

*****CAR-RT LOT**C026
 0004187 01/29/2017
 GROSSE POINTE CENTRAL LIBRARY
 10 KERCHEVAL AVE
 GROSSE POINTE FARMS MI 48236-3602

P-1 P79

ED RINKE
 FIND NEW ROADS
 CHEVROLET GMC
 26125 VAN DYKE, CENTERLINE, MI 48015
 (Just south of 696 on Van Dyke)
 (366) 452-1650
 Up to \$3,500 Bonus Cash!
 2015 CHEVY VOLT
 \$199 per mo. \$999
 Purchase a 2015 for \$26,995
 CELEBRATING THE PAST 75th ANNIVERSARY EMBRACING THE FUTURE

Grosse Pointe News



VOL. 76, NO. 31, 24 PAGES
 ONE DOLLAR (DELIVERY 76¢)

One of America's great community newspapers since 1940

JULY 30, 2015
 GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN

Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Pots stir heated debate

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Tempers flared at Monday's city council meeting when residents, during the public comment section of the meeting, questioned the city's decision to place giant flower pots along the Park's border with Detroit at Kercheval and Alter Road.

The area in question, the site of the

weekly farmer's market, has been the center of controversy since 2014 when Park officials closed off Kercheval to incoming traffic from Detroit. In addition to the street closing, market sheds were placed in such a way that many saw them as a wall blocking off Detroit from the Park. That led to a dialogue and eventual agreement with the City of Detroit that had Detroit agreeing to remove blight from Alter Road while

the Park agreed to move the sheds and partially re-open Kercheval for incoming traffic.

Then came the pots.

In June, Park workers installed about a dozen 5-foot tall flower pots in the market area, placing several along the Detroit-Grosse Pointe border. While some see decorative flower pots, others see another wall.

See POTS, page 3A



Village abuzz

The Village was the place to be last weekend with the business district's annual sidewalk sales. Three blocks of Kercheval were blocked off for shoppers. At right, Lauren Cole of Grosse Pointe Park shows the LEGO girl she made at the Bricks 4 Kidz table, owned by Jackie Armstrong of Grosse Pointe Farms and part of the Grosse Pointe Momprenuers. Below, Alex Hughes of Grosse Pointe Park and Kamryn Leonard of Grosse Pointe Park shop the sidewalk sales for a friend's birthday gift.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Mayor will return

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The race for mayor in the Tuesday, Nov. 3, election is a one-sided affair.

Incumbent Ted Kedzierski is unopposed for another four-year term.

Kedzierski, mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores since 2011, is the only name filed by the Tuesday, July 21, deadline to run for the office.

"I ran four years ago on the promise that things were good here, but we could do better," he said. "Our work isn't done."

Kedzierski is a certified public accountant and tax attorney.

He's lived in the Shores since 1995 and was elected to the city council in 2009.

See MAYOR, page 4A

Donor gifts department

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — An anonymous donor gave \$10,000 to the public safety department.

Chief John Schulte said the gift is from a man thankful for medical care provided by the department's officers triple-trained in law enforcement, fire fighting and emergency medical service.

"He is extremely grateful for the services received over the years, especially paramedic service," Schulte said. "His family has been conveyed to the hospital several times."

As such, the donation is conditional.

"He requested the donation go to projects that directly affect the officers," Schulte said.

—Brad Lindberg

Opinion 6A
 Public Safety 7A
 Schools 8A, 4C
 Community 1B
 Obituaries 5B
 Sports 1C
 Classified ads 6C

Pointer of Interest
 See story, page 4A



Emily Johnson
 Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Claire Huebner
 Home: City of Grosse Pointe
 Sailing National Champions at Yale



PHONE: (313) 882-6900 ♦ FAX: (313) 882-1585 ♦ MAIL: 21316 Mack, GPW ♦ ON THE WEB: grossepointenews.com ♦ E-MAIL: editor@grossepointenews.com

THINKING OF SELLING?
 Record breaking sales this year!
 LET US WORK FOR YOU!
PLATINUM
 YACHT SALES
 586-445-0100 Michigan's Premier Boat Broker
 platinumyachtsales.com 24600 Jefferson St. Clair Shores

Backer Landscaping
 Michigan's Premier Landscape Company
 586-774-0090
 www.backerlandscaping.com

TRUST C & C
 Satisfaction Guaranteed!!
 Summer 21-Point A/C Tune-Up Special
 only \$79
 CALL NOW!
 Call Now! 1-800-Cooling (266-5464)
 SAME DAY SERVICE
 www.CandCHeat.com
 Ask About Our Comfort Club

Tree issues a constant battle

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — More locust trees may be cut down on Edgewood roads.

Armillaria root rot, diagnosed in April 2014, continues attacking locust trees in the neighborhood.

The problem is a soil-borne fungus that undermines trees by attacking roots.

Infiltration is through an open wound, often caused at ground level by operators of lawn mowers and weed whackers.

The only remedy is to cut down infected trees before they weaken and fall, according to Brett Marshall, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal tree board.

Last year, Marshall found root rot in at least three locust trees on municipal property lining North and South Edgewood.

"I'm watching three more on North Edgewood," he said this month.

Meanwhile, members of the Shores Improvement Foundation donated money to plant 21 trees on municipal property.

"They were supposed to (plant them) last fall, but due to weather constraints, we decided to put them in this spring," Marshall said. "Maintaining our policy of diversity, we have hackberry, Zelkova and Kentucky coffee tree."

According to the Arbor Day Foundation:

◆ hackberry is a small to medium-sized tree with a growth pattern resembling elm,

◆ Zelkova offers dense shade with leaves turning yellow, orange and deep red in fall and

◆ Kentucky coffee trees leaf out in late spring, have greenish-white flowers and attain an oval shape.

"We look for a mixture

of trees in case some unknown blight comes," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"There's always new bugs on the horizon," Marshall said. "Asia longhorn beetle will be our next enemy. It's in New York and is working this way."

New plantings this year somewhat counter losses due to invasive emerald ash borer and Dutch elm disease.

The inventory of trees growing on city property, including easements, medians and parks, ranged from 2,300 to 2,800 when tallied in 1989, according to Marshall.

Emerald ash borer, native to Southeast Asia, went a long way during the last decade toward thinning the canopy on Lakeshore medians and some side streets.

Likewise, there's no guaranteed protection against Dutch elm disease, native to Europe and a problem in the Pointes for more than 60 years.

"The heat of summer always brings out deadly Dutch elm disease," Marshall said. "I identified one north of Vernier and two outside city hall on the median that I'm suspicious of. I'll keep an eye out for those."

In related action, tree trimming resumes after years of cost-cutting.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Edward Jones in The Village

Edward Jones is open in The Village, at 650 St. Clair St., City of Grosse Pointe. The Edward Jones office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment. Celebrating ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, from left are Edward Jones Regional Vice President Paul Siva, Edward Jones branch office administrator Nicole Walters, Edward Jones financial advisor Michael Wharton, City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, building owner Mike Bileti and chamber President Jennifer Boettcher.

A club for whatever floats your boat

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The last thing needed to qualify for membership in the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club is a boat.

"We nicknamed the club the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat and Social Club because it encompasses boaters and non-boaters who want to do things at Pier Park," said Rita Charvat, vice commodore.

The 60-year-old club dates to 1954.

Membership is open to any Farms resident.

Club membership is up to about 150 families, she said.

"We recently had a whole bunch of new ones," Charvat said.

"We're very active at the park and Farms as a whole," said member

Tanya Bartoszewicz at the time.

A winter wine tasting party is a fundraiser to help support the club's community activities throughout the year, including supporting Winterfest on the Hill, a commodore's ball in March, Easter egg hunt, weekly sailboat races, July 4th regatta weekend, park enhancements and a lobsterfest.

"The lobsterfest is the one event we have for members only because it fills up so quickly," Bartoszewicz said.

"Everything else is open to the public."

Each year the club donates a gift to Pier Park.

"Last year, it was benches at the skating benches," Bartoszewicz said.

"Our mission is to help whatever the recreation department

needs from us."

Bridge and board members for 2015 are:

- ◆ Commodore Ron Mack,
- ◆ Vice Commodore Rita Charvat,
- ◆ Rear Commodore Glen Logan,
- ◆ Secretary Ridene Soltesz,
- ◆ Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel,
- ◆ Race Chairman Brian Sullivan,
- ◆ Historian Suzy Berschback,
- ◆ Membership Scott Bade,
- ◆ committee members Kathryn Oldham, Carey White and Jim Babiarz and
- ◆ committee member and past commodore Tanya Bartoszewicz.

For more information about the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, including a schedule of sailboat races and club events, visit gpfbcc.com.

Grosse Pointe's Destination for... Residential & Commercial

ALARMS
Cellular Based Security
24/7 EXPERT SERVICE
Lowest Monthly Rates!

313-881-1877
19869 Mack Ave.
Grosse Pointe Woods
www.pointeelectronics.com

POINTE ELECTRONICS CO.
24 HOUR SERVICE & NO. 888.888.8888

We're Turning Up the Heat.

14-Month CD
1.25% APY*

And we're serving up a great CD Special!

Limited Time Only — don't miss out!

Stop by a Talmer banking center, call 800.456.1500 or visit talmerbank.com today.



*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) of 1.25% is accurate as of July 13, 2015. The minimum balance to open a CD and earn the advertised APY is \$1,000, which must be deposited in a single transaction. Maximum allowable deposit is \$250,000 per account. Offer applies to personal accounts only and may be discontinued at any time. Deposits must be new money (funds not currently on deposit at Talmer Bank and Trust). A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawals. At maturity, the CD will automatically renew at the rate in effect on that date, unless you instruct us otherwise. Visit talmerbank.com for current rates, terms and account requirements.



Auditor gets contract

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The municipal

auditing firm is retained for another three years.

Grosse Pointe Shores officials agreed

Tuesday, July 21, to new terms with Abraham & Gaffney P.C., of Auburn Hills, to continue examining the city's financial records through 2018.

"We've had no problem with them," and Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

"We look forward to our continued relationship with the city," Aaron Stevens, a CPA and one of the firm's principals, wrote Wollenweber July 6.

Rates next year are the same this year, \$19,700, according to Wollenweber.

"The following year (2017), the rate goes up (to \$20,100)," he said.

Rates also increase to \$20,500 in the contract's third year, 2018.

"We were paying \$35,000 to \$40,000 for the former CPA firm," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"We expect to begin our audit the third week of August each year and to issue our reports no later than Nov. 30 of each year," Stevens wrote.

GrossePointe
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dine. Shop. Play. Live!

Visit our Community Calendar!

www.grossepointechamber.com

Follow the Chamber on Facebook and Twitter!

Your Comfort Is Our Goal

- Heating • Cooling • Humidifiers
- Air Cleaners

Offering **Honeywell** Generators

CALL TODAY FOR FREE QUOTE **586-293-6883**
PribeMechanical.com

PRIEBE mechanical
Heating & Cooling

Things with Wings

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is holding its "Things with Wings Nature Discovery" weekends through August. Last weekend, children created a fairy garden and explored the grounds for butterflies, bugs, birds and dragons. At right, Nora Durham of Shelby Township gets a wand from a jar in the playhouse so she can make a wish.



At left, Kendall Green runs through the garden in hopes she can take flight with her butterfly wings. Below, Grace McEntee, Katie Fisher and Ashley McEntee put the finishing touches on their fairy garden terrariums.

PHOTOS BY
RENEE LANDUYT



Above, Adalay Enwiya builds a fairy house under the cover of a log, complete with a slate patio in front. At right, Emmanuella and Tommy Beauchemin use magnifying glasses to inspect the garden for things with wings.



POTS:

Continued from page 1A

"We are sending a message of division again," Park resident Hans Barbe told the council. "We were told that our end goal with Detroit was to create a seamless border. It's not."

Barbe asked the council why the pots can't be configured in such a way that they don't look like they are forming a wall.

"It's not welcoming to people from the Detroit side," he said.

City Manager Dale Krajniak said the pots were part of a plan designed by a landscape architect with approval by the city's planning commission. He said the pots are a safety measure, ensuring cars in the adjacent parking lot can't accidentally come into the market area.

"I've only had two complaints about the pots," he told the council. "We get criticism instead of positive suggestions. It will take a long time for that area to become seamless."

Councilman Dan

Grano didn't so much question the placement of the pots, as the aesthetics of the 5-foot tall clay pots.

"They are not up to our standards," Grano said. "I'm surprised the planning commission approved them. Decisions about the area should be made at the council level. We need to see legitimate renderings of the area. If a homeowner had brought such a sketchy plan for remodeling, it would have been turned down."

Park resident Dick Olson agreed.

"The pots are eyesores," he said. "The area looks like a shantytown and does not reflect the standards of our city. This has been a ridiculous project and is not worthy of Grosse Pointe Park."

But it was a question about lighting in the area that prompted Mayor Greg Theokas to bring down the gavel on the dissent.

"It's not the place of the council to get into this minutia," he said. "I'm OK with the pots. We're improving the area. No one has gone to Detroit to complain about what

they haven't done. There are still 19 homes left in Detroit that have to be torn down. We do not have a groundswell of residents against us."

Resident Graig Donnelly challenged Theokas.

"Detroit didn't close down Kercheval," he said, asking once again for the Park to reopen Kercheval to two-way traffic.

"Don't criticize your own city," Theokas said, noting critics should be asking what Detroit can do to clean up the area.

