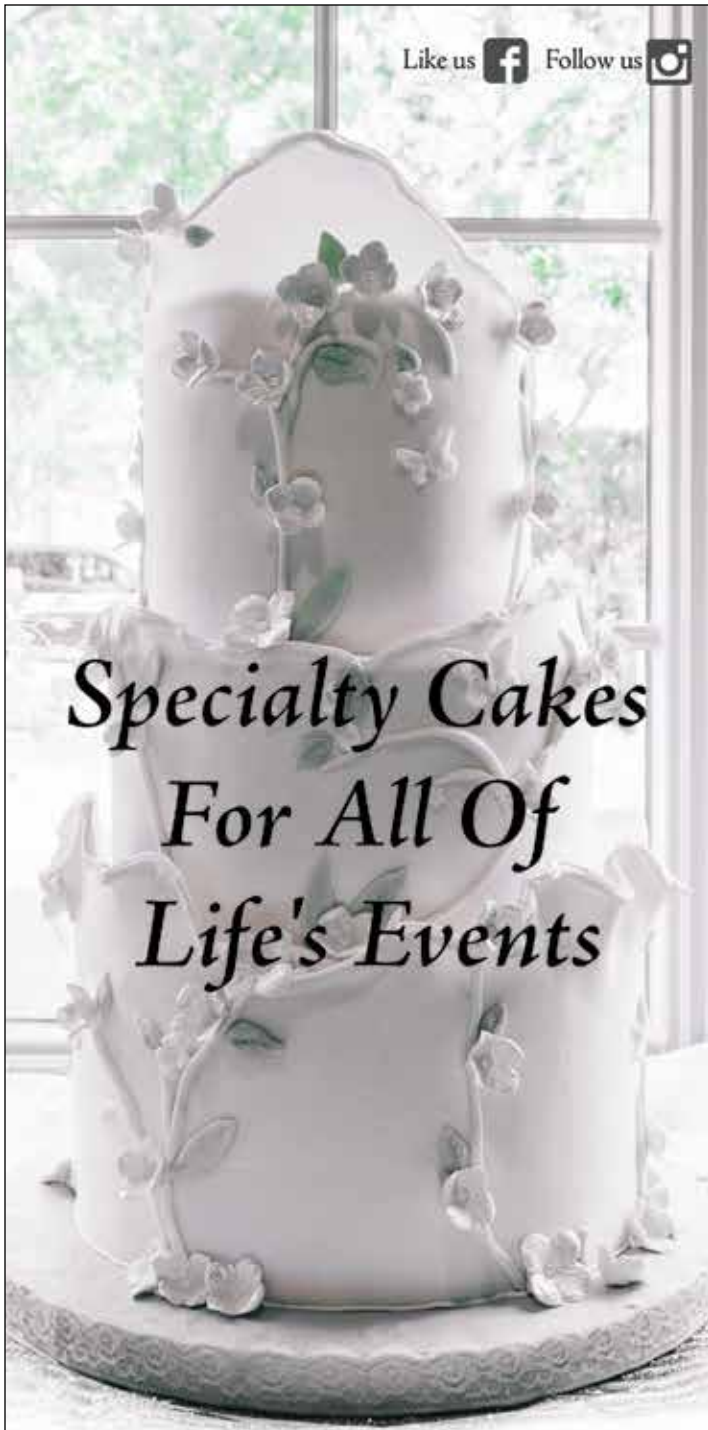
Lauren: He’s the kindest person I know. He would do anything for anyone.

Tom: Her sense of humor and the way she pushes me to be a better person. She motivates me to do things I don’t always want to do at first but in the end I’m glad I did.



Tom is a Public Safety Officer for Grosse Pointe Park; Lauren is a Service Excellence Specialist at Beaumont Medical Group

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Share the proposal story!

Lauren: Tom insisted that we go to Patterson Park on a day that was predicted to have scattered showers. He said his friends were having a barbecue. I reluctantly agreed to go. As predicted, it started pouring rain as soon as we left the car. We quickly went under the gazebo. After some nervous small talk, Tom brought out a small wooden box. He had saved many items from dates we had gone on (ticket stubs, wine corks, coasters from restaurants) and as he took each one out, we reminisced about all the memories we had made together. He asked if I wanted to make more memories with him, got down on his knee and asked me to marry him. I, of course, said, "Yes!" He had his friends play paparazzi in the rain and they got some action shots, so that was a bonus!



What atmosphere were you looking to create?

Both: We wanted to ensure our guests had the best food and drink, entertainment and ambience. Many of our guests were originally from the metro Detroit area but had since moved out of state. We wanted to remind them what Grosse Pointe has to offer.

What unique details did you include?

Tom: We took pictures at important locations to our

relationship: Ye Olde Tap Room (where we met), Patterson Park (where we got engaged) and we even went to the Grosse Pointe Park Police and Fire Station (my work) to get pictures on the new fire truck.

What was your favorite moment of the wedding?

Lauren: When the formalities were done and we could relax, take in the day, enjoy our guests, get on the dance floor and let loose. When all of the planning was done and we could celebrate our love with those that mean the most to us.

Tom: The trolley ride from the church to our photo venues. It's the best way to see the Grosse Pointes.

Are there any vendors you'd like to recommend?

Lauren: Thrifty Florist did an amazing job taking our vision of hydrangeas and birch wood and running with it. Also our band, SpaceCat! They were phenomenal throughout the whole process. They were extremely professional, learned our special dance songs and kept our guests on the dance floor the whole night. I cannot recommend them highly enough. One great thing the War Memorial did was sneak us into the ballroom before any of our guests were allowed inside. It was awesome to see all of the small details we had worked so hard putting together come to fruition; it put us at ease knowing our work was done and we were truly able to enjoy the evening.

What has been the best part of married life?

Both: The little things. Sharing the small moments of our days, making dinner together, walking our dogs and relaxing at night. It feels great knowing we have each other and we are excited to see what our future may bring. ☺



The return of measles

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

I have been asked repeatedly about the ongoing measles outbreak in the Vancouver, WA area. As of Feb. 14, 2019, 101 cases of measles have been confirmed in 10 states, including New York and New Jersey.

This is deeply troubling. Measles is a truly fearsome disease, plus it is one of the most contagious diseases known. Before widespread vaccinations in the U.S. there were three to four million cases of measles annually with at least 40,000-50,000 hospitalizations, and 400-600 deaths every year in the United States alone, mostly children.



As recently as 2016, world-wide elimination of measles seemed inevitable; cases dropped 87% or more since 2000. And global measles deaths fell below 100,000 for the first time in recorded history.

Not any more. Global deaths rose over 110,000 in 2017 because fewer people got vaccinated.

In 2017, Europe had more than triple the measles cases seen in the past decade; the US is seeing increases too. Outbreaks are a direct result of non-vaccination: measles will not spread if 95% of the population is vaccinated. Anti-science, anti-medicine and vaccination misinformation (vaccinations do not cause autism) continues to spread like wildfire, particularly via social media. Unqualified celebrities and civilians want people to believe vaccinations have more risks than the diseases they prevent.

The reality is simple: vaccines save millions. I am vaccinated, as are my own children and I strongly advise my patients to do likewise. Vaccines and basic hygiene are all that stands between our civilization and the return of epidemics and plagues of old.

Dr. Saima A. Khan, MD, MPH grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and lives in the Woods with her husband and three daughters. She practices internal medicine in Warren, 28351 Schoenherr, (586) 393-6500.

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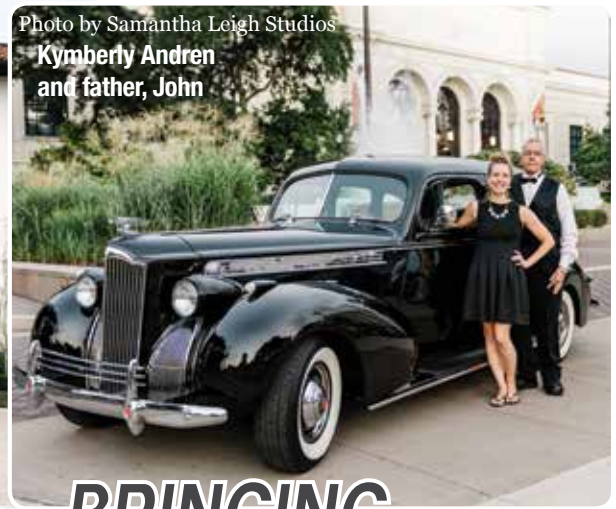
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The War Memorial is a favorite backdrop for Andren because the house's former owner Russell Alger, Jr. also owned Packard.

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Kyberly Andren and father, John



BRINGING PACKARD HOME

By Lauren McGregor

From frustration to action, Kymberly Andren founded Motor City Vintage Rentals, a company passionate about Detroit history and its automotive legacy.

"It started with my 2011 wedding," says Andren. "I had to have a vintage car for the big day." Unfortunately, she didn't have many options.

"I told (then fiancé) Darin, we should buy a vintage car for the wedding and then start a rental business," Andren says. In particular, she wanted a vehicle with a Michigan connection.

Two months later, the couple found Hugo, a 1949 Detroit-built Packard, in Atlanta. They flew south, decided to purchase the car over lunch, and had Hugo shipped home two weeks later.

"He is an authentic piece of Detroit history that we need to share with others," says Andren, lovingly speaking of the cars in male pronouns. She adds,

"He even has his original engine."

Last March, Andren and husband Darin, who works in the automotive industry, added to their collection with a 1940 Packard named Beau. Though found in Northern Michigan, Beau had spent most of his life in New Mexico.

To every mechanic's shock, neither Packard had a trace of rust. "The mechanics were floored," laughs Andren.

Her father, John, chauffeurs clients (usually wedding or anniversary couples) and Andren follows or leads in another vehicle, stylizing photo shoots in stunning locations.

"My dad passed his love of classic cars to me. When I asked my dad to join me in this venture, he was skeptical but I said, 'Just trust me,'" says Andren. "He will research where we are going ahead of time and point out landmarks and historical information for clients."

Andren says of driving Beau and

Hugo in Grosse Pointe, "Packard was the definition of American automotive luxury. Grosse Pointe has all of these stunning historical backdrops in such a small radius. I can't think of another community like it."

Andren's favorite part of the job is connecting people to a piece of Motor City history.

"We had a beautiful homecoming for Beau at the Packard Plant. People from the neighborhood stopped by and said they'd never seen a Packard there! We were likely the last Packard to drive beneath the bridge," she says, adding that she was devastated to learn of its collapse in January. "Many people don't know that the bridge was not a pedestrian bridge, but a way to transport cars from one side of the plant to the other. It was like a part of the assembly line died that day."

Preservation is Andren's first concern. Most recently, she had Hugo's interior and chrome redone in a manner that protected the car's authenticity and originality. To do so requires incredible precision and patience. It took six months just to get the perfect material and another four to complete the work. But it's all worth it.

"We are so happy to bring these Packards home and share them with the city that built them," says Andren.


For more information, visit www.motorcityvintagerentals.com. 



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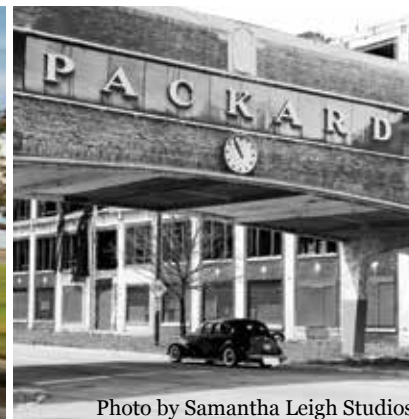


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Think spring!

By Dr. Meredith Price

But what does that mean for your skin? As we move away from the cold, dry winter season, and into a season of warmer air with greater humidity, this can often improve the condition of dry, sensitive skin. However, springtime can bring increased exposure to allergens, such as pollen and mold, which can worsen some skin conditions.

Overall, we are in a time of transition. Here are some tips to get you through this season of change:



■ Keep showers brief and not-too-hot (this helps prevent stripping the natural oils out of your skin).

■ After towel drying, apply a rich, fragrance-free moisturizer where needed.

■ Use a gentle, fragrance free soap to wash with (this includes your hand soap, too).

■ Consider switching to free and clear laundry detergent and avoiding fabric softener and dryer sheets altogether. This will help minimize contact with irritants. Use a dryer ball instead to reduce static and keep clothes soft.

■ Place a humidifier in your bedroom overnight to increase the moisture in the air and keep your skin more hydrated.

■ As spring approaches and pollen levels rise, be sure to wear long sleeves and gloves when working outside. Once the job is done, remove clothing and launder thoroughly. Shower off to remove any dust and pollen on the surface of your skin.

If any irritation persists, it is time to see your dermatologist.

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Meet Ronald

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Age	78
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation	Retired Senior Prototype Process Engineer



Ronald's Favorites

Season

Spring, summer

Musical Artist

Tony Bennett

Vacation

Trip to Grand Hotel in the fall with the seniors

Food

Toasted ravioli

Restaurant

New York Deli, National Coney Island

Activity

Reading the Wall Street Journal and keeping up with the news

Dessert

Homemade cherry pie

What was your first job?

Grocery store clerk at a small, family grocery store

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

At one time, a priest. Later, a mechanic, engineer

What do you miss about being a kid?

