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## Program funding needed

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Before Dan Jensen rose through the ranks to direct public safety in Grosse Pointe Farms, he graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

Also on campus then were public safety officers — two each at South and North.

Termed liaison officers, they were fully sworn lawmen with power of arrest.

But, they acted more to intervene with

See **NEEDED**, page 14A

## All-GP water alliance unlikely

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The idea of fully consolidating the five Grosse Pointe governments was cold to the touch during a forum this month of Shores council candidates.

Some candidates, however, gave lukewarm reception to the prospect of saving money by combining the cities' water systems.

Yet, beyond the known ability for the Pointes to expand infrastructure to filter and distribute their own drinking water, the probability of doing it is all wet under current conditions.

The point is practically moot for the Shores and Woods, which are early in 30-year contracts to buy water from Detroit. Breaking the deal triggers stiff financial penalties.

A few years ago the Farms, which already sells water to the City, joined with the Shores and Woods to study expansion of the Farms filtration plant to produce water for the additional communities.

"To provide the additional MGD (millions of gallons per day) needed, it was a significant investment, \$15 million, maybe

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## On parade

Grosse Pointe North High School celebrated homecoming weekend last week, kicking it off with spirit week and a parade. At right, the class of 2017 makes some noise. Below them, the class of 2018 shows their spirit. Read more about the football game in section C of this issue.

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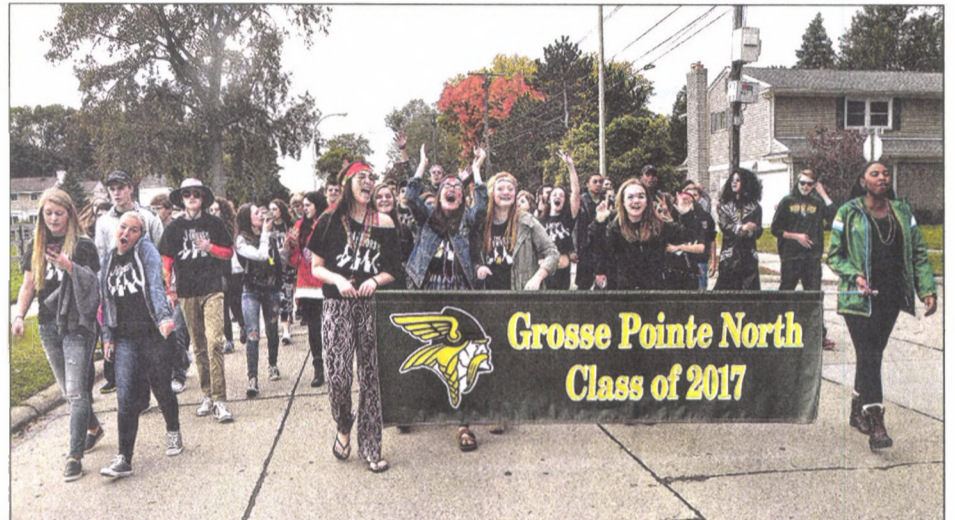
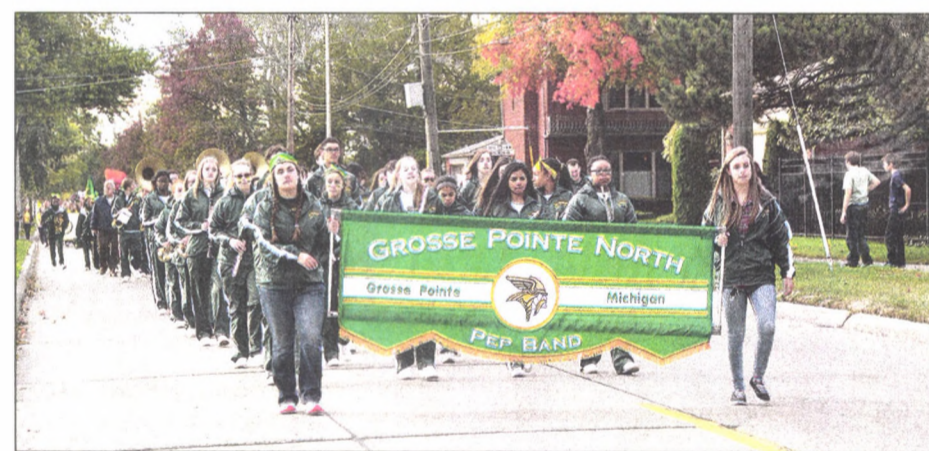


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Kynadi Echols and Darion Brummitt Mitchell served as queen and king for homecoming.



Above left, the class of 2016 strikes a pose. At left, the North pep band on the parade route. Above, a little fun attitude from the freshmen.

## Making a Pointe a success

By Joe Warner  
Editor

The first of a series of TED talk-styled forums discussing the Grosse Pointes and the region was a success Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The event, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, the Grosse Pointe News and the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce,

offered five speakers, each with 12 minutes for their presentations.

The series, titled "Making A Pointe," was taped before an audience at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The speakers told of successes, innovations and challenges in the community and included:

Josh Elling, executive director of Jefferson East Inc.;

Mark Hackel, Macomb County executive;

Michele Hodges, president of the Belle Isle Conservancy;

Scott Chambers, publisher of the Grosse Pointe News;

and Francesca Giacona, a student at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Over the next two weeks, the

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**Lt. Comm. Shana Donaldson**

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods  
Family: Married, two children  
17 years as a Coast Guard pilot



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Prost Pointe

Dabble in the Farms held a Prost Pointe Oktoberfest celebration Saturday, Oct. 10, on the Hill. A portion of proceeds benefits Camp Casey. Above, Chris DiCicco listens to the story of Devil Dog beer as it is poured by volunteer Jennifer Barylski. At right, during a game of Jenga, Jordan Smoczyk concentrates on her move while Rasheed Underwood watches.



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My Salon Suite

My Salon Suite is now open at 16824 Kercheval in the Village, City of Grosse Pointe. My Salon Suite offers hair stylists and massage therapists the opportunity to own their own business in the privacy of their own suite. For more information visit [mysalonsuite.com](http://mysalonsuite.com) or call (586) 894-8677. Recent ribbon-cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce included City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, owner Melissa Ronan and director of operations and training for My Salon Suite Stacy Eley.

Education, employment fair set

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Brian Banks' turnaround from high school dropout to law school graduate and member of the Michigan House of Representatives is a blueprint for how taking education seriously can be a game changer. "Education transformed my life," said Banks, D-Detroit, representing the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and eastside Detroit. "Education can set you apart. It's been said that education is the great equalizer. I believe all children should have access to a

quality education." To that end, Banks and the Right Turn Project present an education and employment fair 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at Harper Woods High School, 20225 Beaconsfield. Admission is free. There's no age restriction. "College is for everybody desiring to achieve their educational goals and get on their career path," Banks said. Representatives of at least 17 colleges and 12 regional employers are scheduled to answer questions about admission or hiring opportunities. The education lineup includes the University

of Michigan, Wayne State University including the schools of law and medicine, Western Michigan University, the Everest Institute and more. Employers include, but aren't limited to, Beaumont Health System, Quicken Loans, DTE Energy, Uber and professional organizations representing nurses and the concrete industry. "I want to showcase the diversity of my district so these schools and employers can see the good quality of students in my House district," Banks said. For more information, call Bank's Lansing office at (888) 254-5291.



Polly Ragusa of San Jose, Calif., Julie Schaitberger of Grosse Pointe Farms, Gretchen Jacobsen of Seattle and Lyn Langbein of Washington, D.C., all attended college together and enjoyed Prost Pointe as part of a yearly reunion.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK — Tickets are now available for the Park's annual Halloween festivities Saturday, Oct. 24, at Windmill Pointe Park. This costumed event is for young Park residents, from preschool to elementary school, and features a Halloween-

themed pathway through the picnic grounds where little ghosts and goblins can wind their way from one candy station to the next. Tickets are \$7 per child and must be purchased in advance at the outside gatehouse at

Windmill Pointe Park. There will be three sessions, 4:30, 5 and 5:30 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the event. For additional information, call the Park's Recreation Department at (313) 822-2812.

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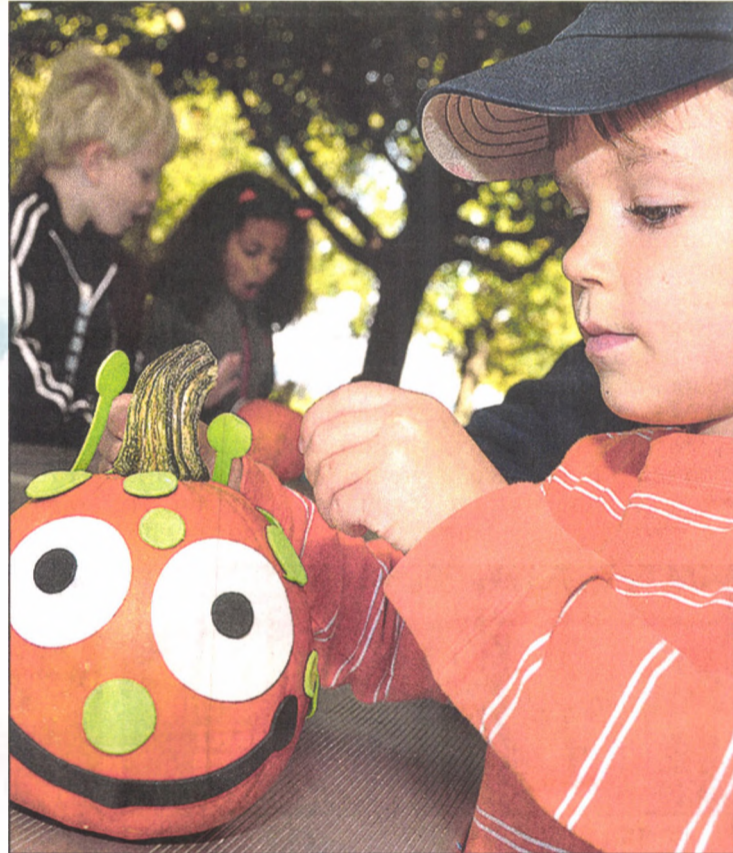
Grosse Pointe Farms held its annual Autumn Harvest at Pier Park Saturday, Oct. 10. Above, a juggler entertains the crowd. At right, Carson Miller gets a wagon ride from his dad, Russell Miller. The day included an apple-shaped bounce house, cider, doughnuts, face painting, hayrides, pumpkin decorating and a candy hunt.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Olivia Armitage, Stella Junga and Jane McKee show off the pumpkins they decorated.

Five-year-old Sam Andris puts the finishing touches on his pumpkin.



## Farms race uncontested

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The foil showing off the glow of incumbent candidates for city council is the city itself.

All candidates, including the mayor, profiled separately, cite quality of life in Grosse Pointe Farms as the reason they face no opposition Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 3.

As uncontested candidates, they interpret the lack of challengers as a mandate for continued good performance.

Members of the council serve four-year terms and are paid \$600 annu-

ally.

Candidates are profiled in alphabetical order.

### Therese Joseph

Councilwoman Therese Joseph is a 10-year council veteran.

She said she shows her concern for the community's general welfare by membership on the Public Safety Committee.

Additional work on the Parking and Traffic Committee reveals particular interest in the city's commercial districts.

The committee often stewards manageable growth of commercial

See FARMS, page 12A

# Five try for three

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Five candidates are competing for three seats on the Grosse Pointe Shores city council.

They are, alphabetically, Rebecca Booth, Tina Ellis, Robert Gessell, Doug Kucyk and Paul Thursam.

### Rebecca Booth

Booth is a 35-year Shores resident.

"I was part of a group of people who created an ordinance to protect the lakeshore from subdivision, which would have changed the fabric and integrity of Grosse Pointe Shores," she said. "I will work hard for Grosse Pointe Shores. I know how to do that. I know how to do my homework."

### Tina Ellis

Ellis, retired from a pharmaceutical sales career, is a 30-year Grosse Pointe resident, the last 11 in the Shores.

"The primary reason my family and I moved to Grosse Pointe Shores was for the lifestyle," she said. "From the outstanding public safety department to the beautiful lakefront park amenities, we feel very fortunate to be residents in a safe and well-maintained commu-

nity. I recognize the opportunity to make our city more affluent and marketable, not only to current residents, but future homeowners as well."

Ellis worked part-time as a Shores public safety department clerk until resigning to run for office.

### Robert Gessell

Gessell, the lone incumbent, is a lifetime Grosse Pointe resident living in the Shores 16 years. He concentrates his law practice in business transactions, real estate and estate planning.