"There's a lot going on in Detroit that needs to be cleaned up," he said, challenging critics to go to the Detroit city council with questions as to why blight remains on Alter Road.

But Theokas saved his harshest words for those who criticized Krajniak.

"Thirty years ago when Dale started here, this area housed a Steak and Eggs restaurant with prostitutes, the Esquire Theater where there were shootings on a regular basis and two decrepit car dealerships," he said. "But Dale had a vision and look at what we have now. Condos, a

new library. This is a beautiful area."

He said Krajniak does not receive enough credit for what he has done.

"Think of what has gone on here that would not have happened without Dale," he said.

Then he spoke of Detroit.

"Look at Detroit and the slow decay that surrounds us," he said. "We have remade this city. Then we get hit with criticism about flower pots. We have changed dilapidation to this," pointing to the area outside the council chamber windows.

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Denner said it is important to keep an open dialogue with Detroit.

"The stronger we are, the stronger our neighborhoods, the stronger the city of Detroit can be," he said. "We need to help Detroit build on what we are doing."

Barbe agreed with the suggestion to bring the issue to the Detroit city council.

"I'm not opposed to going to them," he said. "It would behoove them to let them know we are watching what they are doing."

Five file in Park

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Five candidates, including two incumbents, will vie for three council seats in the November municipal election.

Challengers John Chouinard, Edward Keelan and William Shield Jr. will face incumbents Dan Clark and Barbara Detwiler for one of three seats up for election.

The shuffle in the council was caused by councilman Bob Denner's decision to run for mayor,

where he is running unopposed, and the retirement from municipal government by current Mayor Greg Theokas.

Theokas was a member of the city council prior to being appointed mayor in December 2014, following Palmer Heenan's retirement. Detwiler was appointed to council to replace Theokas.

The election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3. Residents are reminded the last day to register to vote in the election is Monday, Oct. 5.

Felt not running

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Councilwoman Kay Felt isn't running for reelection.

She cited health reasons for not seeking a second term.

"I've been in a wheelchair for six weeks," said Felt, elected to office in Grosse Pointe Shores in 2011.

Felt serves on the finance committee. She's also liaison to the Election Commission and senior citizens groups.

She's proud of the council for soliciting information from municipal employees to help rebuild the city budget and balance sheet.

"We discovered the department heads didn't work on the budget," Felt said. "We changed that immediately."

She remembers her first meeting four years ago with employees of the public works department.

"They thought we were going to outsource them," Felt said. "We said, no, you guys have your ears to the ground and we think you can help us. They talked 45

minutes straight. I took

notes frantically."

Felt, a Shores resident since 1992, is a retired health care attorney.

She ran the practice with staff in nine offices, three states and the District of Columbia.

Felt characterized fellow council members as accomplished professionals.

"Look down the line," she said, starting with Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the finance committee:

◆ "We have someone who owned an automotive supply business;

◆ "(Councilman Robert Gesell) who ran a 50-person law firm,

◆ "(Mayor Ted Kedzierski), well-known in his accounting and legal practice,

◆ "(Councilman Dr. Alexander Ajlouni) runs his medical group and

◆ "(Councilman Robert Barrette Jr.) spent years directing where DTE Energy assigned employees for repairs every day."

Felt added, "We don't always agree, but, we have so much respect for each other that, most of the time, we work it out."

Councilman Dan Schulte also isn't seeking reelection.

"Don't want to," he said.

ROLEX

OYSTER PERPETUAL
YACHT-MASTER II

Ahee
edmund t. AHEE Jewelers
313-886-4600

ROLEX OYSTER PERPETUAL
AND YACHT-MASTER ARE TRADEMARKS.

4A | POINTERS OF INTEREST

Pointers part of championship team

By Courtney Veneri
Editorial Intern

On Thursday, May 28, the Yale University women's sailing team won the 2015 Sperry Top-Sider College Sailing Women's National Championship. Two members of the team are Grosse Pointers, Emily Johnson, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, and Claire Huebner, a City of Grosse Pointe resident.

"We came close in the past few years (to winning) but this time we were really fortunate to come out on top," Johnson, a rising senior at Yale, said. "It actually came down to the last race, so that was very exciting."

Sailing is divided into two divisions: A and B. Johnson sailed for A-division, while Huebner, a rising sophomore, sailed for

B-division. The winner is determined by the lowest combined score between the two teams.

"There were a lot of really incredible sailers and the points were incredibly close," Johnson said.

Johnson said part of what made it so close was less than ideal weather, particularly the wind.

"It made for difficult sailing because it was windy," Johnson said. "The wind is never the same, so you always have to anticipate what the course is going to look like for the next leg of the race. It was physically exhausting and mentally exhausting, but such an exciting win."

The competition took place after Yale's spring semester ended, so both had to remain on campus to continue training until

the competition.

"School ended in early May and then we trained up until competition, staying at school and sailing every day," Johnson said.

Johnson said she likes the balance between the mental and physical aspects of the sport.

"I really like how in sailing the conditions and basically your playing field is constantly changing," Johnson said. "It's like a mental test to be able to manage both the physical and tactical aspects."

Huebner also said she likes the balance between mental and physical, though she prefers other aspects of sailing.

"I just love being on the water," Huebner said. "I like working with the boat and I like working with the other person in the boat."



PHOTOS BY ROB MIGLIACCIO PHOTOGRAPHY

Above, Emily Johnson of Grosse Pointe Park, left, with skipper Morgan Kiss of Holland. Below left, Claire Huebner of the City of Grosse Pointe, left, and skipper Casey Klingler.

Huebner also said the win was especially exciting for her, a freshman at the time. She grew up

wasn't sure if she was going to continue it once she got to college. She's glad she did.

experience and I was just thankful to be there and to be part of the group of people who went," Huebner said.



GROSSE POINTE ANIMAL ADOPTION SOCIETY
(313) 884-1551
20048 Harper Avenue
Harper Woods
www.gpaas.org

Teddy
5 years old,
Male,
Domestic medium haired,
Very social

Upcoming Adoption Showings
12 noon to 3pm
Camp Bow Wow Training Center
23720 Greater Mack
(next to Pet Supplies Plus - 9 Mile & Mack)
St. Clair Shores
SATURDAY, August 8th & August 22nd

Your pet is our first priority

HARPER WOODS VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Full Service Facility

Dr. David Balaj • Dr. Gerald Barnes • Dr. Elizabeth Doppke
Dr. Nancy Pillsbury • Dr. Stephanie Bagwell

Monday - Friday 9 am to 6 pm
Saturday 8 am to 1 pm

20102 Harper Avenue | Harper Woods
(313) 881-8061
www.harperwoodsvet.com

Like Us On Facebook

Five seek three open seats

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Five residents met the Tuesday, July 21, deadline to file for the city council election, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Three seats are open. All have four-year terms. Grosse Pointe Shores council members and the mayor serve without pay. Candidates for council are listed alphabetically:

Rebecca Booth

Rebecca Booth has good things to say about the city and council.

"Grosse Pointe Shores is a welcoming community with a responsive and open government," she said. "I want to keep it that way."

Booth is campaigning at the urging of an

incumbent.

"My friend, (Councilwoman) Kay Felt, has decided to step down," Booth said. "After strong encouragement from my friends and neighbors, I have decided to run for her seat. Grosse Pointe Shores needs at least one woman on the council." Booth's community involvement dates to the early 1970s.

She raised money for the Detroit Institute for Children, served on boards and founded committees at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

In the late 1990s, Booth founded, published and edited "LakeWatch," a newsletter about the health of Lake St. Clair.

"Grosse Pointe Shores is defined by its lake-shore with almost three

miles of shoreline," she said. "I am knowledgeable and have a keen interest in the responsible care and preservation of our Lake St. Clair shore."

She owns The Knotted Needle in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Booth indicated she's ready for the responsibilities of leadership.

"I am not shy about saying what I see that is right or wrong," she said. "I'm willing to do the work to make something better."

Tina Ellis

Tina Ellis wasn't reached by deadline.

Robert Gesell

Incumbent Robert Gesell, first elected to

See FIVE, page 5A

MAYOR:

Continued from page 1A

He advised candidates for council — there's five, including one incumbent, competing for three openings — to subordinate themselves

to the citizens.

"Our job is to listen to them," Kedzierski said. "We work for them."

He added, "These are rented seats," indicating chairs he and colleagues occupy in session. "I don't own this seat."

Kedzierski is proud of helping engineer the

city's economic turnaround.

"We squirreled away \$1 million in the rainy day fund," he said. "Before, it was \$73,000, which wouldn't cover the cost of running city government for one month."

We Are The Bathroom Experts!

Luxury Bath SHOWROOM

HL CLAEYS
PLUMBING AND HEATING SUPPLIES

4th Generation RINKE FAMILY-OWNED Michigan Business For Over 94 Years!

SHOWROOM OPEN
SATURDAY 9am-3pm
MON.-FRI. 8am-5pm

40% OFF

Any One Item! MSRP

Not valid with any other offer. Limit one coupon. Some exclusions apply. Expires August 13, 2015.

CHOOSE YOUR PLUMBING FIXTURES HERE!
Call Tim Rinke for CONCIERGE SERVICE.

Visit Our Showroom Today

31239 Mound Rd. (West Side of Mound, Just N. of 13 Mile)
Warren | 586-264-2561
www.hlclaeys.com
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm • Sat 9am-3pm

Grosse Pointe News

USPS 230-400

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY POINTE NEWS GROUP LLC

21316 MACK AVE.
GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI 48236
PHONE: (313) 882-6900

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID at Detroit, Michigan and additional mailing offices.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$39.50 per year via mail in the Metro area, \$65 outside.

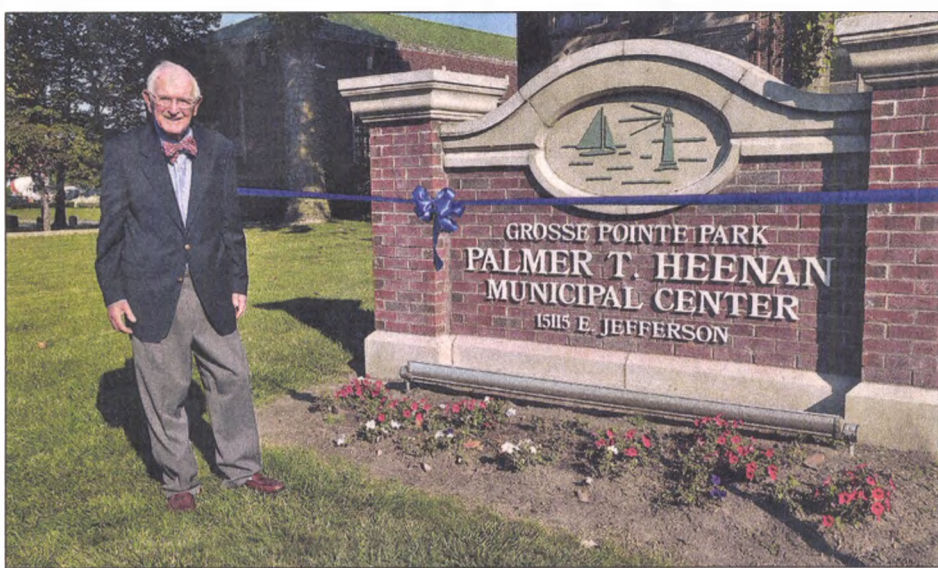
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Grosse Pointe News, 21316 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

The deadline for news copy is 3 p.m. Monday.

Advertising proof deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday.

CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS: Responsibility for display and classified advertising errors is limited to either cancellation of the charge for or a return of the portion in error. Notification must be given in time for correction in the following issue. We assume no responsibility of the same after the first insertion.

THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Grosse Pointe News advertising representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper. Only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Well-deserved

Officials, family and guests gathered Tuesday morning to honor former Mayor Palmer T. Heenan for his three decades of service to Grosse Pointe Park by naming the city hall complex in his honor. "It's fitting that we are here at this site for this dedication," said Mayor Greg Theokas. "It was Mayor Heenan's vision that brought so much change to this area. New condos, a new library, but it doesn't stop here. We can see his fingerprints on so much in this city, our parks, our roads, our consolidated police and fire department. It is fitting that we name this complex for the man who has done more for this city than anyone else." Heenan, 93, retired as mayor in December 2014 after leading the Park for 31 years. "The highest honor for me is having all my friends here saying kind things about me," Heenan said before cutting the official ribbon. "We always tried to run a kind city." At top, Heenan stands next to the sign honoring him. Above, David Szymanski, chief deputy treasurer of Wayne County, shakes hands with Heenan.

FIVE:

Continued from page 4A

council in 2011, seeks a second term to continue the progress already made.

Gesell, a transactional attorney and a 15-year Shores resident, serves on the finance committee.

"The finance committee, with backing of the staff and council, has done a great job," he said. "We're now in a strong financial position and are providing the services citizens of our city deserve and expect." The job's not finished, he said.

"We have a (marina) bond we might be able to refinance next year," Gesell said.

The \$3.8 million bond, issued in 2007 to reconstruct and modernize the municipal marina at Osius Park, has a no-call

provision imposing penalties if refinanced before next year.

Members of the finance committee hope to refinance it at half the coupon rate, from about 4 percent to 2 percent, saving about \$75,000 in interest.

"We're also looking to arrange additional grants to cover most of the cost for infrastructure and sewers," Gesell said.

He said the council is a "good team."

"Everybody is more interested in working for Grosse Pointe Shores than for what's in it for them," Gesell said. "I enjoy improving our city."

