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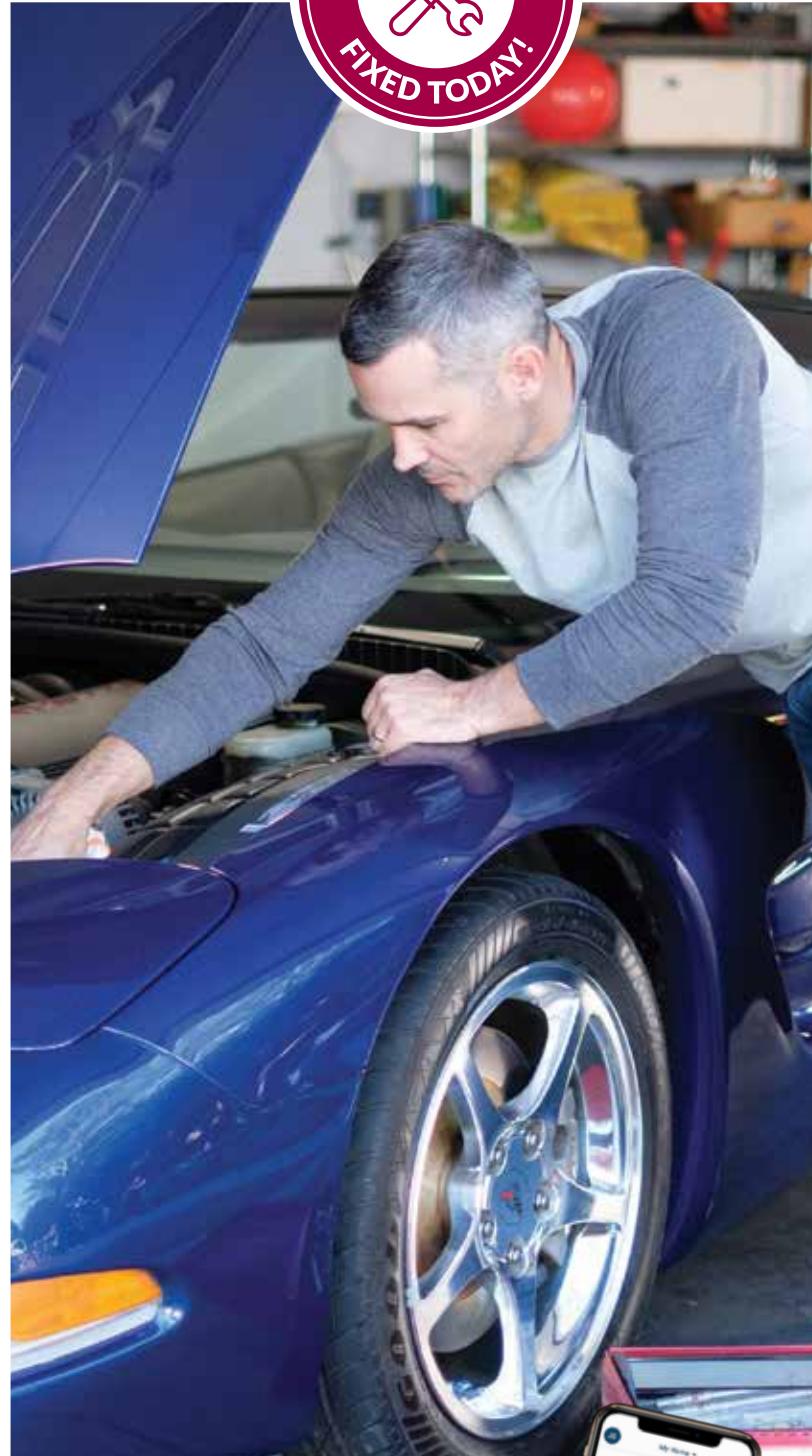
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Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, May 23, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to comment with the correct answer will win a family pass to African Safari Wildlife Park. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: Irish Coffee Bar & Grill)

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# POINTE MAGAZINE



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## Think summer — and golf!

Whoever said “April showers bring May flowers” wasn’t from Michigan. Just this week, as I write this, we had snow on the ground! Fortunately, it melted in time for the first night of the men’s spring golf league at Lochmoor — which they postponed anyway. (There’s that make-up day at the end of the season for a reason: April in Michigan!)

Now that I’m retired from the *Grosse Pointe News*, that gives me the opportunity to sub on the men’s league on Tuesday nights. Previously, that was the night we went to press with the newspaper, which meant all hands on deck until the pages were sent to the printer.

This year, Terry and I were fortunate to be able to spend the month of March in Florida, which gave us a chance to attend seven Detroit Tigers spring training games in Lakeland. I was also able to get in a dozen rounds of golf, of course! I played at least one exceptional round (for a high-handicapper!), so I am looking forward to playing Lochmoor.

I am also looking forward to getting started on the garden. At the beginning of the pandemic, Terry ordered me an above-ground garden box. So for the past two summers, we’ve enjoyed homegrown tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, jalapenos and leaf lettuce. (We still haven’t had luck with radishes or green onions. I’ll let you know how this year’s turn out!)

Already, today, the thermometer is inching up, and I’m anxious to get outdoors and walk (jog?) the neighborhood and take in the beautiful sights and smells of spring and early summer. Nowhere else is as enchanting as the Pointes during the warmer months.

When you get out this spring, be sure to patronize our many loyal businesses and advertisers who, as I always say, make this magazine possible and living and working in the Pointes so sweet.

See you around the Pointe! Fore! ☐

*John*

As the mom of a 5-year-old, whom we kept home from school with sniffles more often than we can count this year, it is an enormous relief to see the summer resources in Grosse Pointe. In fact, the abundance of offerings is not only a balm, but a life raft.

For starters, there is Summer Connection, an eight-week four-session summer enrichment program designed to reconnect students in grades K-12 with in-person learning. The program is free for any student enrolled in the Grosse Pointe Public School System in fall 2022.

It is a great way to fill in some of those pandemic gaps in education this year and better prepare students for the fall semester. It isn’t your typical summer school either. It kicks off with kinesthetic learning and physical activities before settling into project-based education.

Then there is Camp O’Fun, which is exactly what it sounds like — a summer camp of outdoor exploration and fun, available on a weekly basis from June 21 to Aug. 24. Registration and tuition details are available at [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org). On the website, you’ll also find details about Summer Theatre Camp, Camp Invention, Summer Music Festival and Grosse Pointe Summer Choir.

And speaking of the schools — we are proud to reveal our Publisher’s Pick Exceptional Graduates for the Class of 2022. Congratulations to Stephen Fozo, Sean Guibord, Amelia Karr, Benjamin Paolucci, Aleena Siddiqui and Ana Todesco, whose stellar achievements you can read about starting on page 55.

This May also concludes the 100th anniversary celebrations for Grosse Pointe Public School System. The final celebratory event, the 10th annual Community Luncheon, will celebrate community and service.

Here’s to the next century of exceptional educational opportunities, community and service in Grosse Pointe. ☐

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# Meet Anthony



<b>Name</b>	Anthony Kartsonas
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<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Park
<b>Occupation</b>	Architectural Conservator/Historic Finish Specialist

## Anthony's Favorites

**Season**

Summer

**Book**

*Nostromo* by Joseph Conrad  
and *Zorba the Greek* by Nikos Kazantzakis

**Movie**

*Grand Illusion* and *Yojimbo*

**Musical Artist**

David Bowie

**Spot in Grosse Pointe**

Windmill Pointe

**Restaurant**

Trattoria Caprini in Negrar, Valpolicella, Italy (best pasta ever) and Turistico Taverna in Kalamata, Greece (seaside restaurant that I have fond memories of as a kid)

**Sports Team**

Green Bay Packers

**Website**

Ebay (I buy too many cameras)

**Outdoor Activity**

Walking and visiting friends

**What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?**

The people and how they work towards improving our communities.

**What are your two best personality traits?**

Loyalty and passion

**What is the best trip you've ever taken?**

Backpacking around Europe when I was 25 and our family trip to Italy, Spain and Portugal in 2021.

**What is something not many people know about you?**

Even though I work on historic buildings, I love a good contemporary design.

**What is at the top of your bucket list?**

To visit countries so rich in history like India, Japan and China

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?**

That I was able to get a graduate degree as a son of immigrant parents that did not have the same opportunities. And being a parent to two wonderful kids.

**Favorite quotation?**

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” — Gandhi

## About Anthony

“Our family moved to the area just five years ago. Even in that short time, we have noticed so many people working hard to improve our communities. I hope that Detroit and the Pointes just get better and better to provide a safe, fun and inclusive environment for all.”

Anthony and wife Mata are parents to Stella, 15, and Elias, 11. In his free time, Anthony enjoys travel and photography.

# Long-distance caregiver

By Terri Murphy

Being a long-distance caregiver has a unique set of challenges. Managing aging family members is an emotional experience, and distance can add to the stress and uncertainty surrounding the situation.

Below are tips to ease the strain and proactively manage your circumstances:

1) Seek support from friends and neighbors. When you are responsible for caring for a parent from a distance, it helps to have eyes and ears on the ground that can give an honest account of what's happening with your loved one.

2) Plan regular visits. Visit when you can and observe and look for signs that mom or dad may need some help with their daily living activities. Early on, a



little help each day can delay or prevent the need for more in-depth care down the road.

3) Discuss your loved one's wishes with them. While it is a difficult conversation to have, it is essential to understand what your parent's wishes are for long-term care. Establish a relationship with an in-home care provider and research local senior living communities. When the need for care arises, you will be ready to step in and provide the care they desire.

Whether you live right around the corner or thousands of miles away, caring for aging parents is challenging even in the best of circumstances. It is crucial to identify who can support you during this difficult time, and a team of local family and friends and hired caregivers can make this journey easier for you.

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# Great Lakes Boating Festival canceled, but the party goes on

A perfect storm of major renovation and supply shortages have led the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) to cancel the 2022 Great Lakes Boating Festival, with plans to resume in 2023.

The Great Lakes Boating festival has been a mainstay of the month of May for the past 24 years and has served as a fundraising event for youth sailing at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC) and the community as a whole.


This year, there is a major construction project at the GPYC that involves replacing most of the interior docks. Completion is scheduled for around the time of the usual Boating Festival. Normally, 75 to 100 boats would be on display by dealers from around the state of Michigan. The dealers have also faced a shortage of available boats to display.

However, a boat display was only a part of the Boating Festival.

Every year, a fundraiser party for the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation (GPYNEF) is held concurrent with the Festival. This annual event is a kickoff for the boating season on the Great Lakes.

The Summer Breeze/Wheels 'n' Keels Party and Auction will still take place Saturday, May 14 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. It is open to all boaters and reservations can be made by calling the GPYC or at [www.gpynef.org](http://www.gpynef.org). The party will feature a roving dinner, open bar and auction.

On Sunday, May 15, the GPYNEF will award 14 \$2,000 scholarships to area high school seniors with junior sailing experience.

With the funds raised from the party, the GPYNEF will continue to support area youth 'Sailing at the High Schools,' 'Challenge the Wind' in Detroit and local competitive programs. For more information, visit [gpynef.org](http://gpynef.org). 



Photos by John F. Martin, courtesy of GPYNEF



# Boat Insurance

If you own a boat, you want to ensure your boat is fully protected.

A homeowners insurance policy may only provide limited coverage. Additionally, if you file a claim for your boat, it may affect your homeowners insurance premium. Purchasing a separate boat insurance policy can lessen the risk to your home policy.

A separate boat insurance policy will provide tailored protection for your boat. These policies are typically obtained to cover smaller watercraft (26 feet long or less), and yacht policies are provided to cover larger, more expensive watercrafts. There are two basic parts of a boat insurance policy:

- Physical damage protection – covers accidental loss or damage to the boat hull, motor(s), and any other equipment used to operate the boat.
- Liability coverage – covers legal obligations to third parties such as bodily injury, death, and damage to someone else's property.

In the event of a loss to your boat, the amount of money you receive from the insurance company may depend on the type of policy you buy and the age and condition of the boat. We recommend Agreed Value coverage.

In addition to ensuring physical damage and liability protection for your boat, check with your Aitken & Ormond agent to see what optional coverages are offered by insurance companies.

When you start a new policy on your boat, it is important to take pictures to document the condition of your boat. You may also want to consider having a survey, so you have a written report of the boat's condition. This may help prevent issues in the event a claim is filed for physical damage.

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## SUPER NEWS! SOUPER CELEBRATION IS BACK

By Joyce Wiswell

Nothing beats the pleasures of summer — tending the garden, boating on the lake, dining al fresco — and, of course, the fabulous party thrown by Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Together Again is the theme of this year's Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration — quite appropriate since the pandemic forced the event to be held virtually the past two summers. But on Saturday, June 4, a few thousand people will once again gather at Comerica Park for one of the season's most anticipated parties.

"We are so excited to be together again," says Vice President Stefan Ahee, one of nine family members who have made a career at the Grosse Pointe Woods shop started by his grandfather, Edmund, in 1947. "Capuchin was a charity that was extremely personal to him. He grew up near the soup kitchen and saw people he knew waiting in line. He always promised that if he could, he would support them. We were raised with those values and want to continue that legacy."