The freedom of playing outside until late in the day

What is one skill you'd like to learn?

A better understanding of the working (use) of computers

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Tour of the Western National Parks that was offered through The War Memorial

What accomplishment makes you proudest?

The success of raising our two children

Do you collect anything?

Hess toy trucks, scale model vehicles and Hallmark autos, trucks and trains ornaments

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

My wedding day, February 1, 1969

Words to live by?

Try to be friendly to everybody.

About Ronald

Ronald and Mary Eileen Wehrmann have been Grosse Pointe Woods residents since the 1970s and raised two children, Diana Marie and William Robert, here. They are now proud grandparents.

"I came to Michigan in 1974 to be part of the Synthetic Fuel Project at American Natural Resources. In 1985, I joined General Motors Corp. in the prototype development area," says Ronald.

"After retiring in 2006, I joined my wife delivering meals for the Meals on Wheels program at SOC, now The Helm.

My normal day starts by going to Cardiac Rehab for exercise at St. John's Hospital. I am a member and treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens Commission. I also keep busy by volunteering at my church as an usher, on the Men's Choir, on the Funeral Choir and with the various administrative needs of the parish.

The one thing I enjoy is at Christmas time, I make 'buttery' peanut butter for family, friends and neighbors, who look forward to the annual treat."

Indoor gardening benefits seniors

By Ronda Maniaci

With spring just around the corner, it is a great time to start thinking about gardening, but not just outdoor planting. There are great health benefits to indoor plants and flowers, and research has found that it is effecting you in ways you probably never imagined, like reducing the risk of you getting sick!



One of the major benefits of indoor plants is reduction of toxins in the air. Plants remove toxins and release oxygen and evaporation. This oxygen and evaporation accounts for 10 percent of your air's moisture. When there is more humidity in the air, dry skin, coughs, flu symptoms, and sore throats can be minimized. Along with these benefits, plants oxygen can increase concentration and memory retention by up to 20 percent, making plants a great addition to living a healthy life style.

During recovery, patients commonly receive plants and flowers as a get-well gesture, but little do we know, studies show that patients surrounded by plants show significant improvements in physiological responses. These patients show great health increases such as lower systolic blood pressure, pain relief, lower anxiety and less fatigue compared to patients without plants.

Through every season, indoor gardening is a great hobby. Add a new plant such as a spider plant, lavender, or aloe vera to your home today to reap its many benefits!

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Joan Sibley celebrates 100th birthday



By Karen Dybis

Joan Sibley credits her milestone of reaching 100 years old to thinking positively, eating organic food and avoiding bad habits, such as smoking.

“I’m very grateful I could live to be this age,” says the Grosse Pointe Farms resident and great-granddaughter of the founder of Stroh’s Brewery. “I can’t believe I’m 100!”

Sibley is as busy as ever, attending history lectures, scheduling events with friends and dreaming of producing a play she wrote years ago about Detroit.

“I want to boost Detroit. I hear a lot of good things are happening and I want to be a part of it,” says Sibley, who wrote a play about the city’s founding couple, Antoine de Lamothe Cadillac and his wife, Marie Therese, who arrived in the “ville de troit” or “City of the Straights” in July 1701.

Sibley, who was born November 21, 1918, is the daughter of the late Alice (Kratzet) and Bernhard Stroh III, who was an entrepreneur and worked in real estate around Grosse Pointe. She

is the oldest in her family with one brother, the late Bernard Stroh IV, and one sister, the late Mrs. Alice Sanborne. Sibley was born in Detroit at her parents’ house in Indian Village. She said her parents moved to Grosse Pointe when Sibley was two and she has lived here ever since.

Sibley attended Grosse Pointe Country Day School and Ogontz Junior College in Philadelphia, an elite private school for young women. Because of her family’s fame in the beer business, her debutant party, engagement and wedding made headline news. She married Frederic M. Sibley, Jr. in September 1948. They met at a wedding in Grosse Pointe.

Fred Sibley was seven years older and a true gentleman, his wife says. He died in November 2003, less than a month after his 92nd birthday. Fred Sibley, who had attended Princeton and the Sorbonne in Paris, spoke fluent French, wrote poetry and “was the scholarly type,” his wife says. He worked in the family business, the Sibley Lumber

Co., founded by his grandfather and Michigan’s largest retail lumber business. The Frederic M. Sibley Lumber Company Office Building is on the Michigan and national registers of historic places and is located at 5460 Kercheval Avenue in Detroit.

The couple has four children: two boys and two girls. The family enjoyed trips to the Sibley cottage on Mullet Lake and other adventures, Sibley says.

She has few regrets and less advice on how to live to reach 100, she jokes. But she does wish she had followed her passion for plays a bit further.

“There are a lot of things I wish I had done, like gotten more into acting,” says Sibley, who performed in several Junior League plays in the 1930s.

The only challenge that comes with turning 100 is she has macular degeneration so her ability to read books and research her beloved Detroit history is limited, Sibley says. But she’s looking into podcasts and audio books.

“I’m a big reader and I miss it very much,” Sibley says. ☺

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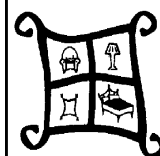
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Patience is a virtue for March/April gardeners

By Margie Reins Smith

Gardening is all about patience, according to Mil Hurley, owner/head gardener of A Southern Gardener. She emphasizes the wisdom of wait-and-see, especially during the months of March and April.

“We’re all anxious to get outside once the weather starts to warm up, but there are some chores you should wait on.”

•“Don’t work on your lawn,” she says. “The grass is too wet. If you have to put boots on, it’s too soon to do anything to your lawn. Don’t walk on it, don’t seed, don’t dig.

•“Don’t remove mulch. Don’t rake those leaves that have collected over the winter. Those are basically free mulch.” Moving mulch a couple inches away from the base of a tree or shrub is OK. But leave it there. “If you want to make the beds look tidier, wait until May, then add more mulch. Three inches is best. It holds the moisture in.”

While waiting for warmer weather, she advises pruning. “March is the end of winter so plants are still dormant.

You see the structure of trees and can easily eliminate crossing branches. “If branches cross and rub on each other, they could open a wound which would make them susceptible to diseases and



pests.” Trim crossing branches, broken branches and dead branches.


She advises getting rid of an old mindset that pruning at the top of a plant will make the bottom grow. “Not true,” she says. “Where you cut is where you get growth.”

Hurley notes Grosse Pointers’

fondness for hydrangeas. “Different kinds of hydrangeas should be pruned at different times.” *Hydrangea arborescens* (some are called Annabelle) and *Hydrangea paniculate* can be pruned in spring.

Hydrangea macrophylla and *Hydrangea quercifolia* (often called oak leaf hydrangea) should be pruned in late summer, right after they bloom.

The January Polar Vortex may have been damaging, she says, and may have caused some die-back of branches on trees and shrubs. “But maybe not. Don’t panic. Again, patience. Wait and see.”

Hurley is also a founding member of the Moross Greenway Project, a nonprofit community partnership working to landscape the seven median islands on Moross between Ascension’s parking deck and I-94. The organization also aims to educate the community on how to plan and maintain gardens and take care of the earth without chemicals. For more information, visit www.morossgreenway.org. 

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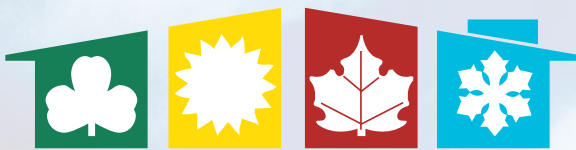
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By Alexander Kelly

Conor Ahearn is a College for Creative Studies graduate and a freelance product designer with work noted by the Industrial Designers Society of America. He is the proud owner of a 2016 Lamborghini Huracán LP610-4, powered by a 602 horsepower 5.2 L V10. I asked Conor some questions about his car and himself:

Q: How did your passion for cars start?

A: I simply caught the ‘bug,’ so to speak, from my dad, similar to how he caught it from his dad, and so on and so forth... Father and son time cleaning and detailing the old Willy’s Jeepster transitioned to me building my first car (a Factory Five 1933 hot rod) from the ground up before I had even graduated high school.

Q: Why did you buy the Huracán?

A: Having had the opportunity to be able to drive quite a few sports cars and even supercars, I’ve always been drawn toward Lamborghini as a brand. Not only for their bold design language, but for their somewhat tremulous yet brazen history. So when the financial

opportunity to obtain a supercar of my own presented itself, it was an easy decision of going with what is, in my opinion, the best and most reliable Lamborghini at the time of purchase.

Q: What do you like most about this supercar?

A: The sounds, the acceleration and stability all combine to create what I can only relate to what Han Solo would feel as he blasted through space at warp speed in the Millennium Falcon. All while completely capable and comfortable enough to have a civilized cross country road trip.

Q: Anything you dislike?


A: The maintenance. Whether it’s a simple oil change or an engine swap, I traditionally enjoy taking the time to work on my cars. With a Lamborghini, there are very specific sequences and procedures to follow even with the most basic of tasks. However, with Lamborghini not wanting to share their shop manuals with their customers, the result is relying on the dealership for just about everything for the car.

Q: What makes this car stand out from the previous cars you


have owned?

A: Two extra cylinders. I traditionally have owned American v8s and the occasional Japanese in-line six cylinder. The V10 that gives life to the Huracán is a well tested motor that happens to sound blisteringly loud while keeping a great bark.

Q: What brought you to Grosse Pointe?

A : Having grown up in New England, I was quite far from home when I moved to Detroit to attend College for Creative Studies. After a semester spent exploring the Midtown area, I found and purchased my first property. With a bit of work and luck, I flipped it to find a more suburban location that would remind me of my New England roots. I stumbled into Grosse Pointe and happened to find a home that perfectly suited me. Since graduating, I’ve planted my new roots in Grosse Pointe, and look forward to building my family here with my fiancée. 

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RMD tax break

By Lina Bowman

Are you taking your required minimum distributions (RMDs)? Do you still want to make charitable contributions, but don't think you'll

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charitable distribution (QCD) from an IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization. The maximum exclusion from the QCD is up to \$100,000 from gross income annually, per person.

QCDs count toward satisfying any RMD that you would otherwise have to receive from your traditional IRA, just as if you had received an actual distribution. To qualify, the distribution must go directly from your IRA to your charity of choice and *not* to you first.

The benefit of a QCD is that the distribution used for the QCD does not become part of your adjusted gross income, potentially reducing your taxes and/or saving you from higher Medicare Part B and Part D premiums.

You're not including the distribution as income so you can't take the charitable deduction (that would be double-dipping!). Remember that because of the new, much higher standard deductions (\$12,000 for single and \$24,000 for joint filers), most tax-payers won't be able to itemize, thus losing the charitable deduction anyway.

You'll want to discuss this with your CPA or tax preparer and your financial advisor *before* you take your RMD this year. Call us if you'd like more detailed information. We'd be happy to help!

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Marijuana smoke is still smoke

By Anna Bartolotta

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"The gala brings together community members from all over the district to support our 15 public schools as one," says chair Christie Scoggin. "We are fortunate to raise money through corporate sponsorships, ticket sales and an auction in order to offer more programs and opportunities to our students that would not otherwise happen due to budget and state funding cuts."

Last year, the GPFPE welcomed over 200 generous parents and business, educational and community leaders. The Foundation raised over \$120,000 through corporate sponsorship, ticket sales, a raffle and an outstanding live auction.

This year's gala, scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, will honor the late founding member of the GPFPE, Lois J. Warden, in recognition of the many ways her leadership and dedication helped the GPFPE become an important organization that enriches, engages and inspires the future of our schools and community.

Gala proceeds will fund exceptional programs, equipment, training and opportunities for the students and staff of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

For example, last year the GPFPE awarded a total of \$85,000 in grants to district schools across all grade levels and in a variety of disciplines.

Additionally, 50 percent of proceeds go toward funding the highly acclaimed *Leader in Me* program that continues to inspire our students with principles of leadership, responsibility, cross-cultural skills and effective communication.

Leader in Me was specifically noted in the Grosse Pointe Public School System (GPPSS) Strategic Plan as a program that helped "create a culture of character building for students." It is currently implemented in six GPPSS elementary schools. Fundraising continues to allow for it to roll it out to the remaining three schools.

"The GPFPE has given the school district over \$3.3 million in

funding since our inception and hopes to continue to give back year after year to keep our schools as strong as ever," says Scoggin.

To learn more about the GPFPE, purchase tickets to the gala or donate, visit gpfpe.org or call (313) 342-3058.



GPPSS principals
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Books on the Lake expands to a two-day event this year

By Margie Reins Smith

Books on the Lake, the Grosse Pointe Library’s popular annual event, was sold out within 45 minutes last year, according to Jessica Keyser, library director. “It breaks my heart to hear from people who wanted tickets but couldn’t get them.”

This year’s Books on the Lake will be held on two days. On Friday evening, May 3, Keyser will moderate a panel discussion with all three authors, Desiree Cooper, Lillian Li and Maria Semple, at Pierce Middle School. On Saturday, May 4, the authors will speak at the traditional luncheon at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Desiree Cooper is a former attorney, a former columnist for the Detroit Free Press, a Kresge Artist Fellow and a community activist. She will discuss her flash fiction collection, *Know the Mother*. Flash stories are typically 1,000 words or less.

