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A little witch at Little Goblins at Ford House

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Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this? On Monday, Sept. 23, we will ask this question on Facebook. 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: Anchor & Olive)

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Lauren McGregor Editor

Back to school — or not!

or parents and students, September is the beginning of a new year. For those of us without kids in school, it is a time of discount travel and less crowded parks and pools.

Terry and I find ourselves in the latter category. Since we never had kids of our own, our habit has been to travel after Labor Day. We realized the benefits of post-summer travel on our honeymoon.

Married Sept. 10, 1976, our intent was to go to Boston, somewhere Terry had always wanted to go. Our honeymoon night was spent in — where else? — Niagara Falls. From there, we took I-90 across to Boston. The drive was not bad. Actually getting into Boston was another matter.

Somehow, we got in a loop and kept going around in a circle. After passing the "Boston 10 Miles" sign for the fourth or fifth time, we saw a sign that read "Cape Cod Right." We took it. Being after Labor Day, we found a very affordable lodging at the Cavalier Inn in Yarmouth and the best stuffed shrimp in the world at the Red Coach Inn. That was 48 years ago, so we doubt they still remain — but our good memories do!

We were only going to stay a few nights, but the inn offered an even better rate to stay a few more nights, so we did. Our intention was to continue down the East Coast to Philadelphia, but Terry wasn't feeling well — car sickness — so we headed west to visit her aunts and cousins in southern Illinois.

Being naive Midwesterners, toll roads were something new to us. Do you know how many tolls there are (or were) getting from Boston to Scranton, Penn.? But after that (and the Pennsylvania Turnpike), it was clear sailing. It wasn't until several years later that we realized Terry only gets car sick if she's not driving. I gallantly relinquished driving to Terry and all has been bliss ever since...except when I miss to inform her

All this is a roundabout way of announcing our annual post-Labor Day trip to Orlando and The Villages. See you when we get back!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our magazine. As always, remember to patronize our many loyal advertisers, without whom this magazine would not be possible. Be sure to tell them you saw them in *Pointe Magazine!* See you around the Pointe! 9

John

n the spirit of back-to-school season, I have books and more specifically, libraries — on the brain. As vice president of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation (GPLF), I extend a friendly invitation to our annual fundraiser, Books & Bubbles, on Thursday, Oct. 24 at Ford

What was once Masquerade for the Stacks, Books & Bubbles was born out of an effort to appeal to a wider age range, make the event more affordable and evoke a cocktail party atmosphere.

This year, funds will support multiple projects throughout all three branches. Among them are Ewald Branch fireplace restoration, underwriting expansion of the Library's book club kits and significant digital book expenses, technology upgrades to the program rooms at Ewald and Woods Branches and a muchneeded restoration of the Herbert Matter Mural, The History of Writing, at Central Library.

Visit gplf.org to learn more and purchase tickets. We are anticipating a quick sell-out!

GPLF has another piece of exciting news. With a generous gift left by Vivien McDonald, GPLF Executive Director Paige Domzalski and Grosse Pointe Public Library (GPPL) Director Jessica Keyser came up with the idea for an endowed scholarship for aspiring librarians at Wayne State University School of Information Sciences.

GPLF is also using a portion of the legacy gift to fund a new internship position at GPPL. Applications (an incredible number!) are currently being reviewed. Through the scholarship and internship, we hope to support the next generation of librarians.

"The heart of the library is the staff. The best investment we can make is to continue to have the most well-trained, qualified and highest caliber of staff here," says Jessica.

I'll conclude with two quotations from *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean, who visited Grosse Pointe as part of GPLF's Books on the Lake in 2023:

"The publicness of the public library is an increasingly rare commodity. It becomes harder all the time to think of places that welcome everyone and don't charge any money for that warm embrace."

And: "In times of trouble, libraries are sanctuaries." Happy back-to-school season and happy 20 years to Grosse Pointe Library Foundation!



Meet Loren



What was your first job?

Stockboy in a pharmacy

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

I grew up on a rural dirt road.

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

London

What is the most historic day in your lifetime?

Nov. 22, 1963, the day JFK was assassinated

What accomplishment makes you proudest?

Raising my children (Michael, Christine and Amanda) to be the fine adults they are

Words to live by?

The Serenity Prayer

Photo by Christine Mannino

Name Loren Mannino

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Loren's

Favorites

Season

Fall

Book

Homer's *Odyssey*, translated by Robert Fagles

Spot in Grosse Pointe

Pier Park

Movie

The Godfather Part II

Vacation Spot

Las Vegas

Restaurant

Champs

Musical Artist

Bob Dylan

Outdoor Activity

Distance walking

About **Loren**

"I grew up in the Rochester, Mich. area, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Wayne State University. I practiced law 45 years (thus far), married an eastsider and moved to Grosse Pointe 20 years ago.

My wife, Liz, and I love living here! I've become involved with the community through the Grosse Pointe Men's Club and League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe.

I've collected, bought and sold books and art for 25 years."

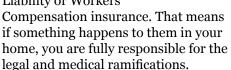
Risks of hiring a private caregiver

By Jonathan Boos

s our population ages, more and more people are requiring in-home care. Some people choose to hire an "independent" or "private" caregiver via popular websites. Although this

may work in some instances, there are many risks and pitfalls associated with it.

The majority of these caregivers do not hold or maintain anv Liability or Workers



You are also responsible and required to deduct any and all applicable taxes when you pay them. If not, you can face fines and penalties from the state and also the IRS.

One other important factor to understand is people will always have illnesses, car trouble and personal issues. That means last-minute cancellations for you and your family to deal with. If the "private" caregiver calls and cancels at 1 a.m., you will be forced to handle the fallout.

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ntrally located and tucked away on beautiful e-lined Ridge Road in Grosse Pointe Farms is e of the community's most valuable assets — e Helm at the Boll Life Center. The Helm is the y community-wide organization focused solely the needs of older adults living in the five esse Pointes and Harper Woods. The Helm is a ce to exercise, socialize and learn something w. It is a place to find help with the challenges aging. It is a place that supports those who wide support. It is a place to celebrate and preciate growing older.

at began almost 47 years ago to distribute d to the homebound and somewhere for hors to gather for lunch and play Bingo, is wa place to turn for anything aging related. Bry month, 120 people seek help with chores caregiving, rides to medical appointments, awers to Medicare questions or are loaned dical equipment; 70 clients receive friendly ssurance calls or assistance with more icult aging-related topics; 105 receive Meals Wheels along with a friendly visit; and 1,300 ople walk through our doors to participate in re than 200 sessions of health and wellness, long learning and social activities.

r population continues to grow older. The ed for The Helm grows with it.

- About one out of every five residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods is 65 or older.
- In 10 years, one-quarter of our community's population will be 65 and older.

Every day in Michigan, nearly 400 people

The Helm is a place to belong – to gather with friends and make new ones. To pick up an old hobby or start a new one. To lead a healthy lifestyle and continually evolve. It is the community's go-to source for everything aging related. From services that help you live in your own home longer to classes and activities that keep you active, The Helm is a one-stop shop for everything related to aging. The Helm is the place to just be and celebrate everything that has brought you to this stage in life.

From essential services to ways to stay healthy, active and engaged, The Helm is here to help with anything aging related. For you or your loved one, turn to The Helm to help navigate life's journey. Visit helmlife.org to learn about the services available to older adults in our community and those who support them. If you have questions or need help, email us at info@helmlife.org or call 313.882.9600.









2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



Everyday at The Helm people gather to exercise, learn something new, play games or cards, stay connected. We are here providing essential services and resources for anything aging-related in our community to help make life's journey healthy, enjoyable and meaningful.

pieces of medical equipment, hygiene products and liquid nutritional supplements supplied to more than 440 people (\$\dagge23\% from 2022)

requests responded to about various aging-related topics including assistance with caregiving, transportation, elder law information, resources related to dementia, meal delivery services and friendly reassurance calls

25,919 meals delivered to homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels (\$\dag{26}\)

unique sesssions of educational and exercise classes, presentations, workshops, health screenings, gatherings, movies, games, crafts and so much more, attended by nearly 1,300 individuals (♠13%)

\$300,000 direct savings on medical and drug plans through one-on-one Medicare counseling with 748 seniors

rides on Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services buses to medical appointments and grocery shopping (*33%)

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On November 5, residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods will vote on a 6-year 0.35 millage proposal to fund necessary resources and support to promote and protect the health and well-being of senior citizens in the community. If the millage passes, it will ensure essential services for the growing senior population in our community and provide for additional services like a much-needed adult day program in the community, more home visits and expansion of programs to other locations in our cities.

Essential Services in public health and senior services are critical components of a community's infrastructure designed to promote and protect the health and well-being of its elderly population. The Helm provides these services in our community

Meals on Wheels

Nutritious meals are delivered to homebound seniors unable to safely prepare meals for themselves.

Senior Outreach and Assistance

Information and Assistance

Resources for housing, safety issues, financial assistance and emergency relief.

Medicare Assistance Program

Experts help with Medicare enrollment, reviewing plans and helping ensure the most appropriate and cost-effective coverage.

Medical Equipment Lending

Medical equipment, hygiene products and nutrition supplements available at no cost.

Medical Escort Service

Volunteer drivers provide transportation to medical and dental appointments.

Case Coordination

Supportive services for those with multiple needs or requiring extra attention.

Home Chore Program

Assistance with minor home maintenance and simple yard clean up.

Friendly Reassurance Program

Volunteers regularly call older adults to make sure they are ok and reduce isolation and loneliness.

Transportation Assistance

Transportation is a critical resource to maintain well-being for older adults. Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service (PAATS) is a partner organization of The Helm and provides transportation to appointments for Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointe residents 60 and above. Fares vary.

Health and Wellness Education and Enrichment

Flu clinics, healthcare services, wellness classes, a fitness center and health education tailored to the specific needs of senior citizens. Education and enrichment helps in creating strong health outcomes and keeping minds and bodies active to inspire and enable older adults to live healthy and meaningful lives as they age.



For the last 46 years, The Helm has been there to connect seniors with what they need to age with purpose and dignity. Whether it's Meals on Wheels, chore assistance, providing rides to medical appointments, answering Medicare questions, taking an exercise class or joining a social group, The Helm can help. Visit us online or head to The Helm to see all the ways we can help you get more out of your life's journey.





By Lauren McGregor



Top, Take The Helm 2023 at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club; above, Rob Lubera



n Thursday, Oct. 10, the community has the opportunity to support The Helm at the Boll Life Center through its largest fundraiser of the year, Take The Helm. The signature gala will take place at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and feature dinner, drinks and live and silent auctions.

"Take The Helm is more important than ever this year," says Executive Director Krista Siddall.

For the first time, demand for services at The Helm has increased 20 to 30 percent in just one year. That number was closer to 10 to 15 percent the year prior.

To support the ever-increasing senior population, you can attend the gala, participate in the silent auction online or purchase tickets for a special raffle.

The first place raffle prize is a ladies sapphire and diamond bangle bracelet from LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists. Tickets can be purchased online or at The Helm.

The silent auction boasts items like a \$500 gift card to London Chop House, DYNO Detroit Climbing packages, a B. May bag and trip to Costa Rica. Registration for online bidding opens Oct. 4 at helmgala.cbo.io.

Paddles will raise for this year's incredible live auction items, including PGA Tournament Championship tickets, US Open Tennis Championship tickets, a European Christmas Market trip, 4.8 carat diamond hoop earrings from edmund t. AHEE jewelers and more.

This year's gala honoree is Rob Lubera, an estate and elder law attorney who was board president when The Helm (then Services for Older Citizens) moved to its current home at 158 Ridge Rd.

"Rob Lubera was instrumental in getting us into this building and helping us grow at a time when we were ready to expand and evolve," says Siddall. "By honoring him, we can thank him and utilize his knowledge base moving forward."

The gala honors the past and prepares for the future, says Siddall — a future she hopes includes a senior services millage. But even if the upcoming senior services millage passes, The Helm won't see those funds until 2026.