The evening includes food and drink vendors, live music by Your Generation and others, fireworks and the ever-popular jewelry raffle. Ten fabulous pieces worth a total of \$30,000 are up for grabs.



They include diamond earrings in 18K white gold (\$4,975), a Cartier stainless steel Santos-Dumont watch (\$3,800) and a Mikimoto Akoya cultured pearl strand necklace (\$3,470).

Raffle tickets are only \$5 and 100 percent of proceeds go to Capuchin Soup Kitchen. They can be purchased at Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit — as well as at the bash.

"You don't have to be present to win the raffle, but it's always fun when the people are there to see their reaction," Ahee says. "It's just a nice summertime event and everyone is welcome."

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Enter Comerica Park at the gates located at Adams and Witherell streets. The event is held rain or shine, and valet parking is available. Visit <https://ahee.com/ahee-legacy/capuchin-souper-summer-celebration-2022> for more details. 

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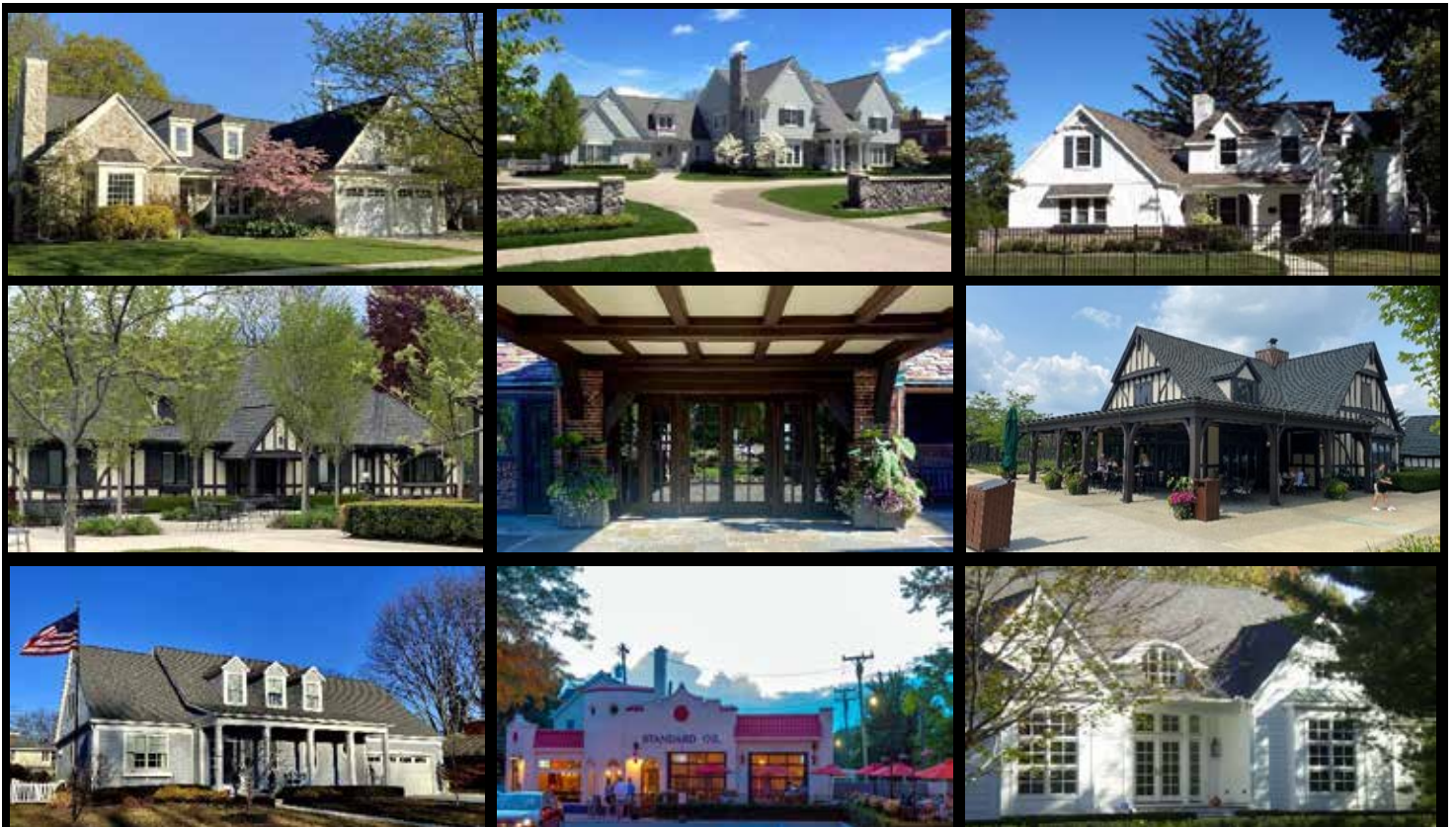
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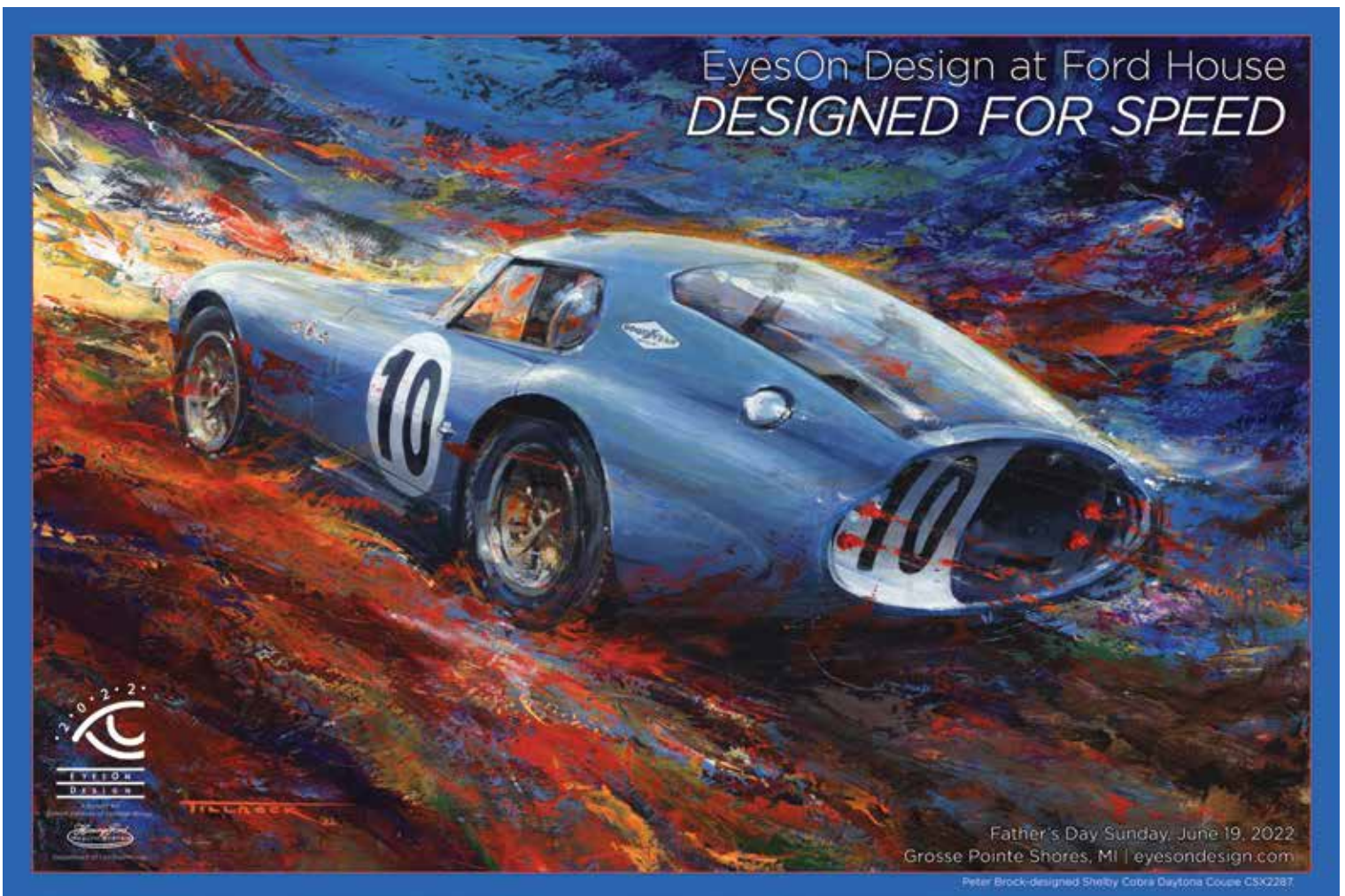


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## Annual EyesOn Design car show brings classics to the Ford House on Father's Day

By Robert Musial

The 35th annual EyesOn Design automobile exhibition will take place on Father's Day, June 19, on the grounds of the historic Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The event, which raises funds for eye research and support of the visually impaired, will showcase more than 150 of the world's best-looking vehicles of their time.

Along with spotlighting classic cars from every era, this year's show celebrates the design and beauty embodied in race car design through the decades in this year's theme, "Designed for Speed."

The theme is captured in this year's

poster, an artist's rendering of a sleek blue 1964 Shelby Daytona Coupe designed by Peter Brock, this year's Lifetime Design Achievement Award winner. The award is bestowed by previous winners of the design honor.

Growing in stature since its beginning, EyesOn Design has been named one of America's top five car shows by USA Today and "one of the best outdoor car events worldwide" by Car & Driver magazine.

And it's right here in Grosse Pointe.

The show began in 1987 when a volunteer for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, which sponsors the show, told her husband that the DIO was thinking of having a small car

show as a fundraiser.

Soon, the vice presidents of design at GM, Ford and Chrysler had signed on to the event and it took off from there.

Now called EyesOn Design at Ford House, the car show is the culmination of the weekend's activities, which begin Friday morning June 17, with a driving tour for auto enthusiasts through southeastern Michigan, followed by lunch and a tour of a surprise destination.

That night, auto designer Peter Brock will be honored as this year's Lifetime Achievement Award winner at the Vision Honored black-tie event at the M1 Concourse in Pontiac.





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Saturday, June 18, there will a design symposium at the GM Design Dome in Warren followed by a presentation of the Corvette Stingray racer, featuring Brock and four other noted Corvette designers. That evening features a “meet-and-greet” with Brock and the designers at the GM Heritage Center.

On car show Sunday, along with the meadow in front of the Ford House packed with striking cars, there’s the Private Eyes brunch for designers, car owners and enthusiasts.

Besides being the only design-centered car show, EyesOn Design is unique in keeping to its original mission — supporting the visually impaired by having a category of cars judged by visually-impaired judges wearing white gloves who select the winner by touch.

The car show is 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Father’s Day. Show tickets are \$35. Active duty military and kids until 12 with an adult are free.

All the other events are limited capacity and by reservation only. Visit [www.eyesondesign.com](http://www.eyesondesign.com) to buy tickets or call (313) 824-4710 for more info.

The events are a fundraiser for the non-profit DIO in Grosse Pointe Park, a part of Henry Ford Health’s Department of Ophthalmology. 



**Top left, a Triumph TR6 during the 2020 EyesOn Design Driving Tour; top right, 2020 EyesOn Design Driving Tour at Ford House; above, aerial shot of the field of cars during EyesOn Design; right, EyesOn Design Driving Tour in 2020**



Top and bottom photos by Marc Rozman, all courtesy of EyesOn Design

# HIPAA issues: notify church

By Jon B. Gandelot

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (enacted 1996) is a federal law intended to protect the privacy of patients. For most patients, HIPAA prevents medical personnel from disclosing ANY patient information to anyone, unless the patient gives consent for the release of such information.



Prior to HIPAA, when a patient was admitted to a hospital, the hospital would ask the patient if anyone should be notified of the hospitalization, often including the patient's church. Local hospitals would then routinely notify the patient's church. The church oftentimes would have a minister or other church representative visit the member during the hospitalization.

Since HIPAA, most hospitals do not ask for permission to contact patients' churches. Now the only way a church knows if one of its members is in the hospital is if a friend or family member informs the church directly.

I have been both a hospital patient and a deliverer of flowers from my church to a church member's hospital room. I know that receiving flowers or cards from church friends means so much to a hospitalized patient.

Prayer and good wishes comfort patients and may even help in recovery. Since hospitals no longer notify a patient's church, if it is important to you, make certain that your health care agent notifies the church upon your hospitalization. Doing so helps the church keep current on members' hospitalization, comforts the patient and is the right thing to do.

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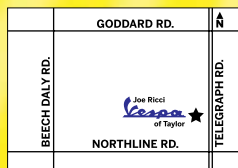
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## Doug's Favorites

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Watching a movie

**Outdoor Activity**

Golf

**What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?**

Great parks and great schools

**What are your two best personality traits?**

Sense of humor and the ability to adapt quickly

**What is the best trip you've ever taken?**

Our honeymoon in South Africa — going on a safari and cage diving with great white sharks

**What is something not many people know about you?**

I'm a neat freak.