"When our current council first came into office, we had a very serious financial situation," he said. "By means of implementing new budgeting procedures and various savings devices, we have been able to move our reserves from approximately \$100,000 up to a little over \$1 million in the four-year term."

Gessell serves on the Finance Committee and is council liaison to the Planning Commission.

### Doug Kucyk

Kucyk retired from 20 years as a U.S. Air Force air traffic controller to become vice president of a defense contractor at

the Warren tank plant.

"My campaign slogan is, 'I served my country and I'm ready to serve our community,'" he said. "We need council members who are able to discern legitimate concerns by residents and make sure critical questions are addressed. We need council members with a vision for a sustainable future that addresses long-term needs."

Kucyk serves on the Parks and Harbor Committee and Beautification Advisory Committee.

### Paul Thursam

Thursam moved to the Shores from Grosse Pointe Woods as a teenager and bought his house in 2008. He's an attorney practicing property law and financing.

"I want to emphasize how important this job is to me," he said of seeking office. "This is something I've been making a deliberate effort toward for a lot of years. I have compassion for everyone who resides in the Shores. I am committed to identifying the best ideas. I know how to listen."

Thursam is a member of the Board of Review.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall, corner of Lakeshore and Vernier.

## Candidates offer ideas

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — All five candidates for three openings on the city council agree the current council and mayor are doing fine and nothing big needs to be changed or is being neglected.

But, nothing's perfect. Something, somewhere needs improving, right?

"One concern is ordinances keeping our city maintained, our property values at the highest possible level," said candidate Tina Ellis. "I would like these ordinances reviewed and enforced so we can stop blight from encroaching into our community, therefore causing our property values to lower which, in turn, is our tax income base."

"The two biggest things that came up (during a the town hall meeting Saturday, Sept. 19) were the price of water and the electrical grid," said Doug Kucyk, also seeking office. "The current council has talked with DTE (Energy), but I don't think they've been hard-line enough. I want to be hard-line with them to see why are we losing electric in some parts of the city."

"Our bond rating

(AA+) is very good, but we can do better and get a AAA rating," said candidate Paul Thursam. "A better bond rating means lower interest rates on our loans and bonds. Lower interest rates mean more money for the bottom line that we can use to fund other things we find important."

"A key issue is refinancing the bond on the city."

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# Rising up the ranks

By Monica Sabella  
Editorial Intern

"I was dropping off my daughter at school," said Lt. Comm. Shana Donaldson. "I caught sight of a little girl who looked at me — you could see she was skeptical — and she said, 'You're a flight nurse, aren't you?' And I answered, 'Nope, I'm a pilot.' You could just see it in her face. Her mind was blown that girls could be pilots."

Donaldson, a mother of two, has spent 17 years in the U.S. Coast Guard as a helicopter pilot and as of Oct. 1 is one of few women to have risen through the ranks to become a commander.

"There are not a lot of senior ranking female pilots," said Donaldson, adding only 6 percent of women are pilots, in commercial and military combined.

Originally from California, Donaldson began her career firefighting in that state's national parks before joining the Coast Guard. From a family of pilots, Donaldson said she always wanted to learn to fly.

Eventually, she applied to two schools: smoke-jumping school, where she would continue her firefighting career, and officer candidate school, where she would get the chance to fly. When news arrived she had been

accepted to both, there was no contest; Donaldson chose officer candidate school.

Following graduation, Donaldson began working as a deck watch and landing signal officer directing helicopter landings aboard large ships. She applied for flight school twice and was denied because she fell below the minimum height requirement. Still, she continued to try and was finally accepted after obtaining a medical waiver from an air surgeon at a neighboring air station.

"I went to see him so many times and he was basically tired of hearing from me," she said. "He was willing to put in a recommendation for a medical waiver."

While in flight school she met her husband, Scott, a registered nurse in Henry Ford Hospital's medical surgery department.

"I never thought I'd stay in it as long as I have," Donaldson said. "It's given me so much more than I ever expected it to. It's been an incredible 17 years and I am super proud of the Coast Guard and what we do. It's just an awesome job."

Donaldson described the thrill of swooping over stadiums in the helicopter and stepping out to roaring cheers echoing around her.

"I feel like a rock star,"

she said. "It's incredible to watch the little girls' faces when they see all the pilots walking and see I'm a girl."

Some of the most difficult cases she's seen involve children. One of the hardest missions she was sent on occurred in 2005 while she was expecting her daughter. A call came in about 200 miles off a base in San Diego.

A girl around 2 years old afflicted with cystic fibrosis had taken a turn for the worse. Donaldson said it took more than an hour to get there.

"The little angel was named Madison," she said, adding she chose to name her daughter after the girl.

Donaldson, her husband and their children — Madison, 9, and Max, 7 — have not been Grosse Pointers very long. Having moved from Washington, D.C., about a year ago, the family is still adjusting to the community, but is already finding the area to be a good fit in many ways.

"We just happened on Grosse Pointe, really, but people kept telling me that I'd really like it," she said.

Her former boss suggested she put in for the transfer to Detroit and the Great Lakes State.

"It ended up being a great opportunity for me here."

Donaldson works at



Lt. Comm. Shana Donaldson and her family have enjoyed their move to the Grosse Pointes. Donaldson said she never thought she would end up in the Great Lakes region during her career as a pilot.

Selfridge Air National Guard Base and oversees eight programs.

The Donaldson children attend Monteith Elementary School and her family enjoys biking

around town and visiting local restaurants.

Donaldson said they hope to stay in the area for a few more years and get to know Michigan a little better before any

transfers come her way. "I never thought the Great Lakes was somewhere I'd be .... It ended up being a great opportunity for me here. We love it."

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Proceeds from the event benefit the MSU School of Social Work's FAME Program, Fostering Academics, Mentoring Excellence, a resource center for students who have aged out

of the state's foster care system, experienced homelessness or are living independently. The event also will support scholarships for local high school students who will attend MSU.

Shinsky, an orphan himself, is a professor of education at Grand Valley State University and is an outspoken advocate for children in foster care. He has committed his life to serving the needs of abandoned, neglected, abused and orphaned children. In addition, he and his wife,

Cindy, are co-founders of Ciudad de los Niños, The City of Children Shinsky Orphanage, in Matamoros, Mexico.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include a light buffet dinner, cash bar and door prizes. There will be a silent auction as well.

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# Five vie for three Park council seats

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Three city council seats are open in the November election with five candidates, including two incumbents, vying for those seats.

With Bob Denner moving from a council seat to mayor by virtue of running unopposed for that position, incumbents Dan Clark and Barbara Detwiler hope to retain their seats while facing off against newcomers John Chouinard, Edward Keelean and William Shield Jr.

**John Chouinard**  
**Occupation:** Business and family financial planner

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree, accounting and finance, University of Detroit

**Years living in the Park:** 40

**Why are you running for council?** I want to be your representative on the Grosse Pointe Park city council because I want to give something back to the community that has been so great to me and my family. I want to be a city councilman so I can help direct important projects that will make our city all it can be.

I am proud of the many benefits of living in our city and want to see them



John Chouinard

continue. We are lucky to have two parks with a great pool and other facilities for families to enjoy. We have great municipal services in our police and fire departments, as well as our recycling and garbage pick-up. Also, we have an excellent school system that educates our children while helping keep our housing market stable.

Now, it is time to take the next steps towards the Park's growth. We must improve the beauty of our commercial districts and make them more family friendly. We must look to lower our water rates and raise our property values. I am running for Park city council because I want to help direct and drive those efforts.

**Major issues facing the Park:** There are three major issues we need to face to make the Park a better community:

1) Continue to develop



Dan Clark

the Kercheval and Alter Road corridor. This area is the "Gateway to the Pointes." We need to remove blight on Alter and enhance the lighting, landscaping and parking in this area.

2) Study whether our city should have its own water treatment plant.

The Farms has done something similar already, so this project appears to be viable and beneficial to our residents. But I plan to review what our short- and long-term costs would be for any project before I make the best choice for us.

3) Improve the Mack Avenue strip between Alter and Cadieux. I want to see what we can do to improve the area with landscaping and other additions to make the area more beautiful and add value to our homes.

**Candidate statement:** I've enjoyed living in the Park for 40 years and I want to see our city be the best it can be. That's why I want to be your city councilman.

**Daniel Clark**  
**Occupation:** Retired, manager, Social Security Administration

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts degree, philosophy and political science, Western Michigan University; Master of Arts



Barbara Detwiler

degree, philosophy, Michigan State University; post-graduate studies in public administration, University of Virginia.

**Years living in the Park:** 38

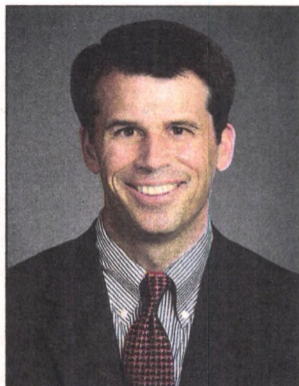
**Why are you running for council?**

I am a 38-year resident, seeking my eighth term



Edward Keelean

on the city council. I am married to Susan, have four adult children and five grandchildren who, I am happy to report, are all living in the Pointes. My granddaughter has just started kindergarten at Defer Elementary, the same school all my children attended. As this circle of life expands, my



William P. Shield Jr.

commitment to Grosse Pointe Park has become even stronger. We are a community of families and as my family grows, I am more determined than ever to ensure that we preserve and protect the quality of life we currently enjoy and continue

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### GUEST OPINION

## Fix the system

*Editor's note: The Grosse Pointe News has withheld the author's name as his daughter was the victim of a crime.*

In September my daughter was robbed at gunpoint in the Park near the developing entertainment district on Kercheval. While this is indicated to be an "isolated instance," such is unacceptable.

Nothing will ruin the progress being made faster than a failure to provide a safe environment for our citizens and those wishing to patronize the area. Patrols in the area must be increased and those found to be loitering should be questioned. There has been an increase of apparent vagrants in the area and they obviously pose a threat to the people and the development in the Park.

Cameras are employed to protect downtown Detroit and should be considered here as well. The Park serves as a buffer for the entire Grosse Pointe community and its efforts to secure the neighborhoods should be supported by all of the Pointes.

More disturbing than the armed robbery is the fact those involved called 911 and the police department on several occasions with no answer. This is completely unacceptable. Having called to find out what happened, I was informed since the calls were made on a cell phone close to the border with Detroit, the cell tower processing the 911 calls routed the calls to Detroit 911.

It was explained they are charged with answering and forwarding the call to the Park. Initially I was told by Detroit 911 that call volumes were too great for them to respond and was told this is not an isolated instance, but rather is a frequent occurrence.

An alternative must be found immediately. How are we to feel secure if the safety net of 911 is useless in time of need? Grosse Pointe Park never received the call. In the event one being held up at gunpoint is patient enough to wait for options, the call to the police department indicates as an option to press "2" to be connected to a dispatcher on duty. Here is the temporary solution. If in the vicinity of Detroit and in need of emergency assistance, one should call Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety and press "2." Indeed the recorded message should state, "If this is an emergency, hang up and dial 911 or press 2 for a dispatcher."

Much has been made of perceived efforts to wall off the Pointes from Detroit. My suggestions are not intended to stop those from Detroit from enjoying all that is Grosse Pointe, but rather to make our community safe for those who wish to join us here in GP. However, there certainly are those from Detroit who would do harm to all that is Grosse Pointe and my suggestions are designed to prevent them from ruining our community.

Don't suggest my comments somehow recommend stopping African Americans from coming here; the suggestions are offered to stop criminal elements regardless of race. Everyone should be able to enjoy their time in a safe and inviting environment.



## Pure Grosse Pointe

There's nothing like homecoming and Grosse Pointe North had a great time with this year's version.

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## 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](mailto:jwarner@grossepointenews.com).

### Lead us

Our schools and libraries, our parks, the lake and our police departments all strengthen the Grosse Pointe communities far more than just our property values.

Our homes, kids, our lives, are well supported in Grosse Pointe.

But, as the Grosse Pointe News reminds us, there are many attacks on homes, cars and sometimes even individuals.

Yet in Grosse Pointe Park we see a weakening of our police force. The chief of police is now a half-time position.

There is not a deputy chief. Since 2007, we have cut our force from 44 to 35. That is a 20 percent cut. There are often not enough staff to send both of our fire trucks out at the same time.

To be more specific, in 2007 we had a chief, deputy chief, detective lieutenant and an administrative sergeant.

With the chief's position being reduced to part time and the elimination of the other three positions, administrative duties have fallen to the detectives and patrol supervisors. This has taken them away from their primary duties of investigating crime and patrolling our streets.