“My stories are inspired by the

conversations I never had with my mother, tried to have, should have had, or have had a million times over,” Cooper says. “They are inspired by the women who are my beloved ‘sisters,’ and women I only know of when their lives become news. There are so many unexplored aspects of womanhood, wifehood, motherhood and daughterhood.”

Lillian Li’s debut novel, *Number One Chinese Restaurant*, was featured in Best of the Season lists in The Wall Street Journal, Cosmopolitan and Time magazine. Li will talk about her experiences while working at a Chinese restaurant. “I was the worst waitress the restaurant ever hired,” she says.


Maria Semple’s novels include *Where’d You Go*, *Bernadette* and *Today Will be Different*. *Where’d You Go* was on the New York Times bestseller list for a year and was shortlisted for the Women’s Prize for

Fiction. Cate Blanchett will star in the motion picture version, to be released this March.

Pierce seats about 400 people; Grosse Pointe Yacht Club seats 300. Friday’s panel discussion is \$10; Saturday’s luncheon is \$40. Tickets will go on sale Saturday, April 6. Tickets for the Friday event will also be available online that day.

“Books on the Lake is a gift to the community,” Keyser says. “It’s a tremendous opportunity for us to bring diverse, high quality authors to Grosse Pointe.”

Books on the Lake is made possible with the support of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Friends and Foundation and the Wayne County Community College District.

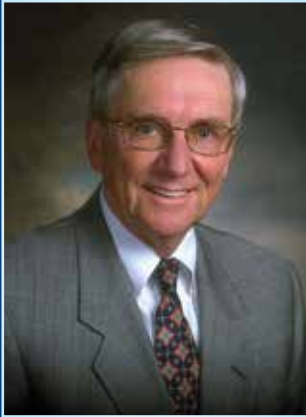
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Above, from left, Desiree Cooper, Lillian Li and Maria Semple

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Clockwise, Eurythmist Claudia Fontana; Dina Winter, Tuesday Musicale of Detroit President; Angela Ciaravino Theis, soprano; Sergio Maclean, tenor, Bonnie L. Brooks, soprano, and James Rose, Jr., bass

Photos courtesy of Tuesday Musicale Detroit

Tuesday Musicale offers platform for local artistry

The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit has a rich history dating all the way back to 1885. While the size and scope of Tuesday Musicale has grown over the years, the vision remains the same: to promote the live performance of great music in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

Dina and Eric Winter have both been involved with the Musicale for years, and they're passionate about keeping classical music alive.

Dina is the current president of Tuesday Musicale, and Eric is the corresponding secretary.

"The Tuesday Musicale is a great way to encourage young people to continue with their studies," Dina says. "We have members who perform and members who don't perform and just come to listen to great music."

The next Tuesday Musicale performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 30, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe Park, and feature top musicians from Michigan Opera Theatre performing with Tuesday Musicale members. The concert is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted and go toward the enhancement of the music ministry of St. Clare of Montefalco Church.

"The musicians will be performing

a colorful array of opera arias, duets and trios, and it's a mix of terrific young artists with the experienced professionals," Dina says.

The upcoming event will also feature an art form called eurythmy.

"We're doing an excerpt from classical opera. A flutist and pianist will play, while the eurythmist moves to the music. It's a very graceful, reserved and



beautiful art form for the expression of adoration and praise," Dina says.

"Claudia Fontana, the person performing, is one of the finest exponents of this art, and, for most opera goers, it offers an enriched experience," she adds.

The piece to be performed is Massenet's exquisite "Meditation" from his opera "Thais." Collaborating with Claudia Fontana will be Michigan Opera flutist Laura Larson together with pianist Brenda Kee.




This summer, the Tuesday Musicale will feature Yoonshin Song, the concertmaster of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, performing with noted local pianist Maria Meirelles.

Eric's favorite thing about being involved with the Tuesday Musicale is giving talented performers in the area an outlet to share their skills.

"The wealth of fine musicians that we have in this area is quite extraordinary, and they don't always get to be heard, so Tuesday Musicale gives them a venue where their talents can be recognized," Eric says.

Dina's passion for Tuesday Musicale is in helping young musicians, because "they're the ones we have to think of for the future." She notes that in the March 30 Opera concert, Tuesday Musicale will include two young prize-winning pianists: 14-year-old Patrick Kotlarz and his 10-year-old brother Oscar, who will open the program.

"When you get older, it's time to do things for the young, because it's important to see to it that youngsters who are gifted have the courage and confidence to continue, so classical music can live on," Dina says.

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POINTER INHERITS CIVIL WAR LETTERS

By John Minnis

We all fantasize about receiving an unexpected inheritance from a relative. In the case of lifelong Grosse Pointer Lisa Mower Gandelot, hers wasn't a million dollars, but it was priceless. Unexpectedly, in 1993, she inherited from a second cousin, grandniece of Lt. Edward G. Granger, an aide to Brig. Gen. George Armstrong Custer, 43 letters he had written home during the Civil War. The letters were kept and handed down by the lieutenant's sister, the recipient of many of the letters.

Mrs. Gandelot shared the letters with fellow Grosse Pointer Dr. Thomas Singelyn, a retired dentist and military historian. He offered to transcribe the letters for possible publication. He did. He and his wife, Denyse, spent the next 25 years deciphering and transcribing the letters.

"We worked on them on and off," Dr. Singelyn says. "It wasn't that difficult. He had a good hand."

In 2015, he submitted the letters to the University of Oklahoma Press for possible publication. The book editor asked independent scholar Sandy Barnard, author of numerous books on Custer, to add supporting documentation and create a book-length manuscript. The resulting book *An Aide to Custer: The Civil War Letters of Lt. Edward G. Granger*, was published last year.

"It was the fact that he was an aide to Custer that made it a book," Dr. Singelyn says. "I'm not a writer. I was a collaborator."

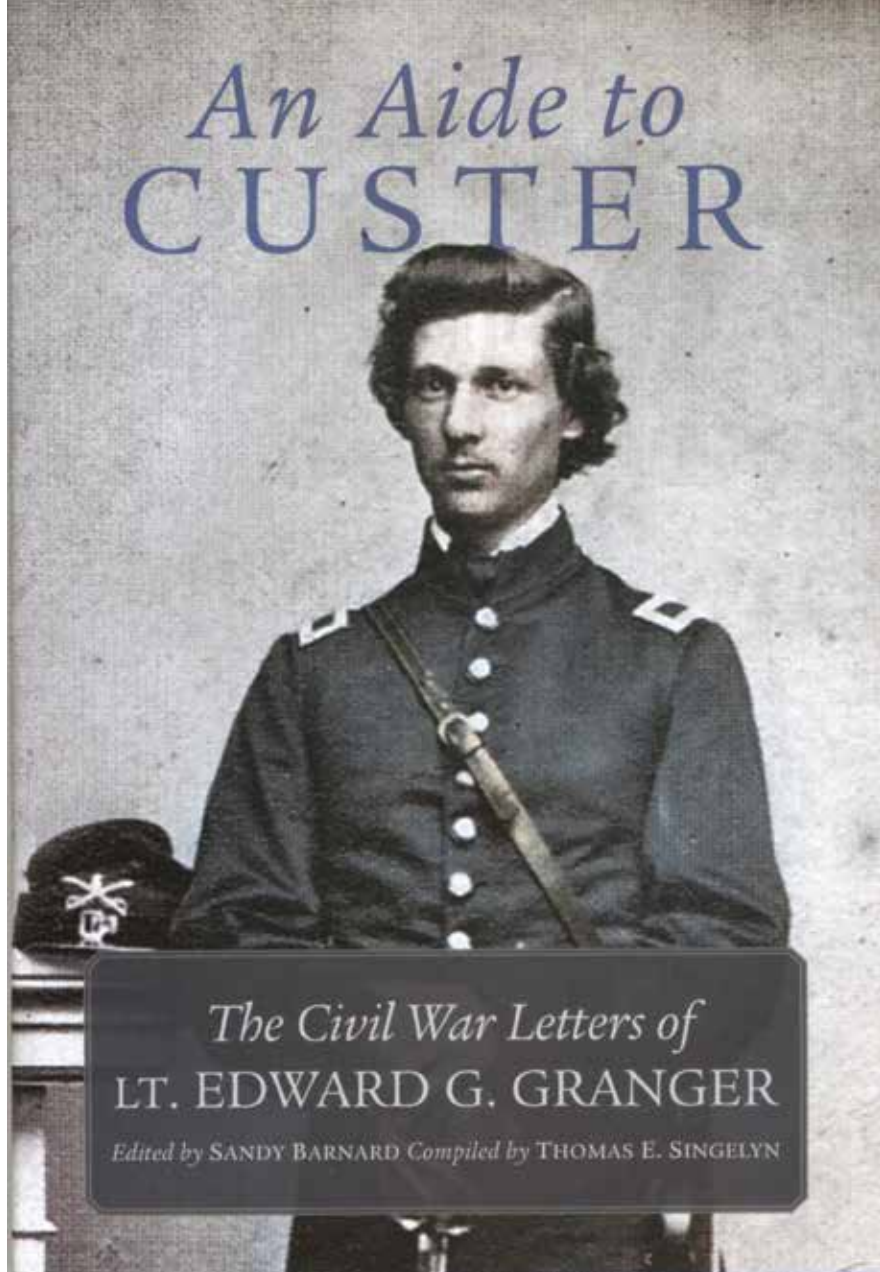
During the research and writing, a 44th letter was provided by Jim Adams, of New Hampshire, whose great-great-grandmother was Granger's maternal first cousin.

She was 11 years old at the time and had written to her soldier cousin, who responded with the 44th letter. The Adams family also provide some of the pictures in the book, including the cover photo.

On Aug. 27, 1862, Granger mustered into the just-forming 5th Michigan Voluntary

Lt. Edward G. Granger
5th Michigan Cavalry,
circa 1863

Courtesy of Jim Adams



Cavalry Regiment. He had just turned 19. A year later he was appointed an aide to Custer, commander of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade. His posting as an officer was no doubt aided by his two terms at the Agricultural College of Michigan (predecessor of Mrs. Gandelot's alma mater, Michigan State University) and his work as a clerk in his uncle's store in Detroit and in the law firm of another uncle, who was head of the Michigan Republican Party at the time.

Serving in the Armies of the Potomac and Shenandoah, Granger saw many conflicts, including Gettysburg and Custer's "First Last Stand," the Battle of Trevilian Station, Va. He died a senseless death on Aug. 16, 1864 in the Battle of Crooked Run, Va., when his uncontrollable replacement horse ran into the enemy lines. (Granger's trusted mount "Bob" had become a prisoner of war at Trevilian Station.)

The New York Times cavalry correspondent called Granger "one of the bravest of the brave." In a July 2, 1865 tribute to Granger, the Detroit Free Press wrote, "... his gallant courage, approaching rashness and his faithful performance of every duty, won the confidence and esteem of his illustrious commander." ☐

Second page of Lt. Edward G. Granger's last letter home, dated July 17, 1864. Note the letter writer's postscript written at an angle across the top of the page, a common practice due to shortage of writing paper. In the postscript, he announced his commission as first lieutenant. He died in battle a month later on Aug. 16, 1864 in the Battle of Crooked Run.

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mustard with Col. Commission
as Quartermaster "Alger" 1st Div.
in the 1st Cavalry Regt. A. B. July 1864.
I have a chance to go home
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few days I thought I would ^{perhaps} take the opportunity
to send you the enclosed draft \$50.
I sent a hundred dollars to Uncle Charles
the other day from which, of course Mother can
draw as long as she lasts; but I thought she
might like to have a little loose change where
she need not have to draw for it. When you
get the draft cashed, please give Mother thirty
dollars, and keep the other twenty for your
own use.
I won't write to you till I hear
from you. This writing all the time &
not getting any letters at all don't suit
me. So you had better get about half



IT'S TIGERTOWN *in Lakeland*

By John Minnis

Two years ago, the Detroit Tigers and the city of Lakeland, Fla., completed a \$48 million renovation of Joker Marchant Stadium, making it one of the premier ballparks in the Grapefruit League.

Already, the two have the longest relationship in Major League Baseball, the Detroit Tigers and the city of Lakeland, are celebrating 80 years together with the renovation of the campus, affectionately dubbed “Tigertown.”

The Tigers first began training in Lakeland in 1934, with a few years absent during World War II. Since 1966, Joker Marchant Stadium, named after a former Lakeland parks and recreation director, has hosted the Detroit Tigers in the spring and the Lakeland Tigers, the club’s High-A affiliate, now known as the Lakeland Flying Tigers in honor of the WWII pilots trained on the grounds of the former pilot training school.

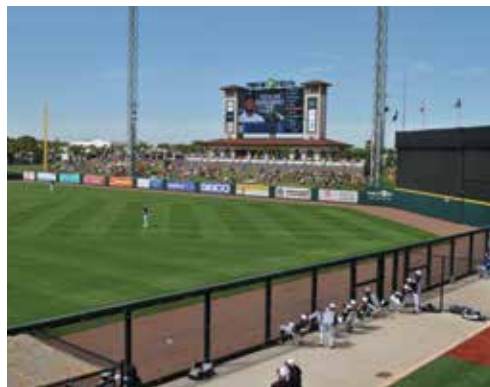
The Tigers front office and Lakeland city officials also

signed a new lease, which will take the Tigers-Lakeland marriage past the century mark.