**What is at the top of your bucket list?**

Taking the family on a safari once our kids are old enough

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?**

Starting my own physical therapy clinic, Foundation Manual Physical Therapy and Performance, in Royal Oak four months ago. It has been a rewarding experience because I can give patients the time and care on an individual basis that I was unable to give before.

## About Doug

Doug grew up in East Detroit with his parents and sister. He played basketball and baseball growing up and loved all sports. After receiving his undergraduate and master's degrees from Wayne State University, Doug earned a doctorate degree in physical therapy and graduate certificate in orthopedic manual physical therapy from Oakland University.

"I enjoy spending time with friends and family, traveling with my wife to away Tigers games and exploring new cities." He and wife Sherry are parents to Lian and Alistair. "I also enjoy relaxing in my backyard with a nice cigar and bourbon."

Some of Doug's other interests include regular audiobooks, podcasts and autocross.

**Anthony Kartsonas working on the paint and finish in the cloister at Ford House in 2019**

Photo by Clare Pfeiffer, courtesy of Ford House



## FORD HOUSE CELEBRATES PRESERVATION MONTH

**By Margie Reins Smith**

*M*ay is Preservation Month and Ford House is celebrating with a series of workshops and tour.

“Ford House engages with some of the finest and most knowledgeable tradespeople who help preserve our historic building materials, building craft and heritage,” says Director of Historic Preservation Rebecca Torsell. “This series of workshops will share these resources with homeowners interested in learning more about historic building materials and preservation.”

The most recent definition of a historic home, she says, is one that was built 50 or more years ago. She quotes noted architect Carl Elefante: “The greenest building is the one that’s already built.”

Kevin Ellwood will discuss preserving historic wood windows Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3 and 4. He has been involved with projects at Ford Fair Lane, Meadowbrook Hall, the Fox Theatre

and Mariners’ Church as well as many private homes and places of worship.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Anthony Kartsonas will talk about plaster repair, paint removal techniques and masonry repair Thursday, May 5. He is an architectural conservator and co-owner of Historic Surfaces LLC. He’s also a professional associate in the American Institute for Conservation.

“I plan to give some insight on the development of paints,” he says. “I applaud Ford House for offering these workshops.”

Simon Leverett is a consultant who assists architects, engineers and property owners with the preservation of local landmarks. He will discuss masonry repair from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 6. He will also demonstrate making historic mortar with quicklime.

Kartsonas will offer a history of residential painting from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

Torsell says people often call to ask for the names of the experts

and tradespeople used for historic preservation projects at Ford House. “This workshop is an outreach to the community,” she says. “We want to share this information.”

Admission to each talk is \$10 for members of Ford House; \$12 for nonmembers. For more information, go to [fordhouse.org/events](http://fordhouse.org/events).

Ford House will cap off Preservation Month with an exclusive members-only tour by Torsell on Monday, May 23. Members will learn about Ford House’s ongoing preservation projects and the special details and care that go into completing them. The cost is \$10 and two times are offered: 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

“We have a lot of work going on at the estate this year, including the restoration of the pool and lagoon, repair of the windows, lead gutters and more,” says Director of Communications and Engagement Clare Pfeiffer.

For more information, visit [fordhouse.org/events](http://fordhouse.org/events). ☎

# FORE *The Helm*

By Lauren McGregor



Photos courtesy of The Helm

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*“It’s a special golf fundraiser. We have so many supporters and it is nice to see them outside of a business setting.”*

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The fourth annual Fore The Helm golf outing is set for Monday, June 20, at Lochmoor Club. The 18-hole tournament incorporates lessons learned the last three years — two under COVID-19 restrictions — to create a truly fun and memorable event.

“Golfers enjoy boxed lunches they can eat on the patio or take with them on the course,” says Peggy Hayes, executive director of The Helm at the Boll Life Center. “And it’s nice to have the flexibility of gathering indoors or out for the after-golf festivities.”

As of press time, individuals, foursomes and hole sponsorships were still available.

For \$275, individuals get a cart for the 18-hole tournament, a boxed lunch and Afterglow access with hors d’oeuvres and drinks. A foursome is \$1,100. And for \$1,500, hole sponsors get a foursome, recognition on The Helm’s website and signage at the event. Afterglow-only tickets are \$60.

Last year, the event sold out and Hayes anticipates even higher demand this year.

“This year the event was moved from July to June. We’re hoping for a beautiful day on a beautiful course,” says Hayes. “It’s a great way to support The Helm.”

Registration and a boxed lunch start at noon. A shotgun start for the scramble style tournament will take place at 1 p.m.

As golfers trickle into the clubhouse that evening, the fun continues. The Afterglow starts around 5:30 p.m. and features heavy hors d’oeuvres and cocktails, prizes for contests like Men’s, Women’s and Mixed Team’s Best Scores. And new this year — a 50/50 raffle.

Proceeds go to The Helm’s general programming and activities.

“It’s a special golf fundraiser,” says Hayes of the laid back atmosphere. “We have so many supporters and it is nice to see them outside of a business setting.”

To register, visit [helmlife.org](http://helmlife.org) or call (313) 882-9600. 

**Top, Patti Theros and Jenny Parke; middle from left, Darrene Baer, Mary Wilson, Doug Blatt and Cathy O’Malley; Afterglow; Mixed team**

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# Detroit Concert Choir *at Ford House*

By Anne Erickson



The Detroit Concert Choir is gearing up for its annual fundraising event — “Detroit Concert Choir at Ford House.” The gala features a three-course dinner and silent and live auctions starting at 6:30 p.m. on June 17 in the Lake Shore Room at the beautiful Ford House Visitor Center.

“The new Visitor Center is stunning. A lot of people are excited to check it out,” says Christine Rouce, executive director of the Detroit Concert Choir.

“We’re thrilled to be there for this event,” adds Michelle Metes, event chair and Grosse Pointe Shores resident. “It represents the Ford family and is new, but it also has a sense of the history of the family in it.”

Funds raised from the event will go to the Detroit Concert Choir’s upcoming 2022-23 concert season.

“We perform throughout the year and do at least four concert series,” Rouce says. “We also perform in Grosse Pointe, Detroit and all throughout the metro Detroit area. We have the

season, community projects, educational programs and more, so it helps support our season.”


The Detroit Concert Choir has been rehearsing at Grosse Pointe North High School since 1993, and the choir’s office is located at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. Many residents participate in the choir.

“We provide wonderful, outstanding programs, educational opportunities and performances for singers of all ages and various backgrounds, including people who are in high school or college and want to pursue a degree in music,” Rouce says. “We have young conductors sometimes do a song or two in our program. Some write compositions for us to sing. We also have a scholarship program, so it’s a vast background.”

“My involvement with event planning for the Detroit Concert Choir is my way of ‘giving back’ for all the wonderful Choral music experiences I’ve had with this organization in the 30 years I’ve been a member,” Metes says. “Not only

singing fabulous concerts, some with major orchestras, but also competing and winning in some of the most prestigious competitions in Europe and Great Britain. This group, under the direction of founder Gordon Nelson, and now Dr. Michael Mitchell, truly changed my life.”

The event is sponsored in part by Beacon Square Dentistry - Gary Warr, DDS; Metropolitan Eye Center - Mariann Channell, MD; and Dragonmead Microbrewery. It will honor A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap.

For more information about the Detroit Concert Choir and the event, visit [detroitconcertchoir.org](http://detroitconcertchoir.org). 

**Top, Ford House Visitor Center; above left, front row, Veronica Smith of Grosse Pointe Park and Michelle Metes of Grosse Pointe Shores; Detroit Concert Choir and Artistic Director Dr. Michael Mitchell**

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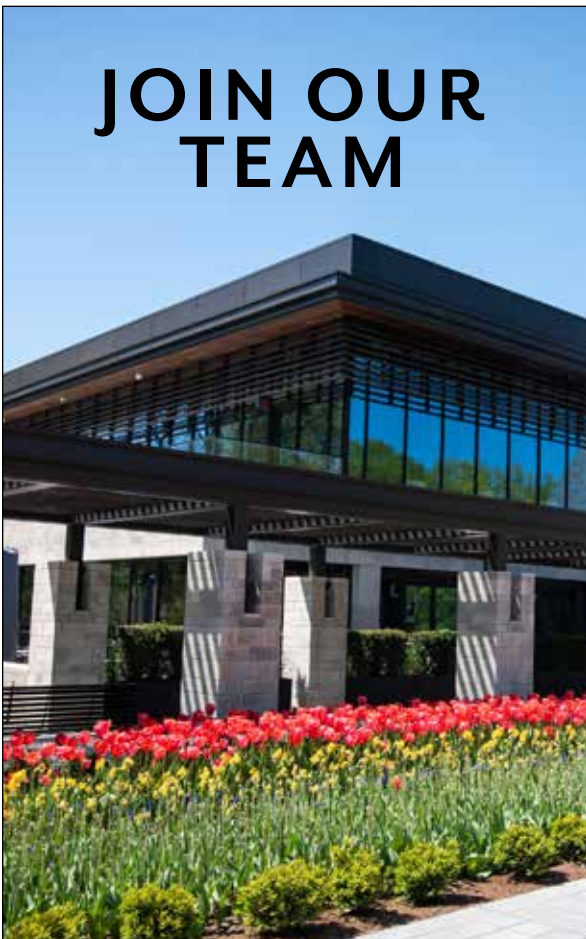
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# Legacy on the Lake

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation is excited to announce, Fred M.

Alger as the 2022 Legacy on the Lake honoree. This year's Legacy on the Lake celebration will take place on Thursday, June 23, nestled along Lake St. Clair at the beautiful Ford House.


The Chamber Foundation promotes commerce, education and economic growth for our five Grosse Pointe communities. It is also charged with raising funds to support the Chamber's

quality programs and services largely benefiting our community.

Past Chamber Foundation initiatives supported by Legacy on the Lake proceeds include patrol bikes for the five Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods police departments; bike repair stations; funding for the Trolley transit system; playground equipment at the Tot Lot; Grosse Pointe Marketplace; a bocce ball court at The Helm, and more.

This year's proceeds will go toward restoring and enhancing gardens on

the lake for all to enjoy at The War Memorial. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Trial Gardens and the 10th anniversary of the Veterans Gardens which are a focal point of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center on the grounds of The War Memorial.

Tickets are \$300 per person or \$1,000 for Patron Couple. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office, 106 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, by phone at (313) 881-4722 or online at [www.grossepointechamber.com](http://www.grossepointechamber.com). 





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# Grosse Pointe Garden Center celebrates 30 years of annual Garden Tour

By Anne Erickson

Grosse Pointe Garden Center's 30th Annual Garden Tour is set for June 24 and 25, offering tours of seven exquisite Grosse Pointe gardens.

While the tour is in its 30th year, Grosse Pointe garden tours have been going on much longer. According to Virginia Brown, who is the Garden Tour's co-chair along with Kathy Brown, the area has held garden tours for many decades but started doing consistent tours 30 years ago.

"We were the only game in town way back then, but now, it seems every city has a garden tour," Virginia says. "Ours is a wonderful garden tour, and people come from all over — as far as Windsor and Novi. They really enjoy it."



**"Just Because" by Robert Fionda, a raffle prize**

Of those seven gardens, two are in Grosse Pointe Park, one is in the city of Grosse Pointe, three are in Grosse Pointe Farms and two are in Grosse Pointe Woods. It's a two-day affair, so if you get tired on Friday, you can always pick up on Saturday.

"You go from garden to garden and see their backyards and all the wonderful things they have done," Virginia says. "You can get ideas for your own garden. We have large and small gardens, so it's a great mixture of different hardscapes and landscapes. We have a variety of ponds, composting areas, raised garden beds. They're all very distinct. Just seeing these beautiful areas is very awe-inspiring."

The theme of this year's tour is Go

Green for Earth's Sake. Virginia says her favorite thing about the tour is seeing the creativity alive in Grosse Pointe.

"You go up and down the streets and see all these wonderful houses with their front yards and think, 'I would really like to see what their backyard looks like,'" she says. "That's what I love — going back there and seeing all the things they've done to make their gardens so special."

An original watercolor painting by the artist Robert Fionda, along with several other items, will be prizes in a raffle as part of the tour. All event proceeds will benefit the education, beautification, horticulture and conservation of the Grosse Pointe community.

"On behalf of the Grosse Pointe

Garden Center, I would like to thank all who have attended our yearly garden tours for your support over the last 30 years and invite you to share this very special event with us on our anniversary year," says Kathy. "We took great care to select a wonderful variety of gardens and have added a few more events in our third annual Enrichment Series, which is the educational part of the tour. We are also celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Trial Gardens and the 10th anniversary of the Veteran's Garden both located at The War Memorial."

Tickets for the tour are \$15 pre-tour or \$20 if purchased on tour days. Tickets are available at [gpggardencenter.org](http://gpggardencenter.org), at certain Grosse Pointe area merchants and at The War Memorial. [P](#)

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maple & mill

By Lauren McGregor

“I wanted to be able to guarantee the quality of the build and to be able to save the homeowners money, knowing I can alter the design to fit the budget and not the quality to fit the budget.”