This is not to suggest there is not good cooperation among the police of the Pointes.

It is a reminder we do not have the immediate local protection we recently had.

While saving tax dollars has appeal, it is far less important than our families and our homes.

As Grosse Pointe Park and City of Grosse Pointe develop new relationships and shared positions, we should also give consideration to the number of foot soldiers our community requires. We are moving to a new mayor and quite possibly new council folk. Hopefully, they will lead us to improve, not just continue, the security of our community.

GORDON MORLAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

### No support

In response to last week's article promoting the Grosse Pointe Holiday Mart fundraiser for Planned Parenthood, the community is entitled to know more about this organization to make an informed decision about whether to support this event.

Since 1973, abortion has become a dramatically larger part of Planned Parenthood's

business. By the admission of its national director in recent congressional hearings, 86 percent of its revenue comes from abortion and it is the largest abortion provider in the country. Although a non-profit in name, in 2014 it had \$127 million in excess revenue. It receives more than \$500 million taxpayer dollars annually. By its own statistics, cancer screenings decreased 53 percent from 2006 to 2013 and it has admitted it does not perform any mammograms. For more information, see [investigettheirplan.org](http://investigettheirplan.org).

Planned Parenthood is now the subject of a congressional investigation of its potentially illegal sale for profit of body parts of aborted babies and altering of abortion procedures to obtain better "specimens," including possible violations of the Partial Birth Abortion Act. There is nationwide support to stop the taxpayer funding of the barbaric practices revealed in the investigative videos documenting these allegations, which have been proven authentic and shown to contain no manipulative editing by a reputable forensics analysis firm. See the unedited videos at [centerformedicalprogress.org](http://centerformedicalprogress.org).

Planned Parenthood does not deserve our tax dollars or our community support. Women in need of health care can go to county health centers which outnumber Planned Parenthood ten fold. See [GetYourCare.org](http://GetYourCare.org).

JEANNE AND TOM  
VAN EGMOND  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### Thank you

I'd like to thank the 42 community members who are participating in our Strategic Planning Task Force. They represent students, parents, teachers, the board of education, building and central administrators and community leaders who do not currently have children in the school system.

Their work began Thursday, Oct. 8, in South High School's library. At this first meeting, they reviewed a scan of the district's demographic and testing data, comparing it to other peer districts. They then discussed our strengths and areas of concern. The next step was having each individual prioritize what they see as the top three strengths and concerns.

The process will continue with meetings Thursday, Oct. 15, Tuesday, Oct. 27, and Tuesday, Nov. 3. All are being held in South's Wicking Library off Grosse Pointe Boulevard and are open to observers. Two community members supported this effort by attending last week.

The next meeting will be used to review the identified needs, expectations, opportunities and threats and to develop vision and mission statements capture who we are and what we expect the Grosse Pointe Public School System to deliver. We will keep you updated as this critical process continues. The goal is to present a strategic plan to the board of education for adoption before the end of the calendar year.

DR. GARY C. NIEHAUS  
Grosse Pointe Public School System

### I SAY By Brad Lindberg

## Museum visit is worth the trip

The western vista never looked so panoramic to railway riders until the 1945 debut of Silver Dome, the first of what became a fleet of glass-topped passenger cars on the Burlington Route between Chicago and California.

Silver Dome's prototype status belies its humble display under a cinderblock carport at the Nickel Plate & Mad River Railroad Museum in Bellevue, Ohio, south of Sandusky.

Too often, the first edition of pathfinding tech-

nology is scraped to make room for the next big thing.

But Silver Dome remained in service until retired by Amtrak and is open for self-guided tours at a railroad museum inches from the former Nickel Plate's double-track mainline through northern Ohio.

Norfolk Southern owns the track now.

Freight trains 100-cars long rumble past the museum and shake the ground.

It's as though they're

trying to roust the museum's dormant collection of 1950s-era Nickel Plate RSD-12 and GP-30 freight diesels, Wabash F7A diesel and small steam locomotive, Pullman sleepers, coaches and dining cars.

Within the museum building — a former gravemarker shop — on the grounds and inside cabooses, reefers, box cars, mail car and World War II troop transport car are displayed dining car china, timetables, section-gang tools and other knickknacks of

railroading, including a transplanted Wheeling & Lake Erie passenger depot built in 1882 and the bell from a steam engine that hauled Lincoln's funeral train.

It's late in the season for the two-hour drive to the museum. Limited hours during October are weekends noon to 4 p.m.

I'll be there once more before it closes for winter November through Memorial Day. My membership provides free admission. Otherwise, it costs \$7 for adults.

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Off-line

A Village merchant tipped off police last week to a 26-year-old Detroit man seeking help about a \$500 HP computer stolen in Dearborn, according to police.

The man claimed he couldn't operate the computer because he forgot the password.

Upon his return to the store shortly after 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, officers put him and two male companions, all from Detroit, in custody.

"(I) positioned myself in the store behind partitions and waited for arrival of the suspect," reported one of the patrolmen. "(The suspect) stated he bought the computer from a man with the nickname, 'Slim.'"

## Car entered

A camera and \$3 in change were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 700 block of St. Clair overnight Tuesday, Oct. 6, the owner told police.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Pickup fire

Public safety officers were surprised by the heat of a burning 2006 Ford pickup truck about 6 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, on eastbound Lakeshore near the entrance to Crescent Sail Yacht Club.

"We learned the driver

## Police seek answers

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Parents of an 18-year-old male probationer disappointed police trying to question him at their Grosse Pointe Woods home in the 16000 block of Littlestone early Saturday, Sept. 26, about injuring an officer while fleeing detainment.

A Grosse Pointe Shores officer logged the incident as occurring at 2:40 a.m.

The mother didn't know if her son, 18, alias Jayru, was home, police said.

"(I) asked her to doublecheck," Officer Justin Childrey wrote in an incident report.

She withdrew. The father came to the door.

"(I) advised (him) that officers needed to speak with (his son) and he asked why," Childrey reported. "(I) advised (him) that (his son) was the subject of an investigation and officers need to speak with him."

"(He) stated if officers did not want to give him any information, then he had no information for the officers and wanted officers off his property." Patrolmen complied. They forwarded the

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## Public Safety Reports

was driving down the street when the front end started shaking and the wheel fell off," aid Farms Lt. Jack Patterson.

A roughly 150-foot scrape on the pavement ends where the driver stopped.

"Heat from friction caught the truck on fire," Patterson said. "The driver's front corner was in flames."

Smoke billowed out. "We kept putting water on it because we thought it was still on fire, but it was steam from the heat," Patterson said.

## Bike exchange

A bike thief traded up during the morning of Thursday, Oct. 8, in the 200 block of Hillcrest.

The unseen and unknown thief entered a garage, stole a man-sized Murray bike and left a boys BMX-type bike of unknown manufacture in the street.

The stolen bike is flat black with red lettering and has electrical tape holding brake lines to the handlebars.

"(It) also has what (the owner) described as a big, comfy seat," reported a patrol officer.

## Arrested in court

During a municipal court session Wednesday, Oct. 7, police arrested a 38-year-old Farms woman wanted for fraud in Oakland County, according to a report.

## Nonsense

A 33-year-old Detroit man threatened legal action against Farms police for requiring he present a valid driver's license to operate a 2000 Honda Accord on westbound Mack near East Warren at 1:46 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6.

A patrolman pulled him over because the

Honda had an unrecorded Ohio license plate.

"(He) attempted to hand me a stack of documents that he believed would suffice as a driver's license, 'Affidavit of Truth' and 'Writ of Freeman's Right to Travel,'" reported the arresting officer.

The man reportedly said he didn't have a driver's license, nor proof to legally possess a loaded 9 mm pistol under the car seat, nor a medical reason to legally possess 5 grams of marijuana on his person.

"(He) advised officers he was going to sue them," said the officer.

It turned out the man had a valid operator's license and permit to carry a pistol.

Officers arrested him for possession of marijuana. They requested information about the case be forwarded to the Wayne County Gun Board.

## Parking caper

A total of \$100 cash was reported stolen last week from a parking attendant's booth on the Hill.

An unknown person pried open a window of the locked, unoccupied booth between 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, and 4:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, a representative of the parking company told Farms police.

## Bike thief

Police arrested a 15-year-old Detroit male at 2:46 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, for stealing a Haro BMX bicycle.

A City of Grosse Pointe patrolman, recognizing a description of the allegedly stolen bike, detained the teen in the area of Mack and Bluehill in Detroit.

Farms officers processed the youth and released him to his mother.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Red light

A Warren woman, 26, likely would have made it through the Shores last week without incident if she hadn't been pulled over at about 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, for driving through a red light from Vernier to southbound Lakeshore.

A background check revealed her suspended operator's license and being wanted for missing a court date in Warren, according to police.

The arresting officer took her to headquarters. She posted \$300 on the Shores charge and dealt with Warren officials on theirs.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Unlocked

A pair of Ralph Lauren reading glasses valued at

\$200 were taken overnight Wednesday, Oct. 7, from an unlocked car in the 1300 block of Bishop.

## Unlocked

An unknown person rummaged through an unlocked vehicle parked in the 1300 block of Bishop overnight Wednesday, Oct. 7.

## Unlocked

An unknown person rummaged through an unlocked 2010 Mercedes Benz parked in the 1000 block of Harvard sometime overnight Thursday, Oct. 8.

## Unlocked

An unknown person removed an Apple iPod from an unlocked car parked in the 1100 block of Harvard sometime overnight Thursday, Oct. 8. Another unlocked car parked at the same address was rummaged through, but nothing was taken.

## Unlocked

A bag of tools and a trailer hitch were taken overnight Sunday, Oct. 11, from an unlocked Jeep Wrangler parked in the 1300 block of Maryland.

Park police urge residents to lock their cars. They remind residents all of the reported thefts are crimes of opportunities and would not have occurred if cars had been locked. Police once again remind everyone to never leave valuables in cars and to always lock vehicles.

## Tire theft

Four tires, valued at \$2,500, were taken sometime overnight Sunday, Oct. 11, from a 2016 Cadillac ATS parked in the 1300 block of Lakepointe.

—Kathy Ryan

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Larceny from truck

An Eastpointe resident returned to his pickup truck at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, parked in the St. John Hospital and Medical Center parking lot, to find the bed cover had been opened and several items removed, including gas cans and a tool box.

## Hot and threatening

A clerk at a pizza store on Mack called police at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, after being threatened by a customer. According to the clerk, the unknown male called the store to place an order, but the clerk had difficulty understanding him. The man hung up and came to the store where he verbally threatened her and pushed several items off the counter. The man left the store. Police are reviewing surveillance video.

—Kathy Ryan

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Paul Retenbach and Diane Strickler hold one of the coats purchased for an area child.

## Rotary clubs part of Operation Warm

We all know how brutal winter can be in Southeastern Michigan, but those winters are made much warmer by four Rotary clubs doing what they do best: Service above Self.

The clubs, led by Rotary of Grosse Pointe and including Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary, Rotary of Detroit and Detroit A.M. Rotary, have collected funds to purchase coats for the area's needy children.

Each year, thousands of coats are purchased by the clubs and donated to children in the Grosse Pointes and Detroit. More than 350 coats are donated to students in the Pointes, while thousands more go to Detroit students as part of the program called Operation Warm.

The collaboration of Grosse Pointe and Detroit clubs placed the largest order in the nation for coats last year.

Rotary of Grosse Pointe members Paul Retenbach and Diane Strickler have seen cases where a good student only goes to school every couple days in the winter because they share a coat with a sibling.

"There is a need and this combines a literacy and health initiative for our club," Strickler said.

"There's a need and the support is great in the community," Retenbach said. "John Stroh has provided us warehouse space each year.

Donations earmarked for Operation Warm are collected by the club through the whole year.

For more information about the program, call (313) 300-7747, visit [grossepointerotary.com](http://grossepointerotary.com) or [operationwarm-detroitil.org](http://operationwarm-detroitil.org).

# Grants play hard to get

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The community's strong financial standing and low crime rate conspire against it getting a federal grant to station a police liaison officer in both public high schools.

"It would take extra funding, a different kind of funding," said Gary Niehaus, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

He said he's discussed joint funding with representatives of all Pointes except the Park, which is next.

"We felt the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant is a way for us all to work together to benefit," Niehaus said.

The federal grant pays part of an officer's cost, which goes beyond salary to include auto, supplies and workspace in the school.

"The district and municipalities have to come up with the balance," Niehaus said. "We're all stretched to the point where that would be difficult."

Part of the overall community's solid financial

standing is due to years of tight budgeting.