Douglas Kucyk

Doug Kucyk served the nation for 20 years in the United States Air Force.

"I am ready to serve our community now," he said.

Kucyk said he intends to advocate for residents

on "issues that concern us all. I would like to accomplish what the people of our community desire."

He's already active at city hall.

"I serve on the Shores Parks and Harbor and Beautification Advisory committees and attend nearly all the city council meetings and town halls," he said.

Kucyk has bachelor's and master's degrees from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

After retiring from the military in 1995, Kucyk said he worked his way up to vice president and director of a defense contractor's office in Detroit with a budget of \$50 million and nearly 200 employees.

"In 2012, I retired once again after nearly 18 years with that company," he said.

Paul Thursam

Paul Thursam wasn't reached by deadline.

Summer Events

Mark Your Calendar!

Lego Building Contest

August 1st deadline

Our Super-Popular annual event, three age groups, prizes!

August 9th

Winners Announced

Your headquarters for birthday gifts, free gift wrap

Whistle Stop

HOBBY & TOY

21714 HARPER AVENUE
at 8 1/2 Mile, St. Clair Shores
586-771-6770
Monday-Saturday 10-8 • Sunday 12-5
www.whistle-stop.com

A neighborhood tradition since 1970

Upcoming Summer Events

August 15 Breyer Play Day
August 29 Police & Fire Safety Play Day

Visit whistle-stop.com,
facebook or stop in for
full details on all of our events.

New Arrivals

Proud Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles...

Introduce Your "New Arrival" Baby in the Grosse Pointe News

AUGUST 6, 2015

We will publish your full color photo and text for \$25.00. Deadline is Thursday, JULY 30!

Call (313) 882-3500 for details or mail the completed form below or e-mail edavis@grossepointenews.com

Please Print

Child's Name (First & Last) _____

Age _____

Parents' Name (First & Last) _____

Address, City _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Payment: _____ Check _____ Credit Card

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Grosse Pointe News Attention: Erika Davis
21316 Mack Ave. • Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236

- Return no later than July 30, 2015 -

Capricious

SHOES • HANDBAGS • ACCESSORIES

Sam Edelman

74 KERCHEVAL | GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MI 48236
313 458 8719 | CAPRICIOUSGROSSEPOINTE.COM

Custom Outdoor Kitchens by Shores Fireplace & BBQ

Let Shores Fireplace & BBQ Design that Outdoor Kitchen you have been wanting!
Designed specifically for you!

Plus many more brands to choose from!

FIREPLACES • BBQS • FIREPITS • OUTDOOR KITCHENS • ACCESSORIES & REPAIR PARTS

Free Estimates for Outdoor Kitchens • Free Assembly & Delivery on Grills Over \$300.00

21915 Greater Mack
St. Clair Shores
Between 8 & 9 Mile
586-285-5634
Fax: 586.879.0904
Mon-Fri: 10-6,
Sat: 10-5

SHORES
FIREPLACE & BBQ

3911 S. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills
Just South of M-59
248.289.1065
Fax: 248.289.6721
Mon & Thur: 10-8, Tues, Wed
& Fri: 10-6, Sat: 10-5

www.shoresfireplaceandbbq.com

Grosse Pointe News

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY POINTE NEWS GROUP LLC
21316 MACK AVE., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI 48236
PHONE: (313) 882-6900 FAX: (313) 882-1585
E-MAIL: EDITOR@GROSSEPOINTENEWS.COM

ROBERT G. LIGGETT JR.: Chairman
J. GENE CHAMBERS: CEO
BRUCE FERGUSON: CFO
SCOTT CHAMBERS: Publisher
JOE WARNER: General Manager and Editor

The Advisory Board of the Grosse Pointe News

Scott Adlhoch – Adlhoch & Associates
Stuart Alderman – Executive Director, Neighborhood Club
Jennifer Palms Boettcher – President, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce
David T. Brooks – Grosse Pointe Farms Resident
Charles Burke – President & CEO, Grosse Pointe War Memorial
Ted Everingham – Everingham & Associates
Rebecca Fannon – Community Relations Specialist, Grosse Pointe Public School System
Ann Fitzpatrick – Vice President, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House
Edmund Lazar – State Farm Insurance
Deborah A. Liedel – Executive Director, The Family Center
Michelle Martin – Director of Marketing & Communications, University Liggett School
Elizabeth Soby – President, Grosse Pointe Historical Society
Bob Taylor – Executive Officer, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

GROSSE POINTE NEWS MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the Grosse Pointes the most relevant, accurate and timely information in our print and online publications.

OUR VIEW

City leaders back decision to place pots

As with most changes at Kercheval and Alter, the trees in 5-foot planter pots lining the area has been met with some questions and anger from a few Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit residents.

City leaders, addressing questions and comments at this week's council meeting (see story on page 1A), stood by the Park's planning commission decision to approve the pots. The pots are viewed as border to separate the two cities. Others believe they're an eyesore and not up to Grosse Pointe standards.

Officials also urged residents to put pressure on Detroit at their council meetings to rid Alter of blight, something Detroit agreed to clean up along the way.

Park Mayor Greg Theokas said he's OK with the changes the Park has made, but the anger should be directed at Detroit.

"We're improving the area," he said. "No one has gone to Detroit to complain about what they haven't done. There are still 19 homes left in Detroit that have to be torn down. We do not have a groundswell of residents against us."

Driving Kercheval toward Alter can be confusing, especially when a driver is taking in the sights of all the new businesses in the area. And it's true Detroit needs to clean up the area along Alter.

We're interested to hear what you think about the new look at Kercheval and Alter. There are many improvements taking place in the Park. Is this one of them? E-mail jwarner@grossepointenews.com and we'll share your letters with our readers.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure GP

Lilly and Daphne Irby of Grosse Pointe Park enjoy the butterfly bench in front of the Grosse Pointe Public Library on Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

Simple question

Secretary of State John Kerry has wasted a great deal of time negotiating a worthless nuclear arms containment agreement with a rogue republic.

The whole negotiating process could have been greatly simplified if the "P-6" countries participating in the talks were all tasked to answer just one simple question: Should Iran under any circumstances ever be allowed to possess nuclear weapons or the technology to produce them? A simple yes or no tally should have been sufficient to identify how tough a stance to take going forward.

While all of the negotiators are too young to remember Neville Chamberlain they are all

old enough to remember how well our negotiations worked with North Korea. Winston Churchill once said, "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

JOHN STEININGER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Great work

Many thanks to the Grosse Pointe News for your article on Sean Lane and his company, Clean Up Clear Out. I had been searching for a company to clean out areas of my house, garage and shed. After reading your article, "An important service in the Pointes" on July 16, 2015, I decided to give them a call.

I cannot begin to say how impressed I was with Sean and his employees. He is the consummate professional, reasonably priced, and his employees were all extremely helpful. When I asked him what they do, he asked me what I needed done. Their work was immensely helpful to me. I know they offer other services as well, so I will be using Clean Up Clear Out in the future.

I find it is not always easy these days to find a reliable, professional, trustworthy company to come into your home for work projects. Clean Up Clear Out is that rare company embodying all of those qualities. I highly recommend them.

JACKIE WEED
Harper Woods

Stop the insanity

It was interesting to read your guest editorial responding on Commissioner Tim Killeen's effort to explain the 'County Judgement [sic].' A number of Grosse Pointe residents and commercial business owners made a point to attend the Killeen monthly meeting held at the GP Woods court building at

10 a.m. on Monday, July 13. We were unanimous in our frustration and anger over the county levy that appeared on our tax bills. Killeen said the county has only one way to raise funds - via property taxes - and he assured us it was a one-time levy. Are we to believe this?

We confronted Killeen with the question: going forward, how will the county solve this problem of Wayne County property owners being forced by the court to pay for county mismanagement of funds? We suggested Wayne County take a look at employee pension and benefit packages. A move from defined benefits to defined contribution plans is one way out of the county's deepening pension crisis.

The county needs to stop the insanity of a defined-benefit pension system that is unaffordable and to switch to some variation of a defined-contribution plan similar to the 401K retirement accounts that are the most prevalent form of pension plan in the private sector.

We hope Commissioner Tim Killeen heard us.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Still plenty of family firsts

I recently read a poem (on social media, of course) titled, "The Last Time," author unknown, about life changing when you become a parent and how you do things for your children and, one day without realizing it, they are doing those things for themselves. You're not aware you have just given them their last bath or spoon fed them for the last time.

I get the gist of this poem — sometimes it seems like a lot of work and you wish for the "old" days, but you should relish every moment.

I've even written about that in prior columns for this paper — about college visits with high school kids and sending them off to college and wondering where the time went.

But, I have to say, as much as I enjoy these sentimental journeys, I don't want to go back. As much as I think about my own mortality — shoot, I'm over 50 now, so I probably have lived more than half my life — I

really am enjoying my time with my family now.

My oldest child graduated college in May and has a job in his chosen profession: one that doesn't fall far from the family tree. It's interesting to have conversations with him about "the business."

Our youngest child is entering her second year of college. So far she seems on the same career path as the rest of the family and even works on campus in "the field." It's interesting to hear her perspective on related topics.

But, I think what I enjoy most is our family time. It's different than the younger days when almost everything we did was together because they were pretty much forced to do whatever we did and vice versa.

Now, because of jobs and their own interests, we don't always get to spend as much time together. But, when we are together, it's truly enjoyable.

This past weekend was a great example. While

our eldest spent Friday evening at his "summer home" in Ann Arbor — you know, the one we're still paying rent on even though the school year is over? — our youngest had the weekend off work. She had read about a doughnut shop in Southfield. This shop has been selling out within a couple hours of opening each morning. So while it sounds a bit crazy, my husband, daughter and I headed out at 7:30 a.m. Saturday for the 8 a.m. opening.

We got our doughnuts and, not wanting to wait 30 minutes to taste our goods, decided we had never seen the park-like pedestrian freeway crossing in Oak Park. So we parked the car, grabbed our doughnuts and found a shady spot to sit. While our daughter took her obligatory food photo, we discussed the purpose for the pedestrian overpass — for Orthodox Jews who do not drive on the Sabbath to get from one side of the freeway to the other. Sunday, with both

"children" in tow, we headed to the Global Rallycross at Belle Isle. If this event comes back to Detroit again, go. I won't school you on rallycross racing here, but it was a great time.

There isn't any one thing I can put my finger on, but we had fun together — as adults. A little — OK, a lot of — people watching, easy conversation, beautiful scenery and weather and action-packed entertainment. The cars racing are all Volkswagen, Subaru or Ford and my son noticed how many Subarus were parked in the lot. I've never seen so many Subarus in one place. I'm not sure I would have noticed if he hadn't pointed it out. This was special to my husband — how his son noticed the brand loyalty — something these advertising/marketing guys covet.

For every last — dirty face wiped, bedtime story read, boo boo kissed — there are an equal number of firsts still to come.



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Demonstrators on Saturday gathered near the newly installed pots at the Grosse Pointe Park-Detroit border. Park resident Hans Barbe and Detroit resident Harry Meeks addressed the crowd, urging the two cities to build a coalition. "We need to work together, rather than putting up some silly pots," Barbe said.

OUR STAFF

EDITORIAL
(313) 343-5596
Jody McVeigh:
Community Editor
Bob St. John:
Sports Editor
Mary Anne Brush:
Staff Writer
Karen Fontanive:
Staff Writer
Brad Lindberg:
Staff Writer
Kathy Ryan:
Staff Writer
Renee Landuyt:
Staff Photographer

CIRCULATION
(313) 343-5578
Bridget Thomas:
Circulation Manager

Member Local Media Association,
Michigan Press Association,
National Newspaper Association and
Society of Professional Journalists

POINTE NEWS GROUP

PRODUCTION
(313) 343-5573

Paul Barnard:
Creative Director
John Pigott:
IT Manager
David Hughes
Theresa Logie
Mary Schlager
Nicole Ward

INTERNS
Courtney Veneri
Editorial
Monica Sabella
Editorial/Production
Rachel Martinez
Public Relations

OFFICE MANAGER
(313) 882-6900
Patrice Thomas

ADVERTISING
(313) 882-3500

Christine Drumheller:
Advertising Manager
Melanie Mahoney:
Administrative Assistant
Kris Barthel
Sara Birmingham
Erika Davis
Mai Qiang Hipsley
Monica Mourad
Melissa Peyerk
Julie R. Sutton

City of Grosse Pointe

Steals beer

An unknown, roughly 50-year-old white man with gray hair and a "scraggly beard" stole eight 24-ounce cans of beer from a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval shortly before 10 p.m. Friday, July 24, two witnesses reportedly told a public safety officer.

The man exited the front door onto eastbound Kercheval.

"(A female witness) stated the subject entered the store and took the cans of beer from the store in a bag, making no attempt to pay," reported the officer.

Vandalism

Someone entered the basement of a store in the Village central commercial district early last week and spray painted graffiti.

"(I) observed 'Hell's Underground' on all walls along with other offensive drawings," said an investigative officer.

The store manager told police it probably happened Tuesday, July 21.

Phone stolen

A female teenager from Detroit suspects unknown fellow customers stole an iPhone she mistakenly left behind in a store in the 16800 block of Kercheval shortly before 5 p.m. Monday, July 20.

The teen said she placed the phone on the counter while paying, then left.

Upon quick return, it was gone.

She traced the phone's location through Global Positioning Satellite software.