After decades of architecture and design work, Jamie Mertz is making a longtime dream come true — the opening of Maple & Mill, an all-in-one studio for bespoke cabinetry and more.

“My passion was to have something like this,” says Mertz, of Grosse Pointe Farms. “Our partners, Mertz|Casazza and Holcomb Development Company, agreed we could move in this direction.”

Four years ago, Mertz was practicing as a designer and architect. “For over 20 years, I did that. I have drawn hundreds of kitchens and bathrooms. I love kitchen and bath design. You can get so creative with how you lay something and incorporate another space to make a living space.” Unsurprisingly, Maple & Mill specializes in kitchen and bathroom

design.

While the company carries four cabinetry lines, picking up Wood Mode, a well-known Grosse Pointe brand of fine custom cabinetry, was tantamount.

“Wood Mode was the key component in opening,” says Mertz, who adds that all of the design studio’s cabinetry lines are made in the United States.

Today, Maple & Mill offers custom design for any budget. “We offer much more than a cabinet package. My whole goal was to build to match the quality of what I was designing. I wasn’t always getting that,” says Mertz. “As an architect, I was putting my plans in the hands of homeowners who could hire whomever they wanted. I wanted to be able to guarantee the quality of the build and to be able to save the homeowners

Photo by John D’Angelo, courtesy of Maple & Mill



**Maple & Mill design studio**  
Left, owner Jamie Mertz  
and lead interior designer  
Becca Priester

money, knowing I can alter the design to fit the budget and not the quality to fit the budget.

“I found partners in the skilled trades that were people I really enjoyed working with. They create fine craftsmanship.”

Next, Mertz identified the need for a lead interior designer and reached out to family friend Becca Priester.

Though she started in fashion design and merchandising, she pivoted to interior design full time. “My husband is a developer and I had worked with him on his multi-family and commercial units for several years. After that, I worked with friends and family on their remodeling projects,” says Priester, of Grosse Pointe Park.

“While we have an architecture focus in Mertz|Casazza, interior design is a whole other level. You need someone dedicated to it,” says Mertz. He found that in Priester.

Speaking of interior design — “We are seeing a lot of requests for an English style kitchen,” says Priester. “We can design the classic English kitchen but with a modern twist. I love to play with the hardware, to find creative ways to update a traditional Grosse Pointe home.”

The budget range for such projects is vast. “We have cabinetry tiers that can work for anyone and we will work to meet anyone’s budget. From there, the sky’s the limit,” says Mertz.

They are equipped to remodel any



Photos by Lauren McGregor



space in the house. “We have worked on everything from closets and garages to basement entertainment centers to libraries and beyond,” he says.

And the most exciting part to Mertz is the quality guarantee. “We have created something at every budget and every project has turned out fantastic.”

With a soft opening behind them, Mertz anticipates a grand opening of the design studio (17139 Kercheval in The Village) in late May or early June. For updates, visit [Maple & Mill on Instagram](#). [P](#)

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# Protect, preserve

By Lina Bowman

How do you make sure the wealth you've been creating and growing will be there when you need it? There are many factors that can affect your previous gains such as market volatility, rising interest rates, inflation and political unrest.



Burying your head in the sand will not ensure that your assets are protected. Now's the time to lock in market gains and look at strategies to help preserve your wealth.

One way to protect wealth is by implementing a stop-loss strategy as it can avoid catastrophic losses. But there are no guarantees when it comes to managed money portfolios. Another way to protect wealth is through insurance companies. Life insurance protects loved ones; LTC insurance can provide tax-free income, and annuities can provide an income for life. Overwhelmingly, the biggest fear for retirees is outliving their money.

One way a personal pension may be created is through annuities. There are many considerations when shopping for annuities, including keeping surrender periods at seven years or less, comparing optional income riders and not limiting your market upside by focusing only on cost. Review old annuities for growth potential, income riders and beneficiary updates.

Finally, don't put all your eggs in one basket by putting everything into managed money, life insurance or annuities. Your financial plan must have flexibility designed into it as life is unpredictable. Contact a comprehensive financial planner and request a second opinion to review your situation and options to help you protect your financial future.

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# Physical, mental AND property health

By Anna Bartolotta

Maintenance and repairs in your life are a necessity. Your car, your body, your relationships and your home are all needed areas of maintenance and repair. Your yearly doctor's visit is just as important as snaking the main drain in your investment property.



If you have tree roots invading your main and causing drainage issues in the main line of your property, consider the yearly cutting through the roots or cleaning the line as important as if the request came directly from your primary care physician. Think of your spouse securing a babysitter for your children and calling for an emergency date night just as important as cleaning the gutters on your two-story rental: they both reduce the risk of the ceiling from caving in on your head.

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Speedy quick for 2022, make it happen. In property management I am employed to keep expenses low but proper maintenance ensures future property value and a future for you. An oil change for your ride is more important than a simple car wash, but think of that car wash as a power wash for the back decking or a needed relaxing hot shower for you.

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# Summertime is the right time

By Ken Welch

If you've been struggling with weight issues over the past winter months, summer is your time of year. Let's face it, in the winter we look for ways to stay warm and comfortable.

Even if you workout there's a tendency to refuel with heartier portions that taste good and add pounds.

Summer is a time to take charge. For starts, we get more daylight. Longer days allow us to do more outside

and not think about food. To help with that, according to studies out of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the University of Georgia, our average caloric intake decreases about 200 calories per day in the summer compared to fall and winter. Research has also shown that we digest our food more slowly in hotter weather leaving us fuller, longer.

Being active in warm weather makes us thirstier so we automatically drink more water instead of the big mugs of coffee we consume in winter. Drinking more water helps regulate our body temperature, gets rid of toxins and waste, aids in absorption and digestion, regulates blood and blood pressure and does wonders for your skin. We also crave more water-based foods like fruits, vegetables and salads which are filling but generally have fewer calories.

Exercise options are more plentiful and easier to maintain in the summer. Example: Biking to your favorite gym rather than driving or early morning swims at one of our park pools. Enjoying a warm breeze and sweating in the sun, you can feel yourself trimming up and wanting more.

Summer is nature's gift as a weight loss tool. Use it.

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# To reboot, or not, and when

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

COVID is still with us, more than two years after it was identified as being the disease caused by the novel SARS CoV2 virus. Like the flu and common cold, new variants keep emerging and people continue getting sick, and we have learned that vaccine protection against serious illness and death begins to fade after several months.

One clear risk factor is age. People over the age of 65 are more likely to get seriously ill from this virus. It seems



helpful for older people to get a second booster four months from their last dose, particularly if they have additional health problems that weakens their immune system. Healthy seniors may be able to wait a little longer, so that they can be most protected when a higher risk of infection is unavoidable.

Remember that being outside drastically decreases the likelihood of becoming infected and that our indoor autumn and winter gatherings will come around soon.

If a healthy senior got their first booster at the end of this winter and has no plans for travel, large social gatherings or medical procedures over the summer, waiting another month or two before the second booster would improve protection in autumn and winter.

Get your annual flu shot and wear a mask when risks arise, especially if it has been several months since your last shot. Your doctor can help you understand your personal health and risk factors and help you time vaccinations so you stay protected against serious COVID infections.

*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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# Spring picks at *Capricious*

By Lauren McGregor


It's Erica Panagopoulos's first season as buyer at Capricious since her return to the boutique last year.

"I'm thrilled to be back and loving the new lines that we are bringing in for spring."

One addition is Drew Clothing. And she's especially excited about offering two new handbag lines — Squeeze de Citron and Elie Beaumont London.

"These are fresh, new lines that make a fantastic addition to our classic lines Capricious customers are accustomed to seeing," says manager Gigi Badalamenti, adding that new Tom Ford sunglasses are in stock, as well as some beautiful new dresses from Shoshanna.

"We have spread boards by Squeeze de Citron that are handpainted by Guatemalan artisans," says Panagopoulos. "They are currently sold out online, but we have a limited quantity available at Capricious."

Stop in today to see new and familiar lines at Capricious, 74 Kercheval. Visit online at [capriciousgp.com](http://capriciousgp.com) or on Instagram. 



Handbag by Squeeze de Citron



Lola Dress by Drew Clothing



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# Just One Bite and Sites



## Plan your next adventure with Jessica Muzik's trove of recommendations

By Lauren McGregor

Ten years ago, Jessica Muzik started a weekly tradition that would become the impetus for Just One Bite and Sites, an Instagram account and blog, teeming with ideas for local — and global — bites and sites.

"I thought I was destined to be the cool aunt," says Muzik, of Grosse Pointe. "Then I met my husband in my 30s and had children in my mid to late 30s. I wanted to incorporate the things I loved before, like travel and an adventurous lifestyle, into motherhood."

Because Muzik couldn't find a local moms group for working mothers at the time, she started planning her own activities.

"From the time Drew was six months old, I found I could juggle taking him out on my own," she says. "So for the last 10 years, every Friday when not in school, we have picked an adventure featuring a bite and sites."

Today, she and husband Rick are parents to Drew, 10, and Colton, 8. Friends and family have long followed the weekly adventures on social media and, marveling at Muzik's ability to find

unique dining options and activities, encouraged her to start a blog.

"I kept saying that I should do it, but I had a full time job, a small photography business, plus our weekly adventures."

She started simple — by telling her story through Instagram. The platform was a perfect start for the "right brainer who thinks both in words and visually."

Her posts include "tips and ideas for everyone — couples, groups, parents, friends."

Along with story-like captions, Just One Bite and Sites features stunning photography. "From the first photography workshop I took, something clicked," says Muzik. She continued her photography education through mentorships and was soon taking on professional projects. Today, her specialty is portraits and branding photography.

"I understand the PR side of photography," says Muzik, who is Vice President — Account Services for Bianchi Public Relations, Inc.

Some of the most striking Just One Bite and Sites photographs feature pre-pandemic trips to destinations as far as Croatia and Greece.



**Clockwise from top left, Jessica, Rick, Drew and Colton Muzik; Hamtramck; Longboat Key, Fla.; Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum; Atheneum, Detroit**

Photos by Jessica Muzik; top photo by Kendra Koman Photography



“In 2018, we went on a cruise to France, Italy, Sardinia and Spain. The following summer, we took a cruise from Venice that went to Croatia, Montenegro and Greece,” says Muzik.

A favorite experience took place in Olympia, Greece. “Instead of taking the cruise’s excursions, we asked the concierge of the ship for a driver and then took her tips on what to do.” This led not only to a tour of ruins, but a visit to **Magna Grecia**, a local olive farm.

“They gave us a tour of the olive groves and invited us to a tasting of olives and oil,” says Muzik.

More recently and closer to home, the family visited Longboat Key, Fla., Minneapolis, Minn., and Charleston, S.C.

A winter trip to Chicago featured a train trip. “I always recommend taking the train. It takes almost the same amount of time as driving, saves money and you can relax.”

She also recommends a stay at **Palmer House**. “It has a classic vibe with a gorgeous lobby you can have breakfast or a cocktail in. The pool is great for kids and the charm is great for adults.”

As a result of her ‘just one bite’ mantra

and commitment to weekly adventures and new eats, Drew and Colton “are amazing eaters.” The Muziks prefer no tablets while dining out, and often bring their travel chess set to play while waiting for food.

The boys’ favorite local eats? **Bon Bon Bon** and tapas at **La Feria** Midtown. And be sure to venture toward La Feria’s restrooms, says Muzik. “There is a unique art gallery, **Galerie Camille**, just left of them.”

Some of Muzik’s local favorite sites include **Robert C. Valade Park**, “it has sushi and drinks, and the kids can play on the playground and in the sand;” **Outdoor Adventure Center**; day trips to **Lexington**, “pick a toy or something from the candy counter at the General Store, then visit the beach or winery in town;” **Crosswinds Marsh**; **Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum**; **Marvin’s Marvelous Mechanical Museum**; **Belle Isle Golf Center**; and **Ford House**, “We can’t wait to picnic on Bird Island and attend all of the upcoming concerts. We loved the Gabriel Brass Band.”



Cranbrook Institute of Science

For those who don’t know where to begin with the vast offerings downtown, Muzik says, “Start at the **Detroit Institute of Arts**, have lunch in the courtyard or go to **Traffic Jam & Snug**, then stop by the **Michigan Science Center** or **Garden Bowl** for bowling.” A lesser known fact — “**Sgt. Pepperoni’s** at the Garden Bowl has the most wonderful fresh baked cookies and Michigan products.”


Or, she says, visit **Campus Martius** and walk to **Huddle** for ice cream. “Then head to the top of **The Monarch Club** for rooftop cocktails and beautiful views of Detroit.”

Muzik is passionate about bringing folks downtown. “When we were little, my parents would often take us downtown and to Belle Isle. That started my affinity for the city.”

And though she was accepted to many universities, Muzik didn’t hesitate in choosing Wayne State University. “It felt like home to me.”

She describes an out-of-state follower who made a trip to Detroit and visited **Le Detroit Macaron** after seeing a Just One Bite and Sites post. “This experience has opened my world to new people and brought them into mine. I love that I’ve become a resource for friends and family and people I’ve not yet met.”

Muzik hopes that Just One Bite and Sites inspires readers to “engage in the moment and make the most of it.”