"Departments are sharing dispatch and chiefs because of money problems," said Dan Jensen, Grosse Pointe Farms public safety director.

COPS grants are based on crime statistics and financial need.

"It's difficult for the Pointes to get grants because our crime statistics aren't huge, which is why we live and work here," Jensen said. "Also, financial need isn't as demonstrable here as in other communities."

The grant totals \$125,000 over three years and requires recipients to provide a 25 percent match.

Jensen estimates each liaison officer to cost \$42,000 per year, excluding related expenses.

An alternative is hiring retired officers familiar with the district and juvenile crime.

"We wouldn't have to pay benefits," Jensen said.

"We could probably get them part-time at the school's leisure."

A COPS grant helps Harper Woods fund a school liaison officer.

Harper Woods Police

Chief Jim Burke said his liaison is "a great coach and mentor. The kids love him."

Burke plans to apply for another grant when the current one expires next year.

"It's designed to help small, distressed cities," he said.

Applications this year were accepted only during a one-month period starting mid-May.

"Because of the high demand and limited funding available, only 196 of 1,103 COPS hiring requests were funded, which is only about 18 percent of the number of agencies that submitted applications," according to information posted on [cops.usdoj.gov](http://cops.usdoj.gov).

"There were 42 agencies in Michigan and only six were granted to hire officers," Burke said.

Criteria consists of:

- ◆ recorded crime the last three years,
- ◆ current commitment to community policing,
- ◆ planned community policing,
- ◆ changes in budget for law enforcement agencies and
- ◆ poverty and unemployment rates.

"Fifty percent is based

on community policing, goals and problems, which the Pointes would do well on," Burke said.

Hurting the Pointes are minimal, if any, cuts in public safety spending and no big jumps in crime.

The application process includes municipal representatives, such as Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. His council members often praise his success obtaining grants.

"The City of Grosse Pointe strongly supports the grant application of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools to establish liaison officers in the high schools," Dame said.

Help also is offered by state Rep. Brian Banks, D-Detroit, representing the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"I'm willing to look into that," Banks said. "I serve on the Appropriations Committee."

He suggested applicants consider a Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards grant.

"This deals with public safety," Banks said. "Harper Woods got a grant a couple years ago from MCOLES."

## District developing security plan

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Public School System is the equivalent of a small town comprised of more

than 8,000 students, hundreds of employees and contract workers, 17 buildings and related infrastructure.

Securing the system from unwanted outside influence is as vital as it

is difficult.

"We've had what I call breaches, where people have shown up on campus and we're not sure how to handle them," said Gary Niehaus, hired in May as superintendent

of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System.

To evaluate the district's security strengths and weaknesses, school officials in August retained Compliance

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## PAID ADVERTISEMENT

**Holiday Mart: Please redirect your funding**

A long standing Grosse Pointe tradition is coming this fall. The Holiday Mart has been held for the past 50+ years. The name of the event sounds wonderful with the many vendors that come to sell their wares to buyers eager to get a jump on their Christmas shopping. Set in the idyllic venue on the lake, the Holiday Mart seems like an all American event.

There is one problem: The Holiday Mart exists purely as a fundraiser for Planned Parenthood. In light of the recent revelations/allegations concerning the sale of baby body parts/organs for further funding of Planned Parenthood, as well as Planned Parenthood's lack of action around this issue, we are hopeful that people will see that this is not an organization, or an event, that should be supported in its current form.

Those that are not necessarily supportive of abortion, but support Holiday Mart, argue that proceeds go to "mammograms, PAP Tests and other women's health screenings" only. This line of communication is intentionally meant to mislead and take the focus off of the primary service of Planned Parenthood, abortion, and now, the organ harvesting issue. Every dollar raised for "screenings" preserves a dollar to be used for the overriding and primary service delivered by Planned Parenthood: abortion and associated organ harvesting.

There are many other community health organizations providing screenings and pre natal care that are far less controversial than Planned Parenthood. *If it's really all about women's health services, this letter is meant to ask the organizers of Holiday Mart to fund women's health services through donations to existing community health centers. NOT Planned Parenthood.* We ask shoppers to boycott Holiday Mart until the funding direction is changed.

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Consider these facts:

- Planned Parenthood has fewer than 700 clinics nationally and community health centers number more than 9,000
- Planned Parenthood conducts NO mammograms at its facilities. Community health centers do: 424,000
- Planned Parenthood did 378,000 PAP tests. Community health Centers: 1.78 Million
- Planned Parenthood did 328,000 abortions. Community Health Centers did: 0

\*information found at Democrats for Life web site [Democratsforlife.org](http://Democratsforlife.org)

This letter is not about abortion as a whole. This letter is meant to call out Holiday Mart and Planned Parenthood and inform those who are considering attending. Please do not continue to fund Planned Parenthood through this event! Planned Parenthood has proven its mismanagement and its brazen lack of ethics and mores by protecting employees and processes that are inconsistent with a modern and progressive society. If it's truly about women's "choice", why not fund community health centers, giving women a broader choice of where they want to receive subsidized healthcare?

Join a growing number of your neighbors (and the State of Michigan) who already understand that there are options beyond Planned Parenthood to care for the health issues of women. We hope you will join us in calling for a change of designation of Holiday Mart funds to community health organizations, who already care for far greater numbers of women in need, and who have proven their true mission to be preventative healthcare for women, not abortion services.

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# Activist sentenced

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Dominic Cusumano, 61, let his defense attorney do most of the talking before being sentenced to one year reporting probation for stealing DTE Energy smart meters worth upwards of \$1,000.

“Don’t you have some kind of a feud with DTE?” Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora asked Cusumano in court Wednesday, Oct. 7.

As Cusumano inhaled to answer, his lawyer, Vincent Haisha, said, “Judge, Mr. Cusumano is actively involved in legislation trying to strike down smart meters. If that’s construed to be a feud, then yes, he is involved in a feud. But, we would construe it more so as an activist.”

“Nothing wrong with doing that, as long as it’s legal,” Rumora said. “Anything else you want to say, Mr. Cusumano?”

“No, sir,” Cusumano said.

Cusumano pleaded ‘no contest’ to stealing smart meters having a combined value of \$200 to \$1,000 from a DTE contractor’s pickup truck parked unattended Friday, Aug. 7, near Cusumano’s house on Roslyn in the Shores.

Cusumano, a first-time offender, bargained down the plea from a

five-year felony.

“If you plead ‘no contest,’ you understand it’s the same as if you plead guilty in terms of the sentence the court could impose,” Rumora told him.

“Yes,” Cusumano answered.

“The events described within the (arresting officer’s) report are regrettable,” Haisha said. “But, I think the plea signifies they were not as serious as originally thought. My client will be a model probationer.”

Rumora sentenced Cusumano to:

- ◆ one year reporting probation,
- ◆ pay a \$600 oversight fee,
- ◆ pay \$1,000 restitution “forthwith,”
- ◆ have no contact with DTE meter employees,
- ◆ not be arrested while on probation and
- ◆ pay \$625 in fines and state costs or spend 60 days in jail.

Cusumano’s clean record qualified him for sentencing under state law MCL 771.1 clearing his record upon successfully completing probation.

“Can he pay all the financial stuff today, counsel, to get that out of the way?” Rumora asked Haisha.

“Can he pay \$1,000 today and be put on a payment plan for the balance?” Haisha answered.

Rumora agreed and called the next case.



# Oysterfest

St. Ambrose Church held its annual Oysterfest Sept. 28. More than 1,100 tickets were sold to support the programs of the church. At left, Dean Kuhn, Russ Mlynarek and Mark Grech shuck oysters. The trio has 15, eight and 16 years of volunteer work at the event, respectively. Below left, the crowd enjoys the weather and the event. Below, Red Crown Executive Chef Michael Keys serves a baked portabella to City of Grosse Pointe resident Tom Schoenith.

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## IDEAS:

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marina,” said incumbent Robert Gessell, seeking a second term on the council. “The marina is a drain, from a financial standpoint, and has been since its inception. We are attacking that issue, probably within the next year. The bond rating needs to be improved. We are already in the process of making moves to go to Wall Street and get that done.”

“One of the most important things in Grosse Pointe Shores is the lake,” said candidate Rebecca Booth. “I want to make sure we are good caretakers of the lake. We have issues with

the sea wall. Wayne County owns the sea wall. I would like it cleaned up a bit.”

### More

Ellis wants to broaden recreation opportunities at the municipal parks.

“There are a lot of activities in our beautiful park for children and younger people,” she said. “I would like enhancements for older and other residents.”

Kucyk knows the argument against water price increases from Detroit is a tough one to win. The Shores has about 27 years left on a 30-year contract to buy water from Detroit. Reneging triggers financial penalties.

“Water — good luck,” Kucyk said. “I’ll do every-

thing I can to lower our water bill, but we’re all in the same boat with water.”

Thursam is concerned about the municipal employee healthcare fund.

“The healthcare fund is funded at about 21 percent, which, believe it or not, is normal compared to other places,” he said. “But, we need to bring that value up over the next five or 10 years.”

Gessell responded, “Healthcare is basically stopped because we converted to a defined contribution plan as opposed to a defined benefit plan. So, the pension plan, tied in with healthcare retiree benefits, will basically fade out.”

He’s more focused on improving infrastructure.

“We have a sewer infrastructure upgrade we’re going to be looking at in the next few years,” Gessell said. “We are working on our long-term capital budget to accommodate that.”

Booth said, “We all know Grosse Pointe Shores has been through quite a lot in the past 10 or so years. I truly believe things are going so well right now that none of us should rock the boat. We should do our best to support all the endeavors going on right now and make Grosse Pointe Shores even better than it is at the moment.”

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall, corner of Lakeshore and Vernier.

## POLICE:

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investigation to Shores Lt. Detective Scott Rohr for follow-up Monday, Sept. 28.

“I was told the parents were not cooperative,” Rohr said. “(They) rose to the level of rude and weren’t trying to be helpful.”

Authorities are familiar with the teen.

He’s listed in the Law Enforcement Information Network “on probation for (a) bomb threat,” Childrey wrote.

Patrolmen encountered him while respond-

ing to a single-car crash on Clairview at Shelden about 1 a.m.

Although he wasn’t involved in the wreck, police didn’t know that at the time and tried to detain him.

The teen reportedly smelled of intoxicants and faced officers with hands clenched in what Childrey interpreted as “pre-fighting and pre-assault indicators.”

Childrey reported, “(He) took off running” and, showing no effects of being shot at with an electric Taser, continued until tackled behind a house in the 500 block of Sheldon.

“At some point the officer and a suspect were rolling on the ground, the suspect flailing his arms and kicking at the officer, making contact with the officer’s face,” Rohr said.

The suspect escaped, leaving behind a Nike high-top tennis shoe.

Officers said they used various means to narrow down his identity and address, including interviewing three juveniles stating they’d been with him at a nearby party near the crash site.

“I spoke with his attorney and advised him to turn himself in, which he did Monday morning,” Rohr said. “He has not

been arraigned yet, due to some need for medical attention.”

The teen’s criminal record dates back at least one year and involves threats concerning Grosse Pointe North High School, according to police.

“He was almost off his probation for the offense — within a month,” Rohr said. “It seems he was consuming alcohol and didn’t want to be found in violation of his probation. Instead of being found with alcohol in his system, he acted irrationally and escalated a minor situation into a serious one.”

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## Schoolhouse rocks

The Cook Schoolhouse recently celebrated its 125th birthday with an open house. Tours were part of the celebration. Far left, John Parthum and Lynne Millies, both of the Historical Commission, hold up the birthday cake with a schoolhouse theme. At left, children trying out the desks included Cameron Veitengruber, Raffaella Cavallo, Francesco Cavallo, Claudio Cavallo, Lauren Veitengruber, Gianlorenzo Cavallo and Giulia Cavallo.

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Above, Michele Hodges talks to Grosse Pointe Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber, middle, and Josh Elling. At right, Elling talks about Jefferson East Inc.



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## POINTE:

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Grosse Pointe News will detail the speeches of each of the presenters. The night's speeches will be featured on WMTV, along with the websites of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

The public is invited to keep the conversation going through letters to the editor and guest opinion pieces.

The second forum for the series is planned Tuesday, Feb. 9. The Grosse Pointe News will announce the speakers after they're confirmed.

## The Week Ahead

### THURSDAY, OCT. 15

◆ 10 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meets at City Council chambers, City Hall. Plans for a dog park are reviewed.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 20

◆ 7:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park Little League Board of Directors hosts its annual meeting at St. Clare of Montefalco. The board provides updates on league activities and presents a budget report. A board election also occurs.