"The gala funds have to get us through the next year. They are imperative to our fiscal future and budget," says Siddall. "If the millage passes, the gala will still be important to the work we do, enabling us to meet the needs of a growing senior population and expand our services. The millage would take some pressure off of our fundraising and put in place a source of revenue that is strong and reliable."

To attend Take The Helm or learn more about The Helm at the Boll Life Center, visit helmlife.org.

Gave the Date!

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GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

77TH SEASON HAS LOTS OF FIRSTS

By Anne Erickson

s Grosse Pointe Theatre celebrates its 77th season, its mission of producing excellent performing art remains the same.

"We strive to bring this art form to a community and region that we love, and that hasn't changed," says Grosse Pointe Theatre Board of Directors President Danielle Caralis. "But, we adapt with the changing times. So, we try to incorporate new material, and that keeps us fresh and on the cutting edge, but we also bring some beloved classic shows to our audiences."

The upcoming season is packed with variety. "We have two classic musicals, a family comedy, a drama and a brand new musical," Caralis says.

For the kids, Grosse Pointe Theatre has two popular productions in the works: Disney's *Frozen, Jr.* and *Spongebob*, youth edition.

Grosse Pointe Theatre also has two black-box theater productions this season in its Purdon Studio Theatre (PST): *Rabbit Hole* and *Failure: A Love Story*.

"The black-box shows are avant garde and aren't performed in a traditional venue," Caralis says. "They give our actors a chance to do challenging contemporary pieces, and we are adding a second PST show to our season for the first time."

Caralis is directing the brand new musical *Groundhog Day*, which runs in the spring.

"For those familiar with the 1993 Bill Murray movie, it's a musical adaptation of the film," she says. "It's a beloved



Crazy for You's Britta Peele-Spitzer, Kyle Weatherbee, Conner Motzkus, Zak Shugart and Catie Hauff

Photo by Kristin Mann

comedy classic, but also one man's journey to self-discovery."

Some of the early shows this season include *Crazy for You* and *Over the River and Through the Woods*.

"Crazy for You is what we call a 'chestnut.' It's a romantic musical comedy, has extraordinary choreography with Gershwin tunes that everybody knows and loves," Caralis says. "Over the River and Through the Woods is a heartwarming comedy that takes place with an Italian-American family. It's an opportunity for our more experienced actors to portray a very realistic family, with shenanigans and laughs all along the way."

Next season, Grosse Pointe Theatre will move productions to the long-awaited Schaap Center in Grosse Pointe Park. Anyone who is a full subscriber ticket holder this season will have an exclusive opportunity for the first seats at the Schaap Center next season.

Also new this year is the opportunity for patrons to save money by attending shows during the week. A new subscription package for Wednesdays and Thursdays, or single tickets for midweek performances, are only \$25, a savings of \$10 off the weekend prices. And student tickets are just \$15 on Wednesdays.

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CHRISTINA NOLAND









DRYA 2024 COACH OF THE YEAR

he Detroit Regional Yachtracing Association (DRYA) doesn't present a Coach of the Year award annually, but when they do, it's because someone has demonstrated exceptional dedication and performance. This year, that someone is Christina Noland, whose journey in the world of sailing is as inspiring as it is impressive.

Noland's love for sailing began in the mid-90s when she was just 10 years old. Growing up, she spent her summers sailing locally at the Detroit Yacht Club, where she honed her skills. Her passion and talent led her to participate in clinics on the East Coast.

"I quickly discovered a deep passion for sailing," Noland reflects. This simple yet profound connection to the water would shape her future in ways she could hardly imagine at the time.

After her early experiences,

Noland continued to pursue sailing competitively, joining the club sailing team at Michigan State University. In 2005, she took the next step by becoming a coach. By 2016, she had joined the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club staff, where her influence as a coach has since grown. Noland also achieved 1st place in the 2019 North American Championship Beneteau 36.7.

Since 2019, she has served as the Grosse Pointe South Varsity Sailing Head Coach, leading teams to two Baker Team Race Nationals, two NIT Team Race Qualifications, one Mallory National and two Phoebe King National Invitationals.

Today, Noland serves as the Sailing Director at GPYC, a role in which she leads and inspires the Club's vibrant sailing community.

Noland and her husband, Brandon, met on the water 14 years ago, a bond

forged through their shared passion. Today, they are raising two daughters. Their oldest daughter, Grace, 6, has already started sailing in the GPYC program. "I'm excited she likes it—for now," Noland says with a smile.

Noland's sailing accomplishments are numerous, including participating in the Bayview Mackinac Race for the past 14 years. She has also won the Women's Regatta at Bayview Yacht Club for the last two consecutive years.

Noland's path wasn't always set on sailing. She briefly attended law school but eventually returned to the sport she loved. "Sailing is where my heart is," she says.

As the 2024 DRYA Coach of the Year, she continues to inspire and lead, nurturing the next generation of sailors with the same enthusiasm that has defined her own sailing journey.

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FALL AT FORD HOUSE

By Lauren McGregor

he grounds of Ford House are perhaps never more enchanting than in the autumn. The fall foliage will play backdrop to a long list of signature events. Though not technically autumn yet, the season kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the fourth annual **Story Festival**.

Hosted by Ford House in collaboration with Grosse Pointe Public Library and ECHO, this year's festival will celebrate the wonder of animals. Special guests include Brenda Ban of Built to Thrive, Outdoor Educator Kelly Konieczki, St.

Clair Shores Public Library and beloved children's musician and five-time American Library Association award winner Jim Gill.

"Ford House Friends specifically come to see Jim Gill," says Education Program Manager Emily Sullivan. "Kids are very disappointed to discover he's not always at Ford House," she laughs.

"At Ford House, we believe in the power of storytelling to spark imagination and foster a love of learning in children," says Director of Education Jason Dake.

"I think parents get as much out of

it as the kids do," says Sullivan. "It's an opportunity to slow down, to listen to fascinating educators and to enjoy the Ford House grounds."

Admission is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child. Friends of Ford House enjoy discounted tickets at \$7 per adult and \$5 per child. Tickets are available at fordhouse.org or in-person the day of.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, **Harvest Day** returns to Ford House. Bring the whole family to sip fresh cider and savor delicious donuts, visit with Roary, the Detroit Lions mascot, shop the fall market, take horse and pony rides, play

lawn games, get your face painted and tour the Main Residence.

"We are expecting 35 vendors this year. The straw climb will return, as well as Blake's cider and donuts, which must be pre-ordered," says Engagement and Public Events Manager Mary Ann Bauman.

New this year is the addition of a beer garden in the courtyard beside the garage.

"We will have football playing on a big screen and a beer and wine tasting," says Bauman.

"Families are welcome to relax there."
Harvest Day tickets are \$8 per adult and a discounted \$6 per Friend.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the beloved **Little Goblins** returns. The day features trick-ortreating, family activities, photo opportunities and a hay ride. Friends tickets, \$15 per child and \$5 per adult, go on sale Sept. 10. Public tickets, \$20 per child and \$8 per adult, go on sale Sept. 24.

On Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m., Ford House will host its first ever **Murder Mystery Dinner** in the Lake Shore Room. Inspired by the 1932 murder mystery party hosted by Edsel and





Left and above photos by Lauren McGregor; opposite page photo courtesy of Ford House





Eleanor Ford, the evening includes dinner, drinks and a whole lot of intrigue.

"It will be a full evening of drinks, food, entertainment and prizes," says Bauman. "We wanted to change up the Big Goblins event with something that is not available in the area. It is also a homage to Eleanor and the murder mystery dinners she once hosted. We are leaning into the playfulness that Eleanor embodied."

Join one of thirteen teams of eight in cracking the mystery or opt for seating for two, four or six, and be paired with other sleuths. The Fords' murder mystery dinners once had the Detroit Free Press buzzing and Ford House is anticipating a quick sell out! Pricing is still to be determined.

Seasonal upcoming tours include the **Autumn Landscape Guided Tour**, Tuesdays through Sundays,
Sept. 24-Nov. 10, and **Nooks & Crannies Guided Tour**, Tuesdays through Sundays, Sept. 24-Dec. 31.

"We're thrilled to offer these unique tours, as they provide a rare glimpse into Ford House that's only available during specific times of the year," says Ford House Tour Manager Loren Stevens. "Due to their popularity, tickets tend to sell out fast, so we encourage everyone to secure their spots early to avoid missing out on these exceptional opportunities."

Tickets for these guided tours are \$20 per adult, \$18 per senior and \$10 per child. Friends of Ford House enjoy discounted tickets at \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

To learn how to become a Friend of Ford House or to purchase event tickets, visit www.fordhouse.org.



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BUBBLES By Lauren McGregor By Lauren McGregor

rosse Pointe Library "Attendees were able to support an Stacks, features hearty hors d'oeuvres, Foundation's (GPLF) organization they love and have so an open bar, silent auction, cork pull, many fond memories of — without the inaugural Books & Bubbles raffle and live entertainment. in 2023 was sparkling with renewed typical gala prices," says Domzalski. This year's event co-chairs are energy and, of course, champagne. Books & Bubbles, which replaced mother-daughter team Lisa Mower The 2024 event on Thursday, Oct. 24 Masquerade Gandelot and Nancy Gandelot at Ford House, promises to be even for the Spearman. bubblier. "It was fun recreating an event "The first Books & Bubbles was to fundraise for the crown fantastic," says GPLF Executive jewel of our community," Director Paige Domzalski. "It was high says Gandelot Spearman, energy. We saw a lot of new faces and who is also a GPFL all age groups." board member. "People The new \$100 per ticket enjoyed the cocktail party pricing was a massive atmosphere." hit and a quick Auction items this year sell-out. are experience themed, ranging from two nights at The D Las Vegas to Detroit Lions tickets to a private shopping night at Faircloth and more. Proceeds will fund multiple projects across all

three library branches and support the library's mission to be an inclusive library system.

"It is fitting that this is the new age of gala for the Foundation. At the same time, we are finding library patrons in a new age themselves, using more e-readers and digital materials," says Gandelot Spearman. A portion of the funds will support the pricey acquisition of digital materials.

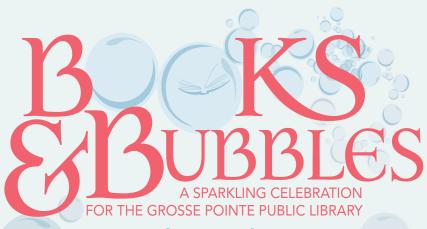
For Mower Gandelot, the event's purpose holds special meaning.

"I was a student at Richard Elementary School when Central Library opened. I can remember the class going there to tour it. It was magical," she says. "It's nice to give something back to the community."

For more information about Books & Bubbles and to purchase tickets, visit gplf.org.

Opposite page, top, Jon Gandelot, Co-Chairs Lisa Mower Gandelot and Nancy Gandelot Spearman and GPLF Board President Andrew Spearman; bottom, Books & Bubbles 2023 in the Lake Shore Room at Ford House

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Guilt is good!

By Ken Welch

triving to do our best with our workouts and being consistent is something that's important to a lot of us. I know, easier said than done, especially as we get older.

I've had conversations with some of our younger adult members who first

joined our gym when they were teens or in their early 20s. They confess how hard it is for them now to workout regularly than when they first joined. They didn't realize



how the demands of life and adulthood would pick apart their intended workout time. Workouts went from being fun to a responsibility. For people without a history of exercise, those who are first-timers, it's even worse.

This morning, I had a client in just such a situation. This was her first session in a couple of weeks. She's 79, has only been working out with me for a year and a half and has made really nice progress. Recently she's hit some travel bumps and motivational slumps. Her schedule caused her to miss some sessions and she hadn't been keeping up with her walks in between. She said she felt "guilty and a little despondent." This is what I told her: "Feeling guilty is good."