The major renovation included a 360-degree concourse around the field. Previously, the concourse stopped at the clubhouse in right field and at “the berm,” added in 2003, in left field. The new concourse and berm in the outfield includes a deck and bar.

Other renovation improvements include:

- 600 more seats, increasing the stadium’s capacity to 8,500, not counting the berm
- More shaded seating for fans
- Air-conditioned gift shop
- Artificial turf to one of the practice fields for year-round use
- New clubhouses and training facilities
- Covered pavilion along the first-base line for rentals in the off season



Photos by John Minnis



■ Demolition of the concrete bleachers along the left-field line and extending the main grandstand seating

As an aside, Tigertown includes three WWII-era hangars that are mainly used for storage. A group of WWII veterans, including some who trained there, as well as local residents are pushing for one of the hangars to be used as a museum.

Everyone, from Lakeland Mayor Bill Mutz to Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, is strongly motivated to make the Detroit Tigers, and the remaining MLB snowbirds, at home in the Sunshine State. Currently, the Major League teams are evenly divided, with 15 making their spring training home in Florida and 15 in Arizona.

Central Florida's Tourist Development Council earmarked 100 percent of all its "bed tax" revenue over the next decade — \$17 million — toward the Joker Marchant Stadium renovation. The city of Lakeland committed another \$7 million, with \$2.5 million from the Detroit Tigers. Fifteen percent of ticket sales, as well as parking and concessions, goes toward stadium costs.

Spring training brings more than \$40 million to the local economy, and the Flying Tigers generate another \$20 million-plus locally. Central Florida business leaders are excited and anxious about the Joker Marchant plans. "It's already a great stadium now," says Kris Keprios, tourism sales and marketing manager for Visit Central Florida. "With the renovations, it's going to be really great."

Detroit Tigers spring training attendance at Joker Marchant Stadium hit an incredible 111,651 total in 2018, with the largest crowd (versus the Yankees) on March 17 at 10,077. [📰](#)





RIPE RECORDS CELEBRATES ONE YEAR IN THE PARK

By Lauren McGregor

From vinyl to turntables to live entertainment, Ripe Records on Charlevoix in the Park has been an advocate for the multisensory experience of music.

“It’s more than downloading and listening. It’s the artwork. It’s touching the album,” says owner and lifelong Pointer, Andrew Curcuru. “The sound of vinyl is more pure.”

This April, the record store is hailing one year of business with an anniversary celebration to coincide with Record Store Day on Saturday, April 13. A limited number of special edition records are sold (out!) on Record Store Day only, with collectors lined up hours before doors open.

Ripe Records is a family affair for Andrew Curcuru, Kathy Garrido, and their son Alex, a junior at South. Apart from the trio, Curcuru also credits

friend Alion with helping at the store. “Over the past year, we’ve created a community group here,” says Garrido.



Alex Curcuru, Kathy Garrido and Andrew Curcuru

“We have gotten to know a lot of people we wouldn’t otherwise know.”

And that community includes local musicians.

“We have live music. We are always looking for local acts. At a lot of the bars downtown, artists have to pay

to play. So much music and nowhere to play,” says Curcuru. “We also like to have kids showcase music. Jazz, acoustic ... South’s string quartet has performed here.”

Curcuru himself is a South graduate, has been collecting records since the 70s, and was an award-winning Detroit-area DJ.

Fittingly, used and new turntables and vintage receivers and speakers are also for sale.

“In the 70s, you had that big set up. You were proud of your record collection,” he says. Folks are being drawn back to that respect for music.

With regular live music, free espresso and records priced anywhere from 25 cents to \$1,000, the family invites all to come in and browse. DJs are also welcome, Curcuru adds, pointing to the turntable set up.

“Whatever they want to play,” he says. “We don’t specialize in any genre.”



We specialize in music.”

That’s evident in the enormous selection for sale. Ripe Records carries records in every genre, from rock to gospel, blues to soundtracks, and everything in between.

“We also do special orders every week,” says Curcuru. “Whatever you want, we can get it.”

Garrido jokes that Curcuru is a record hunter. He agrees.

“I used to record hunt five or six times a week for myself,” he says. “Now


I record hunt for customers instead.”

In addition to special finds, Ripe Records sees 200 to 300 records of new stock each week.

“There is always something new,” says Curcuru. Speaking of something new, the family is especially passionate about their corner of Grosse Pointe Park, where Charlevoix has seen new life in its several new eateries and summer street fairs.

“It’s a groovy place to be,” says Curcuru.

Ripe Records, at 15212 Charlevoix, is open Wednesday and Thursday, 2-7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 12-10 p.m. and Sunday, 1-6 p.m.

For more information, find Ripe Records Detroit on Facebook, Instagram and at riperrecordsdetroit.com. 

Photos by Lauren McGregor



La Joie de Vivre

ACTION AUCTION 2019

By Kevin J. Lamiman

Car enthusiasts attending the upcoming Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction have a treat in store. The highlight of the May 8 wrap-up of a silent auction will be “Cars, Cigars and Whiskey,” an exhibition of collectible cars.

“We want to gather some nice exotic cars ... that are in the public eye and display them (outside) to create a relaxed atmosphere,” says Dr. John Colombo, auction co-chair.

“Have a drink, smoke a cigar.”

Organizers have lined up several autos and hope to recruit a few more private owners to show off their wheels.

Mobile bidding for the silent auction begins May 6 and continues through the May 8 gathering at The Academy. A live auction will be held on May 11. Following longstanding tradition, it will include a dinner and after party. This year marks the 52nd Action Auction.

“This year’s theme is ‘La Joie de Vivre’ — the joy of living,” says Dr. Nada Macaron, another co-chair. “We’re celebrating the joy of life, and each person can relate to that from a different perspective.”

Other co-chairs are Mrs. Dorisz Columbo and Dr. Fouad Azoury. Honorary chairs are Greg and Beth Ahee.

The fundraisers supplement annual budgets for the independent, coeducational day school, which serves preschool-aged, kindergarten, and elementary and middle school students and includes religious instruction in its curriculum.



Next year, The Academy will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its transformation into an independent, nonprofit institution. The Academy traces its history back to the 19th-century founding of a girls boarding school by the Society of the Sacred Heart, an order of Catholic nuns.

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Above, Dr. John Colombo, Mrs. Dorisz Colombo, Dr. Nada Macaron and Dr. Fouad Azoury

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UMBRELLAS
1296

By Jane Nordberg

The new year brings a fresh start for native Pointer Ethan Steiner. Recently named Executive Chef of Umbrellas 1296 in Sarasota, Fla., Steiner is busy with the official February open.

“It’s a crazy time,” Steiner says in between hiring staff, perfecting the menu and meeting with purveyors for the freshest seafood and produce. “It’s great to have so much going on, though. I love being busy.”

Steiner appreciates Umbrellas’ historic charm, which includes a ca. 1920s mural in the dining room and a hand-carved wood bar, so the front of house will see only minor upgrades and a facelift. That ends at the kitchen, however, which is receiving a complete overhaul.

“Everything is 100 percent brand

new, from the walk-in to the tile, new equipment, new hoods,” Steiner says.

“It’s very exciting to see all of the brand-new equipment going in.”

The career path for this energetic 29-year-old has taken him from Detroit to Las Vegas to Mackinac Island, working with chefs such as Jose Andres, Seth High and Gordon Ramsay. With a year in Sarasota under his belt, Steiner is eager to finish the renovations at Umbrellas

and get cooking, putting the latest molecular gastronomy techniques, such as foams and powders, to use.

“The restaurant will be fine casual, but not stuffy,” Steiner says. “More of a casual dining experience with the best food we can source. It won’t be a menu filled with ingredients you’ve never heard of.”





Two menu items, for example, are braised short ribs with polenta and a chorizo-stuffed lobster. “We’re going to have some fun little aspects, but the menu will still be inviting.”

Those recipes might include some Caribbean influences, a nod to Steiner’s stint in the Island House kitchen on Mackinac Island, where many of his colleagues hailed from Jamaica.

“Jerk chicken, jerk shrimp, I love those dishes, and when I

cook them, I’m immediately there in Michigan,” Steiner says. “They taught me a lot.”

As Executive Chef, Steiner doesn’t plan to rest on his laurels; he’ll be working side-by-side with his fellow kitchen staff.

“I’m very hands-on,” he says. “I didn’t get into cooking to watch other people cook. If I can be on the line, I’ll be on the line. I enjoy being in the moment, working all the pans. I’m the most engaged when I’m in the busiest spot.”

He credits his parents with instilling him with a strong work ethic and drive to succeed.

“My parents worked hard to keep three young boys playing hockey, and

their sacrifices are definitely a factor in me striving to be the best.”

Though Michigan is home, Steiner’s not likely to trade palm trees for pond hockey any time soon.

“I don’t miss the snow,” he quips. “Here, it’s 86 degrees and sunny almost every day.”

Grosse Pointers visiting Sarasota can expect a warm welcome, he says. “I’ve met a lot of Midwesterners here. If you find yourself in Sarasota, come visit. I’m not afraid to come out of the kitchen and meet people, especially Michiganders.”

Chef Ethan Steiner’s cooking column is a regular feature in *Grosse Pointe Magazine*. Follow him on Twitter @Chef_Ethan. [P](#)



Opposite page, Chef Ethan Steiner in front of Umbrellas; left, John Ringling autographed the 1920s mural in the bottom right hand corner; below, hand-carved wood bar kept to retain historic charm

Photos courtesy of Ethan Steiner





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By Dr. Stonisch

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Dr. M.S. Stonisch is a general dentist practicing on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods at Faircourt Dental. For information or to schedule an appointment call (313) 882-2000 or visit www.faircourtdental.com.





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Password paranoia

By Jon B. Gandelot

I recently met with a woman whose husband had died suddenly a month before. She told me her husband had all of their finances organized on his home computer.

Each account was carefully password protected by a different password.

The trouble was that when her husband died, his widow didn't have the passwords. She wasn't able to access any of the accounts, even though nearly all of



the accounts were in the name of the husband's living trust and the wife was the successor trustee of the trust.

For those people who use a computer to maintain financial records, it is extremely important to write down the passwords for each account. There are phone and computer apps that make this task easier. I personally use Dashlane, but there are other good apps that assist the user in organizing and maintaining passwords.

Another method is to simply make a written list of passwords and keep the list in a safe place. You should notify your family members where the list is located.

Many of our firm's clients keep the list with their estate planning documents. In this way, the family can go to one place in the event of an illness, disability or death. The trust, will, health care directives, emergency instructions and passwords will all be in one place.

Wherever you store passwords, make certain your family knows where they are.

Jon B. Gandelot is senior counsel at Trowbridge Law Firm, P.C., with offices in Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

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Peggy's Picks



By Peggy Kitchel
Assistant Director, Grosse Pointe Public Library

Cicero said, “If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.” I couldn’t agree more. Whenever I travel, I explore the local gardens, large and small. There is nothing more satisfying than reading a good book while sitting on a bench in a lovely garden.

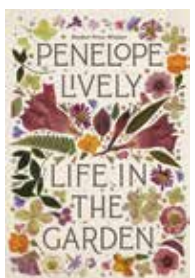


At Home in the Garden

By Carolayne Roehm

“It’s as simple as this: a garden is like love...a place you venture

into with hope, energy, excitement, enchantment and the greatest of expectations,” says Roehm. For the author, the garden has always been more than a canvas for beauty. She has lovingly crafted her gardens to serve as an outdoor living room, where the hours may be passed at work, alone or enjoyed with company.



Life in the Garden

By Penelope Lively

Lively takes us on a garden tour from the courtyards of her childhood home in Cairo to a family cottage in Somerset,

to her own gardens in Oxford and London. She explores gardens in literature and of writers and their gardens, from Virginia Woolf to Philip Larkin. Lively muses, “To garden is to elide past, present and future; it is a defiance of time.”



Seasonal Flower Arranging

By Ariella Chezar

Create dazzling arrangements for special occasions, or for everyday life with flowers that are

easily found at farmers’ markets or in your own backyard. Learn how to recreate 39 floral designs and to create your own original art out of nature. Fill your home with blooms, branches and foraged materials all year round.



Terrain

Create flower arrangements beyond the expected bouquet and colorful container gardens inspired by painterly palettes. Decorate with

plants and invite the garden into your living space. This well-appointed resource, with more than 450 color photographs, explores the creative use of common elements of nature in

combination with stylish design.



The Victory Garden

By Rhys Bowen
 As WWI takes its toll, headstrong Emily Bryce is eager to join the war effort. She is convinced by an Australian pilot that

she can do more. When he is sent back to the front, Emily volunteers as a “Land Girl.” She is sent to a small village to tend the neglected grounds of a Devonshire estate. In the wake of devastating news, she finds inspiration and support in an herbalist’s long-forgotten journals.