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## It's showhouse time

Save the date. The Junior League of Detroit will host a "Sneak A Peek" weekend Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15, at one of the most unique showhouses the league has ever offered.

The house, located at 15500 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park, boasts a scenic lakeside location and a history that will appeal to boating and architectural buffs, as well as those seeking interior design ideas.

Built in 1927 by architects Benjamin and Straight for American aircraft designer and Packard Motor Car Co. vice president Col. Jesse G. Vincent, the 5,200-square-foot house features a canal that runs from the lake into the house, where the colonel would tinker with boat engines in a hidden

dry dock space. And while no one is casting aspersions of Prohibition era rum running, it does appear suspicious a basement tavern room is just a few feet away from the dry dock area.

The house will be open for Sneak A Peek weekend from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$5 at the door. A "Deck the Halls" gift area also will be open, featuring fresh wreaths and bows. Parking will be available on Windmill Pointe Drive. The house is not handicap accessible. Additional information is available online at [jldshowhouse.org](http://jldshowhouse.org) or by calling the JLD office at (313) 881-0040.

The completed show house will open May 7, 2016.

—Kathy Ryan

## PLAN:

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One. Its \$52,000 fee doesn't include travel and related expenses.

Niehaus said the consultants, based in Kalamazoo, will "help us with security and crisis management."

He added, "We want to co-plan with them what we would do if we had to evacuate all of our buildings."

Most Compliance One consultants have back-

grounds in law enforcement, firefighting, medical, school administration and policy writing.

They intend to provide the Pointe district an emergency operations plan based in part on information gathered from discussions with representatives of the district, municipal governments, public safety departments and business community.

It would be cumbersome to develop a comprehensive action plan through each of the five Grosse Pointe public

safety departments.

School safety is high on Niehaus' agenda.

He invited police to take their drug-detecting K-9s to the high schools.

"It's important kids know we'll bring dogs on campus when we feel there's a security or safety issue that needs to be addressed," he said.

"Dr. Niehaus and (South High School Principal) Moussa Hamka felt the need to bring a dog in to let students know they were serious," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director.

## FARMS:

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and recreational facilities within existing or slated expansion of transportation and parking capacity.

"Things are doing well in the Farms, fiscally, safetywise and the growth on Mack and the Hill," Joseph said.

She attributes the uncontested election to voter satisfaction.

"Our council works very well together," Joseph said. "We're extremely fiscally responsible and sound. The Farms' AAA bond rating is to be bragged about."

Priorities concern core functions of municipal government: public safety, water infrastructure and roads.

"We set priorities and are conscientious of our spending," Joseph said.

She characterized herself and colleagues as a team.

"Everybody brings their unique experiences to the council," Joseph said. "We work together and are able to keep things going well. We're doing what we should be doing."

Joseph is a nursing manager in the quality improvement section of the home health care division of Henry Ford

Health System.

Joe Ricci

To Councilman Joe Ricci, the basis for the uncontested election is clear:

"If it's not broken, don't try to fix it," said Ricci, seeking a second term. "It's rewarding that the community is happy with what's going on and the progress of the city."

Ricci is a semi-retired automobile dealership owner.

"I'm a businessman first and politician second," he said. "I bring a different set of ideas and thought processes to city government."

Ricci said he likes to cut through clutter and simplify matters.

"I'm a guy who walks softly and carries a stick," he said. "I don't make a lot of noise or do soapbox things. My philosophy is, 'How can everybody win?'"

He serves on the commission for employee, police and fire pension boards and is council liaison to the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.

"Our next big challenge is to increase funding of the pension plans," Ricci said. "Public safety and fire are funded up to 115 percent. Employees is pushing high 90 percent. The challenge over the next three or four years is to maintain and not go backwards."

Being on the council

led him to greater involvement in the community, such as joining the War Memorial board of directors.

"I love it so much," he said of elected office. "I should have done it 10 years ago."

Lev Wood

Lev Wood, in his first campaign for reelection, is at the heart of municipal operations as a member of the Budget and Audit Committee.

"The Farms' AAA bond rating is the key financial metric, the most important individual accomplishment I can say occurred while I've been on the council," Wood said.

He's also proud of chairing the Beautification Committee.

"Both are key committees, particularly budget and audit," Wood said. "I see the line-item budgets and make choices on expenditures. We've done a good job of keeping taxes down and maintaining services."

Wood intends the past to be prologue in the coming term.

"The most important challenges we have are maintaining taxes at a reasonable level and keeping services high," he said. "A long-term concern of mine is maintaining the viability of the sewer and water fund."

Consumption — meaning sale — of water filtered at the municipal purification plant is down due to a combination of overall conservation and reduced irrigation because of rainy spring and summer weather.

Yet, water rates are being raised to pay increasing fixed costs to operate and maintain the water system regardless of consumption.

"We need more consumption," Wood said. "I'm sure there's a way we can stem that problem."

He supports eradicating invasive phragmites from accretion next to Pier Park and, separately, landscaping medians on the Mack Avenue border with Detroit.

"It's making it a nicer entrance to our city," Wood said of Mack.

Wood is business development manager at Midwestern Software Consulting in Ann Arbor.

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to succeed in making our community a destination of choice. Our success rests upon a safe and secure environment, amenities that are second to none and good stewardship of our resources.

**Major issues facing the Park:** My first priority has been, and will always be, the safety and security of our residents. To this end, I will be closely monitoring the success of the innovative arrangement we have established with the City of Grosse Pointe to combine the directorship of our two Public Safety Departments. I will insure that any cost savings are reinvested in furthering our Public Safety Department's ability to perform well.

In a recent public survey, more than 90 percent of our residents favored a one-mill increase, if necessary, to insure the adequate funding of our police department. This is why, though our arrangement with the City will yield cost savings, I am most excited about the improvements in service delivery that it will make possible. As a member of the Council's Public Safety Committee, I will work closely with our city manager and the director of Public Safety to address the creation of uniform department operating procedures, improve and expand training opportunities and make better, more complete use of Nixle to keep our residents informed. I will also assist in the evaluation of the City of Grosse Pointe's experience with body cams. Finally, I will participate in a further, in-depth evaluation of the efficacy of our involvement in the multi-jurisdictional auto-theft task force. I can assure you that I will not leave our safety and security to chance.

My second priority has been and will remain the preservation of the quality of life we currently enjoy. To this end, I will continue to focus upon economic development in concert with the Park Foundation, the involvement of our residents and the more complete participation and cooperation of all our surrounding governments. I will protect the special nature and function of our parks and recreational facilities. And finally, I will look for greater efficiencies, more partnerships and further consolidation, when feasible, to maintain the highest standard of city services.

My third priority is to ensure the good stewardship of our resources. I will work to introduce a three-year rolling budget process so long-term planning is incorporated into the process.

**Candidate statement:** While all elections are important, this one carries with it a special significance. Mayor Heenan has retired, Barbara Detwiler was recently appointed, Mayor Theokas is leaving when Robert Denner becomes our new mayor and a vacant seat will be filled. How we handle this period of transition is the biggest issue facing us and should weigh heavily in determining who one votes for in November. I bring 28 years of experience on the council and an equally long and

proven track record of success serving Grosse Pointe Park. I know what works, I have well-established relationships and I will provide continuity during these changing times. This election is important. I urge you to vote and ask that you continue to give me your support by voting for me on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

**Barbara Detwiler**  
**Occupation:** Certified Public Accountant

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree, accounting, Lehigh University, Master of Business Administration and CPA

**Years living in the Park:** 24

**Why are you running for council?** I am passionate for the Park. For the past eight years I have worked tirelessly with the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation raising funds for improving Grosse Pointe Park. I believe my energy, enthusiasm, analytical skills, fiscal conservatism and ability to work as a liaison with the foundation add a valuable element to our city council. Currently, I am the council member for finance on city council and endorsed by all of my fellow council members.

**Major issues facing the Park:** 1) Public safety: Better utilization of technology including Nixle to help build a stronger safer community.

2) Revitalization of Mack and Charlevoix corridors: More needs to be done to enhance the northwest region of our city through business development and addressing infrastructure improvement.

3) Communication: Increase our marketing and communication efforts to insure inclusion of all residents and to reach out to our friends across our borders and better use of technology so all of our residents are informed of city issues.

4) Maintaining our park system: We are the only city with two waterfront parks. I will continue to provide emphasis on maintaining our parks, their amenities and the preservation of their natural beauty.

**Candidate statement:**

As evidenced by the \$500,000 raised for the Carol C. Schaap Theatre during my presidency of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, I have a proven record of success and most importantly I listen. With your vote, I can continue my efforts to make the Park the best place to live in Grosse Pointe.

**Edward Keelean**  
**Occupation:** Attorney-at-law, practicing law in Detroit for 37 years, the last 14 with the City of Detroit Corporation Counsel.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree, business administration (finance), Central Michigan University; juris doctorate, Wayne State University

**Years living in the Park:** 27

**Why are you running for council?** I am running to serve both the city of Grosse Pointe Park and the residents to better participate and inform each other of the issues that are important to them and how to address those issues based on all the relevant facts.

**Major issues facing the Park:** I believe the major issues for the next council include the recurring proposal to separate from the newly created Great Lakes Water Authority for water and sewer service and the need to continue to provide first-class governmental services within the revenue available. I also believe that nurturing a good relationship with our surrounding communities is crucial to long-term success and believe I can be productive in this effort.

**William P. Shield Jr.**  
**Occupation:** Attorney, partner, Dickinson, Wright PLLC, practice department manager for firm-wide banking and financial services, municipal law and finance and bankruptcy and creditors' rights group.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, electrical engineering, University of Michigan; juris doctorate, University of Michigan

**Years living in the Park:** 30

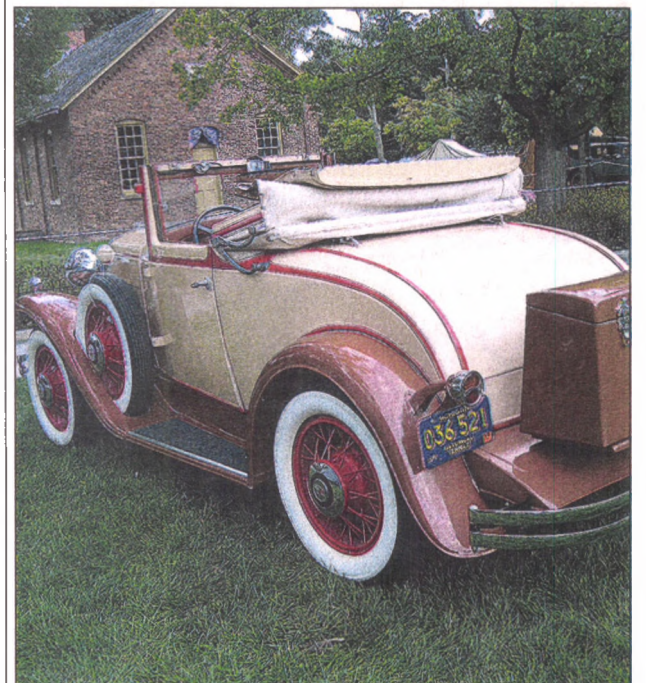
**Why are you running for council?** I am running

for council because I want to give back to the community that has given my family so much. For the 30 years my wife, Mickey, our children, Trey, Tim, Tucker and Tenley, and I have lived in the Park, we have benefited from the leadership of mayors Heenan, Theokas and the many men and women who have served as council members.

My 30 years as a respected, nationally recognized banking and business attorney at Dickinson Wright and my wide range of community involvement in youth sports (including as president and director of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association), Grosse Pointe Public School System activities and as director of a Detroit public charter school, equip me well for the task.

**Major issues facing the Park:** The biggest challenge for the Park is that we have a council that works cooperatively and transparently with Park administrators, employees and community members during the mayoral transition to ensure that we continue to enjoy the excellent safety and city services, beautiful parks, vibrant business districts, stable property values and an efficiently run government Park residents have come to expect.

**Candidate statement:** I am honored that mayors Heenan and Theokas and U of M Regent Andrew Richner have entrusted me with their endorsement. I would be honored if Park voters would entrust me with their vote.



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## Two for the road

Robin and Bill Heller of Grosse Pointe Farms accepted an invitation to show two of their cars at the 2015 Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village mid-September. Robin Heller's name appeared on the sign on her 1918 Detroit Electric and Bill Heller was showing the family's colorful and inviting 1930 Hupmobile convertible.