I'd rather have someone who's had to cancel their session be bothered by it rather than acting like it doesn't matter. I want you to miss it. Those of us who use to be athletes, played sports and have a long-time connection to training hate that incomplete feeling when we miss our gym time.

It's useful to people to develop a psychological and emotional need to work out. It's as important as the workout itself. The better your workouts the more you'll miss them.

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

When kids should see the dentist

By Dr. Horacio Falcón

s parents, we prioritize our children's health from the moment they enter

the world.
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pediatrician
visits and
immunizations,
dental care often
takes a back seat.
So, when should
your child have
their first dental
appointment?



The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that children should see a dentist within six months of the eruption of their first tooth or by their first birthday, whichever comes first. This might seem early, but it's a critical step in establishing lifelong oral health habits.

Early dental visits serve multiple purposes. It allows dentists to monitor the development of your child's teeth and jaws, ensuring everything is progressing as it should. They can also catch any potential issues early on, preventing more serious problems later.

Moreover, these initial visits are about more than just teeth. They're an opportunity for parents to learn proper oral hygiene techniques for their little ones. From how to brush those tiny teeth to navigating the world of nutrition and teeth, dentists provide invaluable guidance that can shape your child's dental habits for years to come.

Additionally, these early visits help familiarize children with the dental environment, reducing anxiety and fear in the future. By establishing a positive relationship with the dentist early on, you set the stage for a lifetime of stressfree dental care.

So, don't wait. Schedule that first dental appointment sooner rather than later.

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Life insurance

By Lina Bowman

eptember is **Life Insurance Awareness Month**, a vital time to review and consider the importance of life insurance in your financial planning.

Life insurance provides essential financial protection for your loved

ones, ensuring they have the resources to cover expenses such as mortgages, debts, education and final costs in the event of your passing. Life insurance can also



provide financial protection for you during your lifetime.

This month, take the time to reassess whether your current policy offers adequate coverage based on your family's needs and financial situation. Major life events like marriage, having children or retirement can change your insurance needs.

Life insurance comes in various forms, each offering unique benefits. Term life insurance provides coverage for a specific period, while whole life or universal life insurance offers lifelong protection and can build cash value. If properly structured, this cash value can be used as an additional source of monthly cash flow in retirement or as an emergency fund. Some policies also provide long-term care options, offering flexibility and control over your financial future.

If you already have life insurance, it's crucial to review and update your policy regularly. This ensures it accurately reflects your current life circumstances, updating beneficiaries and adjusting coverage amounts as needed. If you're unsure about your current coverage, it may be time for a policy review or a second opinion.

Use September to ensure that you have the right life insurance to safeguard your family's financial future and provide you with peace of mind.

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Are you prepared?

By Anna Bartolotta

ow is 2024 almost over?
Are you properly prepared for life-changing moments, whether it be professional or personal? Think about that for one moment. I am not speaking of life insurance that would protect your family in case something happened to you.

I am speaking of the little moments in life, things that, if possible, you can have ready to go in case of emergency. It could be as simple as a spare key to my rental property in



case of a flood or a spare car key.

It is impossible to be prepared for everything life can throw at us but having the main game in place to make sure you are organized and ready goes a long way in keeping sane and keeping calm when life strikes.

The same way of thinking can be applied to your tenant. Your lives are interchanged at the moment and anything that may happen to him or her affects you too. We all could be walking through life and stub our toe on something just as well as anyone else could. For example, your tenant's employment is no longer available to them and they must leave to make a living, their company has relocated them to another state. This new position for them is life changing for you as well.

What is your plan? In simplest of terms, you roll with the punches and find yourself another tenant stat. The prior tenant is responsible for their lease with you, but you must take care of yourself and your business and get moving on a replacement. Days spent arguing or complaining about the circumstances are just days wasted that you could have been finding your new tenant.

Being fully prepared is my motto for the remainder of 2024 and going into 2025!

Anna Bartolotta is owner of Grosse Pointe Apartments and Property Management. This area's original dedicated, full service, full time rental agency staffed with licensed agents.







"It's a fun day with lots of entertainment, takeaways, resources, health screenings and a free lunch."

SENIOR EXPO

DEVIN SCILLIAN RETURNS TO POPULAR, FREE SENIOR RESOURCE FESTIVAL

By Lauren McGregor

he 29th annual Senior Expo, a free day of health, wellness, recreation and resources, is slated for Thursday, Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Assumption Cultural Center.

"We will have 55 vendors providing resources and services," says Terri Murphy, president of Hope Senior Homecare and chair of Senior Expo for over a decade. "It's a fun day with lots of entertainment, takeaways, resources, health screenings and a free lunch provided by Henry Ford Health."

While there are resources about assisted living facilities and services, Senior Expo focuses on establishing a healthy lifestyle.

"Seniors are living longer and we focus on healthy aging. Exercise classes take place in the Super Tent," says Murphy. "We also focus on nutrition."

Along with the recreational activities, guests can enjoy live music. This year's special guest is Devin Scillian. He and his band, The Arizona Sons, will perform for the second year in a row.

"Devin Scillian was very popular last year," says Murphy. "He shared about being part of the community and the band was phenomenal. People wanted them back."

Past years' special guests have included Mort Crim, Dick Purtan, Ernie Harwell, Chuck Gaidica and Mark Hackel just to name a few.

The Expo is open to all ages and is a valuable resource fair for all. Attendees receive the official Resource Guide, which lists every senior services resource or contact that is widely available.

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Devin Scillian and The Arizona Sons performing at Senior Expo 2023

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Jonathan Wright

Ultimate Deer Camp promotes access for Black hunters

By Lauren McGregor

eated against the trunk of a white cedar tree, the ground beneath him cleared of debris four hours ago, Jonathan Wright waits with the patience and stillness of a skilled hunter.

"Don't move. Don't flinch. Hear a twig crack and turn your head? That deer is gone."

Though a rarity, Wright once glanced at his cell phone. That moment, a rustle sounded nearby and a deer darted through the forest foliage. Other times, it's an absorption in the Bible, his preferred method of passing time, that keeps Wright from spotting the deer before it spots him.

"You are trying to kill something that is built to evade you," says Wright. "You don't catch a deer. You hunt it."

Though a missed opportunity is a disappointment, Wright isn't easily bothered. After all, his kills have included bucks, wild turkey, black bears, Cape buffalo, nyala, kudu, eland and gemsbok.

He is passionate about this lifestyle and dedicated to bringing more men, especially Black men, to a sport that demands rapt attention, discipline, confidence and outdoorsman skills.

"My former boss hunts in Gladwin, Michigan," says Wright, a business and privacy lawyer. "I have been one of the only non-family members consistently invited to go on their annual trip since 2012. I never miss it. It inspired me to



give that access to others."

He describes the manifold benefits to hunting season that are traditionally experienced by white people of every socioeconomic class. The same cannot be said for Black citizens, generally speaking.

"They are taxpayers supporting the land and don't get to take advantage of that on the same level as others," says Wright. "It is a health disparity and an access issue. I'm trying to bridge the gap, to make it a generational activity."

Before his family's move to Grosse Pointe Shores in 2023, Wright founded and ran Pocono Browns, a deer camp near Stillwater Lake, one of the largest lakes in the Poconos. The camp changed lives.

"At my deer camp, this guy from Newark, Delaware successfully hunted an antlered deer for the first time ever. Now he is doing it by himself and has surpassed my hunting skills in many ways," says Wright, before laughing, "although not all, of course."

From Wright's perspective, the man's life became more ordered after the camp. "I like to think it fit in well with where he



Top, Wright's land in the U.P.; above, Jonathan, Diana, Ben and Eli Wright on a hunting trip in South Africa; right, Jonathan, Caleb, Eli and Ben Wright

Right photo by Dirk Anschütz









was already heading." The hunting trip
— its skills learned and inherent spiritual
retreat — was the mental and physical
health care the man may have needed.

"It is also a Christian camp. We talk about values, God and family," says Wright. "I encourage everyone to bring a Bible. What better book to read while in the woods?"

Wright's new deer camp is located in Harrison, Mich. "We closed on that cabin before the Grosse Pointe house," he laughs. "Around the cabin, there is tons of public land where hunters don't go. And further up in the U.P., I have 44 acres of private land for those that prefer private hunting or blame their lack of success on the fact that we're hunting public land."

For the ideal Ultimate Deer Camp, Wright prefers a group of four or five men. He is also introducing a fathers and sons group to deer hunting this year.

"There will be three eight-year-old sons and their fathers," says Wright. "We

will give the kids the full experience — deer and turkey videos on TV when they arrive at the cabin, practicing turkey and deer calls."

For the adult groups, compatability is the largest concern. Wright seriously vets participants first and then starts a group chat.

"You're working with egos and personalities. I want non-confrontational. non-fearful guys who go with the flow," says Wright. "I don't want any leaders. No one should be acting bigger than another. You see the real character of a man when he doesn't naturally help others after an animal is hunted. Even if it's not your kill, help

carry it, butcher it. We are all on the same team. It's tribal."

Wright loves to see someone hunt their first deer. "I know what line they've crossed and how they've changed as a person. I know they'll be back."

The camps, which typically run from Thursday evening to Sunday morning, are a course in hunting skills and camaraderie.

"I teach the hunters to clear debris at the foot of a tree before sitting down, so if they have to adjust, they don't make noise. I also teach them that ninety percent of 'the best' kills are just before sunset. By then, beginners want to move around. You have to be able to sit there for hours, silently."

Wright never uses trail cams or baiting of deer as they deprive the hunter of the true experience of tracking and hunting. He also prefers to organize bow hunting camps rather than gun camps. "Archery is a bigger season than gun. It lasts from Oct. 1 to January, as opposed to two weeks. You get a better caliber of individual that hunts with a bow."

Wright learned to hunt from his mother's side of the family in rural Virginia. "My grandfather built my mother's childhood house. They had nine kids. Hunting was a form of sustenance to them."

Wright's father, on the other hand, had no interest in hunting. "He is a medical doctor by training and a Pentecostal pastor. He encouraged me, but he wouldn't hunt," laughs Wright.

Today, Wright's immediate family gets involved. Wife Diana and sons, Ben, 8, and Eli, 6, joined Wright on a recent hunting trip to South Africa. While the boys didn't participate in the larger, more dangerous game hunts, they did ride in the back of the truck for a family-oriented plains hunts and fished at a watering hole. Someday, the Wrights will bring the younger two, Caleb, 4, and Josie, 2, along as well.

Wright's advice to new hunters is the same thing he would tell his children as they learn the sport. "Have low expectations and high hopes. If you don't get something, it'll make you a better hunter."

For more information about Wright's Ultimate Deer Camp, visit poconobrowns.com.

Above, Ultimate Deer Camp groups. Though he focuses on providing access to Black men, Wright says all are welcome to his camps; below, Wright's cabin in Harrison, Mich.

Photos courtesy of Jonathan Wright





UNLUCKY DATE
BECOMES AN
UNFORGETTABLE
WEDDING
CELEBRATION

By Susan Bollinger

hat's the luckiest day for a wedding? For Grosse Pointe Farms residents Kelsey and Jimmy Champane, that day was Friday, Oct. 13, 2023.

"Not only did we get the Sunday rate, but the date was open because no one else wanted it," says Jimmy. "For us, it was perfect. We embraced the theme and the timing just before Halloween."

Jimmy is a horror movie fan and created two horror movie fan films on his YouTube channel (search for Jimmy

Champane on YouTube). Family and friends were greeted by a life-size Michael Myers mannequin from Halloween movie fame and posed with it in the photo booth.

Guests got into the spirit, donning Michael Myers-style masks on the

dance floor.

"I knew 'Michael' would have to be included," laughs Kelsey. "I loved the idea of a Friday the 13th wedding. We knew we wanted an October wedding and it felt perfect."

They booked the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago, with 1890s architecture and an old-Hollywood feel. It fit the ambiance they were searching for and the historically eerie date. The venue's empty trophy case awaited the couple's special items, showcasing their nine years together through photos and mementos.