For countless more bites and sites, visit [www.justonebiteandsites.com](http://www.justonebiteandsites.com) and on Instagram and Facebook. 

Clockwise from below, Venice, Italy; The Monarch Club; Madam, Birmingham





## Memorial Week at The War Memorial

By Joyce Wiswell

Spring means renewal, and that's just what is happening at The War Memorial, which has reopened after the pandemic and during progress on the expansion to The Fred M. Alger Center for Arts, Culture, and Humanities.

It's just in time for one of the organization's landmark events, Memorial Week, which pays tribute to the servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives in wartime.

This will be the first time since 2019 that The War Memorial has been able to observe Memorial Day in person rather than virtually.

"We are excited to reflect on and honor those selfless souls who gave their lives in the name of freedom," says Leah Celebi, vice president of community engagement and programming.

The Monday, May 30 event begins at 10 a.m. and includes quiet moments of reflection along with remarks by Michigan Army National Guard Brigadier General Rolf Mammen, who sits on The War Memorial's board. Music, including the always-moving "Taps," will be by members of the Motor City Brass Band. All are welcome and pre-registration is required.

Memorial celebrations also include Our Community Salutes on Thursday, May 26. This event honors area high school seniors who have enlisted

in the armed forces. Their families, local recruiters and others will be on hand to present the students with a certificate and watch them take their oath of enlistment. Among the speakers is Michigan Army National Guard Brigadier General Scott W. Hiipakka.

"It is a really moving moment to honor them for their commitment," Celebi says of the event, which includes a reception at 6 p.m. and the ceremony at 7.


Guests at both events will notice the progress made at The Fred M. Alger Center for Arts, Culture, and Humanities while sitting alongside the Trial and Veterans gardens — both celebrating anniversaries this season — overlooking an expansive back lawn bordering Lake St. Clair. Inside, ongoing progress is being made to the completely renovated ballroom.

"Things are happening all over," says Celebi. "Having everything shut down for the pandemic gave us the opportunity to move forward with our plans. By May, everything will be budding if not fully in bloom. We are excited and humbled to bring the



Photos by Inner Circle Photography, courtesy of The War Memorial

community back together to honor the commitment and sacrifice of our armed forces."

Learn more about The War Memorial, and pre-register for both Memorial Day and Our Community Salutes, at [www.warmemorial.org/memorialday2022](http://www.warmemorial.org/memorialday2022). 

The background of the cover is a photograph of the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. The memorial's large, curved, bronze panels are the central focus, set against a blue sky with light clouds and the ocean waves in the foreground. Large, semi-transparent white letters spelling 'WAR' are overlaid on the top half of the image.

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### ABOUT THE COVER IMAGE

In 2004, International Sculptor Anilore Banon's major work, *Les Braves (The Braves)*, was created and installed on the sacred ground of Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. A set of three monumental sculptures in homage to courage, *Les Braves* became the official sculpture of the 60th anniversary commemoration of the World War II Normandy landings. The piece represents the spirit of service and sacrifice that powered America and the western allies to defeat global fascism in World War II. Banon uses science and state of the art technologies to give her creativity the utmost freedom. She is a firm believer that the alliance of art and sciences is a powerful peace builder.



Photo credit: Charles Burke

# COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

*Veterans, trial gardens celebrate combined 80 years of beautification at The War Memorial*

*Veterans Garden  
(Photo provided by Alaine Bush)*

Near the shores of Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe Farms, **you will notice a pair of gardens, each of which are commemorating anniversaries in 2022.**

November 11 will mark the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Veterans Garden at The War Memorial (TWM.) This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the Trial Gardens. Both gardens are situated on the grounds of TWM.

Rescue efforts for what was then a neglected garden began in 2009 and to this day, the same dedicated group of volunteers from the Grosse Pointe Garden Center continue to maintain the Veterans Garden. The garden serves as a reminder of the sacrifices that veterans have made to preserve our freedom.

This Memorial Day, May 30, Veterans Garden volunteers will attend TWM's service, providing light refreshments.

"We added plants that were important for the pollinators," Alaine Bush, a master gardener for the Veterans Garden, said. "Pollinators weren't a big focus in the world at that time and we paid attention to having things for the pollinators that bloomed from early spring to late fall."

The Veterans Garden is maintained solely by volunteers who have given over 1,270 hours of their time since 2009.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the Trial Gardens at TWM.

The wheel-shaped design of the Trial Gardens was created by landscape architect Eleanor Roche as a test garden for flowers and bulbs. Nine perimeter and four inner plots emanate from an 18th century granite millstone from the former Windmill Pointe gristmill, donated by George Lauhoff.

"The anniversary shows that individuals and community members have an interest in growing different plants and what their imaginations are capable of," Candy Sweeny, president of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, said.



*Trial Gardens, June 2021 (Photo provided by Candy Sweeny)*

Each year, the Trial Gardens have a theme. In 2022, the theme is Milestone Celebrations. Sweeny said the Garden Center is also recognizing its 75th anniversary this year.

In describing the partnership between TWM and the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Sweeny said it has been wonderful to have a garden site.

"It's a beautiful place to be and it's so inviting for people to be able to see something at The War Memorial grounds," she said. "It gives you an idea of how some gardens used to be maintained."

To learn more about the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, visit [gpgardencenter.org](http://gpgardencenter.org).

LEGACY  ON THE LAKE

*The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation announced Fred M. Alger as the 2022 Legacy on the Lake honoree!*

This year's Legacy on the Lake celebration will take place on Thursday, June 23, nestled along Lake St. Clair at the beautiful Ford House. For more information, visit [www.grossepointechamber.com](http://www.grossepointechamber.com).



# MEMORIAL WEEK

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Every year, The War Memorial honors our community's veterans, military members, and their families. Memorial Day provides an opportunity to **recognize, reflect, and pay our respects as a community to our brave heroes.**



## ***Our Community Salutes***

Our Community Salutes is a national non-profit organization created to recognize and celebrate high school students who are enlisting in the armed services after graduation. Every year, The War Memorial opens its door to these courageous young men and women as they take the oath of enlistment. A moving ceremony, which reminds all in attendance of the brave and important step these students are choosing to make, will feature remarks from Brigadier General Scott W. Hiipakka and Dr. Steven P. Bucci. Each student is recognized individually, as The War Memorial remains devoted to honoring these young individuals as they make the pledge to honor and serve our nation.



## ***Memorial Day Service***

This year's Memorial Day Celebrations at The War Memorial culminates on Memorial Day as a moving and reverent service is held on the back lawn. During this time-honored ceremony, the names of Grosse Pointe residents who lost their lives in service of our country are read. Remembering those who gave their lives for our freedoms and continuing to honor those who still serve and fight for our nation, will be the focus of keynote speaker Brigadier General and War Memorial Board Member, Rolf Mammen, the Advancing and Placing of the Colors, and a recitation of the names of Grosse Pointe residents who lost their lives in service to our country. join us for this moving ceremony of remembrance, music and solemnity.

WHEN **THURSDAY, MAY 26**

TIME 6pm

COST Free and open to the public

**Enlistees can register online at**  
[www.warmemorial.org/memorialday2022](http://www.warmemorial.org/memorialday2022)

WHEN **MONDAY, MAY 30**

TIME 10am

COST Free and open to the public

**Due to construction and concern for the health and safety of our attendees, pre-registration for this year's ceremony is required; seating and parking will be limited.**

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WHEN **May 20**  
TIME **6:30pm**



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# welcome to the family at Kitty's Doctor

By Lauren McGregor

Grosse Pointe Woods is home to one of the few cat-only clinics in the state. And its staff's camaraderie and passion for caring for our feline friends is just as rare.

"Cats are super underserved," says Dr. Kim Adrid, who has been with Kitty's Doctor since 1998. She has been owner of the practice since 2001. "Because they are indoor animals that don't like to get in a carrier or a car, they often miss out on vital care."

The clinic's mission is not only to care for cats, but to educate their owners. "People need to be educated about the need for cats to get veterinary care." She doesn't blame owners for not knowing better or for not having many options.

"At veterinary clinics for cats and dogs, cats don't like the dogs," says Dr. Adrid. "The atmosphere is not conducive for cats. At Kitty's Doctor, there is a different vibe."

The clinic's reputation as a haven for cats is evident upon arrival. There are two waiting rooms, both furnished like modern living rooms, so cats with more anxiety can have space from other visitors. "We also play music, called 'Through a Cat's Ear,' for the cats. It has been tested and proven to calm them," says Dr. Adrid.

Sadly, because of issues like cat anxiety, many owners don't seek veterinary care until symptoms of illness, like weight loss, are overwhelmingly obvious.

"Cats hide their illnesses," says Dr. Adrid. "By the time someone notices, it is often in the late phases."

"From the moment people call, Dr. Adrid has us stress how important an annual exam is," says manager Cheryl Strong. "Education begins immediately."

The staff is comprised of five women, all passionate about cat care. "We've all been trained in feline-friendly handling and participate in continuing education," says Strong, who has had a lifelong love of cats.

"I always knew I wanted this. I just didn't know it was a thing," she says of a cat-only clinic. Strong has been with the practice for 35 years, starting with its original owner, Mark Lanier. Kitty's Doctor has moved from Clinton Township

Photos by Lauren McGregor



Cheryl Strong and Dr. Kim Adrid



Dr. Kim Adrid and clinic cat Max



Christa Worthington



to St. Clair Shores to Grosse Pointe Woods. It has been at its current location since 1977.

Dr. Adrid comments on the care of cats in other veterinary clinics. “Not a lot of vets know how to handle cats. They are considered second class citizens. Here, we know that cats are a unique species from dogs and have their own ailments.”

In fact, Dr. Adrid says, many of their clients were originally seeking a second opinion after visiting traditional veterinary clinics. “They end up remaining with us.”

Another benefit of Kitty’s Doctor and its small staff is the familial experience. “There is a feeling of family when you visit. We know our clients. We know who got married, who had children. We know their names on sight,” says



Strong.

“And because there is only one vet, you always know who you’re going to see,” says Dr. Adrid. Though she admits she would love to find an associate veterinarian.

“The landscape is changing with so many corporations buying practices,” says Dr. Adrid. “It’s difficult as a single

doctor, small business to find an associate veterinarian.”

To make matters worse, two key staff members left Kitty’s Doctor during the pandemic. “We are looking for help,” says Dr. Adrid.

Strong raves about the employee experience. “Dr. Adrid is the best. She really started the client education philosophy

we practice today. She changed the practice, and us, for the better. She challenged us to grow in every way.”

Dr. Adrid responds, “And they met it with aplomb.”

Kitty’s Doctor is located at 21205 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 881-2100 or visit [kittysdoctor.com](http://kittysdoctor.com) for more information.

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# Meet Zoe

Name: **Zoe Allen**

Age: **17 months**

City: **Grosse Pointe Park**

Parents: **Jason & Sophia Allen**

Siblings: **Griffen, 10, and Ava, 3**

First words:  
**Ball, Dada, No**

Favorite Activity:  
**Peek-a-boo**

Cute fact:  
**Zoe likes to run away when it's time for diaper changes.**

## About **Zoe** in Mommy and Daddy's words

Zoe completes the Allen family and is such a happy baby. She is strong willed and likes to take things into her own hands. Determined is what most people call it. She spends the mornings double checking all of the cupboards to ensure things are how she left them the night before. She keeps up with her older siblings to ensure she is never missing out on any fun. So far she has traveled to Florida and most recently to Arizona. She loves to snuggle right before bedtime and loves to get kisses from her parents.



# Meet Ava

Name: **Ava Allen**

Age: **3**

City: **Grosse Pointe Park**

Parents: **Jason & Sophia Allen**

Siblings: **Griffen, 10, and Zoe, 1**

## Favorites

Outdoor Activity:  
**Riding my scooter**

Food:  
**Yogurt**

Book:  
**Ava the Ballerina**

Vacation:  
**Sedona, Arizona**

Game:  
**Tag**

School Subject:  
**Reading**

Thing to do with family:  
**Snuggle**

What do you want to be when you grow up? **A ballerina**

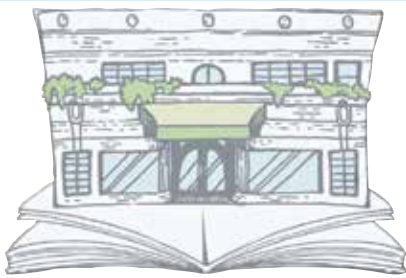
What is her favorite thing about going to school? **Playing with my friends**

Who is her hero and why? **Elsa has the magic power to freeze things and as long as Mom, Dad and Griffen are willing, the magic works on them as well.**

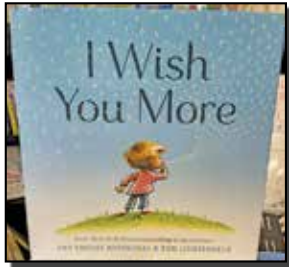


## About **Ava**

Ava is a sweet little girl who loves dance parties in the kitchen with Mom and Dad. She also loves riding her blue mini-micro scooter. Ava likes to sing along with all the songs from Disney movies. She is learning to be more independent in all of her day-to-day activities. Her parents are so proud!