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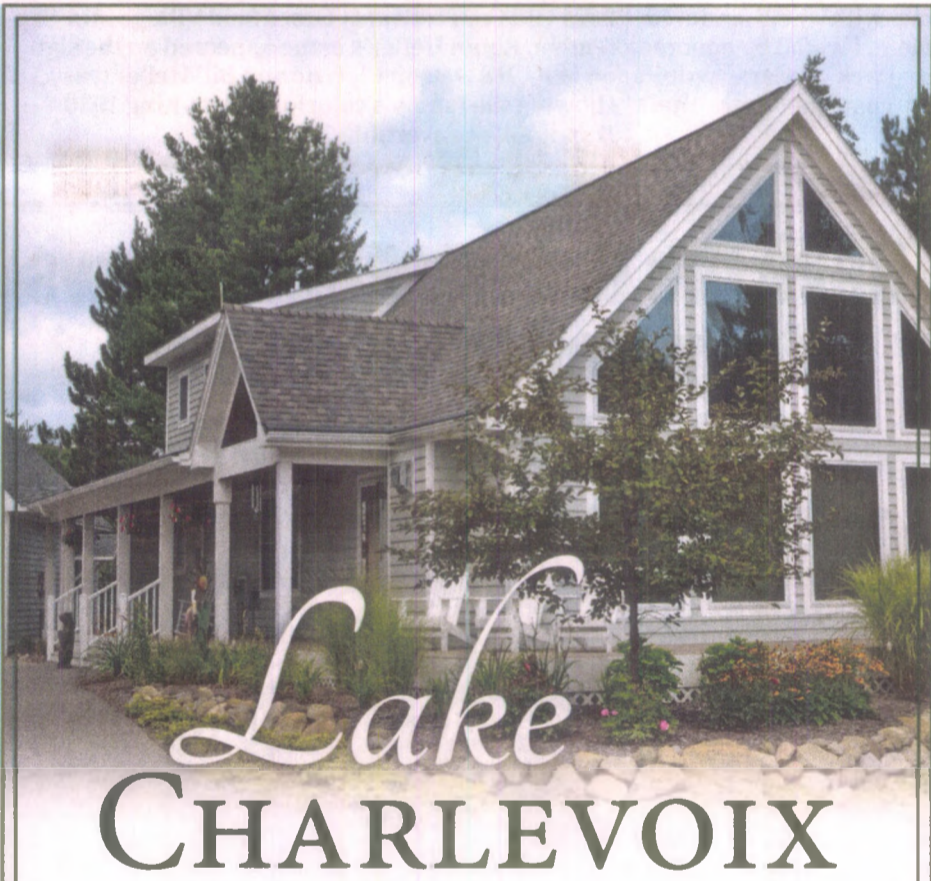
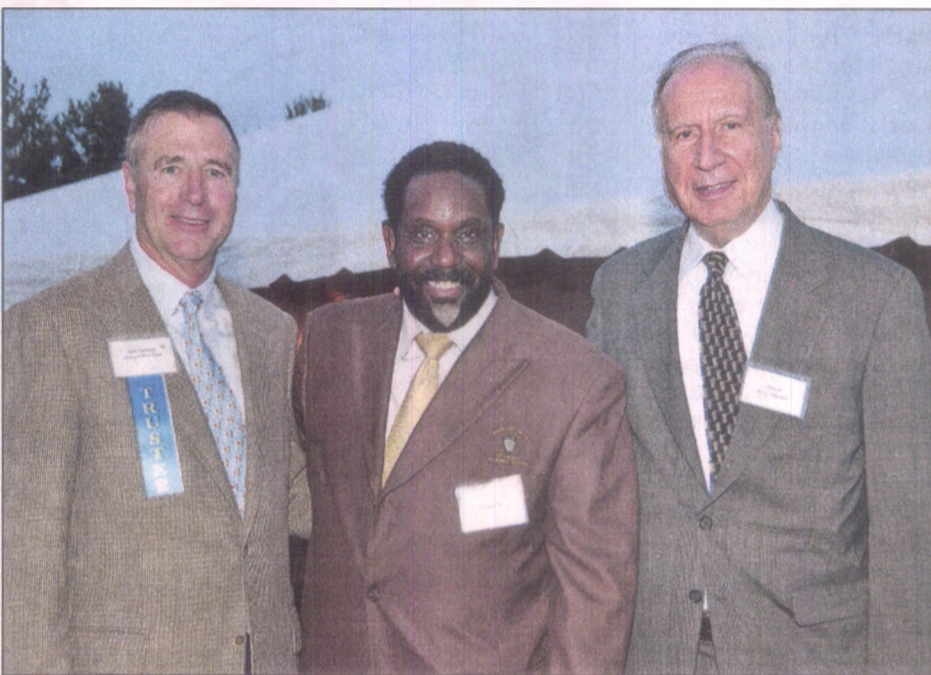
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## GPPF gala

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation held its annual fundraiser at Patterson Park. Above, foundation President John Bruno, Vice President Shery Cotton, Trustee Al Thomas and Trustee Lena Carlile. Below, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Pro Tem Bob Denner, Abundant Faith Cathedral Pastor Joel Wallace and Park Mayor Greg Theokas enjoy the event.



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## NEEDED:

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teenagers testing life's dirty waters.

Due primarily to funding shortages, liaison officers haven't been part of the district since Jensen first put on a badge.

Now, he's enrolled in a virtually community-wide effort championed by public school Superintendent Gary Niehaus to get cops back in the high schools.

"We need a secure and safe environment for our kids to attend school," Niehaus said.

Jensen likes the idea for two reasons: intervention and building trust with young people.

"A teacher or administrator can go to the officer quietly and advise he keep an eye on a particular student because they've had problems, depression issues or acting-out issues," Jensen said.

"We don't always get

that until there is a (criminal) issue."

A liaison's attitude is a critical tone for establishing effective relationships with students.

"Students in this district are bright," Jensen said. "They appreciate honesty and help. But, if you go in with a tough-guy attitude, you're going to have a tough time getting information."

The main thing holding back implementation is a lack of funding, supporters said.

"Talking to our Pointe police departments, we talked about cooperatively writing a COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant to put together an officer for a three-year timeframe," Niehaus said. "It would pay their salaries and benefits."

COPS grants are administered through the U.S. Department of Justice.

It doesn't matter to Niehaus or Jensen if liaisons are active duty officers or retired.

"They would be deputized," Niehaus said. "They could carry a weapon and wear uniforms."

"It's been my position for 37 years to get liaison officers back in the high schools," Jensen said. "You put 1,500 students together on an 8-hours basis, there's going to be altercations. It's the nature of the beast."

He offered Niehaus "110 percent support. He's a breath of fresh air."

Niehaus, new to the Pointes in May, said he worked at a district with resource officers in the building.

The same with Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

"Having resource officers in the schools is an approach that has proven effective across the country," Dame said. "I have personally seen this work in the community in which I previously worked."

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## WATER:

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\$19 million," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager.

The financial benefits were a washout. Short-term costs didn't justify long-term savings.

"We'd be able to produce water much cheaper, but for the next 20 years the cost of water would actually be higher because we'd also be paying debt service on the bond issue" to expand filtration capacity, Reeside said.

Beyond that, the plant

would need three times its present capacity to handle all five Pointes, according to Scott Homminga, Farms water superintendent.

Even with an expanded system in the Farms, Grosse Pointe Park would be on its outskirts.

"The question is, what's the benefit for the Park?" said Park Manager Dale Krajniak. "We're considering our own independent system down the pike."

Park officials commissioned engineering studies a few years ago that forecast the cost of constructing a hometown

water plant at about \$11 million.

"We're updating the cost estimates, trying to get hard numbers and wrapping up design parameters," Krajniak said. "That should be done by early spring."

Coordinating filtration plants in the Park and Farms to supply the whole community isn't as simple as it seems.

"There are hydraulic considerations that would be hard to take care of," Homminga said.

On the other hand, one impediment to Farms expansion may no longer exist.

"Because we share our water intake (in Lake St. Clair) with Highland Park, there was concern we wouldn't be able to draw enough water to serve additional customers," said Reeside. "Since then, they shut down their water plant. They're not drawing from the intake. We have much more capacity from the intake."

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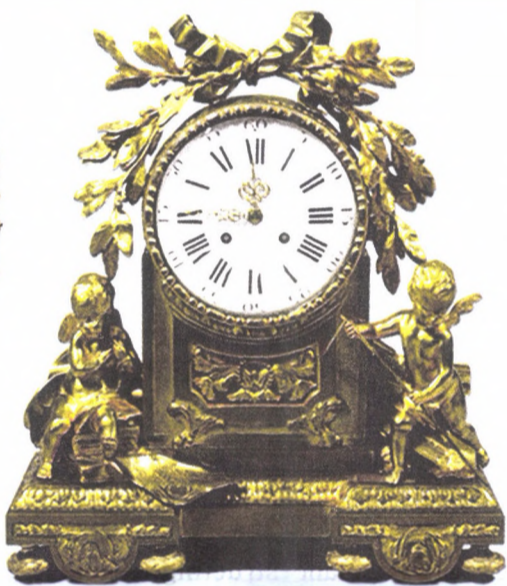
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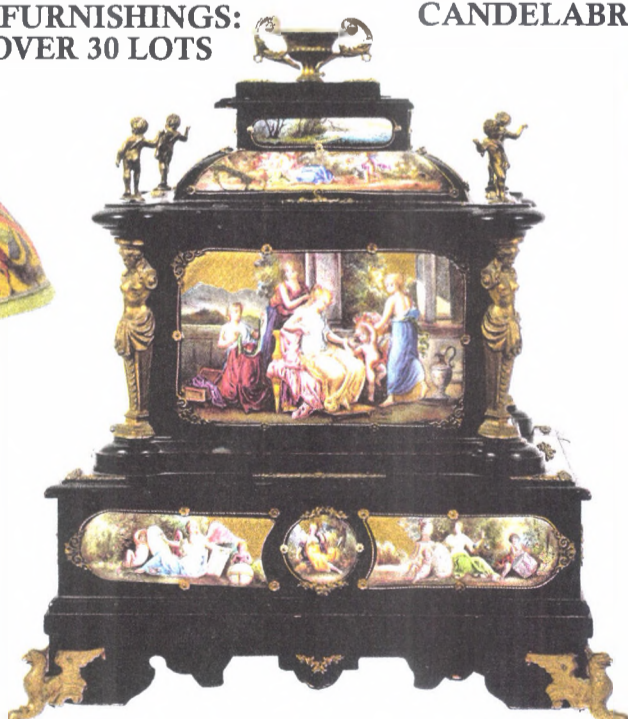
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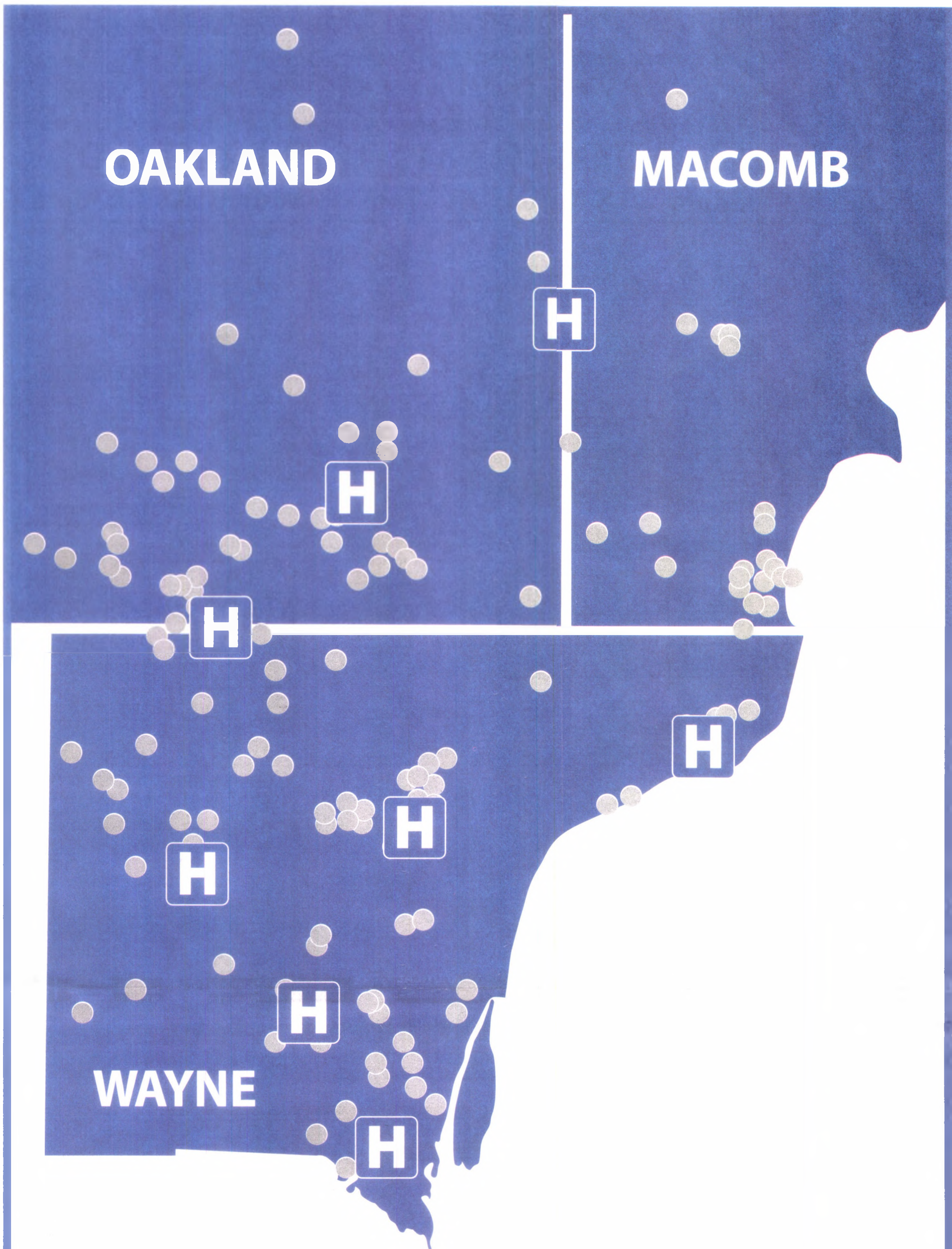