Specialty cocktails evoked the couples' favorite movies, including a Yellow Brick Road Martini and a Rick Dalton Margarita. They chose an intermezzo course of Genovian pear sorbet inspired by *The Princess Diaries*.

The couple moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in June 2023, just a few months before their wedding. For Jimmy, it was a return to where he grew up. Kelsey instantly loved Grosse Pointe.

The next Friday, Oct. 13 — and the only Friday the 13th that year — is in 2028, the couple's fifth wedding anniversary. Plans are in the works for a big party with a 'killer' theme.

Top, Kelsey and Jimmy Champane and wedding party at Chicago Athletic Association Hotel; left, guests dancing in Michael masks

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Long-Term Care Will You Need It?

It might come as a surprise that younger generations are taking an interest in purchasing Life Insurance and protecting themselves against the costs of Long-Term Care.

Some reasons for this are: Covid – one of the impacts of the pandemic was that people saw it could happen to them and it brought about a different perspective on insurance.

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Increased media coverage has become a topic since our aging population is living longer, which leads to a greater need for care in later years.

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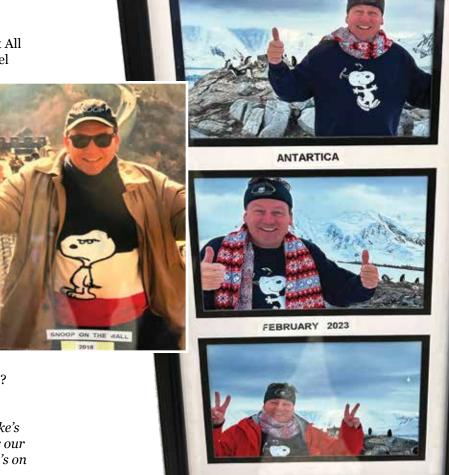
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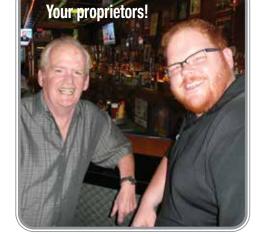
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Founded in 1980, Irish Coffee Bar and Grill has been a staple on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms for 44 YEARS, notable for their fantastic bar burgers (1/3 lb ground rounds) and numerous coffee cocktails. Three high-definition TVs make this neighborhood bar a great place to watch the game. Swing by after the game or any entertainment event in the area, bring your ticket stub and your burger is only \$4.95 with purchase of a beverage! This family-owned restaurant is a great spot for young and old, and there is something on the menu for everyone. The homemade onion rings are a local favorite, and the fresh and hand-battered yellow-belly perch is particularly popular among seafood lovers. Corned-beef sandwiches top off the menu with a true, Irish flare, not to mention our crispy chicken and Philly sandwiches. All our menu items are available for carryout!









CHECK OUT OUR NEW PATIO!





Little Tony's Lounge — Best Bar Burger for 50 Years!

20513 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 885-8522

Little Tony's is Grosse Pointe's favorite Bar & Grill. A place where families and friends have gathered for 54 years for great food and good cheer. Cozy, quaint and warm. A real neighborhood bar, where locals meet and everyone really does know your name. Serving only the freshest of Ground Rounds (never frozen), Little Tony's has made a name for itself as "the place" to go on the east side for Great Burgers. Cooked to order and served with an array of extras, you are sure to have your burger craving satisfied here. Our extensive bar is complemented by a great selection of beers, liquor and wines. Dine on our beautiful, open-air patio during the summer months. Tony, Ellen, Tony Jr. and Jack are keeping up the tradition of serving the "Best Burgers on the Eastside." So stop in, they would love to serve you!

Lunch Specials \$9.95 Tues-Fri Noon - 3:00pm Happy Hour Tues-Fri 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Hours: Tue-Sat Noon-10pm **Web:** www.littletonyslounge.com











OUTDOOR DINING IS OPEN!

Luxe Bar & Grill

115 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 924-5459 or (313) 821-4389

Now in our 11th year, we are so grateful that we were able to be here for our community over this time and, of course, we are incredibly grateful that you were so supportive of us. We couldn't have made it through this time without you all! Now let's get back at it! We believe the character of a bar is its patrons, and we welcome all seeking food, company and friendly conversation to enjoy our charmed local bar. An eclectic menu features fantastic Prime Burgers on homemade brioche buns, as well as scratch soups, salads and entrées, including chicken, salmon, lamb chops and steaks in a variety of different daily preparations. Please be patient with us as we, and our loyal suppliers, continue to return to normal amid labor and supply challenges impacting all of us.

Carryout and curbside pickup available.

Hours: Daily Mon-Fri 11am-midnight; Sat 9am-midnight; Sun 9am-10pm

Brunch: Sat & Sun 9am-2pm **Web:** www.luxebarandgrill.com











Mack Avenue Grille — It's a destination!

19841 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 886-0680

As the Mack Avenue Grille enters its 10th year by kicking things up a notch by offering premium beers premium wines by the glass — Caymus and Quilt to name but a couple — along with their full-service bar. And the highlights of their popular brunches are their unique Bloody Marys and, of course, fresh squeezed Mimosas available nowhere else on The Avenue! Mack Avenue Grille also offers a full-service bar, perfect for the holidays! Of course, they are not forgetting what made Mack Avenue Grille more than a diner. They will continue to offer three homemade soups du jour or freshly homemade chili daily, burgers and all manner of diner sandwiches, fresh-squeezed orange juice and three-egg, whipped omelets of all combinations.

All ingredients are fresh — no frozen fish here! Mack Avenue Grille: It's so much more than a diner. It's a destination!

ORDER ONLINE FOR CARRY OUT AND CURBSIDE PICKUP!

Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9am-3pm **Web:** mackgrille.com











Nothing Bundt Cakes

17012 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe • (313) 435-0437

Who says cake is just for special occasions? Make every Day an A+ Day.

Nothing Bundt Cakes is on Yelp's most loved brand list for 2023. From "Happy Birthday" to "Just Because" moments, Nothing Bundt Cakes is all about bringing JOY to our guests. Our handcrafted cakes are available in a variety of delicious flavors and sizes.

BETTER THAN AN APPLE

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm

Web: www.nothingbundtcakes.com











The Pepperoni Bar and Grille

22411 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores • (586) 774-3998

As its name implies, Pepperoni Grille is a cheerful spot set in a welcome, casual atmosphere. The eatery features a small bar and dining room on one side of the central open kitchen, and a second dining room on the other side. It offers notable pizza along with a number of popular dishes from Calamari and Chicken Picatta to Filet Mignon and New York Strip Steaks. The staff is friendly and courteous. The full bar offers wine, liquor and beer. Tuesday is half-off pizza all day, dine in or carry out. Come see our remodel and have dinner! We are so excited! Make TONIGHT date night! (Reservations recommended.)

WEDNESDAY PASTA NIGHT FOR 2 — \$54.99*

Your choice of 2 pasta dishes and a bottle of our house Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot or Pinot Grigio. All pasta dishes are cooked to order and served with a houses salad or a cup of soup.

*Subject to change.

Hours: Sun-Mon-Closed; Tue-Thu 4-9pm; Fri-Sat 4-10pm

Web: www.pepperonigrillescs.com









Sidecar Slider Bar/Shift Kitchen & Cocktails

17051 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe

The Village

Sidecar Slider Bar: You will always feel welcome from the second you sit down. Sidecar's menu is simple yet tasteful — focusing on quality custom sliders, hot dogs and sides. Simply put, Sidecar is your neighborhood watering-hole with good beer, good food and good people.

Shift Kitchen & Cocktails: "Meet us at the Bar." Shift is a romantic lounge focused on craft cocktails, thoughtfully arranged small plates, and an impressive wine by the glass list. Join us for daily happy hour!



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Hours: Sidecar Slider Bar: Mon-Sun 11am-2am

Shift Kitchen & Cocktails: Check website for current hours of operation

Web: www.sidecarsliderbar.com/grosse-pointe

www.shiftbirmingham.com













Telly's Place — Celebrating 40+ Years!

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

As a staple of the Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood since 1982, Telly's isn't your normal bar and grill. Walk in off Mack and you'll instantly notice that with 40+ years of history, a sense of warmth, friendliness and contemporary atmosphere abounds. Everyone is welcome at Telly's. Everyone is family at Telly's. Owners and native Grosse Pointers Ty and Jimmy are committed to bringing you the atmosphere, quality and service that has made Telly's an institution.

Telly's Place

tellys.place



Monday - \$6 Margaritas Wednesday - \$8 Martinis **Lunch Specials \$9.95**

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-Close; Sun Noon-Close;

Kitchen closes at 10 p.m. Web: tellysplace.com











The Continental at Ford House

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

Experience the 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 a modern twist on classic American fare. The menu features classics like the Maurice Salad and baskets of popovers, as well as fresh seasonal entrees and 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 Friends receive a 20% discount on all food purchases.

Reservations recommended.

Hours: Lunch: Tue-Sat 11am-3pm: Dinner: Thu-Sat 4-8pm: Brunch: Sun 10am-4 pm

(Closed Mondays) Web: www.fordhouse.org











Watermark Bar & Grille @ Jefferson Beach Marina

24420 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores • (586) 777-3677

Watermark's extensive menu and hand crafted premium cocktails make it your year-round waterfront destination. Enjoy our signature Chicken or Shrimp Kabob in our dining room or a Perch Po' Boy by the water on the largest patio on the Nautical Mile! Host your next event at the Watermark! Our banquet room boasts a glass wall allowing for a picturesque waterfront view for your wedding, corporate events, or any other special occasion. Whether you're hosting 50 or 130, we do it all to make your event a success. Located in the heart of the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores, Watermark is open 6 days a week for lunch and dinner along with Sunday Brunch menu available until 2 pm.

Live music on Thursdays and Saturdays with other nights coming soon!

OPEN YEAR-ROUND FOR INDOOR DINING, BANQUETS AND CARRY OUT!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news including updates.











Hours: Closed Mondays. Tue-Sat Noon-10pm; Sun 11am-9pm Web: www.watermarkbarandgrille.com



The Whiskey Six

646 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe • (313) 939-2403

Located in The Village of Grosse Pointe, The Whiskey Six is a family friendly gastropub that serves great food alongside classic cocktails, craft beer and boasts a well provisioned wine cellar. The name and establishment pay homage to a day when Detroit was the nation's rum-running port. Under new owner Dino Ropotos, the emphasis is on not just fine whiskey, wine and craft beers, but also on a friendly, family environment with great menu items — including amazing Salads and Shareables (Butter Board, Caprese Bites, Lettuce Wraps) Burgers and Tacos (including the crowd-pleasing Smokehouse Burger), Pastas, Pizzas and unforgettable Entrees, including Filet Mignon, Atlantic Salmon, Pork Chop Marsala, Fish and Chips, Kabobs, Octopus Char Grilled, Chicken Milanese and Hunan Shrimp. Menu prices range from \$10-\$39. Keeping with the emphasis on families with a menu for kids as well. Clearly, there is something for everyone at The Whiskey Six, including the atmosphere!

Hours: Closed Mondays. Tue-Sun 4-10pm Web: www.thewhiskeysix.com











Z's Pub — THE ICONIC 'CORNER BAR' RE-IMAGINED!

22512 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores • (586) 777-4491

Z's Pub isn't just a place to eat and drink; it's a hub for community engagement and connection. Our mission is to provide a welcoming space where people can gather, unwind, and create lasting memories. We believe in the power of good company, great food, and excellent drinks to bring people together.

Join us and experience the unique charm of Z's Pub. Whether you're stopping by for a casual drink after work, a delicious dinner with friends, or a weekend celebration, we look forward to making your visit a memorable one.

At Z's Pub we have seven big-screen TVs for catching all the action, Keno for a bit of excitement, Golden Tee Arcade for some classic gaming, a jukebox to keep the vibes going, and an ATM for convenience. Plus, there's a designated smoking area and ample parking in the back and side.