The Gardens of Bunny Mellon

By Linda Holden
 Rachel “Bunny” Mellon’s greatest passion was garden design. She and her husband maintained homes in New York,

Cape Cod, Nantucket, Antigua and Upperville, Virginia, and she designed the gardens at all of them. She also designed the Rose Garden and the East Garden at the White House and the gardens at both the Paris home and the chateau of couturier Hubert de Givenchy. ♡



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BARBARA PIERCE BUSH

advocates for health equity

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

By Joyce Wiswell

Every person has the right to live a healthy, dignified life, and we all have a role in making that happen. That's the message from Barbara Pierce Bush, who will speak at The War Memorial on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

Bush is the cofounder of Global Health Corps, which is dedicated to improving the wellbeing of the world's poor and vulnerable by empowering communities, organizations and governments to bring about positive change. The group places young non-medical leaders around the world to use their expertise – be it in finance or supply chain management – to help achieve health solutions for those in need.

“We embrace a philosophy of active problem solving and partnership that is designed to bring about real and sustainable progress,” says Global Health Corps’ website, ghcorps.org. “We are committed to creating a new breed of health sector leaders who develop innovative solutions to the most challenging health problems all over the world.”

Americans watched Bush and her fraternal twin, Jenna Hager, grow up, first when their grandfather, George H. W. Bush, served as president, and then when they became First Daughters during George W. Bush’s terms. In 2017, they wrote “Sisters First,” a collection of personal stories about growing up in a political dynasty (and enduring the press chronicle their occasional typical teenage misbehavior).

“At The War Memorial, we believe unyieldingly in the power of community connectivity — that, as a society, we’re at our best when working together. As an institution, The War Memorial embraces a broad definition of community, but Barbara



Photo courtesy of Barbara Pierce Bush

Pierce Bush pushes us to think even broader, to consider the global community, and the vital impact that we all can have,” says Brooks Hoste, Vice President of Community Engagement and Programming. “It’s an honor to welcome Ms. Bush to The War Memorial, and to host such a compassionate, knowledgeable, and influential leader.”

Attendees will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with Bush

and purchase a signed copy of her book.

Tickets for “One Person Can Make a Difference: Confronting Today’s Global Health Challenges” are \$30 for students, \$40 for general admission and \$125 for a 6 p.m. VIP reception with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, premium seating and first access to the photo op.

Visit WarMemorial.org to learn more and purchase tickets. [Φ](#)



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HOW DO YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE INSPIRED?



Something very special exists within The War Memorial: a spirit of eclecticism and curiosity that has helped define our institution since the 1940s.

From our founding, the historic Alger estate and grounds have housed an inimitable institution focused on memorializing veterans, advancing arts and culture, and providing the community with opportunities for growth and connectivity. And perhaps now more than ever, we at The War Memorial challenge ourselves to derive our ideas, style, and inspiration from a place of unbridled curiosity about the world around us, and from a broad and diverse range of sources.

As you leaf through these pages, you'll notice an eclectic mix of programming ranging from documentary films to magic shows; from concerts of Brahms's romantic melodicism to folksy transatlantic tunes; and from poetry readings to culinary experiences curated by renowned chefs. As we continue to evolve and explore our spirit of curiosity, we find The War Memorial in increasingly uncharted terrain. Nowhere in the country is there a similar benchmark; only *here* does this amalgamation of people, ideas, community, and eclecticism exist. What a stirring example of radical public value!

We invite you to join us this spring, whether your style is classical or jazz, da Vinci or Warhol, or if, like us, you find yourself with very eclectic sensibilities.

Lastly, we thank you for your conscience choice to *live inspired* through *your* War Memorial. Your patronage provides the support that allows our ever-evolving institution to provide world-class programming that not only honors our past but helps lead us into exciting and unmapped territory. ■

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President and CEO, The War Memorial

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FREEP FILM FESTIVAL



Detroit Does Documentaries at The Patriot Theater

The War Memorial's Patriot Theater has consistently challenged itself over the past year to introduce thought-provoking and meaningful programming for all who visit. Whether it be an afternoon of live opera, or an evening showing of an Oscar nominated film, the offerings at The Patriot Theater encourage guests to visit time and time again. This strong foundation has allowed for partnerships in the film industry and the metro Detroit area to grow in vast ways that elevate The Patriot Theater to a new standard of world-class art. **The Patriot Theater is pleased to announce that we have partnered with the Freep Film Festival and are joining as a festival venue for the upcoming 2019 event!**

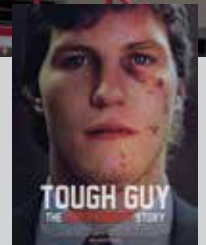
Produced by the *Detroit Free Press* and Michigan.com, **the Freep Film Festival focuses on documentaries with strong connections to Detroit or Michigan.** The festival believes great journalism and great documentary storytelling can inform, inspire and create progress while shining a light on both the challenges and the achievements of our region. In addition to film screenings, the festival includes panel discussions, parties, performances, culinary events, and more.

Festival events are primarily centered around the downtown Detroit core, but this expansion to Grosse Pointe allows for new reach and new audiences for both The War Memorial and the festival. **The Patriot Theater is beyond thrilled to welcome friends, old and new, to a groundbreaking event on The War Memorial's campus.** With five days of festival to enjoy, we can't wait to see you this spring.

The 6th Annual Freep Film Festival will take place April 10-14, 2019.



A PATRIOT THEATER PREMIERE



A local legend comes to The Patriot Theater screen

On Thursday, April 11, the festival will arrive at The Patriot Theater with a Michigan premiere. ***Tough Guy* is the captivating story of an infamous Detroit Red Wings enforcer, Bob Probert.** The film, based off the book of the name and produced by his widow Dani Probert, explores both the highs and lows of his career as an NHL forward and one half of the "Bruise Brothers."

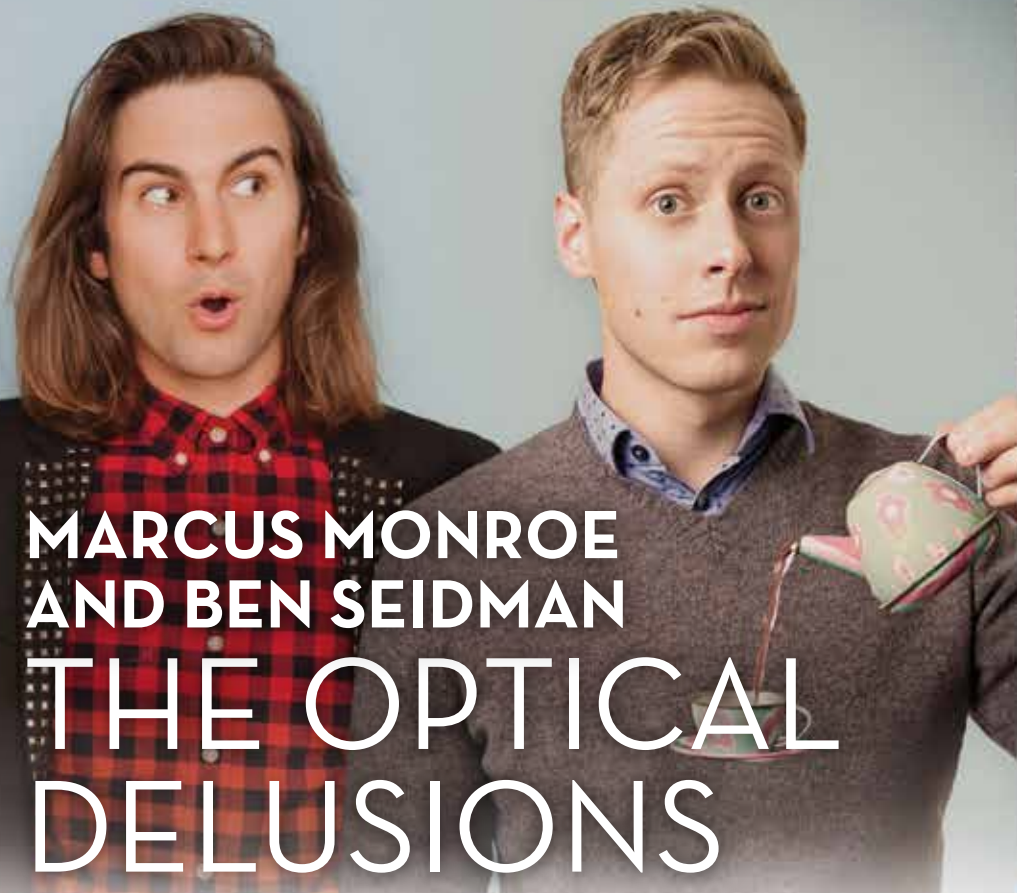
For ticket information and to learn more about the film, visit www.warmemorial.org/freep

WHEN **APRIL 10-14**

Full movie lineup, festival details, and ticket pricing is available at www.warmemorial.org/freep

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CREDITS AND AWARDS

Chances are, you've seen Ben and Marcus on television, in a film, or on a cruise.

BEN SEIDMAN

Brainchild / Netflix
Magic Outlaws / Travel Channel
Penn & Teller: Fool Us / CW
The Mentalist / CBS
Criss Angel Mindfreak / A&E
WINNER, PRINCESS CRUISES ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

MARCUS MONROE

The Late Show with David Letterman / CBS
Switched! / ABC Family
Mad Science / Discovery Kids
Pawn Stars / The History Channel
It's Kind of a Funny Story / Focus Features
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MARCUS MONROE AND BEN SEIDMAN THE OPTICAL DELUSIONS

Award-winning stars return to The War Memorial in a **magical, hilarious, and jaw-dropping performance.**

Prepare for an evening of whimsy, spectacle, comedy, and fun as stars of television and film, Marcus Monroe and Ben Seidman, return to The War Memorial, bringing with them an all-new show.

Dubbed "...One of the most entertaining performers to watch in New York City," by the *New York Times*, **Marcus Monroe combines innovative juggling with high-energy comedic and improv skills, creating a truly inimitable performance.** Not only is he giving comedy-juggling an extreme makeover, but Marcus is taking a strong lead in the new generation of variety performers.

Ben Seidman guest stars on the new Netflix Original, *Brainchild*. He appeared on *Penn & Teller: Fool Us* on the CW network and starred in two specials on the Travel Channel. Ben is also the only person in history to be named the Resident Magician at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. His residency at Mandalay followed three-seasons on A&E's *Mindfreak*, during which he designed illusions for Criss Angel.

Marcus and Ben have continued to gain stardom, working alongside such influencers as Neil Patrick Harris, Zach Galifianakis, and Pharrell Williams. Both hilarious and talented performers appeared at The War Memorial in 2017, headlining their own separate (and sold out!) shows. **Join us as they return to our stage - together!**

WHEN **THURSDAY, MAY 30**

TIME Dinner at 6pm
Show at 7:30pm

COST **Dinner and show (Adult) \$55**
Dinner and show (Child) \$40
Table of eight \$385
Show only \$23
Full cash bar

Masters of Delusion is a family-friendly show. More information and menus at www.warmemorial.org/mastersofdelusion

RETURNING TO THE WAR MEMORIAL

ONE FOR THE FOXES

Tadhg Ó Meachair, Joanna Hyde, and David Curley (Datháí Mac Oirealla) return to The War Memorial for an extraordinarily special evening with an acoustic musical flavor unique to the trio. **At once folksy yet sophisticated, tender yet rhythmic, One for the Foxes is gaining international renown for their incomparable interpretations of traditional ballads** from both sides of the Atlantic and the respective instrumental music traditions of these places.

WHEN WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
TIME VIP reception at 6:30pm; Concert at 7:30pm
COST VIP ticket \$40, including a cocktail reception and a meet-and-greet with the artists
General admission \$25
Students \$15

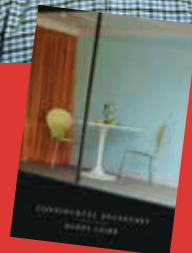
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WHEN TUESDAY, APRIL 9
TIME 7pm
COST Free; pre-registration is required



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WHEN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
TIME 7:30pm
COST General admission \$10
Students \$5

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CONCERT AND LECTURE: JOHANNES BRAHMS

Hai Xin Wu takes the stage in this intimate concert event, featuring the music of Brahms along with commentary provided by the performers.

WHEN FRIDAY, APRIL 12
TIME 7:30pm
COST VIP ticket \$45, including a cocktail reception and a meet-and-greet with the artists
General admission \$25
Students \$15

The War Memorial's classes, activities, and trips are open to the public! Everyone is welcome - there are no residency requirements and membership is not necessary.