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## Beautiful Island

### A look at the history of the 'Island in the city'

By Jody McVeigh  
Community Editor

**Belle Isle.**  
The words mean many things to many people, evoking memories and emotions that last a lifetime.

"It's really a special place," said Belle Isle Conservancy President Michelle Hodges. "We have deep roots in the community."

Those roots date back to 1879 when Detroit joined every major city in the country in creating public park plans. Frederick Law Olmsted was a leader in the design of park spaces, having designed New York's Central Park and Brooklyn's Prospect Park, among others.

"Frederick Law Olmsted designed Central Park, which was entirely manmade," said Roberta Henrion, chairwoman of the Belle Isle Historic Preservation Committee. "Belle Isle is totally natural. Olmsted said, 'Don't mess with success,' as it's a beautiful, natural environment. He came here and met with people and defended his plan .... They took aspects of it and implemented them on their own and didn't pay him for it."

Olmsted resigned from



his contract a year before it expired and the city moved forward with its own plan. A few Olmsted elements were put into place - a pedestrian-centered Central Avenue, a canal system, thinning the forest and clearing underbrush to open the wooded areas and building a pavilion/ferry landing.

"He knew it was special, the flora and fauna, the wood," Henrion said. "When he came there was so much forest, but much has been lost through emerald ash borer, development, the golf course, buildings, zoo, etc."

Belle Isle, which at 982

acres is bigger than Central Park, slowly but surely came to fruition. The ferry dock was built in 1884, followed by the first casino in 1886. The Michigan Yacht Clubhouse and Engine House were built in 1887 and the first greenhouse came in 1889. The next 10 years saw the completion of a music pavilion, the first Detroit Boat Club, inland iron and concrete bridges, a police station house and stable, the first bathhouse, a skating pavilion, the second Detroit Boat Clubhouse, riding stables, comfort stations, a boat house, an athletic shelter, the aquarium and

a new casino.

According to "Island in the City," published by the Friends of Belle Isle in 2001, "On a typical August Sunday in 1916, a bus carrying 22 people crossed the bridge every 4 minutes. Sightseeing cars carrying 25 people each crossed every 15 to 25 minutes. The sheer variety of vehicles was the spectacle."

That same year, the Detroit Zoological Society Park Commission was formed to develop a zoo on the 100-acre Hendrie Farm. The Detroit Yacht Club gained in popularity with its first entrant into the Bermuda Yacht Race in 1925 and Detroit Yacht Club swimmer Jane Caldwell won Olympic gold in 1932.

"Harry Houdini did an escape trick with chains while suspended from the Belle Isle Bridge," Henrion said. "(Gold-medal winner) Johnny Weismeller swam at the Boat Club, which is now closed. The Olds was tested there. The first two-way police radio dispatch from Belle Isle to Detroit was made."

As the island gained in popularity, its share of problems came along with it: arrests made on morals charges, an increasing number of houseboats docked at the yacht club, beach closures due to human waste and oil slicks, traffic congestion.

When the Depression hit, patronage to the island declined, as did income from food service, rentals and other sources. The zoo and aquarium did well, however, and the island

received a number of federal program grants.

Moving forward, 1946 saw the donation of the J.T. Wing ship to become the Great Lakes Museum. It burned in 1956, but was followed by the opening of the Dossin Museum of the Detroit Historical Department in 1960. The Flynn Skating

Pavilion replaced the chateau and the band shell was completed. The 1950s saw renovations to the aquarium and conservatory. The Detroit Yacht Club added docks in the 1960s and the Nature Center was created in 1975.

In 1972, the Friends of Belle Isle was founded. It was the first of four support organizations for the island. In 1988, the Belle Isle Botanical Society began raising money for projects to improve the conservatory. In 2004, the Belle Isle Women's Committee was created and in 2005, the Friends of the Belle Isle Aquarium was formed.

Each organization tackled projects including restoring the conservatory's lily pond, installing a new soccer field, planting trees, opening a water slide and a driving range, among other plans.

See ISLAND, page 2B

## Sundays on the island

On Sunday afternoons following church in the morning and an early Sunday dinner, an enjoyable way to spend the afternoon was a leisurely drive around Belle Isle. The pictures of the late John J. Wetzel of Grosse Pointe Farms were taken in 1927 and 1935. Matilda Haelewyn of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wetzel's sister, is the baby on the bench.

It is a pleasure to recall the family picnics, engaging in a game of baseball, visiting the conservatory, the aquarium, taking pictures at the Scott Fountain, listening to music at the band shell, canoeing in summer on the canals, ice skating in winter.



COURTESY PHOTOS  
**Matilda Haelewyn was just a toddler during this 1927 visit to Belle Isle.**



**John Wetzel stands before the conservatory during a 1927 visit to Belle Isle.**

Later, and with my children, more picnics, swinging high on the swings, visiting the Dossin Museum, operating model remote-control boats and flying model airplanes.

I am so glad Belle Isle is being renovated. It can again be a jewel to be treasured. With

wishful thinking, it is a hope that leisurely Sundays are not an occurrence of the past.

— M.E. "Tilly" Haelewyn  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Reminiscing

I am enclosing snapshots taken April 8, 1945, at Belle Isle. We always spent quality time with our family. There was no TV, shopping malls and we had one car. I lived in Grosse Pointe Park and was in second grade at St. Ambrose. We enjoyed going to the island and going on the buggy rides.

I also was a frequent visitor of my aunt and uncle at the Detroit Yacht Club. I saw Gar Wood present the trophy to the winner of the hydroplane race. In 2000, my husband and I purchased a condo in Glengarda on Riverside Drive in Windsor. We were right across from Belle Isle and were able to see the car races and enjoyed listening to the carillon.

After my husband



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Mary Ann Bodendistel and her mother, Jean Daudlin, during a 1945 visit to Belle Isle.**

died in 2006, I moved back to Grosse Pointe Woods. I am happy Belle Isle is being cared for and will return to the glory days of yesteryear.

— Mary Ann Bodendistel  
Grosse Pointe Woods



**Mary Ann Bodendistel during a visit to Belle Isle in 1945.**

## Unexpectedly Single?



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Quite a few years ago I invited a small group of my clients to gather together as a focus group to help me better understand their experiences. The group represented a variety of age groups with

one shared commonality; all were women who became unexpectedly single, either because of the death of their husband or due to divorce. The women I invited to participate had successfully navigated through the grieving process and had reinvented their new normal.

The purpose of the focus group was to determine what had made them successful; what were their most difficult challenges, what would they do differently if they could go back in time, and what would be their advice to women just beginning on this journey: Most Difficult Challenges

1. Learning to live alone

2. Not letting well meaning family or friends insert themselves and railroad them into decisions
3. Finding professional advisors (attorney, accountant, financial planner, etc) who they could trust and understand.
4. Buying or servicing a car

What Would They Do Differently

1. Participate more in the investment and planning process. Most had never attended meetings or met "their husband's financial advisor" - find one you trust and will work with your family collaboratively. All said understanding their

investments and financial plan brought security and peace of mind.

2. Be more prepared. Universally they wished they had gathered and organized more effectively. Online credentials, investment statements, insurance and estate documents were scattered near and far.
3. The widows would have retired earlier/asked their husbands to do the same - spend more time together!

Their Advice

1. Do not make any major decisions in the first year.
2. Be kind to yourself, it takes time to heal and time to gain the confidence and desire to build a new life alone.
3. Find one or two trusted advisors; having someone to

bounce ideas off of who will always keep your best interest in the forefront is invaluable - family, friend, or professional you know and trust.

4. Use your network of family and friends to refer you to competent and trustworthy professionals. Interview several and bring a companion to the meeting for a second opinion.
5. Stay active and get involved in your community.

The group as a whole reached a consensus on their answers. Only those who were new to me as clients after their husband's death or divorce were invited because their experiences were much different from clients who became unexpectedly single while working with me.

In sum, they were relieved

to have help unraveling all the details. Several had not sought financial advice for over two years, and they lived in constant fear during those years. It is important to find the strength to gain the knowledge to take control of your financial security! Planning for the unexpected sooner rather than later will always make life's journeys easier to navigate.

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# Family Center's HollyFest is Nov. 20

By Jody McVeigh  
Community Editor

The 13th annual HollyFest, the Family Center's signature fundraising event, is set for 6:30 to 11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The event includes silent and live auctions, dinner, dancing and entertainment by the Ben Sharkey Quartet, as well as a chance to help the Family Center celebrate its 15 years of service to the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities.

"It's been a super success," said Beth Vernon, Family Center assistant to the director, who helped organize the event. "It's been building every single year. Last

year, we hosted 220; that's the most we've had. We're hoping for 250 this year."

The community is invited to the event, which includes addresses from honorary chairs Dr. Donna Hoban of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Mary Alice Annecharico of Henry Ford Health System and Robert Hoban of St. John Providence.

"They're community leaders, people who are supportive of the Family Center, what it does and what it stands for," Vernon said. "We wanted to highlight the way we're able to bring resources together from the three medical centers in the area."

Proceeds from the event make up a quarter

of the Family Center's annual budget. Combined with its annual enrichment campaign, the efforts support the Family Center's commitment to "build a stronger community" for future generations.

The Family Center hosts more than two dozen programs and events that benefit more than 5,000 families throughout the year. Topics include facing the challenges of raising a young child, guiding students through academic milestones and helping adult children of aging parents make informed choices. All of its programming is made possible through a vast network of volunteers and professionals who donate their time and expertise.

"It's important to support the Family Center for all we do for the community," Vernon said. "HollyFest makes all of our programs and

resources in the community possible. Plus, it's a really fun event. It's beautiful, too. The club is decorated for Christmas; it's a nice kickoff event for the holiday season."

She added that the event draws a number of community leaders, making it a unique opportunity to have access to such people in one place.

The selection of auction items is another big draw. Among the items up for bid are a weekend in San Francisco, a bike from Detroit Bike, a croquet party at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, a family membership to the Otsego Ski Club, a tour, tasting and dinner for eight at Atwater downtown. Plus, Vernon said, every school in the Grosse Pointe Public School System donates a holiday-themed basket, tree or wreath available for auction.

"We have a great live auctioneer, Dan Genuine," she said. "He's

## Committee and sponsors

The HollyFest Committee is Mary Beth Austin, Paige Domzalski, Judy Gafa, George McMullen, Cathy Michael, Anne Prokop, Rania Routsis, Stephanie Schantz, Marina Southers, Beth Vernon and Laura Wholihan.

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been doing it for four years. He volunteers his time.

"The musical entertainment is going to be a good draw this year, too," she continued. "It's a fun night to just get dressed up and have a good time."

Tickets for HollyFest are \$125. Sponsorship packages start at \$250 and include a private VIP reception. For tickets or information, call (313) 432-3832 or visit [hollyfest.familycenterweb.org](http://hollyfest.familycenterweb.org).

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### Ecumenical Breakfast

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### ART Center

The Grosse Pointe ART Center, 17118 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, presents its 77th Members' Show through Saturday, Oct. 31. Call (313) 881-3454.