Cheers to good times, great company, and the vibrant spirit of Z's Pub!



Hours: Mon 11am-11pm; Tue-Thur 11am-midnight; Fri-Sat 11am-2am;

Sun: noon-10pm

Web: zspubscs.com





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TAU BETA'S ANNUAL

FALL MARKET

hop the latest trends at Tau

Beta's annual Fall Market Sept. 26-28 at the Grosse Pointe Club. Fall Market features 20 diverse vendors from across the country, including home accents, jewelry, men's and women's clothing, children's accessories and small gifts at a range of price points and styles. Many favorite Fall Market vendors will return, as well as nine new vendors. The Market will begin with a Preview Party and continue

Preview Party
Thursday, Sept. 26
6-9 p.m.
\$75 per person
Featuring cocktails, hors
d'oeuvres and a NEW
silent auction
Raffle tickets, \$25 each or
five for \$100, available for
purchase

Market Days Friday, Sept. 27 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. \$5 per person Fall Market-tinis after 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. \$5 per person Buffet lunch available for purchase with two full days of shopping.

"We are excited about the Market and the variety of vendors our

committee has selected ... It is the perfect time and place to get a head start

on holiday shopping, plus a great opportunity to find something special for yourself," says Co-Chair Jessica Huebner.

"We are thankful for our dedicated committee which has put together a great Fall Market. The unique items for the new Preview Party Silent Auction are sure to be a hit," adds Co-Chair Kelley Muzingo. A couple of the new silent auction items include getaways to Harsens Island and Mackinac Island.

Proceeds from the Market will benefit The Children's Center and Tau Beta's Recognition Grant Program, an initiative introduced three years ago that has already awarded 54 grants to other charitable organizations nominated by members.

Visit www.taubeta.org to learn more information about the organization and Fall Market.

Honorary Chair Lisbeth Jeffries, Co-Chair Jessica Huebner, Patron Chairs Jenny Fruehauf and Maureen Follis, Co-Chair Kelley Muzingo and Honorary Chair Laura Huebner



A table at the 2023 Festival of Tables: "Grecian Key" by Athena Hanzakos

A Big Fat Wedding Celepration!

THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE THAMYRIS CHAPTER'S 22ND FESTIVAL OF TABLES

n Saturday, Oct. 12, The Daughters of Penelope Thamyris Chapter's annual Festival of Tables will embody the joyful and decadent atmosphere of a Greek family wedding.

The festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and include a cocktail hour, dinner, dancing and a Greek wedding dessert table.

Tickets are \$100 each and all proceeds benefit Ascension St. John Foundation Breast Cancer Program and other charities.

Tables will be decked out in

the finest wares and ready for guests to party like it's their loved ones' nuptials.

For more information and tickets, visit dopfestivalof tables.com.









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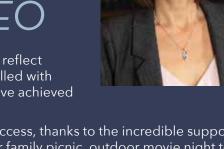
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WM25 LIVE INSPIRED

A letter from the President & CEO

hope this message finds you well. As we reflect on the vibrant summer we've had, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for what we have achieved together and what lies ahead.



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Our summer events were a resounding success, thanks to the incredible support and participation from all of you. From our family picnic, outdoor movie night to the SummerFest concerts, every event was a testament to the power of community spirit and collaboration. We are fortunate to have the Fred M. Alger Center as a back-up for inclement weather and were happy that most events were enjoyed outside. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers, donors, and attendees who made these events possible.

I am also delighted to introduce and welcome our new board members who joined us recently. Each of them brings a wealth of experience, passion, and fresh perspectives that will be invaluable as we continue to pursue our mission. Please join me in welcoming to our board Maureen Berndtson, Sierra Donaven, Rachelle Economy, Rick Lueders, Master Chief Salvador Martinez, Nick Ritts, and Lisa Vallee-Smith. We are excited to work together and are confident that their contributions will significantly impact our organization and the community we serve.

While the following board members' terms have come to an end, we are grateful for their contributions to the War Memorial over their tenure: Brig. Gen. Rolf Mammen, Alicia Nicholson and Stephanie Nicholson. These three individuals have had a tremendous influence on our organization and have served enthusiastically. Thank you for making a difference and serving on the board so selflessly.

As we transition into the fall, we have an array of exciting activities and initiatives planned. Look on our website for our upcoming fall festival, veterans' offerings, cultural and educational enrichment programming. We look forward to your continued involvement and support as we strive to make a positive difference.

Your feedback and ideas are always welcome as they help us to better serve you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your suggestions or to get involved in our fall activities. Thank you once again for your steadfast support and commitment to our mission.

Warm regards,

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Maria Miller President & CEO The War Memorial

INSPIRED TO DO MORE?

The time to act is now. We invite you to play a vital role in preserving our legacy through planned giving with our newly formed Moorings Legacy Society. Your support



through a planned gift will have a transformative impact, helping us adapt to evolving community needs and secure our place as a cornerstone of the community for years to come.

Stay tuned for upcoming information and explore how you can make a difference through planned giving! Visit **www.warmemorial.org/support**



Former POW recalls the action of World War II

With a view overlooking the commemorative festivities, Gino D'Ambrosio calls it an honor to be recognized for his service to America.

The 99-year-old is a World War II veteran who attended The War Memorial's 80th anniversary of D-Day ceremony in June. He was one of several World War II veterans who attended the commemoration, receiving a special shoutout from War Memorial President & CEO Maria Miller.

He described it as a great time adding that the Rhythm Society Orchestra, the entertainment for the night, is a favorite of his.

D'Ambrosio, who turns 100 in November, was drafted into the Army in March of 1943. His unit, the 423rd Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division, trained in Liverpool, England until the D-Day invasion. Within the unit, he was a platoon leader.

As a paratrooper, D'Ambrosio arrived behind enemy lines in Normandy, France on June 6, 1944.

"I was about 14 miles in and the paratroopers served as disruptors prior to the Army landing," he said. "The paratroopers were dropping bombs. My 32-year-old captain was killed on the way down, before the glider touched the ground. We thought he was an old man."

His next combat experience came in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium in the winter of 1944.

It was during the battle, when he was in St. Vith, Belgium, when D'Ambrosio was taken prisoner.

"The bomb came down and a German officer picked me up and I was captured," he said. "I woke up in a Red Cross in Germany."

His discharge papers reveal that D'Ambrosio was wounded in action



when the fragment of an aerial bomb cut a toe on his left foot leaving a scar.

Once taken prisoner, D'Ambrosio went to Prüm, Germany. He spent the next six months as a prisoner of war, held in camps including Stalag III-A at Luckenwalde, Germany.

"They didn't treat the Americans bad, but the food was very poor," he said, describing conditions like in the camps. "We were starved. There was a lot of lice. We were eaten up by that."

It wasn't until near the time that Germany surrendered, in May of 1945, that D'Ambrosio was released, a morning he will never forget.

"One day we got up and my prison camp was empty and quiet," he said. "All the guards were gone, and then a Russian tank came. There was a female Russian machine gunner. The camp emptied out."

D'Ambrosio, of Warren, was discharged from the military in November of 1945, with the rank of staff sergeant. His wife, Patricia D'Ambrosio passed away in 2003. He has three children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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THE WAR MEMORIAL
WELCOMED SEVEN
NEW MEMBERS TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
GET TO KNOW A FEW
OF THEM!

Sal Martinez

A Master Chief in the United States Navy, Sal is looking forward to giving back to the community. With



his military experience, he will be a vital part of helping The War Memorial continue to connect and benefit our veterans. When not serving our country, he enjoys time with his family which includes his wife and 3 children.

Lisa Vallee-Smith

Having recently sold her marketing from



her profession, Lisa lends her time to multiple local nonprofits in the southeast Michigan community. She is

looking forward to helping The War Memorial create a lasting impact. In her personal time, she loves to spend time with her husband of 32 years, and two adult sons.

Sierra Donaven

Sierra brings her love of philanthropy, support of veterans, and drive to create goodwill in the



community to our organization. With her past profession as a Special Agent Criminal Investigator, she hopes to help guide The War Memorial toward fruitful and beneficial community partnerships.



CIVILITY NIGHT AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

with Stephen Henderson and Nolan Finley

Journalists Stephen Henderson and Nolan Finley bring the Great Lakes Civility Project to The War Memorial and lead a lively conversation about the importance of civil conversation in a tense political environment. The event is free and open to the public.

The event is free; however, due to limited space, registration is required.

WHEN **Thursday**, **October 17**

TIME 7pm

COST Free



SECOND SATURDAYS: IT'S SPOOKY TIME NEW EVENT

Saturday, October 12 | 9am

Join us for our new Second Saturdays series, where families can enjoy a fun-filled morning out every month. This October, experience Halloween treats, bewitching crafts, games, and a spooktacular show by Gordon the Magician. Free coffee for parents while the little ones have a blast!

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Sunday, October 27 | 12pm

Family fun awaits! Support our Children's Enrichment Scholarship while enjoying our Spooktacular event. This year's festivities include trunk or treat, crafts, a spooky walk, petting zoo, and more.

SIP & SCRIPT: HARRY POTTER EDITION

Thursday, October 10 | 6:30pm

Join us for a magical evening of modern calligraphy with a Harry Potter twist! Unleash your inner wizard and create special lettered details for Hogwarts letters, wedding goods, home decor, and more.

A MAGICAL KIDS NIGHT OUT NEW EVENT

Saturday October 19 | 6pm

Parents, take the night off and let your kids cast a spell on boredom! They'll create magical wands and paint enchanting owls. Pizza and fun included.

Learn more at www.warmemorial.org/eventcalendar





Through a dedicated series of events, seminars, and special celebrations, our VetConnect Series is designed to foster camaraderie and provide valuable resources for those who have served. All events are free unless otherwise noted.

MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY DIRECTOR BRIAN LOVE

Thursday, September 12 | 9am

Learn about the work that the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency does on a daily basis and what services are offered to veterans.

VET-TO-VET

Thursday, October 3 | 8am

Held every other month, veterans of all ages are invited to gather for a coffee hour where they can share stories, enjoy camaraderie, and connect with fellow service members in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

Monday, November 11 | 9am

Join us for our annual Veterans Day Breakfast to honor our nation's heroes with a gourmet meal, heartfelt tributes, music, and keynote remarks. *Cost: Veterans - Free; Guests - \$15*

Learn more at www.warmemorial.org/patriotic



Kick off Hispanic Heritage Month and join YA Salsa! for an unforgettable evening of vibrant Latin culture featuring food, a salsa lesson, and hours of dancing to live music by Armando Vega y su Orquesta and DJ Fercho. Dress to impress and don't miss out on this fantastic night of fun and celebration!

WHEN Sunday, September 15

TIME Doors open at 4pm

Salsa lesson at 4:30pm Party begins at 5:30pm

COST **VIP Admission** \$45

VIP tickets include complimentary appetizers and reserved seating

General admission \$20

MASQUERADE EVENING:

An Opera Soirée with Detroit Opera Resident Artists

In the spirit of opera and the allure of disguise, join us for an unforgettable evening in The War Memorial's lakeside ballroom. The Detroit Opera Resident Artists will enchant you with a captivating repertoire centered around a masquerade theme, accompanied by Nathalie Doucet, on the piano. Guests are invited to don their most elegant costumes for this Masquerade evening.

WHEN Wednesday, October 30

TIME Cocktail hour at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7pm Concert at 8pm

COST Dinner and Concert w/ Wine Pairings \$90

Dinner and Concert \$70 **Concert only** \$35

Tickets at www.warmemorial.org or 313.881.7511

Food and drink experiences at The War Memorial require a minimum attendance; guest minimums may vary per event. If the minimum attendance requirement is not met for an event, guests will be notified and will receive a full refund.



The War Memorial's Speakeasy Series

Sit back, relax, and take it easy at The War Memorial's Speakeasy. You'll enjoy the laid-back lounge vibe of Russell Alger's former billiards room where business deals, lively conversations, and—rumor has it—bootleg spirits once took place during the Prohibition Era. Enjoy specialty cocktails, live music, and brief historic tours in this unique space. Capacity is limited, so don't miss out!