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April 29-June 17

CARDIO CORE

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April 27-June 15

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Saturdays, 10:15-11:15am
March 2-April 13
April 27-June 15

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Thursdays, 7-8:30pm
April 25-June 6

AEROBIC DANCING BY JACKI SORENSON

Mondays and Thursdays, 8:45-9:45am
March 11-June 6

TAI CHI WITH JENNIFER

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15pm
April 9-May 14

BETTER BALANCE WITH QI GONG

Thursdays, 11:30am-12:30pm
April 11-May 16

CPR/AED/FIRST AID

Wednesday, 6-9:30pm
May 1

SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm
March 27

SELF DEFENSE FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, 2:00-4:00pm
March 27



SPORTS AND GAMES

BEGINNER FENCING

Mondays, 7-7:45pm
April 1-April 29

INTERMEDIATE FENCING

Mondays, 7:45-8:30pm
April 1-April 29

ADULT FENCING

Mondays, 8:30-9:15pm
April 1-April 29

BICYCLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Thursday, 7-9pm
May 16

MUSIC AND DANCE

BEGINNING PIANO

Thursdays, 11am-12:30pm
April 18-June 13

INTERMEDIATE PIANO FOR ADULTS

Thursdays, 1-2:30pm
April 18-June 13

BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 7-8pm
April 18-June 13

TANGO/CHACHA

April 25-June 6

INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 8:15-9:15pm

SWING

April 25-June 6

ADVANCED BALLROOM DANCING

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm

FOXTROT/SWING

March 12-April 16

TANGO/SAMBA

May 7-June 11

LA DANSE ORIENTAL-THE ART OF BELLY DANCING

Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm
April 10-May 15

SALSA DANCING I: BEGINNING

Fridays, 7:30-8:30pm
March 8-April 12

LATIN CLUB DANCING

Fridays, 6:30-7:30pm
March 8-April 12

SALSA DANCING II: INTERMEDIATE

Thursdays, 7-8pm
April 11-May 30

BACHATA-A LATIN DANCE

Thursdays, 8-9pm
April 11-May 30

LINE DANCING

Wednesdays, 6-7pm
March 13-April 17
May 1-June 5

ART, CRAFTS, AND HOBBIES

CORK AND CLAY WITH PEWABIC POTTERY

Friday, 7-8:30pm
March 15

YOUTH

BABYSITTER SAFETY AGES 11+

Saturday, 9am-3pm
March 9 or May 11

SELF DEFENSE FOR KIDS

Wednesday, 5-6pm
March 27

YOUTH FASHION SERIES

Saturdays, 9am-5pm

SKATER SKIRTS

April 27

NEW CLASS

BAKING 101 SERIES

Saturdays, 1-3pm

CRISPS, COBBLERS, AND CRUMBLES

March 16

PIZZA DOUGH, PUFF DOUGH, AND QUICHE

March 30

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

NEW CLASS

CREATE YOUR LIFE VISION BOARD WORKSHOP

Saturday, 9am-3pm
March 23

ANCESTRY: FINDING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Saturday, 9-11am
April 13

Monday, 7-9pm
April 29

OUT OF THE ORDINARY, INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY

Wednesdays, 7pm

ANGELS SURROUND US
April 10

PSYCHIC FUN NIGHT
April 17



MORE INFO

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DAY TRIPS

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TURMOIL AND TRANSITION IN THE 70S PLAY AND EXHIBIT AT LORENZO CULTURAL CENTER

Friday, April 12

ALL MY SONS AT THE PURPLE ROSE THEATER

Wednesday, April 17

NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM-COLUMBUS, OHIO

Wednesday, May 8

DAYCATION AT THE WAR MEMORIAL: LUNCH AND MOVIES

Lunch at 11am
Movie around 12:15pm

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! EASTER PARADE
Tuesday, March 19

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY! A CIVIL ACTION
Monday, April 22

RUN, FORREST, RUN! FORREST GUMP
Monday, May 13

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UPCOMING EXPERIENCES

DINNER WITH CHEF MATTHEW SCHELLIG

WHEN **March 19**



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WHEN **March 27**

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WHEN **March 28**

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WHEN **April 17**

TEQUILA TEMPTATIONS THE WINE COUNSELOR®
WHEN **May 2**

DINNER WITH THE WAR MEMORIAL EXECUTIVE CHEF NATALIA TARNAVSKY

WHEN **May 14**



TASTE THE WORLD THROUGH WINE: ITALY BRUT DETROIT
WHEN **April 18**

TASTE THE WORLD THROUGH WINE: SPAIN BRUT DETROIT
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MAR 8

Chamber Music Society of Detroit
STEWART GOODYEAR



MAR 19

Daycation:
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MAR 19

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Planting the seeds of a green mind with *Motown is Gro-Town*

By Lauren McGregor

The idea was planted at the breakfast table with Danielle Carlomusto, her husband Bill McAllister and their twins, Amelia and Marco, 3.

“We were singing about bananas during breakfast,” says Carlomusto. “My children were so receptive to it. I thought, we need something to celebrate the small things, like bananas, in a child’s life.”

Carlomusto was already aware of a gap in children’s entertainment, between the real life experiences of two-, three- and four-year-olds and the media marketed toward them.

“Children’s media should be an extension of their lives,” says Carlomusto. They aren’t quite ready to learn about dealing with bullies or the jarring roar of a CGI dragon, she says, but they love to see people dance and sing about fruits and veggies, the real and fascinating parts of their lives.

In pursuit of this simple entertainment, Carlomusto recorded *Motown is Gro-Town*, a children’s album that celebrates the little things, from “Bare Feet” to “Diggin’ in the Dirt.”

Carlomusto wrote each song, recorded all but one track (“Honeybee” by Sidi Henderson) and played all instruments for the album.

“I sing about digging in the dirt and that is something they can then do, something tangible,” says

Carlomusto. “These songs validate their little lives at this moment.”

Carlomusto hopes to instill in children a sense of self outside of consumerism. She notes much of children’s media not only bypasses the little moments in children’s lives for flashier programming, but also perforates these programs with overwhelming advertising.

“Children’s television entertainment can be a barrage on the senses. I want my children to develop value in living a smaller life,” says Carlomusto. “In building self esteem through growing food and playing music rather than in how much they can buy.”

While Carlomusto has a long history in the country music industry, including work on local radio stations, making the country music charts overseas, and even joining the chorus for a performance at The Grand Ole Opry, a mixture of mid-centuries pop, country, and more


comprise *Motown is Gro-Town*.

The album is available for download on all platforms and appropriate for kids of all ages. Parents without a green thumb need not worry. Carlomusto did not start gardening until moving to Grosse Pointe Woods in 2013!

The beauty of the album and its subject matter is that, “every kid can plant a seed and watch it grow.”

In addition to the album, two music videos, both shot at Detroit Abloom, and one featuring Bees in the D, are now available on YouTube.

Visit www.gro-town.com to listen to the album, watch videos and download free coloring sheets. Children are invited to send Carlomusto a completed coloring sheet or a photo of their garden to PO Box 36396, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236. Every child will receive a thank you post card in return!

Carlomusto says of the snail mail bonus: “It’s another way to celebrate living a smaller, more connected life.” 



Danielle Carlomusto in the “Honeybee” music video

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Hosts and Damage

All species of pear are susceptible to the disease. There is no resistance observed on any ornamental pear species or varieties.

In May and June during warm, humid and rainy weather, the fungal spores spread from juniper to pear by wind. At the early stages of the disease, the infected pear leaves show small orange spots.

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Exercise smart

By Ken Welch

In the fitness world the emphasis continues to be — how to get people to exercise? How to keep them exercising and how to continually demonstrate to them the benefits that result from it? But is there such a thing as too much exercise?

Another publication I receive called Athletic Business drew my attention to a condition called rhabdomyolysis.



It was in relation to several University of Houston athletes from their women's soccer team having to be hospitalized after a workout. Their strength coach was fired.

I vaguely remembered hearing about this condition so I did a little research. It's also known as "rhabdo" and is still somewhat rare with about 26,000 cases reported each year in the U.S. It happens when damaged muscles start to break down, releasing muscle fiber contents into the blood. This can cause kidney damage. About 15 percent of patients suffer from kidney failure.

Athletes and exercise obsessives who push the intensity of their workouts beyond their physical limits, especially if they haven't trained properly to take those next steps, are the ones at risk.

Most of us are not going to experience this condition and use exercise common sense, but as exercise becomes more prevalent in our society people start thinking more is better.

For example, doing high-intensity interval training every day is a good thing, but that's not necessarily the case. You have to weave in moderate routines and also incorporate rest days, and you have to listen to your body when it's telling you, "take a break today."

Exercise is essential, just be smart.

Ken Welch is owner and trainer at Pointe Fitness on Harper south of Allard. Online: pointefitness.com.

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Meet Kennedy

Name: **Kennedy Nosek**

Parents: **Ashley and Jeff Nosek**

Birthdate: **April 19, 2018**

City: **Grosse Pointe Park**

Siblings: **Connor, 14; baby girl Nosek**

First word: **Dah-dah, gah-gah, various gremlin noises**

Favorite activity: **Crinkle books and her ball pit**

Cute fact: **Loves to play footsie with her puppy, Bella**



About Kennedy

in Mommy and Daddy's words

"Kennedy is our 'sassy ginger' who loves her puppy, Bella. She's a speed demon in her rolling walker, an avid traveler from coast (Seattle) to coast (North Carolina) and loves play dates with her friends! Her laugh is infectious, she loves to read and practice walking with anyone who will walk with her. She loves her big brother, Connor, and can't wait to be promoted to big sister to baby girl Nosek in May 2019!"

Meet JP



Name: **JP Fradenburg**

Age: **8**

City: **Grosse Pointe Farms**

Parents: **Jay and Melissa Fradenburg**

Siblings: **Jackie, 10**

School: **St. Paul Catholic School**

Interests: **Swimming, basketball, drawing, playing with my friends**

Favorites

Food

Sushi

Vacation

Florida

Book

Harry Potter

Game

Fortnite

School Subject

Science

Outdoor Activity

Tag

Who is your hero and why?

I look up to my sister Jackie. She is very smart and always helps me with my homework.

What is your favorite thing about going to school?

My teacher Mrs. Bingle. She is really nice.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I would like to be an engineer because I like to make things.

What is your favorite thing to do with your family?

Go on our boat

About JP

"I wanted a dog since I was three years old. This Christmas I finally got a dog named Cody. He is the best dog and sleeps in my bed every night. I am artistic because Grandpa is an artist and he taught me how to draw. I am compassionate and try to be kind to everyone."

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Meet Thomas



Name	Thomas Wacker
Age	18 (in April)
City	Grosse Pointe Farms
School	Grosse Pointe South
Parents	Sharon McGann Wacker; Bret Wacker
Siblings	Kate Wacker, 24

Thomas's Favorites

Music Artist

Queen

TV Show

Friends

School Subject

Physics

Movie

Pearl Harbor

Actor/Actress

John Krasinski

Book

American Sniper

Vacation

Boca Grande, Fla.

Website

Netflix.com

Food

Pizza

Extracurricular Activity

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Mr. Pratt

What song have you downloaded that would surprise people?

“Fortunate Son” by Creedence Clearwater Revival

What unique skill do you possess and what skill would you like to learn?

While teachers have never liked it, I have always been able to do calculations in my head – math, physics, etc. I’d get in trouble for not showing my work. What I would like to learn is how to fly a fixed wing plane.

What did you want to be as a child and what do you want to be now?

I wanted to be a marine biologist and study blue whales. (Do you know they have two blow holes?) Now I want to be a pilot in the U.S. Navy and fly jets.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

As a newly commissioned Officer in the U.S. Navy

About Thomas

“I am a senior at Grosse Pointe South. I played goalie on South’s soccer team all four years and was on the Varsity team my junior and senior years. I was also in the choir all four years. While there were some challenges to doing both, I am very happy that I pursued both interests. The coaches and the choir director were pretty understanding of the other commitments and willing to work with me. My favorite school subjects are STEM related and I am excited to play the role of Gaston in this spring’s school musical production of *Beauty and the Beast* (running April 25-28).”

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at home in the Pointes

By Jane Nordberg

Australian native Megan Stooke desired a historic house that reflected her modern lifestyle. After years of major renovations, Kenwood Road is where she calls home.

“It’s very ‘Melbourne girl comes to Detroit,’” she says, as it blends her love of both traditional and more modern elements.

Twelve years ago, Stooke moved from her Victorian home down under to a Royal Oak apartment for what she thought would be a three-year assignment with General Motors. But she soon fell in love with Detroit’s history and architecture, and began looking for more permanent surroundings.

“A friend told me I needed to be looking at Grosse Pointe,” Stooke recalls. “I immediately was attracted to its lakeside proximity, historic homes and community amenities.”

After looking at many houses, Stooke was eventually smitten

with 79 Kenwood Road in Grosse Pointe Farms, ideally located on the historic “Nun’s Walk” street of silver maple trees. Built in 1926, its French provincial design inspired by the travels of former Packard Motor

Company President Alvan Macauley, who hired renowned architect D. Allen Wright to design the home as a wedding present for his daughter.

“From the start, I loved all the details and traditional touches,” Stooke says. “From the Pewabic tile and slate, brick entryway, the leaded windows and paneling, to the textured plaster finishes.”

What Stooke didn’t love, however, was the carry-through of the French provincial style into its interior decoration with an abundance of lace and stenciling.

“I loved the story of the home but I’m not an ornate kind of person; my style is more modern and streamlined,” Stooke explains. “My priority was to pare down all of the clutter and let the original bones of the house shine through.”

Stooke turned to GPH Services contractor Aaron Whittaker to lead the renovation, calling him the “ultimate problem solver.”



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“He will never say no,” Stooke says. “Aaron is a very ‘where there’s a will, there’s a way’ kind of person. He is a very creative thinker and it was a wonderful collaboration.”