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# Meet Ruta



<b>Name</b>	Ruta Hailu
<b>Age</b>	16
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Woods
<b>School</b>	Grosse Pointe North
<b>Siblings</b>	Isaac, 11, and Mary, 5
<b>Parent</b>	Almaz Naizghi and Weldekidan Weldekidan

## Ruta's Favorites

**School Subject**

English

**Book**

*Men We Reaped and Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*

**Movie**

*Little Women and The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

**Musical Artist**

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**Outdoor Activity**

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**Food**

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**Vacation**

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**Teacher**

Mrs. Sandoval

**Extracurricular Activity**

Student Council/Student Association

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

I am a receptive bilingual in two languages. I would love to learn to play the piano.

**If you could have three wishes granted, what would they be?**

I wish there were more hours in a day. I wish people were more empathetic and accepting. I wish there were no systematic barriers against people who need the help.

**If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go?**

I'd love to go back to Eritrea, Africa to see my family again.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?**

I'm most proud of the influence I had during Black History Month at my school by making educational bulletin boards that combined my love of reading with my passion for social justice.

**What is your favorite quality about yourself?**

My curiosity, unapologetic authenticity and my willingness to take risks

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

I see myself graduating college with a double major and having a job lined up for after graduation.

## About Ruta

"I am an ambitious young black woman with an unconditional passion for everything I do.

Currently, I'm an engaged member and leader in a variety of after-school extracurriculars and play two sports. I've also been a part of choir for several years and recently performed in my school's musical.

Outside of school, I tutor young children of east African descent to support their journey in learning English.

Regardless of what I do, I hope I am remembered for the change I make and the many lives that I affect."

In her free time, Ruta enjoys reading, writing poetry, baking and singing.

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Annie Kordas as Maria Rainer and Vince Matia as Captain Georg von Trapp

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By Anne Erickson

*The Sound of Music* is one of the greatest musicals of all time, and even though the show dates back to the 1950s, its themes and storyline still resonate today.

Grosse Pointe Theatre will present the beloved classic June 24 through July 3 at Parcels Middle School Auditorium.

“As a kid growing up I remember the movie in 1965 and thought it was one of the most beautiful movies I had ever seen,” says director and choreographer Tim Higgins. “It’s probably one of the loveliest musicals ever created — the story, the conflict, the background of Austria in 1938, the characters, the kids. I previously directed *Annie*, and I enjoy children in shows and helping shape them in terms of responsibility in life and on the stage.”

Higgins, who is also the director of strategic planning for Grosse Pointe Theatre, thinks now is the perfect time to bring *The Sound of Music* back.

“The story resonated with me, and it seems like we would need something at this time, in terms of getting through the recent years with COVID-19 and, of course, what’s been going on in Ukraine, a country fighting for itself and

its independence,” he says. “For those who are looking at what is going on in the world, there are obvious parallels. Looking back, we’ll recognize that period of injustice, just like we do in *The Sound of Music*.”

While *The Sound of Music* is about love developed between Captain Georg von Trapp and Maria Rainer, the storyline also depicts life in Salzburg, Austria as Nazis take over just before World War II.

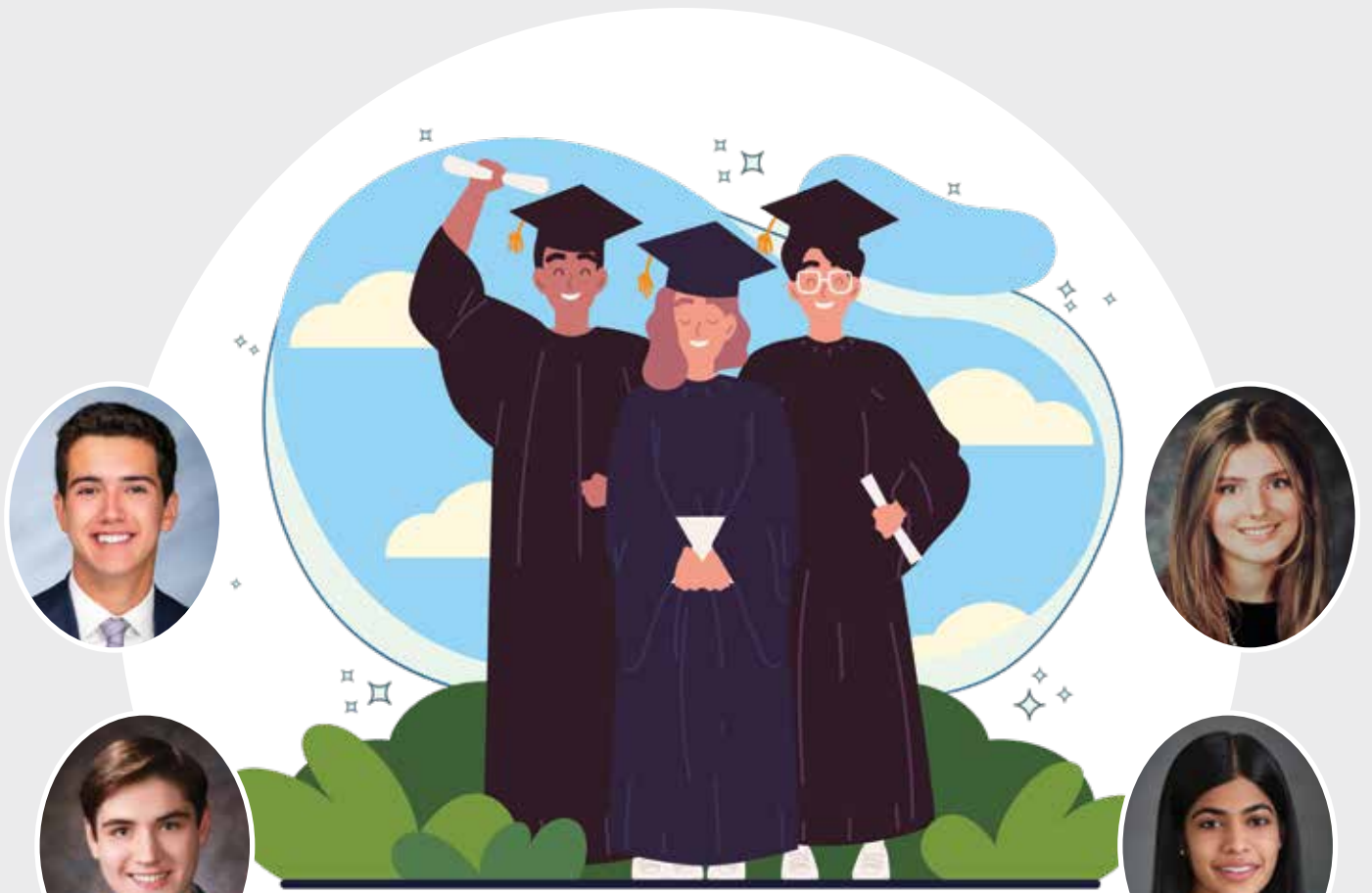
“Theater enriches life with history, and in particular with this show, I think that’s the value-add for theatergoers,” says Higgins. “You get entertained and enjoy the experience, but I’ve learned so much in my time in theater from a history perspective.”

Higgins says this show is Grosse Pointe Theatre’s first full-blown musical in a long time, which makes him even more excited to spearhead it.

“It’s a cast of 35-plus people, plus I love family shows,” he says. “In particular, this show with its message of joy, love and the songs, offers so much. I’m thrilled that we’re able to present this enduring and engaging family musical with these well-regarded musical numbers.”

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**Exceptional Grads**  
*Class of 2022*

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Here, we outline only a few of their accomplishments. We trust you will be as inspired as we are.



# Grosse Pointe North

## Sean Guibord

**Parents:** John & Michelle

**GPA:** 4.38

**College:** University of Notre Dame

**Degree and career path:** I plan on receiving a degree in science or engineering and am considering pursuing the pre-med track.

**What leadership roles did you hold?**

I was a Drum Major for the revived Grosse Pointe North Marching Band, President of National Honor Society, Vice President of Interact Club and a Link Crew Leader.

**What is your most notable community service?**

For the past four years, I have had the opportunity to assist when my church hosted MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team). Every March, St. Lucy Catholic Church hosts around 30 homeless women and children for a week, providing them a welcoming and warm place to stay. I helped to prepare our church for the

guests and serve a few meals. I am always amazed by the generosity of the parishioners and leave with a feeling of gratefulness for all that I have.

**What are the most notable awards you've received?**

Academic Hall of Fame; AP Scholar with Honor; Scholar Athlete Award; Grosse Pointe Optimist Club Youth Recognition Award; Band Varsity Letter; Cross Country Varsity Letter

**What accomplishment makes you proudest?**

I am most proud that I have learned to balance a very challenging academic course load with many extracurricular activities. Outside of the classroom, I have run cross country and track, played in numerous musical ensembles and participated in various other clubs and organizations. I am proud of the work ethic and organizational skills that I have developed at North, excited that my hard work has paid off and blessed to be able



to continue my education at Notre Dame.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My parents are my greatest inspiration. My mom is the most caring and kind-hearted person I know and has taught me so much about compassion and empathy while my dad has continually stressed the importance of hard work and family. They have always set an example of how to treat others and their constant support has helped me get where I am today.

## Ana Todesco

**Parents:** Paolo & Angie

**GPA:** 4.4

**College:** Johns Hopkins University, Maryland

**Degree and career path:** I plan to receive a degree in biomedical engineering with a focus in neuroengineering. Additionally, I plan on entering their pre-med preparation track with the ultimate goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.

**What leadership roles did you hold?**

While at Grosse Pointe North, I was captain of the golf team for my junior and senior years. I was also Section Leader and First Chair (#2) Violin in Orchestra. Lastly, I was Vice President of the French Club and a research leader in the Chemistry Club.

**What is your most notable community service?**

I was extremely proud and humbled to volunteer at Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids, an organization that constructs wigs

for children enduring cancer. I also provided community service at Deeply Rooted Produce, an urban farming initiative in Detroit which provides produce to local residents. Lastly, I volunteered at The Helm at the Boll Life Center.

**What are the most notable awards you've received?**

National Merit Scholarship Winner; AP Scholar with Distinction; All-State Tennis; Grosse Pointe Scholar Athlete – Tennis and Golf; Society of Women Engineers' Award; Marie Curie Award; and MSBOA Solo and Ensemble – Rating 1 (highest distinction for trio and chamber group)

**What accomplishment makes you proudest?**

I am most proud of the enduring friendships I've made throughout the years. The connections created with amazing teachers, counselors and administrators made my experience at



North High School truly memorable.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My greatest inspirations are my four grandparents, Ujka and Tone Lucaj and Luciano and Olga Todesco, who immigrated to the United States and Canada in their early 20s from Montenegro and Italy, respectively. Through hard work and perseverance my grandparents were able to better their lives and the lives of their children. These are values they instilled in me. They are truly my inspiration.

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Grosse Pointe South:

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Rain date: Thursday, June 9



# Grosse Pointe South

## Benjamin Paolucci III

**Parents:** Ben Jr. & Mary Ann

**GPA:** 4.1

**College:** Vanderbilt University

**Degree and career path:** I plan on double majoring in cognitive studies and economics. I am interested in business, law and psychiatry.

**What leadership roles did you hold?**

President of National Honor Society; President and Founder of Public Defense Initiative; Digital Marketing Consultant; Job Coach at Full Circle; Peer-to-Peer member

**What is your most notable community service?**

I was a summer volunteer at Grosse Pointe North, working with students with autism. I also provided free digital

marketing seminars and coursework to local businesses during COVID-19.

**What are the most notable awards you've received?**

Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award; AP Scholar; Spanish Honor Society; Grosse Pointe South Academic Hall of Fame; Scholarship recipient at the University of Michigan - Ross School of Business, Vanderbilt University and USC

**What accomplishment makes you proudest?**

I am most proud of the positive impact I have made on others' lives, whether that be through my free legal defense work established through the Public Defense Initiative, assisting local small businesses



with digital marketing or by volunteering my time to help students with autism. Being able to positively impact my community and bring joy to others has greatly inspired my work.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My grandfather, Dr. Ben Paolucci, Sr.