WHEN Sunday, September 22

featuring classical guitarist, Anthony DiMambro

Sunday, October 6

featuring jazz guitarist, Ian Blunden

Sunday, November 3

featuring harpist, Christa Grix

TIME VIP early entry at 4pm

General admission at 5pm

COST VIP \$45

Includes complimentary libation and

charcuterie snack box

General admission \$20



ADULT ENRICHMENT

HEALTH, WELLNESS & SPORTS

TAI CHI TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, 6-7pm September 10-October 1



ADULT FENCING

Mondays, 7:40-8:25pm September 9-October 7 October 14-November 18 (Omit 11/11)

BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE WITH B3 (AGES 12+)

Thursday, September 12 | 6:30-8:30pm

MAKEUP BAG MAKEOVER (AGES 10+)

Wednesday, September 25 | 6:30–8:30pm

SELF DEFENSE FOR MEN, WOMEN, & TEENS

Wednesday, October 30 | 6:30-8:30pm

DANCE

BALLROOM DANCING SESSIONS

September 10-October 15 October 29-December 3

BEGINNER BALLROOM BASICS Tuesdays, 7-7:50pm

INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM BASICS Tuesdays, 8-8:50pm



BELLYDANCE FOR EVERYBODY

Tuesdays, 7-8pm September 10-October 22 (Omit 9/24) October 29-December 3

LINE DANCING

Wednesdays, 6-7pm September 11-October 16 October 30-December 4

CREATIVE ARTS

GEMSTONE RING WORKSHOP W/ TWISTFUL THINKING

Friday, October 11 | 6-9pm

CARICATURE NIGHT

Friday, September 13 | 6-8pm

LEARN TO PAINT LIKE BOB ROSS

Saturday, September 28 | 1–4pm Friday, October 18 | 6–9pm

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Wednesdays, 6:30–8pm September 25–November 6 (Omit 10/23)

INTRO TO DRAWING

Thursdays, 6:30–8pm September 26–November 7 (Omit 10/24)

MORE INFO

For full details on classes and activities, please visit www.warmemorial.org/classes or call 313.881.7511

YOUTH ENRICHMENT

CREATIVE ARTS

KIDS COOKING CLASS WITH CHEF JOE PAXTON

Tuesday, October 1 | 6-8:30pm Tuesday, December 3 | 6-8:30pm

MAKEUP BAG MAKEOVER (AGES 10+)

Wednesday, September 25 | 6:30-8:30pm

ALL ABOUT ANIMAL ART!

Mondays, 5:30–6:30pm September 26–October 17

ELENA VICTORIA HOLIDAY SEWING WORKSHOPS

Sunday, October 13 | 1-4pm Sunday, November 16 | 1-4pm Sunday, December 14 | 1-4pm

NATURE & SCENIC LANDSCAPE ART FOR KIDS

Thursdays, 5:30–6:30pm November 14-December 12 (Omit 11/28)

CARICATURE NIGHT (UNDER 14 ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT)

Friday, September 13 | 6-8pm

SPORTS & GAMES

FENCING SESSIONS

September 9-October 7
October 14-November 18 (Omit 11/11)

BEGINNER FENCING (AGES 6-18) Mondays, 6-6:45pm

INTERMEDIATE FENCING (AGES 6-18) Mondays, 6:50-7:35pm

BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE WITH B3 (AGES 12+)

Thursday, September 12 | 6:30–8:30pm

MUSIC & ARTS

TUMBLEBUNNIES BALLET (AGES 3 - 5)

Wednesdays, 5:30-6pm September 25-October 30 November 6-December 18 (Omit 11/27)

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OCT 27
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OCT 30
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By Lauren McGregor

t the Detroit Design
Awards on May 30, 2024
in Downtown Detroit,
Alex Decker, of A Decker Design,
represented the French-inspired Café
Sous Terre. Her partner in the design,
Becca Priester, of Rebecca Priester
Design, was nearly full term in her
pregnancy and anxiously awaiting news
at home.

"I was texting Becca as it happened," says Decker. "They announced 3rd place in Restaurants/Bars, then 2nd place." Still, Café Sous Terre had not been called.

Emotions soared as 1st place was finally announced. *Café Sous Terre*.

"It was an out-of-body experience," says Decker. "It was especially meaningful because there had been a

record number of submissions and the caliber of the judges was outstanding. Throughout the process, you don't know who is judging. I found out at the Awards that Jonathan Adler, Mikel Welch and Paloma Contrares, enormous names in design, were on the panel. I was giddy."

The pair also received 2nd place in Commercial Use of Color.



Rose Farley and Molly Manor enjoying Cafe Sous Terre's popular Evelyn's Filthy Martini

The café, at 445 W. Forest Ave. in Midtown, Detroit, is the creation of Becca Priester's husband, Reimer Priester, of Grosse Pointe Park.

"We knew it would be French-themed and jazz-inspired," says Becca. "My family has a French background and Reimer is a Francophile who speaks French. His grandfather was a part of the jazz scene. Café Sous Terre is a culmination of all of Reimer's favorite things — jazz, coffee, cocktails and food."

"The name Café Sous Terre means 'underground coffee.' It was inspired by my happy place, Coffee Underground in Greenville, South Carolina, where I spent a lot of time and made a lot of friends," says Reimer. "The coffee scene has always been important to me and I wanted to create that 'third place' for others.

"Communities are made so much better by getting them together, bribing them with good service, atmosphere and drinks. It's a larger mission I have to build





excellent third places where all feel welcome, taken care of and seen."

When it came to the design, Reimer enlisted his wife Becca's expertise.

"I have my full-time job at Maple & Mill, but if Reimer has anything, I do that as well. Asking Alex to come on board took a lot off my plate while giving her more design experience,"

says Becca.

The creative work went smoothly for the like-minded designers.

"For the bar tile, I was planning on doing green before Alex started working with me. She chose the same," Becca laughs. "Turns out, it's her favorite color too."

Before guests can take in the gleaming tilework or the exquisite use of color, they





are transported by other elements.

"We wanted to create a special entrance" says

"We wanted to create a special entrance," says Becca. Down a flight of stairs and on the other side of the front door hangs cozy drapery. The

lighting creates a warm ambiance.

"The lighting over the bar has a cage of brass. The glass was blown into it, making for an interesting visual," says Decker. "It is old world meets new world."

With such an old building, there were of course some challenges. "The room had a 12-inch curb around most of the perimeter," says Becca. "We had to figure out how to incorporate that."

The depth and elevation of that portion of the wall made for a fun opportunity to play with forms of lighting and color. It also added to a cozy haven in a corner booth.

Decker and Becca credit contractor Shane Overbey of Artisan Contracting with helping to bring their plans to life.

"I want people to feel like it's a hip, easy space to hang out," says Becca. "I hope the space encourages people to settle in."

Though first jazz-inspired, Reimer allowed his staff to lead the way on music and mood setting. "Our Tuesday and Thursday DJ nights are a departure from what I envisioned, but people are loving it because it is so cool and intimate," says Reimer.

The slow pace, no-pressure ambience deepens the French experience. So does the cuisine.

"I want this to be a place where you can grab a cup of coffee, a drink, a good bite of food," says Reimer.

"The level of cooking is incredible," says Becca. "It's from The French Lady in Birmingham." Quiche, gougères and tarte tartin are just some of the menu highlights.

The drinks menu, featuring coffee, tea, cocktails, wine, beer and more, is extensive, creative and reasonably priced.

The cafe will debut a new outdoor patio for additional seating. It's expected to be open by September, shortly after the one-year anniversary of Café Sous Terre's opening.

For more information, visit Café Sous Terre on Facebook, Instagram and at cafesousterre.com.

Above, framed photograph of Reimer's grandfather on drums, playing with jazz legend Dizzy Gellespie; above, right, lighting featuring a brass cage and glass blown into it. Other lighting behind the banquette seating makes use of the 12-inch curb around the room. The lamps are LED-controlled and the colors regularly change to match the mood and music of the moment.

Photos by Sarah Berger; opposite page, top photo by Lauren McGregor

at home in the Pointes

By Susan Bollinger



"The wood-burning fireplace was a jumping-off point and the inspiration for the concept."

hen Jennifer Barnes and her family wanted to maximize their new outdoor fireplace, they enlisted the expertise of Paige Loperfido of Decor and More Design Studio for a complete patio makeover.

Their outside space on Stephens Road in Grosse Pointe Farms has been transformed into an extension of their home, a place to "spend an entire Saturday," says Barnes.

"We wanted it to be family friendly, entertaining friendly and functional. The fabric and materials needed to withstand young children, parties and the elements, but be beautiful at the same time. And the flow had to be right."

Loperfido had already designed the family's basement laundry, bathroom, living space and a bedroom, and Barnes gave her full creative freedom with the patio.

"The wood-burning fireplace was a jumping-off point and the inspiration for the concept," says Loperfido. "After seeing the fireplace plans, I knew I wanted to create lounge and dining spaces. I chose high-performance poly fabrics that can be power washed along with the rugs and the outdoor furniture, which is made of a composite material."

The choices have already proven durable: After a year in use, they still look like new.

Loperfido worked with the existing

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dining furniture, tying the chair fabric with the lounge textiles and umbrella, and coordinating everything with the whitewashed fireplace. The end result is not only cohesive, it feels like a resort, complete with an outdoor TV and grill.

"Always mindful of our budget, Paige incorporates high- and low-end items in a creative and beautiful way. It speaks to her creativity. The patio is stunning, and I love how comfortable it is," says Barnes, who shares the space with her husband, Scott, and their two young children.

"Working with Jennifer is always amazing," says
Loperfido. "Most of my clients are in Grosse Pointe and they are all a pleasure to work with — we usually end up friends."



Learn more about Decor and More Design Studio at https://decorandmoredesigns.com.

Photos by Kat Stevenson









Name	Elaina Best	
City	Grosse Pointe Woods	
Age	40	
Occupation Client advocate		
in a health brokerage firm		

Elaina's

Favorites

Season

Fall

Book

Peyton Place by Grace Metalious

Restaurant

Bucharest Grill

Musical Artist

Too many to name, from Stevie Wonder to Alanis Morisette to Coldplay. I like R&B, rap, gospel, etc.

Show

Golden Girls

Spot in Grosse Pointe

Ghesquiere Park

What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

We live on the best block. Everyone is so nice and friendly. There are lots of kids and everyone's doors are always open.

What are two of your best personality traits? I am super friendly and loyal.

What is something most people don't know about you?

I like to sing. I grew up in choirs and chorals. What is the best trip you've ever taken?

New York City with a group of girls. It was a culture shock. We rode all the New York transportation, the ferry, train, bus. We rented an AirBnB and just had the best time walking around.

Three things on your bucket list?

Go to Europe. Go on a cruise. Ride in a helicopter. What accomplishment are you most proud of? Being a mother (to Natalie, 9)

About **Elaina**

Elaina was raised in Lansing, Mich. as one of four children. After earning a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, she moved to Detroit to work as a parapro in a charter school.

"I loved working with kids, but I needed a fresh start," she says. Elaina packed up and drove across the country to Arizona, where she started a master's program at Grand Canyon University.

When her cousin, a pregnant military wife whose husband was deployed, asked for help, Elaina moved to Tennessee to offer her support. There, she finished her master's degree.

Calling her mother a "pillar of strength," Elaina takes after her, as evidenced by her second move to help a loved one. In 2013, when Elaina's father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she returned to Michigan.

Shortly after, Elaina met her now fiance, Brandon, a full time reservist in the Air Force. Nine years ago, they welcomed a baby girl, Natalie. Today, Elaina works as a client advocate in a health brokerage firm. In her free time, she enjoys arts and crafts, traveling and shopping.