Typical of historic homes, the kitchen and living room were at opposite ends of the main floor with many small closed-off rooms in between. Walls were removed, two rooms were combined into a formal dining room, and a 24’ by 24’ family room was added that opened up all the rooms and connected the spaces.

“From the formal living room, I can now see all the way into the kitchen,” Stooke says. “It’s very much a layout that works for today’s modern family.”

More modern touches include new windows, upgrades to the home’s security system and the addition of Smart technology. Floor-to-ceiling wine cabinets flank the living room fireplace; in the kitchen, a beverage fridge was installed adjacent to the outside door for informal gatherings.

Four sets of French doors invite visitors to the outdoor patio space

with a pergola and built-in stone barbecue and fireplace.

“This home really is my sanctuary, that I love spending time with family and friends in,” Stooke says.

The attic space was redesigned as a playroom/hang-out for Stooke’s young son to grow into, with ample storage, walls of magnetic and chalkboard paint and a fun checkerboard floor. Eclectic touches continue into Stooke’s favorite room, a former dining room that now serves as her office. With a leopard rug, graphic architectural





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photographs and a small bronze kangaroo, the room reflects Stooke's adventurous spirit.

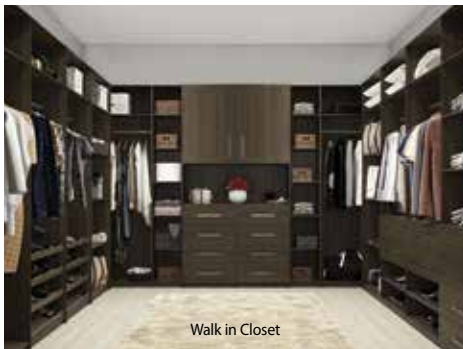
"It's been a labor of love," says Stooke, who lived in the home throughout the extensive renovations. "But it's now an amazing historic home that includes the modern conveniences and connectivity for daily living." 

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Hours: Tues 11:30am-8pm; Wed-Thur 11:30am-10pm; Fri 11:30am-11:30pm; Sat. 4pm-11:30pm

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Mack Avenue Grille

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Hours: Mon 4-10pm; Tues-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-11pm;
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Web: www.SideStreetDiner.com



Sierra Station La Cantina — Celebrating 40+ Years!

15110 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 822-1270

The Sierra Station was established in 1977 and has transformed into a favorite Grosse Pointe Park destination. The Sierra Station prides itself as a family-style Mexican restaurant, offering affordable dinners. Most impressive is the food! Few restaurants survive 40 years unless they have great food. The entrée menu features more than 30 dishes served with the standard rice and beans. House specialties are the Verda Sauce and Chili Relleno. It is one of the few places you can sit down, eat authentic Mexican food, have a Margarita, enjoy the South-of-the-Border ambience and bric-a-brac and let your kids run free. The patio veranda is an ideal space to throw your wedding party, family celebration or business luncheon. Prefer an indoor setting for your event? Sierra Station has a private dining room filled with beautiful authentic decorated space capable of setting 40 guests. Join us on Thursdays for \$3 Jumbo Margaritas. Carry-outs available.



El Dia de Santo Patricio!

Hours: Lunch: Thurs-Fri 11:30am-1:00pm

Dinner: Open daily at 5pm

Web: www.sierrastationgp.com



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Telly's Place

20791 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 881-3985

As a staple of the Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood since 1982, Telly's isn't your normal bar and grill. Walk in off Mack and you'll instantly notice that with over 35 years of history, a sense of warmth, friendliness and contemporary atmosphere abounds. Everyone is welcome at Telly's. Everyone is family at Telly's. Owners and native Grosse Pointers Ty and Jimmy are committed to bringing you the atmosphere, quality and service that has made Telly's an institution.



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Villa Restaurant and Pizzeria

21311 Gratiot Avenue, Eastpointe • (586) 778-1780

Loretta, Tony, and Joe are the third generation of the Palleschi family to operate the Villa. Following in the footsteps of their grandparents, Antonio and Arcangela and parents Orlando and Anna, they maintain the family tradition of authentic, home-style Italian cooking started in 1956. The restaurant has experienced numerous expansions and renovations over the past 63 years, but remains in its original location. One thing that has not changed over the years is their commitment to offering a quality meal in a comfortable setting at a moderate price. Customer favorites include: veal parmigiana, baked spaghetti, lasagna, chicken marsala, ravioli, and of course hand tossed round pizza, cooked in a stone oven. For those who prefer deep-dish pan pizza, Villa's is unrivaled. To complete your meal Villa offers several desserts such as: tiramisu, lemon ice, spumoni and of course handmade cannolis. A fine selection of beer, wine and liquor is also available. If you have never tried Villa, stop by and see why they have been an Eastside favorite for over six decades. The family motto has always been, "Let our family serve your family." 

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Roasted chicken with spring vegetables



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In celebration of the reprieve that warm spring days offer from the chilly winter months, I have prepared a roasted chicken meal with spring vegetables. It's a simple and

quick meal perfect for the end of our hibernation so that we can spend less time in the kitchen and more on new journeys and projects!
Enjoy! 

Roasted chicken with spring vegetables **serves 4**

Ingredients

- 3½ lbs.** skin-on, bone in chicken quarters
- 1** lemon cut in half
- 3 tbs.** extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 lb.** small or fingerling potatoes
- 2 bunches** radishes
- 1 bunch** scallions
- 1 bunch** baby carrots
- ¼ cup** chopped fresh dill
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 500F
2. Rinse chicken and pat dry
3. Season chicken with salt and pepper, then place skin side up on a rimmed baking sheet
4. Squeeze ½ lemon over chicken and drizzle with 1 tbs. olive oil. Roast for 15 minutes
5. Cut potatoes and radishes in half and cut scallions into thirds
6. Toss potatoes, radishes, carrots and the remaining 2 tbs. olive oil in a bowl, season with salt and pepper
7. Remove chicken from oven and scatter vegetables around it. Put back in oven and roast until vegetables are tender and chicken is golden and cooked through, about 20 more minutes
8. Squeeze remaining ½ lemon over chicken and vegetables. Top with



Photo by Ethan Steiner

dill and season to taste with salt

Chef Ethan Steiner, a 2008 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School, completed his formal culinary training at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts with an Associates of Occupational Studies Degree in Culinary Arts and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Culinary Management in Las Vegas.

Steiner's experience in Las Vegas took him to kitchens led by Chef Jose Andres and Chef Gordon Ramsay.

In Detroit, Steiner worked as sous chef under Chef Seth High, and in the kitchens of Beverly Hills Grill and ML Café.

After working in northern Michigan at the Island House Hotel, Steiner moved south to Sarasota where he vacationed as a child and fell in love with the area.

Today, Steiner is Executive Chef at Umbrella's 1296 in the heart of downtown Sarasota. Follow him on twitter@Chef_Ethan.

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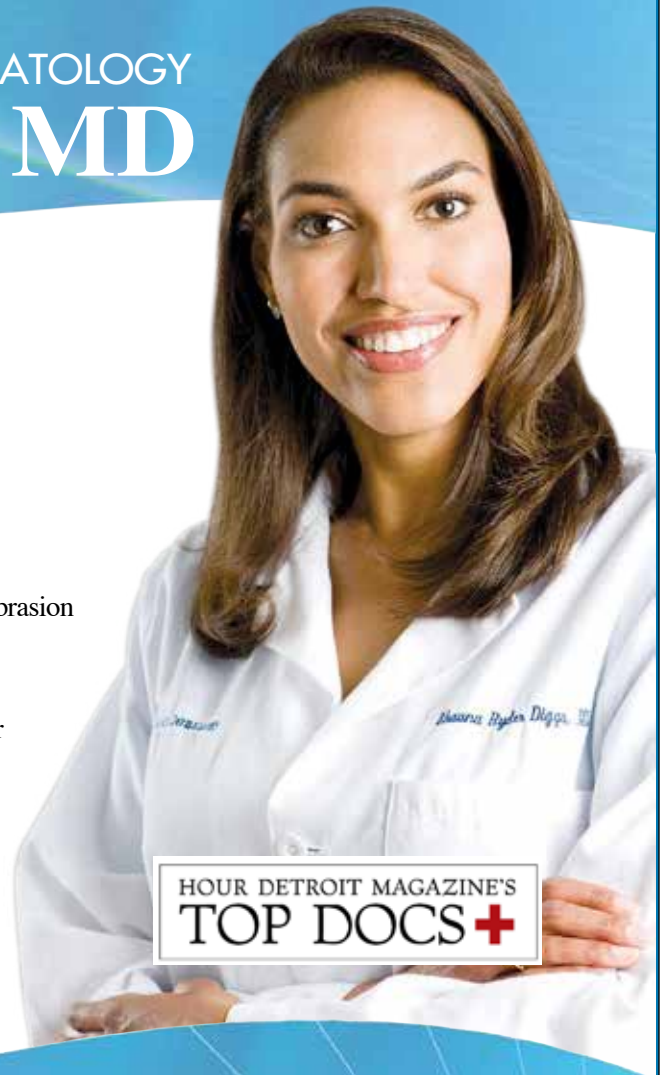
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The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council *celebrates 30 years*

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The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council (GPJC) celebrated its 30th anniversary around Chanukah with an extravaganza complete with music, food and entertainment. The GPJC has grown to 150 families and is an invaluable resource for the small but dedicated members of the Grosse Pointe Jewish community.

Over the years, the GPJC has expanded to include a local Sunday school and adult education programming. It also provides the community with a place to celebrate Shabbat and holiday services, weddings, baby namings and bar and bat mitzvahs. Rabbi Joseph Klein, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, is the GPJC's visiting rabbi. Bryant Frank is the council's cantorial soloist.

The 85 guests at the anniversary party were treated to a gourmet meal, the comedy of JN Contributing Writer Alan “Big Al” Muskovitz and musical entertainment by former Motown performer Les Williams.

Dinner chair Janet Weingarten welcomed the guests and spoke about the history of the GPJC. Upon moving to Michigan and settling in Grosse Pointe 30 years ago, Janet, and her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten,

hosted a Chanukah party to get to know their Jewish neighbors.


As told to the JN by Jeffrey Weingarten in 1992, “When I-696 was completed, it was hailed as a time when east got to meet west. Our Chanukah party and meeting was for us an opportunity for east to meet east.”

That initial gathering was so well received that a committee was formed, by-laws created and the GPJC was born.



Janet Weingarten

“I think the key was everyone knew there were Jews living in Grosse Pointe, but nobody knew that there was a Jewish community. As of Chanukah 1989, there became a Jewish community here,” Weingarten said.

Learn more about the GPJC by searching Grosse Pointe Jewish Council in the William Davidson Digital Archives at [djnfoundation.org](http://www.djnfoundation.org) (<http://www.djnfoundation.org>). Contact the GPJC at (313) 882-6700. 

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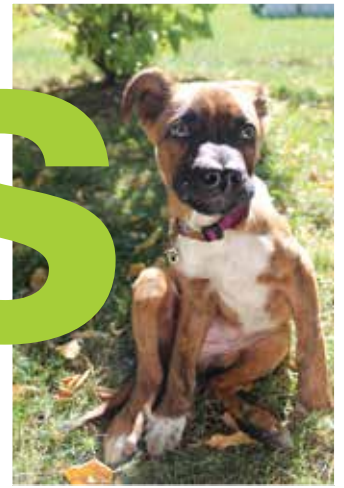


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Thor

Thor, 3, is the most lovable Golden Retriever you will ever meet. He loves to play with Loki (his American Fox Hound brother) all day, but any teddy bear left on the floor is history! He'll shatter it to pieces. They still love each other and are best friends.



Henry

Henry, 1-year-old, was adopted from PAAW, a Warren-based rescue, by the Martin family.



Hershey

Hershey, a 1-1/2 year old Havanese, got his name because his nose looks like a Hershey kiss. He is playful, energetic, loves belly rubs and enthusiastically greets everyone whether they have been gone for 5 minutes or 5 hours. He lives with Abby and Emma Dombrowski who were so excited to get a puppy last year after years of hoping for one!



Ryder

Ryder, a Cavalier King Charles, lives in the Woods with his feline siblings Rooney and Lillie. He loves to go on walks and chase rabbits and squirrels.



Rufus

Rufus, an 8-year-old West Highland White Terrier, was adopted at age 6 after his owner died. Rufus loves to go on long walks from his home in the Farms. He is a hoot and was a "godsend" to his owner, who struggled with health issues and benefits from their adventures these days!



Chloe & Bud

Chloe, 11-year-old Rat Terrier, and Bud, 8-year-old Blue tick hound, were adopted from GLASS.

Caring for senior pets is common

Dr. Jennifer Khalifah

Pets are living longer these days thanks to advances in veterinary medicine. Cats over 15 years and dogs reaching the age of 13 years are common in our hospital. Despite having to cope with some age-related issues, many of these pets enjoy a good quality of life with a little help from their veterinarian and pet parents.



In general, dogs are considered to be seniors around the age of 8, while cats at around the age of 10. As our pets age, they may have many of the same ailments as their human counterparts, including diabetes, heart disease, liver and kidney disease, arthritis, visual and hearing loss, even cancer.