"(She) states the phone is now somewhere in Detroit at some unknown relief center," said a public safety officer shortly after 5 p.m.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other crimes to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Public Safety Reports

about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Charges pending

At about 8:15 p.m. Saturday, July 27, a man, 68, living in the 400 block of Allard looked outside to confirm the identity of someone on the front steps shaking the handle of the front door, trying to open it.

He assumed it was his roommate, but it wasn't.

"(He) observed a black male wearing a black hat, no shirt, black pants down low with colored shorts walking away from his door," said Officer Vince Finn, responding to the resident's 911 call reporting an attempted burglary.

A second officer, Michael Hodor, encountered the stranger, a "very thin" 18-year-old Detroit man walking along eastbound Mack near Broadstone in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The teen said he lived in the 5900 block of Dexter, near the intersection of West Grand Boulevard and I-96 on Detroit's near west side.

"(He) stated he did try to enter the house and thought it was a friend's house," Hodor reported, holding the man's right arm. "(He) began to pull away. (I) grabbed (him) around both arms and he continued to struggle."

Hodor took him to the ground.

A Grosse Pointe Woods officer helped subdue and handcuff him.

"The subject was released pending issuance of a warrant," Finn said.

Bike taken

A Next brand mountain bike, worth about \$25, was stolen while parked between noon and 1 p.m. Saturday, July 25, beside a Dumpster in the driveway of a house in the 400 block of Madison, a male resident told police.

"(He) said it was a cheap bike bought a few years ago from Target," said a public safety officer.

Weapons charge

A man wanted on a weapons charge was caught last week during a traffic stop on eastbound Mack near Huntington.

A patrolman investigated him for operating a silver 2002 Chrysler with a cracked windshield.

State records listed the vehicle's registered owner as a 56-year-old Harper Woods man wanted on a felony warrant from 3rd Circuit Court in Detroit for carrying a concealed weapon.

"The physical description of the registered owner matched the subject driving the vehicle," said the officer.

Adult ed

A Farms woman, 55, was dunned by telephone last week about overdue repayment of a student loan.

The caller said a \$2,500 Federal Stafford Loan was issued in her name during 2013 through the Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation.

"(She) stated she never took out a student loan," according to a public safety officer, investigating her complaint of identity theft.

Drunk & drugs

Two public safety officers said they found .2 grams of marijuana in a white 2001 Ford operated by a 33-year-old Detroit man being investigated at 1:18 a.m. Monday, July 20, for swerving and weaving along westbound Lakeshore from Moran to Fisher.

He was arrested for drunken driving due to registering a .22 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Crash

Police cited a 26-year-old St. Clair Shores woman for causing a wreck at the intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier a few minutes before noon Wednesday, July 22.

She reportedly drove a 2014 Jeep from the driveway of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club into the left lane of northbound Lakeshore, turned left toward westbound Vernier across the path of a Grosse Pointe Woods girl, 16, driving a Jeep on southbound Lakeshore.

The teen had the green light and right-of-way, according to police.

Medics took the St. Clair Shores woman's female passenger, 7, Grosse Pointe Park, to a hospital for treatment of possible injuries, police added.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Suspicious car

An officer on routine patrol at 2 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, noticed a car

making a U-turn on Vernier before pulling into the parking lot at Grosse Pointe North High School. He stopped the car and questioned the driver, a 17-year-old Roseville resident. He also questioned the passengers, three girls, ages 13, 14 and 15, and a second 17-year-old male. After noticing the smell of alcohol, all were transported to the Woods police station, where parents were called to pick up their daughters.

"I don't know you"

Police were called after an elderly couple reported a suspicious stranger entered their house on Fairholme at 6 p.m. Monday, July 20.

According to the 90-year-old woman, she was outside when a stranger, described as a tall, heavy-set white male approached her, hugged her and greeted her as if he knew her. He also asked if there was anyone else home and if she had a dog.

The stranger then went into the house and confronted an elderly male resident, giving him a hug and acting as if he knew the resident. The man responded with, "I don't know you," and the stranger left the house. He drove off in what the residents believed was a black Dodge SUV. Police urged the residents to immediately call if the stranger returned.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information

Grosse Pointe Park

Robbery arrests

Two Detroit residents, one 17 years old, the other 50, were arrested following an unarmed robbery 1:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23, on Maryland near Hampton.

According to police, the victim was walking home when he noticed the two men, both on bicycles, appearing to be following him. The victim, sensing he was going to be robbed, started running. The 17-year-old gave chase, tackled the victim and took his backpack. The victim screamed for help, alerting police in the area.

They quickly located the 17-year-old with the backpack and took him into custody. The second suspect was located hiding in a garage on Alter Road. Both were arraigned on charges of committing robbery, not armed.

Thwarts car theft

A Somers set resident heard a loud noise at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, and when she looked outside, observed an unknown male inside her 2003 Dodge Caravan. She yelled and the suspect ran. She did not report the incident to police until 9 a.m.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Bye bye DWSD, hello GLWA

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — As with agents of other cities under long-term contract to buy drinking water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, members of the Grosse Pointe Shores council updated the community's contract to comport with terms of Detroit's bankruptcy.

Terms also apply to wastewater treatment.

"We have virtually no option about it," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

"It's essentially an adhesion contract — take it or leave it," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski, an attorney. "We have no options."

Shores officials on Tuesday, July 21, switched the municipal wholesale water contract from the City of

Detroit to the new Great Lakes Water Authority, a regional entity created for Detroit to ascend from financial collapse.

The new municipal agreement isn't anything new.

"All terms, conditions and covenants of the contract shall remain in full force and effect, and the Great Lakes Water Authority shall fulfill all

such terms, conditions and covenants," according to the agreement.

It leaves "in place all current terms and conditions of the contract and its amendments as they pertain to the city," according to a report by Wollenweber.

The Shores has nearly 25 years left on its 30-year contract with Detroit.

Living Hope Evangelical Church
invites children ages 3 – 5th grade to attend...



Vacation Bible School

August 3-6

6:00 pm - 8:15 pm

Location: St. Lucy's Church

23401 Jefferson Ave.

St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Register online: livinghopeec.org

Or at Sunday Services (10:30 am)

Brownell Middle School

260 Chalfonte Ave., GPF, MI 48236

\$10 per student / \$30 family maximum fee

Deadline approaches Student represents Michigan at White House

The Saturday, Aug. 1 deadline for the residency re-verification process to be complete is fast approaching. Parents or guardians of students entering sixth or ninth grades are required to appear at the board office, 389 St. Clair in Grosse Pointe, with proof of residency.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday. No appointment is necessary.

Residency re-verification was put in place by the school board in an attempt to discourage students who live outside the district from attending a Grosse Pointe public school. A district-wide registration was held several years ago, where every family in the district had to re-register. Having students entering middle school or high school for the first time

re-register was deemed a more cost-effective measure.

Families are urged to complete the registration process by Saturday, Aug. 1. Without proof of registration, class schedules will not be distributed to students entering sixth or ninth grade and incoming ninth graders will not be allowed to participate in fall sports practices, set to begin Wednesday, Aug. 12 (or Monday, Aug. 10, for football).

Only one parent or legal guardian must reside within the district for a child to legally attend Grosse Pointe public schools.

Additional information about the documents required for this process is available at gpschools.org under "Residency and Enrollment" or call (313) 432-3083.

— Mary Anne Brush

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Brownell Middle School student Eva Paschke can't wait for fall when her teacher assigns the inevitable essay: What did you do over your summer vacation? Paschke already knows how her essay will begin: "I had a very boring vacation. It began when I had dinner with the First Lady ..."

The story of Paschke's visit to Washington, D.C., and the White House began with her life skills class last year. Teacher Taylor Barczyk set a challenge for the class: Create a healthy recipe emphasizing the concepts students learned in class.

Barczyk used the USDA's MyPlate program to teach her students culinary skills. Students created electronic cookbooks and used social media applications such as Snapguide, Instagram and Twitter to demonstrate healthy recipes to their classmates.

It was through time in this class Paschke developed a passion for cooking. "It's exciting to see students try new recipes and learn self-sufficiency," Barczyk said. "It's really special for a teacher to see that passion ignite in school."

At Barczyk's suggestion, Paschke submitted her original "Fizzle Sizzle Stir Fry" recipe, created



First Lady Michelle Obama greets Healthy Lunchtime Challenge winner, Eva Paschke, and her father, R.C., from Michigan, during a Kids' State Dinner in the Blue Room of the White House July 10.

OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY LAWRENCE JACKSON

during the class's Asian unit, to Michelle Obama's Healthy Lunchtime Contest. Now in its fourth year, the challenge, which promotes cooking and healthy eating among young people across the nation, invites children ages 8 to 12 to create an original recipe. Winning recipes are selected based on healthfulness, taste, originality, affordability and adherence to the USDA's MyPlate recommendations.

Paschke's recipe was selected to represent Michigan. The seventh grader, along with winners from each U.S. state, territory and the District of Columbia, was invited to attend the 2015 Kids' "State Dinner" at the White House July 10. The dinner featured a selection of the 55 winning recipes and winners were

given a copy of each recipe in "The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge Cookbook."

Paschke sat at the First Lady's table and had the opportunity to engage her in conversation.

"I asked her if she liked to cook and she replied yes, but she doesn't get to cook very often because (the White House chefs) are better cooks than she is," Paschke said. "Her daughters like to cook also."

President Obama also paid a visit.

"The President, as always, is very busy, but he gave a very short speech and went around and shook hands with everyone," Paschke said. "He went on and on about how he liked the 'Barackomole' in one of the recipes."

Prior to the dinner, the young chefs were treated

to a tour of Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian. Following dinner was a tour of the White House Kitchen Garden and the White House beehive.

Paschke's father, R.C., a guest at the dinner along with other parents and guardians, described the event as "spectacular."

"It was a bit like a wedding," he said. "You fly through it and afterwards you ask, 'What just happened?' It was beyond what we could have expected. They put on an incredible event."

"I thought it was very awesome," the younger Paschke said of the experience. "How many kids can say they've been in the White House? I was very impressed with our nation's capital and the Obamas in general."

AUTOMATIC HOME GENERATORS

Authorized Honeywell Generator Dealer

A full spectrum electrical contractor for all your home and business needs.

ALSO SPECIALIZING IN:

- Automatic generator installations
- Generator outlets to safely connect a portable generator to your home
- Existing generator maintenance and repair

D.G. FURI ELECTRIC LLC
(586) 822-7134
State Licensed and Insured



**OLD WAYS TO HEAL
NEW WAYS TO HEALTH.**



CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP HEAL THE WHOLE PERSON.

Alternative therapies like acupuncture, chiropractic care and massage can ease chronic pain, lessen stress, improve mental and emotional well-being, and more. Our professional team collaborates for a therapeutic approach just for you.

Located at Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, Grosse Pointe Farms.

To learn more or make an appointment, visit henryford.com/cim or call (313) 640-2355.

COMMUNITY

4B CHURCHES | 5B OBITUARIES | 5E TRENDS | 8B BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS

Beyond healing

Art helps sculptor cope with dementia

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

John Wood is making the most of a less than ideal situation.

Diagnosed last year with amnesic disorder and frontotemporal degeneration, a form of Alzheimer's, the 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident was forced to retire from a job he loved, surrender his driver's license and even give up riding his bicycle for his own safety.

"People have concerns that are real and I have to accept that," Wood said. "It's humiliating. It's hard to swallow. My faith has helped me be thankful for what I have and not worry about what I don't have."

Younger-onset Alzheimer's affects approximately 200,000 Americans. Symptoms include memory loss that impacts daily activity, difficulty completing familiar tasks, confusion about time or place and difficulty with common words.

"It's hard. You set goals for yourself for years, but you have to do a different thing now," he said. "I've got a great family; they're very supportive."

Wood and his wife, Carol Ambrogio Wood, have a 4-year-old son, Julian. With their support, as well as support from community organizations, Wood is coping with his disease. But a big outlet for him comes from something he's done his whole life.

The beginning

Wood has had health complications since his teens, often fainting or becoming disoriented due to neurocardiogenic syncope. In 2007, he received a pacemaker. "It changed my life, but it's like a Band-Aid. It controls the symptoms, but the events don't stop."

Eventually the events became more severe. Wood would get lost when driving or fall off his bike. Then came his diagnosis.

"The hard part is to accept who I am and do what I can today, which is



John Wood gets support from his wife, Carol Ambrogio Wood, and their 4-year-old son, Julian.

a lot different than the way I used to be," he said. "I'd plan activities in 10-month blocks of curriculum."

Wood taught at Detroit School of Art for eight years — as well as 15 years at an elementary school before that — a career he said he "stumbled" into. He attended Cranbrook Academy of Art and fancied sculpture, reading and poetry when he veered toward the path of education.

"It's cool to talk about art every day," he said, "but I've always been an artist first. We're all given certain gifts. I feel that I'm supposed to communicate with other people about it."

Wood retired from teaching after getting lost in the six-story building.

"I love my students. I miss them," he said. "When I was teaching, my philosophy was 'Everyone must be successful.' Through animation and video production, everyone had a role no matter what their ability. Everyone could contribute in a big way. There's room for everyone to be successful."

Wood follows that phi-

losophy in life as well.

The healing

After Wood's retirement, he was nominated for and selected Michigan Art Teacher of the Year for 2015. It's an accomplishment of which he's proud and one of many he has earned.

One of his personal goals as an artist is to be in one juried show each year, which he has done since 1988.

He also sought answers about his illness and in asking the questions, found healing in the very thing he's loved his whole life.