Changes to POA

By Jon B. Gandelot

ichigan enacted an update to its Power of Attorney (POA) law on July 1, 2024. It provides clearer guidelines and enhanced protections for principals and agents. Significant changes include:

Stricter requirements for the creation of a valid POA. The POA must be signed by the principal in

the presence of a notary public and two witnesses, ensuring the authenticity of the document. The principal must state in writing that the agent has



been informed of and accepts the responsibilities.

Introduction of mandatory duties for agents. Agents must act in good faith, keeping detailed records and providing regular updates to the principal or designated party, enhancing accountability and reducing the risk of misuse or abuse of assets.

Clearer termination guidelines of a POA. A POA will automatically terminate upon the principal's death, the principal's revocation of the POA, or the incapacity of the agent, unless otherwise specified. These provisions help prevent potential disputes and ensure that the principal's intentions are respected.

Courts may remove an agent who violates his/her fiduciary duties and appoint a successor agent. This legal recourse is vital for protecting the interests of principals.

The Michigan Power of Attorney Act of 2024 enhances the clarity, security and reliability of POAs. Consult with your attorney to understand how these changes may affect your existing POAs or the creation of new ones.

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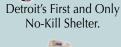


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Ghoulishly Good Times at Haunted Garage

Family-Friendly Halloween Attraction Adds Raptor Scene

By Anna Swartz

n late July, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Glen Williams and a crew of dedicated volunteers began the monumental task of unpacking and setting up the Halloween-themed components of Haunted Garage Productions. In its 17th year, the family-friendly attraction spans roughly one

acre of property

- the yards

of Williams

and his

parents' home directly next door - as well as the garage and first floor of Williams's home.

Disassembled skeletons, animated props and more take up space in "every room" of his house during the off-season, Williams says.

His motivation for spending all year literally immersed in holiday decor is twofold: an opportunity to showcase his vast collection and to give a percentage of the ticket sales to around 30 local schools and organizations. A retired Grosse Pointe Public Schools physical

education teacher of 33 years, Williams has a soft spot for Parent Teacher Organizations who work tirelessly to raise funds.

Jam-packed with fun, spooky elements such as a haunted forest, pirate scene, alien adventure and a vortex tunnel, Haunted Garage entices visitors to come back year after year. New for 2024: Williams invested \$20,000 to expand the popular Jurassic Park scene to include an enclosure featuring three nine-foot raptors. "We do make a conscious effort to try to change the whole show at least 25% each year," Williams says.

"We're not doing the blood or gore; we're sticking with the fun stuff of Halloween," Williams says. Young

visitors can request a no-scare blinky light which ensures zero jumpscares from the actors sprinkled throughout the

attraction.

The hard work by Williams, volunteers and staff has not gone unnoticed. Haunted Garage has received a number of awards, including WDIV TV4 ClickOnDetroit Top Haunted Attraction in 2017 and 2019.

Haunted Garage will be open Fridays and Saturdays, 6-9:30 p.m., and Sundays, 6-9 p.m., from Friday, Oct. 4 until Sunday, Oct. 27. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$24 for VIP. For more details or to purchase tickets, visit www.hauntedgarageproductions.org.

Left and below, scenes from the 2023 Haunted Garage; above, two of the raptors that will be part of the new raptors enclosure in the Jurassic Park scene in 2024





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What do you want to be when you grow up?
Entrepreneur

What is your favorite thing about going to school?

At Ferry, it was recess, gym and art class. I will be starting 5th grade at Parcells, so that is something fun to look forward to.

Who is your hero and why?

My Dad. He helps people that were wrongly treated by their employers (he is a labor law attorney). Also, Cristiano Ronaldo.

What is your favorite thing about yourself?

Being a kind person, starting Detroit City Football Club (DCFC), drawing and being creative

Top, Lucas with his uncle, Kyle, at Kyle's wedding to Kara; above, John and Lucas Schipper and Carrie Evatz-Schipper

Name	Lucas Schipper
Age	10
City	Grosse Pointe Shores
School	Parcells Middle School
Parents Carrie Evatz-Schipper and John Schipper	
Sibling	My Boston Terrier, Cooper, 4

Lucas's

Favorites

Game or Sport

Soccer

Book

Amulet Series by Kazi Kibuishi

Movie

The Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011)

Food

Mac and cheese

Vacation

Mexico

School Subject

Math and art

Outdoor Activity

Soccer and swimming

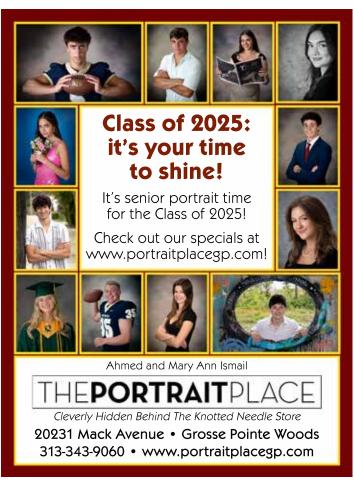
Family Activity

Waterparks and vacationing

About

Lucas

Lucas has a variety of interests, including soccer, drawing, art and playing Fortnite. He is looking forward to his first year of middle school at Parcells.







Grosse Pointe Library Foundation Legacy Gift Funds Wayne State University Scholarship

ivien McDonald loved the Grosse Pointe Public Library (GPPL). After she passed away in April 2023, at the age of 95, she left a legacy in honor of that love, through a large gift to the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation (GPLF).

Part of her gift to the library will be used to fund an endowed scholarship at Wayne State University School of Information Sciences to expand opportunities for more students to become librarians.

"The heart of the library is the staff. The best investment we can make is to continue to have the most well-trained, qualified, and highest caliber of staff here," says GPPL Director Jessica Keyser. "By being a library patron throughout her life, I think Vivien

"The heart of the library is the staff ... By being a library patron throughout her life, I think Vivien recognized that, and we're honoring her legacy by providing this pathway to the field."





Above, Grosse Pointe
Public Library Director
Jessica Keyser, Wayne State
University Dean of School of
Information Sciences and
University Libraries Paul
Bracke and Grosse Pointe
Library Foundation Executive
Director Paige Domzalski;
left, Vivien McDonald

recognized that, and we're honoring her legacy by providing this pathway to the field."

The Vivien McDonald and Grosse Pointe Library Foundation Endowed Scholarship will provide a scholarship to one information sciences graduate student every year in perpetuity.

"The gift from Ms. McDonald gave us the opportunity to get creative with where and how the money would be used to support the Grosse Pointe Public Library," says GPLF Executive Director Paige Domzalski. "Jessica Keyser and I spoke often about the options and the opportunity to create a scholarship was very intriguing. It offers the ability to appropriately honor Ms. McDonald's significant gift, while also ensuring access to worthy students wishing to enter the field of library sciences."

For more information, contact Paige Domzalski at (313) 640-4683 or paige@gplf.org.







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f you've heard of Michael B's, you know the vision is to be a gathering place to serve, connect, inspire and support the needs of all community members. With the strength of community collaboration, the café will provide a place where relationships can be built and lives changed — and not just within its walls.

The most recent development is an innovative partnership offering young adults with special needs the opportunity to pursue higher learning. This fall, working with Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD), Michael B's will offer two continuing education classes in the Pointes: The Art of Cake Decorating and Watercolor Painting. With a wraparound approach developed by community partners who understand the unique needs of our learners, even transportation has been taken into consideration with Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS).

"We believe in bringing wonderful opportunities to adults with special needs," says Dr. Suzanne Klein, founding member of Michael B's board and former Special Education Director and Superintendent of GPPSS. "As students come in, we will continue to develop programs in line with their interests and abilities."

Denis Karic. Associate Provost, University Center, has a passion for facilitating access to quality education for all. Having gotten to know Alicia Carlisle, Michael B's founder, through Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, Karic shares, "I am committed

to success for every student in degree attainment and this partnership with Michael B's is directly in line with WCCCD's vision. We are thrilled to roll out the continuing education classes this fall. In January, we will begin offering courses that lead to an associate's degree or certificate program, with plans to expand our offerings."

Chancellor of WCCCD, Dr. Curtis Ivery, says, "We are excited to embrace this partnership with Michael B's. We strive to do even more to make a real difference in the lives of people in Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and beyond."

"The unique learning needs and student population within special education are continuing to grow at an incredible rate across our community," says Meaghan

Post, Special Education Consultant. "This is why it's critical to provide continuing education in their

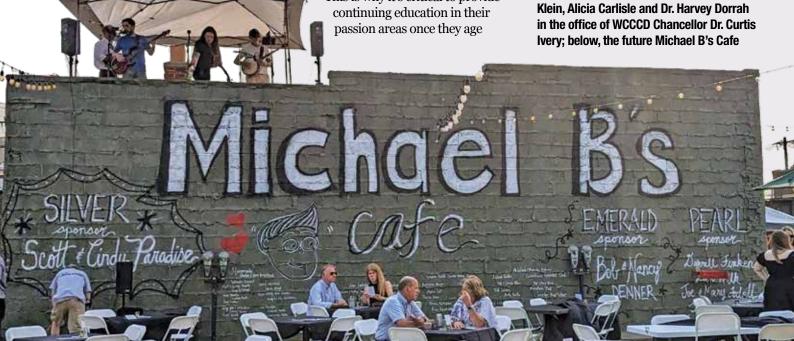
out of the public schools, and create a pathway to certification and associate degrees to increase opportunities for independence."

Carlisle adds, "We have a wonderful board comprised of Dr. Suzanne Klein, John and Terry Minnis, Patty Sims-Sunisloe, Jennifer Boettcher, Chris Fenton, Sue Banner, Mary Fodell, Terry Cramer, Allan Kochanski and we are in the process of creating an advisory council. This is just one of many enriching opportunities we will be bringing to the community."

For more information, contact Alicia Carlisle at MichaelBCafe@gmail.com. To enroll, call WCCCD at (313) 962-7150. Classes start at the end of September.

Above, from left, Dr. Charmaine Hines, Associate Provost Denis Karic, Dr. Suzanne Klein, Alicia Carlisle and Dr. Harvey Dorrah







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Full Circle Foundation An Evening Under the Stars

By Anne Erickson

ull Circle Foundation's annual gala, "An Evening Under the Stars," is set for Nov. 7, 6-10:30 p.m., at the Roostertail and this year's event promises to be extra special. First, it celebrates the 15th anniversary of Full Circle Foundation serving adults with special needs in the Grosse Pointe community. Second, this year marks the 10th anniversary of the event taking place at the Roostertail.

It's fitting, then, that this year's honorary chairs are Tom and Diane Schoenith, owners of the beloved Detroit landmark.

"Tom and Diane have been huge supporters of Full Circle Foundation, and they're going all out this year — from the decorations to the menu, it's sure to be quite an evening," says Director of Operations Stephanie DiVirgil.

This year's gala theme is "Pop," so expect lots of pops of color at the Roostertail, as well as great pop music.

Each year, "An Evening Under the Stars" is critical to fulfilling the Foundation's mission in providing opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs in the Grosse Pointe communities.

The longtime partner of Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Full Circle Foundation has two classrooms on-site. Named 'The Community Campus,' the classrooms provide an unconventional learning space for those students age 18 to 26. Students learn life skills, such as cooking and laundry, and they work at various job sites in the community throughout the school year.

Full Circle's TEAM 26 program is for young adults who have aged out of the school system. This robust program includes innovative activities to address life skills, job skills, physical fitness, health and wellness and provides opportunities to socialize and have fun with their peers in a safe space. TEAM 26 participants can work in Full Circle's Upscale Resale Shop, at the Edible Garden or at the Grosse Pointe Shores Park Concession Stand.

Full Circle Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year features sit-down dinner, open bar, live and silent auctions and more fun. Tickets are \$225 each, and can be purchased at https://fcfgala.cbo.io or by contacting Full Circle Foundation.

"My favorite thing about the gala is always when the adults of Full Circle take center stage, dressed up and showing how talented they are," says DiVirgil. "Seeing the crowd clapping and singing along is so special. After all, everything that we do is for them, so that is their time to shine."