## Aleena Siddiqui

**Parents:** Aamir & Parveen

**GPA:** 4.2495

**College:** Undecided between Carnegie Mellon University and University of Michigan

**Degree and career path:** I plan on studying environmental engineering.

**What leadership roles did you hold?**

Class president all four years of high school; Michigan Association of Student Councils and Honor Societies Executive Board; Yearbook editor in chief; 2nd degree black belt in tang soo do and assistant instruct classes; Educational Programs Leadership Council student representative

**What is your most notable community service?**

Cass Community Center kitchen volunteer; Summer in the City; Jimmy's Kids - delivering Christmas gifts; Halloween in the Park

**What are the most notable awards you've received?**

National Merit Commended Student; National Honor Society; National Spanish Honor Society; Academic Honor Roll all four years of high school, Academic Hall of Fame; Michigan

Interscholastic Press Association first and third place in page design categories

**What accomplishment makes you proudest?**

During my high school career, I am most proud of my work with Wellness Week. Wellness Week started annually my freshman year of high school, but we were not able to do much during COVID. This past year, I worked with Mrs. Walsh-Sahutske and Mrs. Petz to re-introduce a week promoted to wellness habits and mental health awareness. We kept popular activities from past years including therapy dogs, a therapy horse, our pancake breakfast, and plant therapy; however, we wanted the week to include tangible items for students to improve their well being. We were able to bring in a breathing instructor and sound bath meditation expert to hold workshops that students participated in. With the help of Mrs. Walsh-Sahutske, I put together short clips for the daily announcements to provide students with an understanding of why these different activities are helpful. We also received a \$1,000 grant from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for



this work regarding Social Emotional Encouragement and Development, which was really exciting.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?**

One of my greatest inspirations is definitely my older brother. We're very similar people in terms of everything we've been involved in at South. He's the reason I joined student government, yearbook, and the newspaper, and our courseloads were very similar. Being able to watch him in these different positions and leadership roles inspired me. I've always been able to go to him for help and advice while paving my own path in each of these regards.

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## Stephen Fozo

**Parents:** Michael & Jennifer

**GPA:** 4.17

**College:** Duke University

**Degree and career path:** I am unsure what career I will go into but I think I'm going to major in biology or environmental sciences with a minor in music.

**What leadership roles did you hold?**

Student Musical Director and Piano 1 for Liggett's musicals

**What are the most notable**

**awards you've received?**

Brown University Book Award; Bausch+Lomb Honorary Science Award; Cum Laude Society; All Academic for Soccer

**What accomplishment makes you proudest?**

I am most proud of my involvement as School Musical Director for all of Liggett's musicals.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My parents



## Amelia Karr

**Parents:** Leslie & Justin

**GPA:** 4.201

**College:** Wellesley College

**Degree and career path:** I would like to graduate with a B.A. in gender studies, and I would like to pursue a career in law and social justice.

**What leadership roles did you hold?**

I am the leader of the Women's Awareness Club and worked with other students in my grade to found the Student Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Club after attending the National DEI conference in 2020. I am the Student Executive Producer of the Liggett Players and have participated in the drama program all four years of high school, serving as Student Conductor and First Violin in the pit orchestra for the winter musicals and Stage Manager/Assistant Director of the fall plays.

**What is your most notable community service?**

I volunteer at Alternatives for Girls,

a Detroit-based women's shelter and prevention program. I am pursuing an Academic Research Project focusing on violence against women and girls.

**What are your most notable awards?**

I have received the McCann Latin award, the Cornell Book Award, the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Scholar Instrumentalist Award, and the Terrill Newnan Scholar award. I have received superior ratings for violin solo at MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival all four years of high school.

**What accomplishment makes you proudest?**

I am most proud of my work with the Liggett Players. While I worked mainly backstage (I did have a cameo onstage during our production of *Almost, Maine* in the fall), I was able to develop my leadership skills, starting small as a stage manager as a freshman and ending strong as the assistant director during my junior



and senior years.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?**

Ms. Cornier, my teacher from 1st through 8th grade at the Detroit Waldorf School, is my greatest inspiration. She always encouraged me to be a leader and to try new things. My success in high school was cultivated by my experiences in elementary and middle school, and I will always have Ms. Cornier to thank for that.



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The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) is pleased to announce that it will host its popular annual spring benefit, “Growing Tomorrow’s Garden,” presented by Ascension St. John Children’s Hospital, on Thursday, June 2 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

This annual event is the GPFPE’s largest fundraiser, allowing the organization to continue to supplement educational opportunities and support the students and teachers within the Grosse Pointe Public School System. This year’s event will raise money for both the organization’s unrestricted grant fund, which supports the GPFPE’s biannual district-wide grants, as well as its new grants program — SEED (Social Emotional Encouragement and Development) — which funds

grants specifically targeting social and emotional growth, healing and connections, and other mental health programs.

“Our annual Spring Benefit is always a popular community event, well attended by our GPFPE supporters, volunteers and beneficiaries, who gather together to celebrate our past successes and plan for the future,” says GPFPE President Bob Bury. “Every year, we are so grateful at the turnout and support for our mission of funding extraordinary opportunities across every grade level and school within the Grosse Pointe Public School System. We are particularly grateful for the support of our corporate and community sponsors, without whom we could not put on this beautiful event.”

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St. John Children's Hospital is thrilled to support Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, an organization that, like us, proudly serves children and families in Grosse Pointe and our surrounding communities," says Department of Pediatrics Chairman Dr. Marcus DeGraw. "As Ascension St. John Children's Hospital works to ensure the good health of our area's students and families, the resources GPFPE provides help ensure extraordinary educational opportunities are available for students at every age within the Grosse Pointe Public School System."

Former GPFPE board member Laura Huebner and her husband Peter, of Grosse Pointe, will serve as the evening's honorary chairs. The Huebners are well known in the Grosse Pointe community and beyond for their commitment to local causes, including the GPFPE.

"We are honored to be recognized by the GPFPE. While serving on the board, I learned first-hand how important support from the GPFPE was in enhancing our children's educational experiences," says honoree Laura Huebner. "In addition to being a great evening, the annual GPFPE spring fundraiser helps provide the funds needed to continue this important work."

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails on the beautiful grounds of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club before heading inside for a seated dinner and live auction. This year's live auction includes a seven-night small ship Alaskan adventure cruise for two, a Momentum Transcend E+ Electric bicycle, and a two-night stay at the Hotel Walloon in northern Michigan.

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# SUMMER CONNECTION BRIDGES PANDEMIC GAPS WITH FUN AND EDUCATION

By Anne Erickson

Summer is on the way, and the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s Summer Connection program is back to keep students engaged throughout the warm months.

At the K-5 level, the focus of Summer Connection is literacy and numeracy. The incoming 6-12 level has multiple course offerings, including foundational skill building in math and English language arts.

“The program began last summer, and its mission was born out of a desire to return students to in-person learning after the virtual/hybrid learning that took place during the 2020 and 2021 school year,” says Kevin Shubnell, who is co-director of the Summer Connection program along with Katie Parent.

“In discussion with staff and parents we felt a focus on literacy and numeracy was the perfect place for us to focus our efforts at the K-5 level,” he adds. “The 6-12 level served more of the a la carte course offerings but had the same emphasis. For both programs, the overall goal was to get the kids back in

school and show them how learning can be fun. That won’t change for 2022.”

The program features some really cool course offerings, from digital filmmaking to Italian cooking.

“We asked district employees to create courses that would be educational and engaging, and we encouraged them to create classes that aligned with their own passions,” Parent says. “When instructors are teaching material that they are passionate about, it creates an even more engaging environment that kids want to be part of.”

While learning is a big part of Summer Connection, so is making sure students have fun.

“Summer Connection is a party!” Shubnell says. “We strive to make this a fun atmosphere and not ‘feel like school.’ We are fortunate to have an incredibly dedicated and creative staff that when given broad

parameters created engaging and entertaining content that, most importantly, was reinforcing and scaffolding skills. ‘Summer School’ has a negative connotation, but we strive to make Summer Connection a positive for our students.”

All in all, Summer Connection strives to be an educational program that also brings joy to both instructors and students.

“My favorite part has been watching the staff in action,” Parent says. “Grosse Pointe is blessed with the best staff in the state. I loved witnessing them work their magic with kids and give up their summer to ensure that our kids have a meaningful experience.”

Shubnell adds that his favorite part of the program is, “The interaction with kids and the staff. Everyone is more relaxed and the atmosphere is very positive.”

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# Two Pointers newly inducted into Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame

By Margie Reins Smith

Two of the five newly inducted members in the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame are Grosse Pointers.

Farms resident Beth Konrad has been recognized for her roles as reporter, anchor, news director, college professor and editorialist. She is president of the Detroit chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, an adjunct professor at Wayne State University and a fierce champion for much needed changes in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Tim Kiska of Grosse Pointe Woods is a newspaperman, professor, historian and podcaster. He's also an associate professor of communications at University of Michigan - Dearborn, where he teaches journalism. He's the author of several books, including *A Newscast for the Masses: A History of Detroit Television News*.

Tim and Beth both noted changes in journalism since they graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. "If somebody from the 1920s walked into a 1970s newsroom, everything would look the same," Kiska says. The tinny clatter of typewriter keys, the slap of return carriages, the low yellow haze of cigarette smoke and the absence of racial or sexual diversity. "In 1970, it would look the same — except for the absence of spittoons.

"If that 1920s person walked into today's newsroom, it would be unrecognizable."

In the 1950s, when Konrad was growing up, girls were encouraged to become elementary school teachers. She enrolled in a communications course at Indiana State University. "I happened to secure an interview with

Nancy Dickerson, a White House reporter.

"I was inspired," she says. "I immediately changed my major, started working for the college radio station and became a stringer for the Associated Press."

Konrad has earned three Emmys, a National Headliner Award, the Society of Professional Journalists Distinguished Service Award and more. But she says teaching is the most rewarding part of her 40-plus year career and continues to do so at Wayne State University. She also keeps track of her former students.

"Three months after graduation from Wayne," Kiska says, "I was a copyboy at the Detroit Free Press. And I fell in love with the place."

Kiska is currently teaching, hosting a podcast and doing research for a book he's writing about the history of Detroit.

"I think we are on the cusp of what could be the golden age of journalism," Kiska says. "Today we have help from technology, graphics, podcasts and more."

Konrad says quality reporting is evident today, and is continually improving.

The exit polls Kiska did on election nights from 1974 to 2020 are what he is proudest of. He's also proud of his wife, Pat Anstett, a member of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame since 2017.

"Tim and I are both honored to be in the Hall of Fame," Anstett says. "We




**Beth Konrad**

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**Tim Kiska**

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**Monday** - \$5 Margaritas  
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**Hours:** Mon-Sat 11am-Close; Sun 4pm-Close;  
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## The Continental at Ford House

1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores • (313) 884-4222

Experience the new lakeside restaurant at the historic estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, with gorgeous views of Ford Cove on Lake St. Clair. The food is as extraordinary as the setting, featuring modern twists on classic American fare. The menu features classics like the Maurice Salad and baskets of popovers, as well as tempting entrees and sandwiches, and fresh seasonal salads. A full bar is available, and we serve lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Take a meal to go from The Speedster counter and enjoy a picnic on the estate. **Ford House members receive a 20% discount on all food purchases.** 

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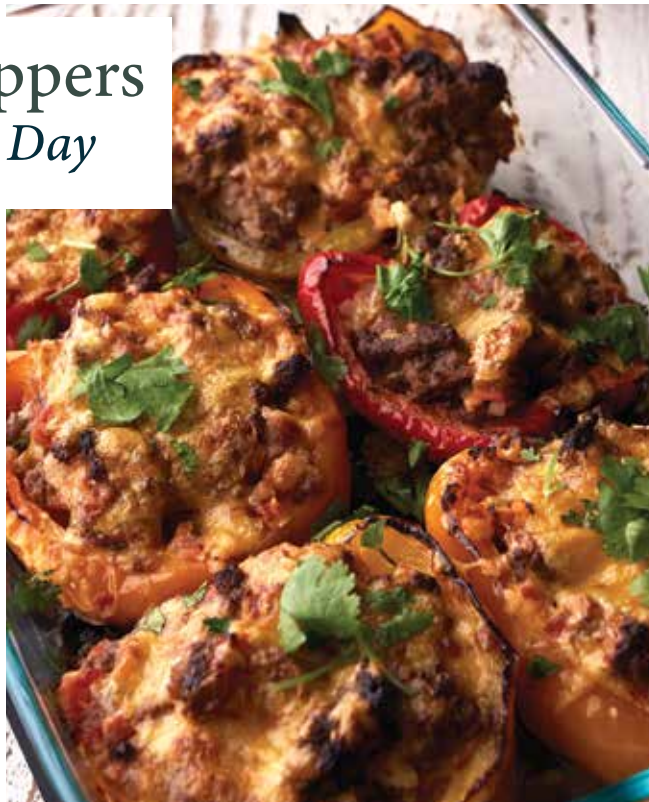
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## Stuffed Peppers *for Father's Day*

By Chef Anthony Serrano,  
Family Features



Delicious snacks that include salsa offer an easy-to-make option that keeps fans cheering the entire game. According to the Game Day Eats Report from Fresh Cravings, 22% of guests would insist on running out to pick up salsa if it wasn't available for the feast; 18% would even be devastated and consider leaving.

Consider these Stuffed Peppers from Chef Anthony Serrano, a simple snack he makes for his family on game day for a crowd-pleasing solution that scores high fives from the opening play to the final whistle.

Made with the bold flavors of Fresh Cravings Salsa and its combination of

vine-ripened tomatoes, crisp vegetables, zesty peppers and spices, it's a vibrant way to add some authentic homemade taste to the table.