"Making the art gives me a chance to come to terms with it (his illness)," he said. "Seeing the art, seeing what others are going through, creates a dialog which makes the work successful."

"A lot of people are reluctant to talk about Alzheimer's," he continued. "To be shut away like that is hard. You just get more and more isolated. I put my work out there to show people it's not as scary as they think it is."

Wood's work encompasses three areas: his health issues, his faith and his friends.

"My issues of my health, because I have a lot of questions. I create questions visually to get the answers," he said. "My faith is important, too. I'm working on a series about the upper room and the humility Jesus showed in washing his disciples' feet. The strength in that is we should help each other. And my friends — my friends are poets. I'm making work about their poems. They give me a way to still make art, but it's about their issues."

Wood sculpts aphasia bowls as an attempt to answer questions about an experience he had: He found a bowl, but couldn't remember the word for it. His creations are an attempt to handle the

fear associated with losing that word and wondering what other words he may lose.

Wood also has a piece called "Dementia: Sundowning," which is intended to visually show the change in awareness in someone with dementia throughout an average day. He said he hopes the piece urges people to talk about it.

The support

In his quest to find answers, Wood contacted the Alzheimer's Association and asked about art festivals and programs for people with dementia. He was told the Detroit Institute of Arts hosts programs for those with Alzheimer's and Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe Farms offers a support group. Wood also regularly attends the Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast for support from other men of faith.

He also gets encouragement from David Reid, a researcher and lecturer at the University of Sheffield in England and creator of the South Yorkshire Dementia Creative Arts Exhibition.

"David Reid is really



John Wood's aphasia bowls will be displayed at the Grosse Pointe Public Library in August.

brilliant," Wood said. "Without him I would not have the courage to share as openly as I feel that I would otherwise. His encouragement, empathy and support really helped me."

Wood exhibited "Dementia: Sundowning" at the festival last year and decided there needed to be a similar show closer to home. He is working to create a parallel festival with the South Yorkshire festival, as well as SOC and Mimi's Bistro in the Park.

"The greatest thing about being involved in

the show and the festival is making a difference in people's lives," he said. "Other artists helped me so much by seeing their work. Just to know you reached one person makes it worth it."

"We all need to know we're still part of a community," he continued. "With the Alzheimer's Association or SOC, people can find something that works for them. There are so many different ways people are diagnosed or suffering. To get to that resource can

See ART, page 2B



COURTESY PHOTOS

John Wood enjoys sharing art and music time with his son, Julian.

2B | COMMUNITY

AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, July 31, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets for coffee and breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht

Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Men of any faith are welcome. Call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War

Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers summer day trips. Monday, Aug. 3, take a trip to Cedar Point for \$80. Thursday, Oct. 1, visit Stratford Festival to see "The Sound of Music." Cost is \$165. Call (313) 881-7511.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack, shows the movie "Woman in Gold" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, and the movie "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11.

The Woods Branch also offers a "Super Craft" program at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5.

The Grosse Pointe Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, welcomes Sen. Bert Johnson at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10. Johnson will give his state of the community address, discuss health-care, public safety, consumer protection and more. Constituents are invited to bring questions or comments. Call (866) 585-7802 or (517) 373-7748.

The Woods Branch offers "It's Magic" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12. The event includes a vanishing cage full of birds and a person suspended in mid-air.

"Campfire Songs with Mr. Nick" also takes

place at the Woods Branch at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14. Lawn chairs and snacks are encouraged. Call (313) 343-2072, Ext. 503.

Kids on the Go

Kids on the Go offers the following parent empowerment workshops: "Taking Care of You Part II: A Hands on Approach" Tuesday, Aug. 4; and "Back to School Organization" Tuesday, Aug. 11. Programs take place 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Call (313) 332-1026 or email kristyschena@kidsonthegocamp.com.

Herb Society

An informal meeting of the Herb Society of Grosse Pointe takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial gardens, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Active members plan to weed. Members will bring snacks and drinks. Guests are welcome.

Yoga

The Van Elslander Cancer Center's Healing Arts Center offers "Christian Yoga" from 9 to 10 a.m. and "Rest and Restore Yoga" from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27. Cost is \$60 for all five sessions, \$15 per class. Call (866) 501-3627, prompt 3.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts a bar-

becue on Bird Island Friday, Aug. 14, featuring a strolling dinner with craft brews and music by Detroit Pleasure Society. Space is limited and tickets must be purchased online in advance. Visit the "events" tab at fordhouse.org.

Clinic

Dr. Eric McCutcheon and Redwood Dental Group, 22646 9 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, offers "Get Kids Fresh for School," a free event for families without insurance to get children ready for the dentist and a new school year. The program runs from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14. Call (586) 778-4151 to reserve a time.

Blood drive

The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts an American Red Cross blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21. Sign up for an appointment at redcrossblood.org by searching "milakehouse" or call (586) 777-7761.

Writing

"Power Journal for Weight Loss and Wellness," a free writing seminar with Elizabeth Ann Atkins, takes place 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at Jungle Juice Bar, 14929 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit mypowerjournal.com.

Reunions

Dominican High School hosts its 60th class reunion Friday, Sept. 11, at Assumption

Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Call Anna Mae (Feist) Reinhard at (313) 881-3185.

St. Paul High School hosts a reunion for the classes of 1969 and 1970 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$65 per person, \$125 per couple. Mail checks to Bill Keane, 6232 Selsey Lane, Traverse City, MI 49685. Deadline to register is Sept. 1.

Detroit St. Thomas Apostle hosts a reunion for all graduating classes or anyone associated with the parish, from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. Cost is \$45 and includes food, music and drinks. Call Rose Ann Filar at (248) 770-1271.

Grosse Pointe High School's classes of 1950 and 1951 have a three-day reunion planned at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Farms Pier, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Friday, Sept. 25, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate. The Wednesday event is a catered picnic and costs \$25. The Thursday event is a dinner with a cash bar and costs \$45. The Friday event is lunch and a tour of the grounds and costs \$27. For more information, call Sue Martin Auch at (313) 886-3493 or Fred Metry at (313) 882-8709.

The search is on

A showcase of home-grown talent will be featured during VillageFest, Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13, along Kercheval in the Village.

Grosse Pointe's Got Talent, presented by Weichert Realtors GP Homes, invites Grosse Pointe residents who are vocalists, musicians or have a family-friendly talent that can be performed onstage, to apply. Up to 10 winners will perform on the VillageFest main stage at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The crowd votes for the winner.

Those interested in par-

ticipating must upload a video of a performance no more than 2 minutes long by Friday, Aug. 21. It can be shot on any camera; no professional videos will be considered.

All videos will be reviewed by a panel of volunteer judges. Ten acts will be selected to perform. Their videos will be uploaded to the Village website and linked to Facebook for viewing before the event to encourage attendance.

VillageFest draws up to 10,000 visitors each year.

For more information, visit thevillagegp.com.



FRASER
32032 UTICA RD.
(NE Corner Utica & Masonic)
(586) 296-2758

ROCHESTER HILLS
861 E. AUBURN RD.
(NW Corner Auburn & John R.)
(248) 852-3356

HOME OF THE 25% OFF NEW COMICS COLLECTOR CLUB

- GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE
- NEW RELEASES EVERY WEDNESDAY
- 99¢ COMIC BOOK SALE
- BUY 'EM BY THE BUNDLE

~ Serving the Metro Detroit Area for Over 30 Years ~

LOVE FIRST
Get to the heart of recovery

Confidential
substance abuse & addiction
consultation & counseling
intervention & treatment

313-882-6921 • lovefirst.net • 888-220-4400

A national private practice led by best-selling authors and Grosse Pointe residents Jeff & Debra Jay

If It Hangs on a Window, We Clean, Sell or Repair It

Draperies Blinds Shades

Angott's Drapery Services
313.521.3021 • www.angotts.biz

Take Down and Re-Hang Services Available

ART:
Continued from 1B

really help. Having a support group is huge. To be able to sit in a room and talk openly is huge. The less alone you are, the better off you are when you're going through tough times."

The show


Wood will show his aphasia bowls at an exhibit at the Grosse Pointe Public Library in August, which also will include information about the SOC support meeting and the Alzheimer's Association, "to bring attention to the fact there are services here," he said. "It's our responsibility to draw attention to things as artists, so that's how I chose to do it."

In October he'll speak at the Alzheimer's Association's Chocolate Jubilee fundraiser at the MGM Grand Detroit and in November he'll display artwork at the St. Clair Shores Public Library.

In the meantime, his goal is to continue to create, whether sculpting, drawing or writing.

"Whatever I can do to get better, I'll do."

For more information about Wood and his work, visit johnlouiswood.com. For more information about the South Yorkshire Dementia Creative Arts Exhibition, visit sydcae.co.uk.




THE ROBOT GARAGE

GRAND OPENING
THIS SATURDAY - August 1st


FOR LEGO & ROBOT ENTHUSIASTS OF ALL AGES

FREE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
10 AM TO 6:30 PM


15201 KERCHEVAL
GROSSE POINTE PARK 48230
THEROBOTGARAGE.COM / 313-924-3310




Parties




Camps/Classes



Robots



Toy Store



Drop-In



Corporate

Woods dancer heading to worlds

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Next March, when most people are getting ready to celebrate Easter or enjoy their spring break from school, Michaela Cosgrove will take the stage halfway around the world, proving her worth in the world of Irish dancing.

Cosgrove, 14 and a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, qualified for the Irish Dance World Championship after placing 10th in the nation for her age group at the North American Irish Dance Championship July 1-5.

Her love for dance was instilled after seeing a "Riverdance" performance when she was 4.

"I just wanted to try it and see if I liked it and I ended up loving it," she said. "It's fun. It's not like any other dancing; I did tap and ballet. This seemed so different. I like making my own steps. I really like majors and competitions, to show off what you've been working on."

And work she does. Cosgrove practices with her performance group Wednesdays in Taylor where she works on group steps. Fridays she helps out at the Ardan Academy of Irish Dance in Grosse Pointe Woods. She also practices daily at home.

"We didn't know it would take over our lives," said her mom, Katie Cosgrove, adding she never has to push her daughter to go to practice. "It sets the schedule of our lives."

The world of Irish dancing is divided into seven regions in North America. There are several levels of dance among them, from beginner and advanced beginner to novice and prize winner. Preliminary championship and open championship levels are for top-level performers.

An Irish dance competition is called a feis and leads to a regional competition, which for this region is called the Mid American Oireachtas. Winners at regionals move on to nationals and then worlds.

"Worlds is kind of like our Olympics," Katie Cosgrove said.

During a major competition — regionals, nationals or worlds — each girl performs for herself, but there are three dancers on stage at a time, competing for the attention of three judges. All three judges have to look at all the girls, so the challenge to draw attention to oneself is key.

The order of rounds during a major are a hard shoe round, in which the dancer dances either a horn pipe or treble jig, and a soft shoe round, in which the dancer dances either a reel or slip jig. From there, dancers who qualify, or are recalled, dance a contemporary set. Cosgrove will compete a horn pipe and a reel, as well as Ace and Deuce of Piping for her contemporary set.

The dance school works with the dancers to develop a look; each solo dress is unique. Wigs and hairpieces are common during competition as well.

The Our Lady Star of the Sea School graduate



Michaela Cosgrove will compete in the Irish Dance World Championship next spring in Glasgow, Scotland.

has worked hard to get to her performance level. Aside from practices, Cosgrove and her performance group stay in shape with Pilates. Cosgrove also is on the swim and tennis teams at Lochmoor Club and will run cross country in the fall when she starts at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Cosgrove takes seriously the efforts she puts into dance. She's been a part of her performance team since age 8 and would like to use what

she's learned to help others.

"I want to become a teacher for it," she said, adding that she loves helping younger students at Ardan Academy, including her sister, Eryn.

"She's very good at it," Katie Cosgrove said. "The kids love her. She wants to be giving back. She works with her sister a lot. A lot of girls at Grosse Pointe look up to her. They say, 'Wow,

look what she's done. If I work hard, I can do this too.'

"She also has a lot of very dedicated teachers who have gone to worlds and spend a lot of time with the kids, helping them improve."

"Michaela is an excellent student. She's focused, cooperative, she pays attention, she's alert and she's helpful with the other kids. She's a total team player," said John Heinzman, who co-owns Ardan Academy of Irish Dance with his sister, Liz

Heinzman. "She's just as quick to ask the next kid, 'Hey, can you help me with this?'"

Heinzman said he can see Cosgrove having a bright future in dance, as a competitor and a teacher as well.

"Michaela'd be an excellent teacher. She's quick to jump right in, she's patient and she's open to learn."

On July 25, Cosgrove competed well against the reigning world champion, which came as no surprise to Heinzman.

"That girl is on a trajectory that has no end in sight," he said.