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By Lauren McGregor

ig out your hair spray and shoulder pads! This year, Kids On The Go (KOTG) will host a Forever Young 80s Tribute Gala on Nov. 9 at The Sound Board, MotorCity Casino Hotel.

Founded in 1999 by Kristy Schena, of Grosse Pointe Woods, KOTG embarked on a mission to help children with special needs avoid the "summer slide." The demand was so enormous, programs are now offered year round. This wouldn't be possible without the KOTG gala, which takes place every two years.

"The gala is vital to sustaining us for the next two years," says Development and Mission Engagement Manager Katie Shubnell.

The throwback evening includes dinner, drinks and entertainment. The bar is sponsored by Clarity Counseling & Wellness, who will also offer a nonalcoholic bar to support non-drinkers.

The music and decor will be 8os-inspired and guests are encouraged to dress accordingly. "We have a lot of 8os themed silent and live auction items and a 'gnarly raffle,'" says Shubnell.

The gala is also an opportunity for the organization to highlight the success it's had and milestones reached over the last two years.

These milestones are possible with

funding from the gala, donors and supporters like this year's honoree — bestselling author, motivational speaker and podcast host, JT Mestdagh.

"JT will be awarded the John W. George Sr. Award of Excellence. Through his efforts to advocate for and empower those with challenges, JT has supported the important resources we provide," says Shubnell. "His story and words have been an inspiration and motivation. JT has helped break the stigma of those with physical and educational challenges."

"What they do speaks to me," says Mestdagh. "In my book *No Bad Days*, I talk about overcoming challenges and adversity. My foundation also has many similarities and overlaps with Kids On The Go. I am so honored to be acknowledged by them."

The gala is vital to funding programs like the 2024 summer camps: from top, Cailey, MSU cheerleader and KOTG volunteer, and Aria, KOTG participant; Rocco Cardinale, 2024 Grosse Pointe North graduate and KOTG volunteer, Michael Banaszewski, KOTG participant, and Kevin Shubnell, KOTG coach and Grosse Pointe North Assistant Principal; Brooklyn and Addison, sisters and KOTG participants; Nash, KOTG participant













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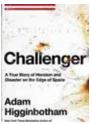
Book Buzz



By Woods Branch Manager Jessie Tropman



oods Branch Manager Jessie Tropman gives her latest recommendations for the perfect fall read.



Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the **Edge of Space**

By Adam Higginbotham

In this comprehensive work, Higginbotham provides a detailed

account of the 1986 Challenger space shuttle disaster. He gives a detailed history of the shuttle program including the key players and examines the problems that ultimately led to the disaster. He also sheds light on the investigation that followed.

Despite the technical nature of the subject, this is an incredibly fascinating page-turner.



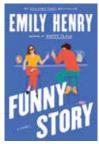
Burn

By Peter Heller

Best friends Jess and Storey go on their annual hunting trip where they are off the grid for weeks. They emerge from the

woods to find the world has completely changed. Bridges have been blown up, houses burned to the ground and there is destruction everywhere they go. They are determined to make their way home, but danger mounts as their journey continues. The suspense of their plight is frequently

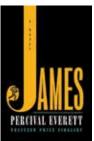
juxtaposed with the tranquility and beauty of the natural world, along with flashbacks that offer insight into Jess and Storey's friendship.



Funny Story

By Emily Henry Set in a fictional Michigan town, Daphne and Miles become roommates of necessity when they are both dumped. Since Mile's ex-

girlfriend is moving in with Daphne's ex-fiancé, the only quick option is to move in together themselves. They initially ignore each other while they deal with their heartbreak, but eventually form a friendship. They complicate matters by pretending to date as a ploy to make their exes think they have moved on. But it could never work for real, right?

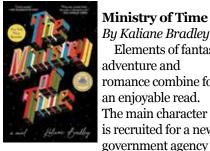


James

By Percival Everett Jim. an enslaved man, overhears he is about to be sold and separated from his family, so he goes into hiding to come up with a plan for them to stay

together. Meanwhile, young Huckleberry Finn fakes his own death to escape an abusive father and goes on the run. The two join forces as they dodge danger along the Mississippi River. But this retelling of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is told from Jim's perspective and offers an

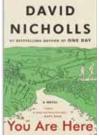
entirely new take on this tale.



Ministry of Time

By Kaliane Bradley Elements of fantasy, adventure and romance combine for an enjoyable read. The main character is recruited for a new

and assigned to assist a time traveler with adjusting to modern life. She is part of a project that will help determine the feasibility of time travel and identify any problems that may arise. Her assigned traveler is Commander Graham Gore, a polar explorer from 1845. They must navigate living together under challenging circumstances, and working for a government agency that may not have their best interests at heart.



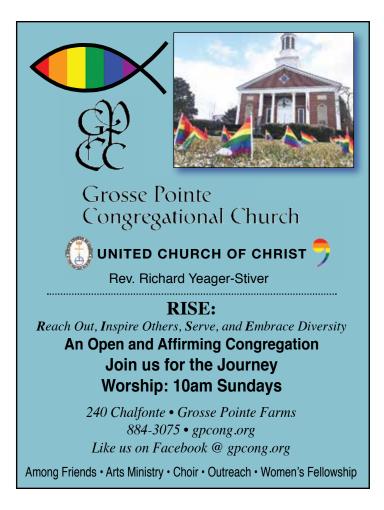
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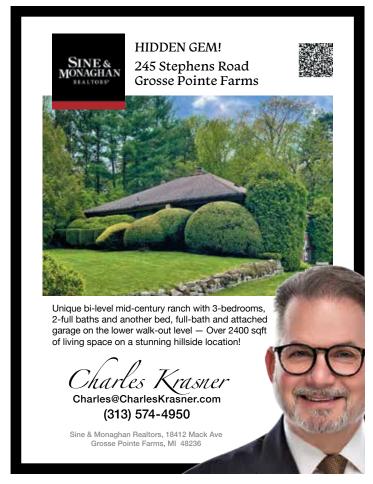
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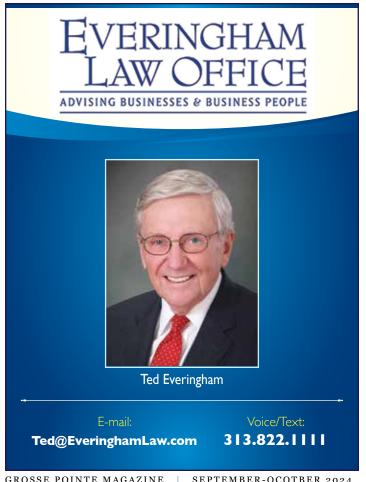
Marnie and Michael find themselves unexpectedly thrown together on a long-distance walk You Are Here arranged by a mutual friend. They are both

feeling a little lost in life and in need of a change, but neither is happy with the arrangement. Despite their differences, the long miles of walking bring them closer together. If they can survive their epic trek, they might just have something special. 9

Top photo by John F. Martin









GPFPE Spring Gala* May 2 @ The War Memorial

Photos by Christine M.J. Hathawa

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Bella

Bella, almost 16, is a playful girl who still gets around on repaired knees. She has webbed feet but hates the water! She is also quite the beggar of food.



Pocket

Pocket was found as a stray in the neighbor's ivy and keeps her parents' morale up (and laughing) as they start a new business - twal. shop!



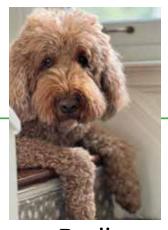
Max & Paddington

Max, the Maltese, and Paddington, the Apricot Poodle, love lounging on their Grosse Pointe Woods back deck during the summer!



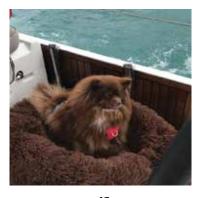
Hunter

Hunter, an 11-year-old Brittany Spaniel, lives in Grosse Pointe Woods. He loves to chase birds and squirrels and is the "best dog ever!"



Benji

Benji, a 13-year-old Golden Doodle, loves his daily walks to the Park business district and his treat from The Gold & Braid on Kercheval.



Bailey

Bailey is a 3-year-old Pomeranian who loves walking and sailing. In June, she sailed with her family on their boat to Mackinac Island and back. It took over three weeks. She is quite the traveler!

Dental care in pets

Dr. Jennifer Khalifah

ost people brush their teeth twice a day and go to the dentist twice a year. An often overlooked area of your pet's health is their oral health. Our goal is

to raise awareness about improving your pet's dental health. According to the American Animal Hospital Association, most dogs and cats have some level of periodontal disease by three years of age.



Periodontal disease is caused by bacteria that are attracted to the tooth surface. Over time, bacteria become mineralized and produce calculus (tartar). This leads to gingivitis (inflammation of the gum tissue), which can in turn lead to bone loss. One of the first signs of dental problems is bad breath.

Your veterinarian should do an oral exam at least once to twice a year. Often a dental prophylaxis (preventative procedure) will be recommended or a dental procedure to address disease in the mouth. This is an anesthetic procedure, which includes dental radiographs (x-rays), scaling of the teeth (to remove plaque/calculus buildup), polishing the teeth and possible extractions if indicated. If necessary, your pet may be referred to a board-certified veterinary dentist for advanced procedures, such as a root canal, to save a tooth.

Preventative dental care is the best way to maintain optimal oral health for your pet. Daily brushing (with pet safe toothpaste), dental chews, and other products recommended by the Veterinary Oral Health Council are tools that can lead to a healthier mouth.

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

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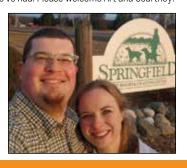
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Good news from the Grosse Pointe Public School System



DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BOND AND SINKING FUND:

A bond is a form of borrowing and taxpayers must pay back the borrowed funds over a period of years with interest. Sinking funds are levied, but are not borrowed. This means the funds generated do not include borrowing additional debt or incurring interest.

VOTING INFO

- Any registered voter residing within the boundaries of the Grosse Pointe Public School System is eligible to vote in this election.
- Election day is Tuesday, November 5th. Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.
 You can find your voting location through the Secretary of State website: www.michigan.gov/sos

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Many would agree that public schools play a critical role in the social, economic, and cultural vitality of a community, making them an integral part of its fabric. As such, it is important for school leaders to inform the community about ways to sustain and enhance these valuable assets.

We are reaching out to inform you about our upcoming Sinking Fund Millage proposal, which is needed for maintaining traditions in our district. The funds would be used for the construction/repair of buildings, site improvements, school security, technology upgrades, and acquisition of transportation vehicles. This millage would support GPPSS' efforts to maintain and improve its physical infrastructure, allow for significant investments in school safety and security measures, and provide funding for technology enhancements to support modern education. On November 5, 2024, the community will be asked to vote on the proposal of the district's Sinking Fund Millage.

The proposal is to levy 3 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years (2025-2034). It is expected to generate approximately \$11.1 million in the first year. Funds will be audited annually to ensure transparency and proper usage and cannot be used for salaries or general operating expenses.

Please mark your calendars for the vote on November 5, 2024, and remember, your participation in this process is vital and every vote counts. Please visit our website at www.gpschools.org/millage for more information.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely, Dr. Andrea Tuttle

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"The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club has an amazing history steeped in tradition and excellence," says Wagner. "Our Board of Directors, management team and our general membership are all very aligned with the vision of where the club is headed. There is a real commitment to strive to be the best we can be."

In addition to the dedicated team, the Club has put more than \$10 million into projects and updates during the last five years.

That said — "The best part of our club is the culture and community," says Wagner. "You can have historic and beautiful clubhouses, grounds and amazing programs, but the glue that holds it all together is the member culture. We are 'the fun club' and we are very family-friendly."

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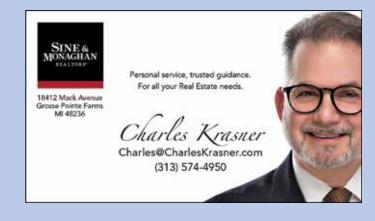
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