Since pets age faster than people, we recommend blood work as a screening tool starting at age 8. If indicated, urine tests, radiographs (x-rays) or other testing may be recommended. The information we learn from these tests may enable us to diagnose disease before symptoms occur, thus resulting in better long term management.

There are many advances in veterinary products as well which can help our senior pets as they age. Medications for cognitive issues may help a pet to sleep at night or to reduce anxiety overall. Supplements and special diets are also available and tailored to senior pet issues. Ramps, special toe grips, or booties may help the senior pet to stay mobile, and special bedding may be recommended.

With the frequent and ever changing technological advances in diagnostics, medications, supplements and diets, we now have many options and improved ability to help our pets live out their golden years longer and better than ever!

Dr. Jennifer Khalifah graduated from Michigan State University in 1997. She joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 2016.

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08 FRIDAY

- Pianist Stewart Goodyear live at The War Memorial, information and tickets at warmemorial.org, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

09 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library's Night In The Stacks with Detroit journalist and author, Anna Clark, about her book, *The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and The American Urban Tragedy*, admission is free, reservations required, ages 21 and over, 7-9 p.m.

11 MONDAY

- The Family Center presents Play Central, Monday and Wednesday mornings through April 29 in Barnes Early Childhood Center Gym, \$5 per family visit, 9-11 a.m.

15 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre "Annie" Adult Auditions at 315 Fisher Rd., more information at gpt.org/annie, 4-8 p.m.

16 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre "Annie" Annie and Orphans Auditions at 315 Fisher Rd., more information at gpt.org/annie, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm, 12-3 p.m.

17 SUNDAY - St. Patrick's Day

- Grosse Pointe Theatre "Annie" Adult, Annie and Orphans Callbacks at 315 Fisher Rd., more information at gpt.org/annie, 1-8 p.m.

20 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe South Artfest through Saturday, March 23
- Full Circle Foundation and the Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents A Taste of Soup & Art at The War Memorial, 10 delicious soups from area restaurants, vote for your favorite soup, an art show showcasing work from young artists with special needs, Grosse Pointe artists, veterans and senior citizens, featuring Nick Raymond and his bluegrass band, tickets are \$25, \$30 at the door, available at Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack, (313) 469-6660 or at fullcirclefdn.org, 5-8 p.m.

24 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Shrek the Musical" through April 6 at Pierce Middle School, tickets at gpt.org

26 TUESDAY

- The Family Center presents "College Launch to Empty Nest Transitions" at Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, free, RSVP at (313) 447-1374 or familycenterweb.org, 7 p.m.

27 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents "Promoting Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health" at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, free, RSVP at (313) 447-1374 or familycenterweb.org, 7 p.m.

29 FRIDAY

- The Detroit Concert Choir joins the Oakland Symphony Orchestra, the Oakland University Symphony Chorus, and the Madrigal Chorale for REQUIEM by Giuseppe Verdi at Orchestra Hall, Detroit, \$22 general admission, \$12 students, tickets at startickets.com, 7:30 p.m.

30 SATURDAY

- The Met Live in HD at The War Memorial, "Die Walküre," 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm, 12-3 p.m.
- All Pointes Daddy/Daughter Dance at Grosse Pointe South, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, for more information visit tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org, 7:30 p.m.



For inclusion in Pointe Magazine's calendar, e-mail your event details to Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com!

04 THURSDAY

- GPPL presents Michigan Opera Theatre live performances of operatic hits along with context and intriguing insights into these timeless operas and the literature that inspired them, including *Candide*, *Hansel and Gretel* and *The Grapes of Wrath*, at Central Branch, 7-8 p.m.

06 SATURDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, tickets at fordhouse.org, also April 13, 20, 27, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

10 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents "Addiction Intervention: How to Help Someone You Love" at The War Memorial, free, RSVP at (313) 447-1374 or familycenterweb.org, 7 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY

- Freep Film Festival at The Patriot Theatre, The War Memorial through April 14, details and tickets at warmemorial.org

12 FRIDAY

- Fridays, Friends and Fords at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, also April 26, a guided tour of Eleanor Ford's grand home, soaking in the beauty of the art, architecture and history, then head outside to learn about the design of the lakeside landscape, set out on your own to explore and soak in the twilight views of the lake, watch the boats go by, or witness the sunset over the Meadow, the grounds will be open for you to explore until

dusk, tickets at fordhouse.org, 6:30-8 p.m.

- Hai Xin Wu Concert and Lecture: Johannes Brahms at The War Memorial, tickets and information at warmemorial.org, 6:30-9 p.m.

13 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm, 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education annual spring gala at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, visit gpfpe.org for more information and tickets

17 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents "Smart Parenting: When Does Normal Monitoring Become Unhealthy Prying?" at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, free, RSVP (313) 447-1374 or familycenterweb.org, 7 p.m.

20 SATURDAY

- Bunny Fun at Ford House, the Easter Bunny will be greeting children in Josephine's Playhouse, meet some new furry friends at a petting zoo, hunt for Easter eggs, tickets are \$5 for adults, \$10

for children, and must be purchased online in advance at fordhouse.org, entry times are 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

21 SUNDAY - Easter Day

25 THURSDAY

- Barbara Pierce Bush at The War Memorial, information and tickets at warmemorial.org

26 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre's Purdon Studio Theatre presents "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind" at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, through May 5, tickets at information at gpt.org

27 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm, 12-3 p.m.

28 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week kicks off!



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When you've been to every country, where do you go next? Dagestan, of course.

By Lauren McGregor

For Rufus McGaugh, traveler to each and every country on Earth (yes, literally), his latest trip started with a nightmare.

"I'm a little old frail man in a third rate, unlicensed nursing home and the nurse says, 'Rufus, we've had to listen over and over to your stupid travel stories and bragging about having visited every country in the world. But we just heard on the radio that there is a newly independent country called Abkhazia. Now we won't have to listen to how you have been to every country in the world anymore!'

I have to be able to say, 'I've been there.'"

So began McGaugh's plan to visit the Northern Caucasus region, between the Black Sea and Caspian Sea, and the places striving for independence

Top left, Rufus McGaugh with Koranic School students; top right, Byzantine fort in Abkhazia with Black Sea to the west

Photos by Lee Sanborn

there: Abkhazia, Kabardino-Balkharia, North Ossetia, Ingushetia, Chechnya and Dagestan.

With the help of Ihab Zaki of Spiekermann Travel Service, and the comradie of fellow Grosse Pointer Lee Sandborn (who has visited somewhere in the region of 135 countries), the pair set off on their three-week trip.

McGaugh says their convoy of four Jeeps driven by Chechen men had no issues in what has been dubbed the most dangerous region in Europe. "No one messes with Chechen drivers," says McGaugh, a retired Grosse Pointe teacher.

The scars of civil war and unrest were evident and McGaugh notes that the mentality of the people they encountered was particularly tribal.

"Republics spend centuries warring and still do. There was a lot of security and weapons," McGaugh says. "Whole villages surrounded by barbed wire and walls, checkpoints with Russian security."

That in mind, McGaugh had been

told during an earlier trip to South Caucasus that just over the mountain range was incomparable beauty. He had to see for himself.

"The North Caucasus was staggeringly beautiful and very different from the South Caucasus," agrees McGaugh. He was especially happy to finally see Mt. Elbrus, the tallest mountain in Europe.

The group stayed in locals' homes for much of the trip; visited artisan shops and the "last burka shop in all of Russia," which produces coats of felt worn by shepherds; toured schools; and saw countless historical sites.

"The City of the Dead in Ossetia had visible, newly placed bodies in family tombs," says McGaugh. "They have done this since the Middle Ages."

Another interesting place was the village of tightrope walkers, where every able bodied resident partakes in the tradition. Tsovkra-1, in Dagestan, has produced some of the world's most famous tightrope walkers over its more than 100-year history.

"And in the Chechen capital of



Dagestan



City of the Dead



Mt. Elbrus



Grozny, students of the Koranic School memorize the entire Koran. It typically takes three years,” explains McGaugh.

In a much different tradition, namely weddings, chaos reigns.

“Weddings are wild with gunfire and racing cars over medians and up curbs in the city. We saw three wedding parties with sashes on their cars, a warning that they are in a celebration. The wildest one I saw was in Dagestan.”

Racing cars and other “machismo” activities are treasured in Dagestan, says McGaugh. The most popular sport is fighting, in its many forms. Most notably, Dagestani UFC fighter Khabib Nurmagomedov recently defeated opponent Connor McGregor. Dagestan erupted.

McGaugh’s second book, including tales from North Caucasus, will be published in 2019. [📖](#)

Top, Lee Sanborn “hearts” Derbent, the ancient capital of Dagestan on the Caspian Sea; right, Vladikavkas, North Ossetia

TAU BETA SPRING MARKET turns sweet 16

Tau Beta Association presents its 16th annual Spring Market, May 2-4, at the historic lakefront Grosse Pointe Club at 6 Berkshire Place, showcasing the latest spring fashions including 22 unique boutiques from California to Connecticut.



Spring Market committee members
Photo courtesy of Tau Beta

Vendors will provide a one-of-a-kind opportunity to purchase both classic and on-trend women's and men's fashions and accessories, ladies and junior golf attire, jewelry, home accents and specialty foods. The event provides a fun shopping experience, but its higher purpose is to raise funds for The Children's Center of Detroit, a venerable organization dedicated to helping Detroit's most at-risk children.

"We are extremely excited for this year's Spring Market," says Melissa Hurley, Tau Beta Spring Market Chairperson. "Our shoppers will be delighted with our new and favorite returning vendors, all with the end goal of raising funds in support of the Children's Center."

Get a sneak-peak during the Preview Party and Raffle on Thursday, May 2, 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The Preview Party Raffle will once again feature items that are sure to draw everyone's attention: Luxe Beauty by Neiman Marcus, a manicure/pedicure at Girlie Girl Salon, pampering at Massage Green, and a wardrobing session with Kelley Muzingo (\$3,000 value); MeiraT gold and diamond drop earrings from Ahee Jewelers (\$1,875 value); Taste of Detroit restaurant gift cards and Uber gift card (\$1,200 value); and an original oil painting by Jane McFeely (\$1,000 value).

Spring Market shopping days are Friday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Guests can enjoy a cash-only buffet lunch in the Spring Market café, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Preview Party attendees will receive a drink ticket for the "Spring Market-tinis" on Friday, 4-7 p.m., where there will be a drawing for a B. May bag donated by Girlie Girl (\$1,100 value). A cash bar will be open, 4-7 p.m.

There is still time to support the Spring Market and Children's Center through three different sponsorship levels. Visit <http://www.taubeta.org/corporatesponsorship/> for more information.

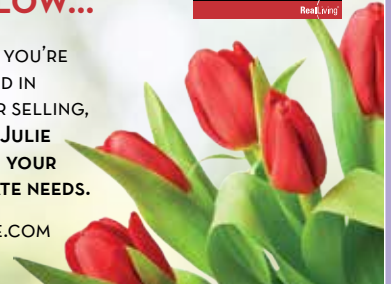
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A vibrant Easter-themed background featuring a variety of colorful tulips in shades of purple, yellow, and pink. Interspersed among the flowers are several decorated Easter eggs in blue, pink, and light blue, some with floral patterns and others with polka dots. A wicker basket is partially visible in the upper right corner, containing more eggs. The entire scene is set against a light-colored wooden plank background.

Easter fun!

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Saturday, April 20, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Bunny Fun! The Easter Bunny will greet children in Josephine's Playhouse, so bring a camera! Then meet some new furry friends at a petting zoo and hunt for Easter eggs on the Ford House grounds. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$10 for children and must be purchased online in advance. Entry times are 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Tickets go on sale March 4 for members and March 11 for the general public.

Grosse Pointe City

Thursday, April 18, 5 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at Neff Park! Children are invited to hunt for Easter eggs, including golden eggs that can be redeemed for prizes, visit with Peter Cottontail and stop by the petting farm, \$5 per child with valid park pass, Neff Park will provide bags (no outside baskets will be permitted).

Grosse Pointe Farms

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at Pier Park! Rain, shine or snow, bring your Easter basket to Pier Park and hunt for candy-filled eggs. Don't forget your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny! Pre-registration is not required and the event is free. This event begins at 10 a.m. sharp, so please arrive by 9:45 a.m.

Grosse Pointe Park

Saturday, April 13, 12-12:30 p.m.

Easter Marshmallow Drop at Patterson Park! Children 10 years of age and under are invited to the Marshmallow Drop. Colored marshmallows will drop from the sky by helicopter.

- Ages 1-5 at 12 p.m. (Arrive by 11:45 a.m.)
- Ages 6-10 at 12:30 p.m. (Arrive by 12:15 p.m.)

Collection bags will be provided. After the drop, children will exchange their marshmallow filled bags for goodie bags. The Easter Bunny will also be on hand for pictures along with costumed characters and pony cart rides! Tickets are \$10 per child and will be available March 4 through April 12 at the Lavins Activity Center front desk.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Saturday, April 13, 10-11:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at Shores Municipal Park!

Grosse Pointe Woods

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Easter Egg Stroll at Lake Front Park! The event will include an Easter Bunny visit, egg hunt, treat bag and petting zoo, \$5 per child ages 1-11. Registration is required at Woods Community Center or online starting March 7 with limited tickets available!

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