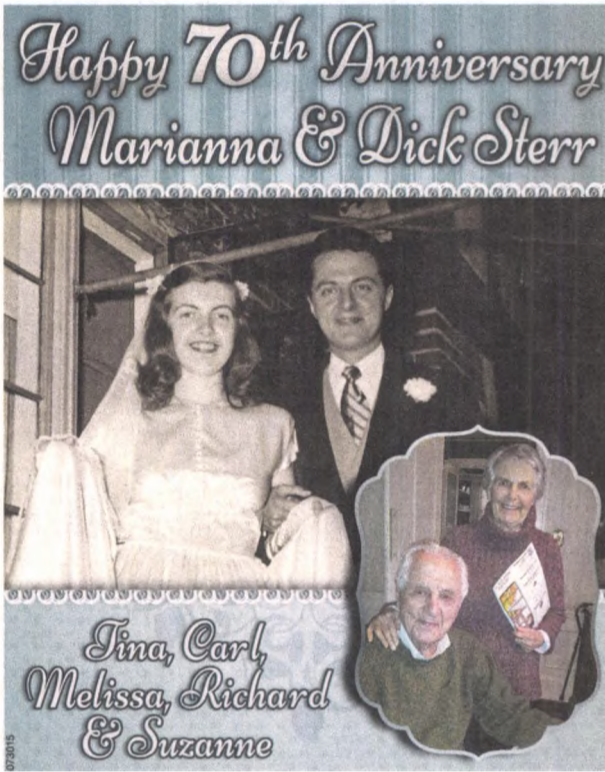
Cosgrove, whose heritage includes some Irish from both sides of her family, encourages others to follow in her fast-moving footsteps.

"I'd say just try a class. It's really enjoyable," she said. "You have to put in a lot of work, time and effort, but it's very fun. Competing is my favorite part. You get to wear a costume and show the judges what you've got. It is work, but it pays off."



Michaela Cosgrove poses with Ardan Academy of Irish Dance teachers, from left, John Heinzman, Chris Stefani and Megan McParland May, at the Great Lakes Feis in Lansing July 25, where Cosgrove placed first in her age group and second for her original choreography.

COURTESY PHOTOS



DINING & Entertainment

MEADOW BROOK BELLE TIRE CONCERT SERIES

JIM GAFFIGAN
CONTAGIOUS TOUR
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 • 8PM
TICKETS START AT \$20!

PALACENET.COM / ticketmaster / 248-377-0100
PRESENTED BY PALACE SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Antonio's
IN THE PARK

HALF OFF

Buy One Regular Priced Entrée
Receive Any Regular Priced Entrée... **50% OFF**

With this ad. Some restrictions may apply. Ask your server for details.

15117 Kercheval Ave. • Grosse Pointe Park
313-821-2433 - Closed Sunday & Monday

ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE presents

music ON THE PLAZA

This Week's Concert:
Motor City Street Band
New Orleans street jazz w/ funk and carnival rhythms featuring members of "The Sun Messengers."

Free jazz concert Thursday, July 30 @ 7 p.m. on the corner of Kercheval & St. Clair.

For weather updates and information, go to www.thevillagegp.com

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GROSSE POINTE VILLAGE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Harry's of Grosse Pointe 30th Anniversary Celebration
August 3rd - 9th
Come Join Us....

- Mon: 30% Off Your Entire Bill
- Tues: Free Pancakes
- Wed: Free Cup of Soup
- Thurs: 50% Off Any Sandwich
- Fri: Free Beverage
- Sat: Free Coffee
- Sun: Magician & More 10am - 12:30pm

15506 Mack Avenue (at Somerset in the Park) • 313.885.1481

4B | CHURCHES

PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. Jim Rizer

Who's packing your parachute?

U.S. Navy Pilot Charlie Plumb never gave much thought to who was packing his parachute. Plumb had flown 75 missions without ever needing his parachute, until the day his plane was hit by a surface-to-air missile. He quickly ejected, parachuted down and was captured and held as a P.O.W. in Vietnam for six years.

Years later while dining in a restaurant, Plumb was approached by a man who said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

This account causes us to reflect on who we surround ourselves with and how we are prepared for the turbulent times in life. Plumb acknowledges he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory. He needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Who is packing your parachute? Who makes up the great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1) that surround you providing support and strength for the storms that inevitably come? God is raising up people all around us so we can make meaningful connections and have the community and support we need.

Rizer is the senior pastor at Living Hope Evangelical Church, which meets at Brownell Middle School in Grosse Pointe Farms. Visit LivingHopeEC.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

Living Hope

Living Hope Evangelical Church invites children age 3 through fifth grade to attend Gospel Light's SonSpark Labs Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, through Thursday, Aug. 6, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Cost is \$10 per student, \$30 per family. Register online at livinghopeec.org.

St. Paul on the Lake
St. Paul on the Lake, 157

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers Vacation Bible School from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, to Friday, Aug. 21. The program is for children age 4 through fourth grade. Junior and senior high school students are needed to help. Call (313) 885-8855.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a retreat focused on nature pho-

tography and spirituality, led by photographer Bonnie Edwards, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. A morning session takes place at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, with the rest of the program at the church's Miller Hall. Cost is \$60 and includes lunch. Registration is required by Wednesday, Aug. 5. Call (313) 885-4841, Ext. 113 or visit christchurchgp.org/spirituality.html.

Memorial Church
Grosse Pointe Memorial

Church presents its golf outing Monday, Aug. 31, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. Members, their families and friends are invited to play an 18-hole scramble format. Dinner follows. Call (313) 882-5330.

St. James

St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, invites the public to its Taize worship service at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25. Taize workshop uses a form of short musical phrases with singable, easily-memorized melodies. Call (313) 884-0511.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Eric McCutcheon

Are my kids ready to see the dentist?

Q: I have two kids, ages 3 and 5, who are getting ready for school. I try my best to keep their teeth clean and look for problems, but I don't know when they should start going to the dentist since mine doesn't see children. When is the best time to take my kids for their first dental checkup?

A: As a family dentist, I get this question often from parents concerned about their children's dental health but worried their kids will be scared or cannot sit still. I have found the sooner your child visits the dentist, the less anxious they will be going forward.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry advises the first visit by age 1. In my office, I recommend when patients get their teeth cleaned they bring in their little ones to get comfortable in the office. We can take a quick look at their teeth, they get a prize and a great memory. At that point, I

don't expect a toddler to sit in the chair and allow X-rays or dental instruments in their mouths.

After that, I recommend a visit every six months. We can touch base with the child and their parents to find that "sweet" spot when they are ready for the full exam/visit. Some kids are ready by 18 months and others at 4 years old. The important thing is they like coming to visit. They have a dental home.

Now that a new school year is around the corner, it is a great time to start fresh. If your child is just 1 and ready to meet the dentist or if they are going into kindergarten and nervous, a clean healthy mouth is vital. Cavities or toothaches take time away from learning. Make your child's dental experiences positive and lifelong.

Dr. Eric McCutcheon attended the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and graduated in 2004. He began working

The Family Center

Resources for Families, Individuals and Professionals

make a reservation.

Read more Ask the Experts articles on a variety of topics online at familycenterweb.org.

at the Redwood Dental Group in 2006 and recently became the lead doctor in the St. Clair Shores office. He enjoys getting to know patients and developing longterm dental relationships. He can be reached at emccutcheon@redwooddental.com or (586) 778-4151. McCutcheon is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

SAVE THE DATE: Join Redwood Dental Group for a free event Friday, Aug. 14, for kids ages 10 and younger without dental insurance where they may meet the dentist, have their teeth cleaned, get X-rays and an oral check-up. Call (586) 778-4151 to

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for families, individuals and professionals. Its mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization solely supported by community contributions. All gifts are tax-deductible. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832. Email info@familycenterweb.org or write to: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

W O R S H I P S E R V I C E S

FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
800 Vernier Road (Corner of Wedgwood)
(313) 884-5040

Sunday Mornings
9:30 am - Contemporary Worship
11:00 am - Traditional Worship
Nursery Available

Rev. Krister Ulmanis, Interim Sr. Pastor
Rev. Christina Veres, Assoc. Pastor
~ "Go Make Disciples" ~
www.feelc.org

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
Sharing God's grace through Christ, we love, pray, rejoice and serve

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS."

Sunday Worship Schedule
9:30 am Worship/Holy Communion
10:45 am Christian Education

375 Lothrop Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
313.881.8870
stpaul@stpaulgp.org
www.stpaulgp.org
Rev. Justin Dittrich, Pastor

GROSSE POINTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
An Official Welcoming Congregation
211 Moross Rd.
Grosse Pointe Farms
886-2363

SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:30 am
CHURCH SCHOOL
9:45 am 4 yrs. - 5th Grade
10:45 am Middle School
11:00 am Adult Sunday School
Nursery & Toddler Care Provided

Rev. Judith A. May
Rev. Daniel Hart

Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church
Serving Christ in Detroit for over 160 years

Sunday, August 2, 2015
8:30 a.m. Informal Worship - Zaun Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Meditation: "The Search for Peace and Balance"
Scripture: Psalm 20
Louis Prues preaching at both services
Summer Church School: Crib - Second Grade

Vacation Bible Camp
Monday-Friday, August 3-7
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Ages 6-12
Call to register your child

Parking Behind Church
8625 E. Jefferson at Burns, Detroit
Visit our website: www.japc.org 313-822-3456

Christ the King Lutheran Church and Preschool
Mack at Lochmoor • 884-5090
www.christthekinggp.org

SUNDAY
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

MONDAY
7 p.m. - Worship Service
2nd & 4th Monday of the Month
Randy S. Boelter, Pastor
Making New Disciples - Building Stronger Ones

SAINT JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
170 McMillan Road
Grosse Pointe Farms
313.884.0511
www.stjamesgp.org

75th Anniversary Year 1940 - 2015

Sundays Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays in July - August 7:00 p.m.

The Rev. Denise M. Grant
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Historic Mariners' Church
A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE
Traditional Anglican Worship Since 1842
The Reverend William R. Fleming, Rector

Services of Holy Communion
Sunday - 8:30 am
Sunday - 11:00 am (Sung by Professional Choir)
Thursday - 12:10 pm

Join Us - "Theology on Tap with Mariners" - Wednesdays 6-8 p.m.
Please call 313-259-2206 for location and discussion topic.

170 E. Jefferson Avenue
On Hart Plaza at the Tunnel • Free Secured Parking in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward
(313) 259-2206 • marinerschurchofdetroit.org

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
15020 Hampton
Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230-1302

Masses
Saturday Vigil — 4:00 p.m.
Sunday — 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

(313) 822-2814 • stambrose@comcast.net
• stambrosechurch.net • [facebook.com/stambroseparish](https://www.facebook.com/stambroseparish)

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship and Music 10:30am

Rev. Edward Dunn, Sr. Pastor
Mr. Noah Horn, Music Director
Join our Choir Join us for Worship!



19950 Mack at Torrey 313-886-4301 www.gpwpres.org

OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Elaine Hayduk

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Elaine Hayduk, 90, died Saturday, July 25, 2015.

She was born Aug. 21, 1924, in Detroit, to Stanley and Mildred Formaniak and attended the University of Michigan and University of Detroit. She worked as a laboratory technician at Harper Hospital and then stayed home to manage her household and raise her children.

Mrs. Hayduk was an avid bridge player and member of several bridge clubs. She loved crossword puzzles and reading and especially enjoyed traveling to many different parts of the world.

Mrs. Hayduk is survived by her sons, Mark (Sharon), Brent (Rayisa) and Don (Crystal); grandchildren, Matthew Hayduk, Stephen Hayduk, Jessica Finkiewicz, Katie Rae Hayduk and Megan Hayduk; and great-grandchildren, Bailey and

Parker Finkiewicz.

A private service will be held in August.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Dennis Gates

Dennis Gates, 75, passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 21, 2015, with family members by his side.

He was born Feb. 5, 1940, in Detroit, to Arthur and Mildred (nee Hintz) Gates.

Mr. Gates was a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods for 38 years. He married Kathleen Vollick April 2, 1971, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Eastpointe. His family said he was a family man with a happy-go-lucky spirit making him loved by those who knew him. He loved being on his boat and spending time on the golf course.

Mr. Gates was involved with parenting his five sons. He belonged to many Grosse Pointe North par-

ents' clubs and coached Little League. He was a past president at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. He survived a near-fatal triple aneurism in 1997. His family is thankful to have had these last 18 bonus years with him.

Mr. Gates is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen; sons, Kevin, Dennis, Michael, Jeffrey and Robert (Alyssa); grandchildren, David, Erica, Kira, Kaitlyn, Amelia, Lincoln and Hudson and great-grandson, Gabe.

He also is survived by his brother, Craig.

A funeral service was celebrated July 24 at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Donations may be made to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church Building Fund, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or Stephen B. Campau Oncology Endowment Fund, 22101 Moross, Detroit, MI 48236.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.



Elaine Hayduk



Dennis Gates



Kenneth A. Poulos

Kenneth A. Poulos

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Kenneth A. Poulos, 53, died Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

He was born Aug. 30, 1961, in Detroit, and graduated from Port Huron Northern High School in 1979. He earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Michigan Technological University and owned and operated his own computer business for many years.

Ken enjoyed sailing to Mackinac Island, attending University of Michigan football games and tailgating with his brother and son on Saturday afternoons in the fall. Ken enjoyed cooking big Greek holiday dinners for his family. He was a member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

His family said Ken was a loving husband, father, brother and all-around great uncle, nephew and friend. He is survived by his wife, Lucy; son, Alex; daughter, Alexis; brother, Dr. Ronald Poulos (Nancy); sisters, Debra Massman and Cynthia Raab (Keith) and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, Louis and Diane Poulos.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, Aug. 8, at St.

Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m. at the church.

Graechen Becker Stewart

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Graechen Becker Stewart, 80, died Thursday, July 23, 2015.

Loving wife, devoted mother and dear grandmother, she is survived by her husband, James Ross Stewart; children, Dr. James Ross Stewart Jr. (Janet), Bruce Alexander Stewart (Tami) and Audrey Stewart Dabareiner (Tom); and grandchildren, Paul, Alexander, Mark, Calvin, Ethan and Grace. She also is survived by her sister, Virginia Becker.