### **Stuffed Peppers**

Serves 6

### **Ingredients**

6 bell peppers, halved lengthwise and

deseeded

**1 tbs.** avocado oil

**1 tsp.** sea salt

**16 oz.** Fresh Cravings Chunky Style Salsa

**2 cups** riced cauliflower (fresh or frozen)

**2 cups** shredded cheddar cheese, divided

**2 lbs.** 80% lean ground beef, cooked, lightly seasoned and drained

**1 bunch** cilantro, chopped

### **Directions**

1. Heat grill to medium-high heat
2. Brush both sides of bell peppers with avocado oil and season with salt. Grill peppers on each side 2-3 minutes, or until grill marks appear. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly
3. Add salsa, riced cauliflower and 1 cup cheddar cheese to cooked ground beef. Stir and return to heat until cheese begins to melt
4. Place bell peppers on sheet pan or casserole dish. Use spoon to fill peppers with ground beef mixture. Top stuffed peppers with remaining cheese
5. Return to grill and grill 15-20 minutes, or until cheese begins to caramelize
6. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. Garnish with cilantro



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# DESIGNERS' SHOW HOUSE

2022 AT THE HOUSE ON THE HILL



The Junior League of Detroit (JLD) is pleased to announce a new location for its 2022 Designers' Show House: The Distinctive House on the Hill, located at 205 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Farms. This home will have the distinction of being the Junior League of Detroit's 24th Designers' Show House.

Every other year, the JLD selects a prominent local estate and curates a phenomenal team of local and national interior designers to transform the home into a Designers' Show House. League members Shelia Minetola of Grosse Pointe Park, Gabriela Boddy

of Grosse Pointe, and Dianne Bostic Robinson of Detroit, are general co-chairs of the 2022 Designers' Show House.

"The Designers' Show House will allow us to continue our League's philanthropic work which supports community impact initiatives that help meet the needs of Detroit children, young women and families. It also allows us to provide community-based grants and scholarships," says Kimberly Burke, JLD president.

The Distinctive House on the Hill is a 5,985-square-foot home perched on half an acre overlooking the beautiful Lake St. Clair. It features five oversized

bedrooms, six and a half bathrooms and well-portioned living spaces.

Built in 1988, this luxurious manor-style home is set on the highest elevated parcel of land, affording privacy and priceless views of glistening Lake St. Clair.

Area design enthusiasts will have the opportunity to glimpse the Distinctive House on the Hill in its pre-renovated state during the JLD's "Sneak-A-Peek" weekend event in July (date to be announced) before the home's grand redesigned reveal in Fall 2022.

For more information about the Junior League of Detroit's Designers' Show House visit [JLDetroit.org](http://JLDetroit.org).

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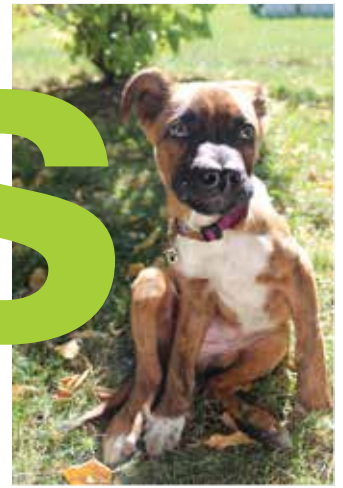


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# pets

*Molly welcomes your hi-res Pointe Pets pictures at [Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com](mailto:Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com).*



## Emma

Emma was adopted after she was found wandering in St. John Hospital parking lot and the owner couldn't be found. She is a super sweet girl.



## Kaiya

Kaiya, a 9-month-old Cockapoo, lives with the Etsios family in Grosse Pointe Farms. She loves to play with her toys, run around her backyard, go for walks and give lots of love and kisses. She is a smart and lovable girl!



## Bunker

You might spot Bunker, a 2-year-old Bernedoodle, running alongside his favorite little human, Emmett Gnann, riding a scooter around the block. Bunker loves walking around the Ford House grounds (pictured) and playing with his friends at the Farm's dog park.



## Eddie

Eddie graduating from obedience school in 2015. He became a Certified Therapy Dog in 2016. Owner David Verona is proud of his pup!



## Daisy

Daisy loves being held, playing with her human siblings Sam, Cici and Millie — and riding shotgun.



## Gibbs & Sadie

Cousins, Gibbs, a Goldendoodle, and Sadie, a German Shepherd, share a stick at the Manardos' home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

# Preventative medications

By Dr. Stephanie Dexter

At your dog's vet visit each year, the veterinary staff will likely be reviewing and recommending year-round preventative medications. You may be wondering which medications are recommended, and why are they recommended to be given year-round?



Flea and tick prevention seems like the easy answer. Of course, we want to prevent parasites on our pets and in our homes, but we are not just preventing the bugs. By working to avoid fleas and ticks on our pets we are preventing diseases which can be spread by those parasites: Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, Bartonellosis and tapeworms, just to name a few.

Heartworm prevention prevents heartworm disease and also includes a medication to deworm for common intestinal parasites. Dogs can be exposed to intestinal parasites by a simple bathroom break to the backyard. And your pet does not even have to go outside to be exposed to heartworm disease: heartworm disease is spread by mosquitos and those pesky little bugs can unfortunately come inside the house too!

Veterinarians are recommending year-round prevention for their patients because we see all these diseases in this area of Michigan, and unfortunately, we see them frequently. If the temperature is 45 degrees or above, ticks are active, even in the winter. Fleas may prefer the warmer weather, but wildlife are a reservoir for them throughout the year.

It is our goal as veterinarians and pet owners to keep our pets as healthy as possible, and we work to achieve this by being as proactive as possible to ensure our pets are kept safe year-round.

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## 14 SATURDAY

- The Summer Breeze/Wheels 'n' Keels Party and Auction at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, reservations can be made by calling Grosse Pointe Yacht Club or at [www.gpynef.org](http://www.gpynef.org)

## 15 SUNDAY

- Kevin's Song and The Family Center's Suicide Prevention Walk at Grosse Pointe North High School, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Ford House Spring Flower Tour, \$15 per person, tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org), 3 p.m.
- Detroit Concert Choir presents "Grant Us Peace" at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, student and children \$10, adults \$20, seniors \$18, available at [detroitconcertchoir.org](http://detroitconcertchoir.org), 4 p.m.

## 18 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Learn at Lunch at The Neighborhood Club, featuring America's Book Coach Elizabeth Ann Atkins, who has written and published dozens of books as CEO of Grosse Pointe Woods-based Two Sisters Writing & Publishing, register at [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com), 12-2 p.m.

## 21 SATURDAY

- Ford House Spring Flower Tour, \$15 per person, tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org), 3 p.m.

## 23 MONDAY

- Ford House Member Preservation Tour, join Ford House's Director of Historic Preservation on an exclusive member-only tour to learn about our ongoing preservation projects and the special details and care that go into completing them, log in to [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) to access tickets, \$10 per person, two available times: 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

## 26 THURSDAY

- The War Memorial presents Our Community Salutes on The War

Memorial Back Lawn to recognize and celebrate high school students enlisting in the armed services after graduation, registration required at [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org), 6 p.m.

## 28 SATURDAY

- Ford House Spring Flower Tour, \$15 per person, tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org), 3 p.m.

## 30 MONDAY - Memorial Day

- Memorial Day Service at The War Memorial, registration required at [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org), 10 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Memorial Day Service at Circle of Honor, 10 a.m.



## Save the Date

### Spring Flower Tours at Ford House

Sunday, May 15, Saturday, May 21 & Saturday, May 28

Visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) for tickets!

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## 02 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education presents Be the Beacon at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, tickets at [gpfpe.org](http://gpfpe.org), cocktails, seated dinner and live auction starting at 6 p.m.

## 03 FRIDAY

- Ford House Game Night: Meadow Games, \$12 per person, tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org), 6 p.m.

## 04 SATURDAY

- Mut March at Ford House to benefit Michigan Humane Society, register at [michiganhumane.org/muttmarch](http://michiganhumane.org/muttmarch), 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration at Comerica Park, free entry, food and drink vendors, live music and raffle, gates open 7:30 p.m.

## 05 SUNDAY

- Eleanor's Birthday Tea and Tour at Ford House, elegant tea service with small bites and sweets in the Lakeshore Room overlooking Ford Cove and Lake St. Clair. After the tea, take a stroll at your own pace through the historic home and spend time enjoying Eleanor's favorite places on the estate, tickets are \$70 for non-members, \$55 for members, tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org),

three seating times: 12 p.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

## 06 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe North Graduation, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## 08 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe South Graduation, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## 09 THURSDAY

- Concert on the Lake featuring "Straight Ahead," general admission \$25 for non-members, \$20 for members, \$10 for ages 12 and under, premium seating including a chair in a reserved area is \$50 for non-members, \$40 for members, tickets at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org), grounds open at 5 p.m. and concert starts at 7 p.m.

## 17 FRIDAY

- Detroit Concert Choir at Ford House Auction Gala, \$100 tickets available at [detroitconcertchoir.org](http://detroitconcertchoir.org), 6:30-10:30 p.m.

## 19 SUNDAY - Father's Day

- EyesOn Design car show at Ford House, \$35 per person, with exclusive add-ons available at [eyesondesign.org](http://eyesondesign.org)

## 20 MONDAY

- Fore the Helm golf outing at Lochmoor Club to benefit The Helm at the Boll Life Center, register at [helmlife.org](http://helmlife.org) or (313) 882-9600, noon lunch, shotgun start at 1 p.m., Afterglow at 5:30 p.m.

## 23 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Legacy on the Lake at Ford House, tickets at [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com), 5:30-10 p.m.

## 24 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Garden Tour, tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 day of, available at [gpgardencenter.org](http://gpgardencenter.org)
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "The Sound of Music" at Parcels Middle School Auditorium, tickets at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org), 8 p.m.

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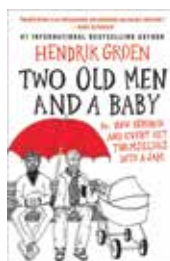
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# Book Buzz



By Chris Mueller

For this May and June, Grosse Pointe Public Library's Chris Mueller is buzzing about:



**Two Old Men and a Baby: or, How Hendrik and Evert Get Themselves Into a Jam**

By Hendrik Groen

Hendrik Groen and Evert Duiker, faithful friends in good times

and bad, are well over 70 and their lives have quieted down. They get together weekly to play chess, have a drink and grab a bite to eat. One day, however, their peace is disturbed when Evert shows up on Hendrik's doorstep with a surprise in the form of an unexpected little guest. He had spotted a stroller with a baby in it — unattended for just a minute — and, in a moment of utter madness, decided to take it for a walk. The two friends resolve to return their charge to its parents but it doesn't take long for them to realize that getting rid of their accidental foster child will be more difficult than expected.

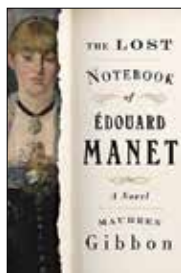


**In Royal Service to the Queen: A Novel of the Queen's Governess**

By Tessa Arlen

Marion Crawford can remember each of the wonderful 16 years she spent as governess to Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. Marion had been a vital part of their lives, someone they trusted, needed and loved. To her, she will always be their

Crawfie. But as the young royals begin to grow into adulthood, things become increasingly complicated. It is May 1945 and Princess Elizabeth has fallen in love. No one in the young princess's life thinks that Prince Philip of Greece would be a suitable husband for the future Queen of England, except for Crawfie. Over the next two years, Marion is caught between loyalty to Princess Elizabeth and running the risk of alienating her royal employer, Queen Elizabeth.



**The Lost Notebook of Édouard Manet: A Novel**

By Maureen Gibbon

Suffering from ill health toward the end of his life, Manet begins to jot down his daily impressions, reflections and memories in a notebook. Between healing respites in the French countryside and holding court in his Paris studio, he finds inspiration in nature — a cloud of dragonflies, peonies blanketed by the morning dew — and in the beautiful blue eyes of his muse, Suzon. Entranced by Suzon, he begins to paint his final masterpiece, *A Bar at the Folies-Bergere*, life-sized, wagering his health in the process.



**A Very Nice Girl: A Novel**

By Imogen Crimp

Anna doesn't fit in — not with her wealthy classmates at a selective London Conservatory, not with her family,

and definitely not with Max, a man she meets in the bar where she sings. He's everything she's not — rich, tailored to precision, impossible to read — and before long Anna is hooked — and determined to ignore the warning signs. As Anna shuttles from grueling rehearsals to brutal auditions, she finds herself torn between the drive to nurture her fledgling singing career and the longing for human connection. When the stakes increase, Anna must reckon with the fact that, in carefully performing what's expected of her as a woman, she risks losing sight of herself completely.



**Truly, Madly: Vivien Leigh, Laurence Olivier and the Romance of the Century**

By Stephen Galloway

Vivien Leigh and Laurence Olivier were

two of the first truly global celebrities — their fame fueled by the explosive growth of tabloids and television, which helped and hurt them in equal measure. Their love affair and subsequent marriage captivated millions and they seemed to have it all and yet, in their own minds, they were doomed, blighted by a long-undiagnosed mental illness that transformed their relationship from the stuff of dreams into a living nightmare. This is a bewitching journey of their tempestuous relationship, one that took place against the backdrop of World War II, the Golden Age of Hollywood and the upheavals of the 1960s, as they struggled with love, loss and the ultimate agony of their parting. ☐

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