She was predeceased by her parents, Paul McNair Becker and Virginia Hibben Becker, and brothers, Paul Jr., Bruce H. and Donald M. Becker.

Graechen was born in Chicago, grew up in Libertyville, Ill. and moved to Grosse Pointe in 1946. A 1952 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, she graduated from the University of Michigan in 1956 and became an elementary school teacher.

As a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Graechen was involved with the church throughout her life. From singing in the choir as a



Graechen Becker Stewart

teenager to teaching Sunday School and later serving on a search committee and Session, she was a devoted member.

After raising her children, Graechen later spent her time and talents researching her family's ancestry. She was an active member of many genealogical societies and traveled to the United Kingdom and Germany to expand upon her research on the Stewart, Hibben and Becker ancestry.

Graechen was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. at the church.

Donations honoring Graechen may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

GPWMA new hire

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association announced the appointment of Brandon Faber as director of community engagement.

Faber comes to the GPWMA from the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra where he served as executive director. At the BBSO, he was instrumental in re-launching the orchestra with new programs, new home venues, community partners, branding identity and education initiatives. Prior to his work at the BBSO, Faber was assistant conductor at the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra and the University Symphony at the Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University Long Beach. He also worked with the Gilmore Festival in Kalamazoo in operations and education.

"As a pianist, conductor, administrator and an avid supporter of arts education, Brandon brings with him a unique vantage point for understanding both the artistic and business aspects of running a cultural organization," said GPWMA President and CEO Charles Burke. "His insight and experience will be key in building strategic alliances, connecting with the community and developing innovative new experiences for the future of our Community Engagement programming."

Faber has guest lectured at Kalamazoo College, advised on cur-

ricular development for continuing education programs and continues to focus on merging the disciplines of music performance, psychology and education. He also has guest conducted with the Adrian Symphony Orchestra and at high schools throughout Michigan

and taught at the Leysin American School in Switzerland. He earned a bachelor's degree in music and psychology from Kalamazoo College and a master's degree in instrumental conducting from the Cole Conservatory of the California State University Long Beach.



Brandon Faber was recently named director of community engagement at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GROSSE POINTE WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICATION OF ST. CLAIR ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR A TRANSFER OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE

A public hearing will be held before the City Council on application of St. Clair Associates, LLC for transfer of an existing Class C Liquor License from another community permitting the sale of liquor, beer and wine for consumption on premises, at 646 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI. Said hearing will take place on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 17145 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. Written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Friday, August 14, 2015, at City Hall. Copies of the application are available for review at Grosse Pointe City Hall from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Mon.-Fri. 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs
City Clerk

GPN: 7/30/15

In Memoriam

Lucille Hedwig (Reinke) Stevens
July 1, 1927 - July 31, 2014

Lucy was born in Detroit to Herman and Alma Reinke, the fourth of five daughters. She graduated from Denby High School. She married Robert Stevens in 1951; he predeceased her in 2002. She is survived by three children: Jane, Jill (Philip) Bush, and Robert. There are two grandchildren, Samantha and Blake. She was a Grosse Pointe Woods resident for 52 years.

Lucy was known by her family for three things: her elegance, cooking ability, and strength of character. She was gracious to all she met. Her style of dress was best described as soigné. Her homemade meals were assembled with great care, whether planned out or spontaneously held. Her holiday meals were special and remembered. Lucy's favorite food, and now the family's, was chocolate, and was central to at least one dessert each meal. She was self-taught, using recipes or not, based on her experience.

The anchor for her character was her faith, which she lived out every day. She saw, or looked for, the good in everyone. Lucy always saw the big picture, and fought for what she believed. She nurtured everyone. Faith brought her through her biggest challenges, in 2002; two days after her husband's funeral, she was told she had leukemia. With medical care, faith, and determination, she went into remission, where she remained. During her twelve years of grace, she continued to travel, experience new things, entertain, and enjoy her family.

Robert, and all three of her children, were attorneys and assistant prosecutors; she held her own or better with them all.

Lucy is an example to all of us. We miss her.



ALWAYS BUYING!

COINS • COLLECTOR WATCHES • JEWELRY
RARE STAMPS • GOLD • SILVER • PLATINUM • COPPER
NEW - USED - BROKEN

1oz, 10oz & 100oz Available
We Stock Silver, Lunar, Koalas,
Kookaburras, Elephants & Pandas

Ancient Greek &
Roman To Modern
Proof & Mint Sets

Coins & Stamps, Inc.

SERVING SOUTH EAST MICHIGAN SINCE 1957
17658 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230
Michigan's Oldest Coin Shop

313-885-4200

coinsandcurrencyinc.com
HOURS: MON-SAT: 10-6 • EXTENDED WED HOURS: UNTIL 8:00
ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

Artwork sought for GPAC's 'Signs & Symbols'

The Grosse Pointe ART Center invites artists to submit recent artwork for the juried exhibit, "Signs & Symbols," which opens Friday, Sept. 4, and runs through Friday, Sept. 25. Intake is set for Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 25 to 29.

All subjects and media are welcome, with the exception of installations, owing to space constraints.

The juror for this exhibit is Meighen Jackson, who creates abstractions of natural conditions and forms using media such as ink, paper, foil and photography. Her works may be seen online at meighenjacksonart.com.

For information and submission guidelines, visit grossepointeartcenter.org or visit the center for a form.

GPAC's "Our Rivers, Our Lakes" exhibit, which runs through Saturday, Aug. 22, was juried by Joan Farago.

Lulu Zeng earned best of show, Lori Zurvalec placed second and Barbara Carr placed third. Scott Brown, Kathleen McNamee, Julie Sabit and Judith Waterman earned honorable mentions.

"I was especially pleased to jury 'Our Rivers, Our Lakes,' as the water that surrounds Michigan and Canada are close to my heart and

play a large role in the visual of my own artwork," Farago said. "It was good to see so many entries displaying how these bodies of water affect our daily lives and from all different vantage points. I'm so glad to see the Grosse Pointe Artists Association continues to honor the inspirational and uniquely beautiful waters of this region with this exhibit."

Following the "Our Rivers, Our Lakes" theme, two other buildings are housing exhibits.

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a show by GPAC member Roselyn Rhodes, which opens with a special reception Friday, July 31.

The Charles Schridde Gallery hosts an exhibition of Michigan plein air painters Heiner Hertling, Brant MacLean, Robert Perrish and Paul Thibedeau, opening in early August. The gallery is located at 15322 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, next to Mimi's Bistro.

GPAC also offers a three-day workshop with artist Amy Foster called, "Figures, Faces and Follies," Tuesday, Aug. 11, to Thursday, Aug. 13. For information or to register, visit grossepointeartcenter.org or call (313) 881-3454.

Detroit's urban gardens, farms

Detroit has become the nation's capital of urban agriculture and in the process of earning that title has inspired the world. There is no better way to see the people and places behind Detroit's urban agriculture community than the 18th annual Tour of Detroit Urban Gardens and Farms. This year's tour showcases the dynamic relationships and interconnectivity that make the community great, fuel innovation and the continuous process of becoming a food sovereign city.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, guests will travel by bus

and bike visiting a sampling of the city's urban gardens, farms and other innovative agriculture projects and food businesses. Tours leave from Eastern Market Shed 3, located east of Russell Street between Adelaide and Division streets in Detroit. Tours leave at 6 p.m. sharp and last approximately two hours. After the tour, a reception featuring locally grown food and refreshments prepared by local chefs provides guests with a taste of Detroit's delicious food system. The reception also features a Good Food Bazaar, where

guests can learn about opportunities to plug into Detroit's food community, from starting a community garden to launching a food-oriented business and purchasing handcrafted offerings from local food entrepreneurs.

Registration is open and early registration is recommended. Visit detroitagriculture.net or call (313) 757-2635. When registering, be prepared to provide contact information for all attendees and choose which bike or bus tour you would like to attend.

Descriptions of the tour routes will soon be

on the website. The fee for the tour is a sliding scale, \$15 to \$100.

Keep Growing Detroit exists to promote a food sovereign Detroit where the majority of fruits and vegetables consumed by Detroiters are grown by residents within the city's limits. Keep Growing Detroit works in partnership with hundreds of community-based organizations and residents to provide resources and support to thousands of urban gardeners and farmers. To learn more about urban gardening programs in the city, visit detroitagriculture.net or call (313) 757-2635.

GP Symphony Orchestra concert

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra performs its annual summer concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the Moross Cafe in St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 22101 Moross. The free concert features the rarely heard Bach Triple Concerto for three violins. Playing the concerto are violinists

Ireland Lee and Amanda Beaune and their teacher, Sonia Lee.

The concert also includes the Bach First Suite for Orchestra, which features two oboes and a bassoon. The concert opens with the Handel Concerto Grosso Op. 3 No. 5 for two oboes and strings with Grosse Pointe Symphony oboists



Sonia Lee



Amanda Beaune



Ireland Lee

Kerry Russo and Michelle Kauffold.

For more information, visit gpsymphony.org.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Try some garden-fresh finger food

The best three months of the year are approaching. Produce will be at its peak and prices will be at their lowest. Better yet, you or your neighbor will harvest your own herbs and vegetables from a backyard garden.

This past week I was the lucky retriever of homegrown cucumbers from my guy pal Chris. I turned his fresher than fresh cucumbers into delicate cucumber sandwiches — the kind they serve in England with tea. These crustless finger sandwiches are fun to make and fun to eat.



Homegrown Cucumber Finger Sandwiches

(makes 14 sandwiches)

- 1 8-oz. tub spreadable cream cheese
- 1 4.50-oz. log goat cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 fresh medium-sized cucumbers, peeled and

sliced to 1/8-inch slices
1 loaf Pepperidge Farm thinly sliced sandwich bread (white or wheat)

Cream together the cream cheese with the goat cheese. I let both cheeses sit at room temperature to soften a bit first. Stir in the fresh dill and the lemon juice.

To assemble a sandwich, spread 2 1/2 teaspoons of the cheese mixture over each of the bread slices. Arrange four slices of cucumber over the cheese layer then top with another slice of bread that has been spread with the cheese mixture.

Carefully cut away the crust, then cut the sand-

wiches in half on the diagonal.

I prepared three sandwiches at a time. I used the whole loaf of bread, all of the cheese mixture and both cucumbers. I yielded 15 sandwiches; the last sandwich was made with the ends of the bread.

I shared my finger sandwiches with family and friends and everybody loved them.

The fact that the cucumbers were straight from Chris's garden made the sandwiches incredibly fresh to the palate. And delicious.

Serve these tasty sandwiches with fresh brewed iced tea and cool down on a hot summer day.

Destination Mack Avenue

Samira's Upscale Consignment Boutique
Detroit's A-list voted Best Women's Boutique 2013

21027 Mack Ave
Grosse Pointe Woods Mi. 48236
(313) 886-5043
SamirasBoutique@yahoo.com
Samirasupscaleboutique.com

Hours:
Mon-Fri 11am - 6pm
Sat 10am-5pm

SAMIRA
OWNER & FASHION CONSULTANT

Jean's Boutique
WIGS & WOMEN'S ACCESSORIES

-CREATIVE HAIR LOSS SOLUTIONS-
Quality Synthetic Wigs/Human Hair Wigs
Hair Pieces & Extensions
Over 20 Years Knowledge & Experience
Personalized Service

Serving the Pointes since 1992
20733 Mack • Grosse Pointe Woods
Please call for appointment
(313) 882-4559
www.jeansboutiqueandwigs.com

IRISH COFFEE BAR & GRILL EST. 1980
THE BEST Bar Burger In Town!
GRILL OPEN 'TIL 1 AM

18666 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe Farms
313-881-5675

Monday - Saturday
11:00 am-2:00 am
Sunday 5:00 pm-2:00 am

CARRY OUTS | VISA | M/C | F | W/F/I

HOP OFF THE TROLLEY AND COME INTO BIGGBY!

BOGO FREE
(BOGO=Buy One Get One of equal or lesser value)
any beverage
(hot, iced, or frozen)
(Valid only on Fridays & Saturdays 5pm - 10pm)

BIGGBY COFFEE
21110 Mack Ave.
Grosse Pointe Woods

Expires 8/30/15. Good on any beverage. FREE drink is of equal or lesser value. Good at this location only. No copies of this coupon will be accepted. Not good with any other offer. For franchise information visit biggby.com. Code 346236.

\$7 off any \$5 purchase over \$5

Tax not included. With coupon. Limit one coupon per purchase. Expires 8-24-15

Chocolate Bar Cafe
20737 Mack Ave.
1062 North of Vernier
313.881.2888
chocolatebar-cafe.com

Specializing in consignment furniture and home decor mixed with new retail at affordable prices for every home style

ADORE INTERIORS
313-649-2175
20725 Mack Ave at Vernier
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
info@adoreinteriors.com



Relaxing in Lexington

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

A trip up north to get away from city life doesn't have to mean hours upon hours of driving. Lexington, a quick drive up I-94 and along the shoreline of Lake Huron, is a close destination. Whether for a weekend or extended stay — or even a day trip — Lexington offers the peace of being away from the big city along with small-town charm and vacation comfort.

That's the way it started for Gene Galley, president of the Lexington Business Association.

"It started as a weekend getaway," he said. "We bought a condo out there so we could head out of Dodge on a Friday afternoon, get away for the weekend and head back to work Monday morning."

"It's an easy drive from the metro Detroit area," he continued. "If you only have a day, you can do it as a day trip."

Galley said the draw for him was the vacation getaway feel of being up north without having to drive for half a day. Not to mention the amenities once he got there.

"There's a lake and lots of activities. We have a beautiful 36-hole golf course, kayak rentals, paddleboard rentals, a community tennis court and pickleball court. You can get a night or two at one of the B&Bs and just regroup, rewind and get

ready for the next work week. It's a laid-back lifestyle."

Now a resident, Galley, who owns Noble, a home and garden store, said a lot of people make the same choice he did when it comes to "The First Resort North."

"A lot of the people in town either have families who relocate and the husband or wife drives in to Grosse Pointe or Macomb to work," he said. "There are a lot of empty nesters who have a home here year round or part of it ... And it's a really easy drive. Those people who just want a day's escape from work can drive up, relax, kick back and go out on the lake."

The entertainment district of Lexington has a lot to offer families, too. From unique shopping and cultural entertainment to the variety of restaurants and lodgings available, it's a charming place to regroup after a long work week.

"I've lived here my whole life," said Becky Hortop, of the Lexington Village Theater, a focal point in the community. "I love the area. I raised my family in the area. I really enjoy it."

Hortop said the variety of restaurants and entertainment mixes well with the bed and breakfasts, hotels and cottages for rent.

"Lexington has a lot of tourists and a lot of people from the city with cottages," she said. "We're busy from Memorial Day

to Labor Day. You can spend a day at the beach, see a show at the theater. There are a lot of restaurants and wineries.

"Lexington has a lot to offer," she continued. "It's a good community to be a part of. Everyone knows everyone."

For Realtor Virginia McNabb, who grew up in Lexington, then spent eight years in Colorado, moving back to her hometown was a no-brainer.

"When I made the decision to move back to Michigan, I wanted to move to this community, where my kids would know their teachers," she said. "And I absolutely missed the waters. When you're raised on the Great Lakes, you've got it in your blood."

McNabb said real estate is picking up in Lexington across the board, for people relocating or looking for a second home.

"Lexington is a small-town community where you know your neighbors," she continued. "It's a retreat even when you go to your own home here."

She also favors the quick drive from metro Detroit.

"It's an enjoyable drive to get back home. It's not bumper to bumper. You head North and it's a whole different feeling that comes over you."

"I love my community here," she continued. "I would welcome anyone to come up and visit."

LEXINGTON Village THEATRE

~ UPCOMING PERFORMANCES ~

***John Waite (Formerly of The Babys & Bad English)**
Friday, August 7
7:00PM and 9:30PM

Comedian Dave Coulier from TV's Full House
Friday, August 14
7:00PM and 9:30PM

Boilermaker Jazz Band (Benny Goodman Tribute)
Sunday, August 16
4:30PM and 7:00PM

American Idol's Crystal Bowersox
Saturday, September 12
8:00PM

7318 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI 48450
(810) 359-5108 • www.lexingtonvillagetheatre.com

A night with Dave Coulier

By Monica Sabella
Editorial Intern

Michigan welcomes home one of its better known locals when Dave Coulier takes the stage Friday, Aug. 14, at the Lexington Village Theatre.

While some people may know him for his standup comedy, others recognize him for his role as Uncle Joey on ABC's hit television series, "Full House." Either way, loyal fans and curious consumers alike are sure to be entertained by Coulier's show. Coulier plans to bring an eclectic performance which, as he puts it, anyone can come to without feeling offended. "To me, a laugh is a laugh. It doesn't need to be laced with F-bombs," he said.

The Lexington event will premise his comedy special, "The Glorified Birthday Clown," expected to air early next year.

Growing up in St. Clair Shores, Coulier recalled spending his days along Lake St. Clair, how much he loved the water and the amount of trees that grow here. "Every time people hear I'm from Detroit, they say 'What an awful place!' But I always tell them they have no idea how beautiful it is," said Coulier.

Attending high school at Notre Dame in Harper Woods, Coulier played

varsity hockey for three years alongside his friend and defense partner, former Detroit Red Wing John Blum. "(Michigan) was a great place to grow up. I love hockey and boats," said Coulier. His love of hockey spread to the small screen when he donned a red and white Red Wings jersey while filming episodes of "Full House." He also attended the 2014 Winter Classic hockey game in Ann Arbor.

"I miss Detroit; that's where my heart is I miss the people. There's a different mindset and it's where I was born and raised," Coulier said.

With family still in the area, Coulier said he is never too far away. He often returns for local charity events like the Joe Kocur Foundation for Children Celebrity Softball Game, Ilitch Charities' Celebrity Golf Classic and many others. "It's a blast," said Coulier, "and it raises money."

Though Coulier and his wife live in California, he has far from abandoned his home state. He plans to visit Traverse City in the coming months and has considered moving back to Michigan for years. Coulier said he feels he has a great emotional and psychological attachment to the Detroit area and hopes one day he can make "one big

great grand circle and end up back there."

Coulier will perform at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the Lexington Village Theatre, 7318 Huron, Lexington. Tickets range from \$15 to \$28.

For tickets or information, call (810) 359-5108.

Lexington 2015 Summer Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
Music in the Park – 7:30PM
The Madcat Midnight Blues Journey

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
Music in the Park – 7:30PM
Dave Bennett – Rocking the 50's

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Thumbfest
10AM – 10PM

SEPTEMBER 13-20
Bach Festival

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 & 27
Lexington Days Oktoberfest

Town & Country Realty, LLC

Shop for your getaway, helping you every step of the way. Real estate with a personal touch, helping make dreams come true!

Enjoy the sunrise coast...

- Waterfront property
- Lake access
- Cottages
- Homes in the village or Residential country
- Acreage

Virginia McNabb
Associate Broker
vmcnabb@greatlakes.net
810-404-5681 Cell
810-359-5000 x 106 Office

Enter to Win...

2 tickets to JOHN WAITE OR 2 tickets to DAVE COULIER

John Waite (Formerly of The Babys & Bad English)
Friday, August 7 @ 7:00PM

Comedian Dave Coulier from TV's Full House
Friday, August 14 @ 9:30PM

at the Lexington Village Theatre

Enter me to win tickets to:

John Waite **Dave Coulier**
John Waite forms must be received by August 4, 2015 Dave Coulier forms must be received by August 11, 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

***Entries must be received for JOHN WAITE by August 4, 2015 / DAVE COULIER by August 11, 2015**
 Or email enter@grossepointenews.com subject line: tickets
 Drawing date is Aug. 4, 2015 for John Waite tickets / Aug. 11, 2015 for Dave Coulier tickets. Winners will be notified phone.

Beautiful Beginnings



WEDDING ENGAGEMENTS

Geary – McCurdy

Rebecca Susan Geary and Robert Lewis McCurdy were married Oct. 11, 2014, at Caldonia Lakeside Park in Grand Rapids. Jordan Nederveld officiated.

James Geary of Pearl City, Ill., and Cindy Creodon of Newfield, N.Y., are the bride's parents. The groom's parents are Robert and Marie McCurdy of East Lansing, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park.

Thornapple Pointe Golf Course in Grand Rapids hosted the reception.

The bride wore a Mori Lee fit-and-flare silhouette dress with venice lace applique-on-net, a sweetheart neckline with lace overlay and cap sleeves, a V-shaped back with a beaded tie sash and a fingertip veil with white roses and red accent roses.

The bride's mother wore a wine-colored, floor-length gown with a beaded jacket and a wrist corsage of white teacup roses. The groom's mother wore a beaded mock two-piece, floor-length gown in champagne with a wrist corsage of teacup roses.

Bobbie Brennan, friend of the bride from Rochester, N.Y., served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Lisa Scott, sister of the groom of Virginia Beach, Va., and DeAnna Nyszczot, friend of the bride of Philadelphia, Pa.

The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii, and reside in Grand Rapids.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCurdy

Each wore a Convertible Infinity dress in chocolate brown and carried bouquets of red and white roses.

Nate Minnick, friend of the groom of Virginia Beach, served as best man. Groomsmen were James Geary, brother of the bride of Miami, and Kevin Storli, friend of the groom of Los Angeles. Oliver Scott, nephew of the groom of Virginia Beach, was ringbearer.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree from University of California, Los Angeles. She is currently employed as a nurse practitioner at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. The groom earned a bachelor's degree in computer science engineering and currently works at Michigan State University as the chief information security officer.

The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii, and reside in Grand Rapids.



Chris Porter and Claire Danaher



Stephanie Garbarino and Donald Ferguson

Danaher – Porter

Claire D'Arcy Danaher, daughter of Missy and John Danaher, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, is engaged to Chris Porter, son of Patty and Stephen Porter of San Mateo, Calif.

A June 2016 wedding is planned.

Miss Danaher graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in World Religions from Denison University in 2009. She is a Senior Account Manager at Turner Duckworth in San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Porter earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Denison University in 2006. He is the National Director of Sales and Marketing for FCE Benefits in Burlingame, Calif.



Christoph Tallerico and Molly Carey



Amanda Lindow and Joshua Bier

son of Siglinde and Randall Tallerico of Grosse Pointe Farms.

An August 2015 wedding is planned in Grosse Pointe.

Miss Carey graduated from Pioneer High School, then graduated in 2010 from Albion College with a degree in music education. She is a high school music teacher in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Mr. Tallerico graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2006 and attended St. Paul on the Lake and Ravenscourt Park Prep in London, England. He graduated in 2010 from Albion College and in 2013 earned a master's degree in film and television at the Savannah College of Art & Design. He is a film producer in Los Angeles.

The couple plan to reside in West Hollywood.

Carey – Tallerico

Molly Carey, daughter of Lori and John Carey of Ann Arbor, is engaged to Christoph Tallerico,

Thompson – Krease

Megan Rayne Thompson, daughter of



Michael Krease and Megan Thompson



Alex MacKenzie and Katherine McMichael

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Lacy and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thompson of Louisville, Ky., is engaged to Michael Patrick Krease, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Krease of Grosse Pointe Farms.

An October 2015 wedding is planned.

Miss Thompson graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science degree and from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. She is a pediatric resident physician at Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Krease graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2005, from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. He is an internal medicine resident physician at Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Krease graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2005, from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. He is an internal medicine resident physician at Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Krease graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2005, from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. He is an internal medicine resident physician at Oklahoma State University.

Garbarino – Ferguson

Stephanie Michelle Garbarino, daughter of Steven Garbarino and Michelle Laboe of Grosse Pointe Park, is engaged to Donald J. Ferguson, son of Don and Solveigh Ferguson of Lake Orion.

A June 2016 wedding is planned.

Miss Garbarino earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology with a minor in gen-

der and health from the University of Michigan. She will graduate from Tufts School of Medicine in May 2016, then begin a three-year residency in internal medicine in July 2016.

Mr. Ferguson has degrees in English and secondary education with a minor in psychology from the University of Michigan. He is a teacher at AIM Academy of English in Randolph, Mass.

Lindow – Bier

Amanda Lindow, daughter of Don and Erica Lindow of Grosse Pointe Farms, is engaged to Joshua Bier, son of David and Elisabeth Bier of Whitefish Bay, Wis.

A September 2015 wedding is planned.

Miss Lindow graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2000 and from the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2004. She is vice president of corporate banking at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

Mr. Bier is a 2000 graduate of Whitefish Bay High School, a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and a 2005 graduate of University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business with a master's degree in accounting. He is a senior manager at Riveron Consulting.

McMichael – MacKenzie

Katherine McMichael, daughter of Beverly and James McMichael of Novi, is engaged to Alex MacKenzie, son of Sandy and Ken MacKenzie of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A summer/fall 2016 wedding is being planned.

Miss McMichael earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University and is a suites manager for Delaware North Sportservice at Petco Park in San Diego.

Mr. MacKenzie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Grand Valley State University and is a general manager for Delaware North Sportservice at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

NEW ARRIVALS

Alexander and Jacqueline Jaffe of Washington, D.C., welcomed a boy, Louis Joseph Jaffe, on June 24, 2015.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Janice McMillan of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Stuart and Lucy Jaffe of Birmingham, Ala. Great-grandfather is H. George Arsenalault of St. Clair Shores.

Grosse Pointe's Premier Entertainment
 Providing the finest disc jockey services for all your entertainment needs: weddings • parties • dances • events
 "We Don't Just Play Music, We Entertain"
Pro DJ Services
 313.884.0130 www.pdjsinc.com

We Know You Want To Tell the World.
 Share Your Special News!
 Announce your engagement and wedding in the Grosse Pointe News.
 Published the last Thursday of each month.
 Visit grossepointenews.com or call (313) 343-6298 for more information

SALONTRESOR
 Bridal and Wedding Party Updos and Styling
 Airbrush Makeup
 Private Full Service Nail Suite
 Facials, Waxing, Massage
 313.882.2239
www.salontresor.com
 20951 Mack Avenue (at Harrison), Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Chocolate Bar Café
 Custom Wedding Cakes For Your Special Day!
 • Fresh Baked on Site
 • Custom Designs • Grooms Cakes
 313.881.2888
 20737 Mack Ave. N. of Vernier Grosse Pointe Woods
www.chocolatebar-cafe.com

Wedding Dress Special
\$30 OFF
 Any Wedding Dress Cleaning & Preservation
 All Dresses Cleaned and Preserved On Site
 Belding Cleaners
 15139 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park • 313-822-5800 • beldingcleaners.com