### Libraries

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Used Book Sale takes place 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Saturday is \$5 bag day. Call (313) 821-8830.

The Woods Branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents "Spiders and Snakes, Oh My," at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. The event includes live spiders and snakes. Call (313) 343-2072.

The Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, presents "Garden in a Jar - Adult Craft," at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Participants will assemble a small terrarium. Call (313) 821-8830.

### Detroit Concert Choir

The Detroit Concert Choir and Artistic Director Brandon Johnson present the season opening concert titled "A New Dawning" at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The concert features choral music past and present, highlighted by spiritual arrangements by Detroit composer Stacey Gibbs. Tickets are \$20, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students. Call (313) 882-0118 or visit [detroitconcertchoir.org](http://detroitconcertchoir.org).

### Community Chorus

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus pres-

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### Barnes & Noble

"Imaginary Fred" storytime takes place 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Barnes & Noble, Grosse Pointe, 19221 Mack, Detroit. Coloring and activities follow the

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## ISLAND:

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In the 1980s, work was done on the casino, the bridge to the island, the Scott Fountain, picnic and athletic shelters, the canal system and more.

In 2009, the four groups discussed joining forces to form a single organization that would continue their work and be a more effective advocate for island park improvement projects. They moved forward with the consolidation in 2011, finally merging that fall as the Belle Isle Conservancy.

"When we all merged together, everybody merged into the Friends of Belle Isle, then we changed the name," Henrion said. "We got a new board and new bylaws, so we didn't have to start from square one."

Said Hodges, "It has a strong historic preservation bent to it. My hat goes off to the four organizations to have such storied traditions behind them ... to be willing to blend into one organization to better fulfill the mission. We have some pretty remarkable leaders who are very committed to the community."

In 2013, Detroit declared bankruptcy and a state emergency manager was appointed to oversee the city's finances. As part of the process, the state proposed taking over Belle Isle and converting it into a state park. Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder signed a lease Oct. 1, 2013, to lease the park from the city for 30 years. The city council rejected that offer in mid-October, but the Michigan Emergency Loan Board opted for the state's proposal the following month.

Belle Isle formally became a state park in February 2014. The state promised to make up to \$20 million in improvements to the park over three years.

Since then, many upgrades and renovations have occurred. The island has been cleaned up and a police presence has restored confidence in the public. It still has a ways to go, many more projects to undertake, but it is well on its way.

"We go to Belle Isle or our parks to connect with nature, to look for solitude, peace and quiet," Henrion said. "The fact that it's an island park makes it very unique. It's

the only municipally owned island park in the country. You can see two countries. There are great views of the bridge; it's quite spectacular. It rivals a mini New York or Paris with its waterways and bridges. And being downtown is something special; it's not just in a neighborhood. The fact that it's so old and with architecture that's accessible — you don't see this in your neighborhood. Going in there, you see things that are amazing. You can just walk around and it's safe and it's open and it's big."

"The climb back? We'll get there," Hodges said. "We've got lots of galloping horses let out of the pen, running with passion and commitment. I feel very fortunate to be on the precipice of something remarkable."

This is the first of a four-part series. In the next few weeks, we'll explore the architecture on the island, including the aquarium and conservatory; review the nature found on Belle Isle; explore the cultural significance of its many offerings and find out what's in store for the island's future.

# ART Center hosts auction fundraiser

By Jody McVeigh  
Community Editor

The Grosse Pointe ART Center celebrates creativity with the community when it hosts its annual auction 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We have opened it up this year, trying to include more people," said Karen Pope, fundraising chair for the event. "We sent invitations to all the council people in all five Pointes and all the foundations. We've always been active, but we're trying to get our message out to a broader audience."

The variety of auction items meets a range of

interests, including Red Wings hockey tickets, a week on a beach in Mexico, a tour and tasting at Two James Spirits distillery, a consultation with interior designer Gordon Robinson, an evening for 30 with the chef at Specialties, a limited edition copy of "The Buildings of Detroit: A History" by W. Hawkins Ferry with a 19th-century cottage tea set donated by Lloyd David Antiques, a catered party at the ART Center and more.

"The highlight of the event is an exhibit, 'The Best of the Best,' the award-winning art from our juried shows of the last two or three years," Pope said. "It is the true centerpiece of the night, celebrating all these fine

artists and having them bring back their pieces of art."

The event also includes piano music by Duncan McMillan, wine tasting with a sommelier, circulating fashion and jewelry models, appetizers and beverages.

"Everyone has been so kind in their support," Pope said. "This is really exciting. We're really making an effort to let the community know how much we appreciate their support and want to share our enthusiasm for art with them."

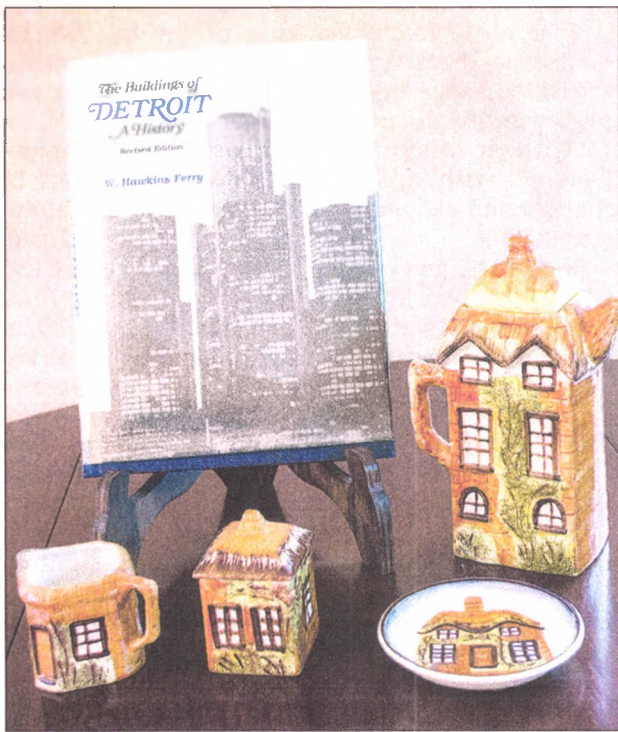
"We realize how important art is and this is our way of sharing our center with more people," she



"Lotuses" by Lidia Simeonova

continued. "It's a really enthusiastic place. The words everyone uses now are 'creativity' and 'innovation,' so I think we have a more enhanced role in the community."

Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased online at [grossepointeartcenter.myevent.com](http://grossepointeartcenter.myevent.com) or by calling (313) 881-3454.



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# Art in motion

## South grad's film screening is Oct. 20

By Jody McVeigh  
Community Editor

Detroit artist Nicole MacDonald has been involved in the visual arts most of her life. The 37-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School graduate unveiled the first installment of her Detroit Portrait Series at Eastern Market last month.

Next week, the public is invited to a screening of her film "A Park for the City," at the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Ewald Branch.

"In the last couple years I started a Detroit portrait series of historical and contemporary Detroiters, the unsung heroes of Detroit history," she said. "The idea is to tell history from the ground up, from the people's perspective. The criteria wasn't economic success or fame in the traditional sense, but the idea of struggle. I went digging into the history of Detroit and translated that into imagery."

The portraits — 10 largescale depictions of poets and publishers either born in Detroit or who spent a significant part of their lives in the city — include Naomi



10 portraits of Detroit-based poets and publishers were on display at Eastern Market before being installed in their permanent home across from Wayne State University.

Long Madgett, Bill Harris, Lolita Hernandez, Terry Blackhawk, Melba Joyce Boyd, Phillip Levine, Mick Vranich, Dudley Randall, Robert Hayden and Sixto Rodriguez.

The art work has been at Eastern Market since Sept. 20 and soon will move to their permanent home at the liquor store at the corner of Trumbull and I-94 across from Wayne State University.

"I'm trying to bring history to the masses outside of a gallery setting, which tends to see a lot of the same people. I wanted to make it available for everyone," MacDonald said. "It's a subject I find particularly fascinating, because I live here. There's some history here. Detroit is an old city, so it's very rich. It's something I find interesting."

Born in Detroit, MacDonald has lived in different areas of the city for most of her life, always staying close to Corktown, Midtown and Woodbridge, she said. She is connected to the city and its history and wants to share that connection with others. She said people have been receptive to the portraits so far.

She's also currently working on a film about Cass Corridor that is "largely a personal essay on living in lower Cass Corridor and watching it

change over the years." Her film "A Park for the City," also a personal essay, is based on the Belle Isle Zoo. It was a regional film finalist at the 53rd annual Ann Arbor Film Festival.

"I largely looked at the landscape, the nature on the island," she said. "It's part wildlife documentary, part history of Detroit, with archival footage and elements of storytelling."



Melba Joyce Boyd is one of the portraits painted by artist Nicole MacDonald.

more, hopefully collaborate with people, move things along at a faster pace."

She has collected footage during the years she plans to use for different projects. She'd also like to continue her Detroit Portrait Series with a series on musicians and maybe activists.

"There are so many people to highlight or champion or bring attention to," MacDonald said. "A Park for the City" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The film "Time I Change" by Oren Goldberg also will be shown.

The program is free, but seating is limited. Register at [gp.lib.mi.us](http://gp.lib.mi.us) or by calling (313) 821-8830.

### ASK THE EXPERTS

## Indoor play options for little ones

Q: The weather is turning cooler and I'm a bit anxious about the upcoming long winter days and trying to keep my little ones entertained and socialized. I also would like to meet some other parents with children the same age as mine. Are there any options around here?

A: You are not alone. Those infant and toddler

years can feel a little isolating for parents during the cold months. But the energy level of the kids doesn't wane, so finding activities and options is beneficial for all.

One great local choice many people don't know about is Play Central. Play Central is a drop-in, open-play group run by the Family Center, a local nonprofit organization.

The program began Oct. 1 and runs at 11 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday through May 9, for \$5 per visit for the whole family. Parents and caregivers meet in the gym at Barnes Early Childhood Center.

Children of all ages are welcome, as are all caregivers — moms, dads, grandparents, nannies, etc. The format is open, so you can let your child's interests direct you. You will enjoy having a large selection of toys new to you. We have bikes, a slide, a kitchen and grocery store for dramatic play, balls, big blocks, dolls, musical instruments and more.

It's a great opportunity for young children to run around and practice their burgeoning skills and, of course, run — or crawl — off some of that energy. Your child may even



make a great new friend. Children will practice their social skills and you can chat with other adults while playing with your child.

Visit [familycenterweb.org/index.php/playcenter](http://familycenterweb.org/index.php/playcenter) for a free visit coupon.

Read more Ask the Experts articles on a variety of topics online at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).

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](http://familycenterweb.org), call (313) 432-3832 or email [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org). The Family Center is located at 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## LWV launches voter education tool

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe recently launched the nonpartisan election resource [vote411.org](http://vote411.org). This "one-stop shop" for statewide election information provides simple, helpful tools to help Michigan voters navigate the voting process and Election Day, said Tom Wells,

org provides candidate information, voter registration tools, polling place information and other Election Day information.

"Voters in the Grosse Pointes need simple, helpful tools to help them navigate the voting process and Election Day," said Tom Wells,

president of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe. "Vote411.org is the nation's premiere online election resource and the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe has added our voters' guide to [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) so that it can serve as a resource for all of the Grosse Pointes' voters."

Approximately 25.4 million voters have found the information they needed at [vote411.org](http://vote411.org), many of them young people and first-time voters.

"It's convenient, easy and invaluable for voters who want reliable information about voting in Michigan," said Ann Nicholson. "The best we can do is urge everyone to prepare for Election Day by visiting [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) and, of course, remind everyone to get registered and vote on Nov. 3."

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Making cornbread from scratch

Cornbread weather is approaching. Pair it with chili or soups or create a special stuffing. Make it from scratch this year. Ditch the boxes loaded with preservatives and turn to natural cornmeal as your base ingredient. This simple recipe for cornbread has become my go-to. Honey and buttermilk bring flavor and texture to a bread that's often lacking both.



## House-Made Buttermilk Cornbread

- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 egg
- 1 cup yellow corn meal
- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- sliced sharp cheddar for serving

Preheat oven to 425

degrees. Whisk the buttermilk with the honey and the egg. In a separate bowl combine the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir in the buttermilk mixture along with the melted butter.

Turn the mixture into a greased 8-by-8-inch pan and bake for 20 minutes.

Serve hot from the oven with a slice of sharp cheddar cheese.

This cornbread is delicious. Sometimes I add shredded cheddar right to the batter, or chopped jalapeño. But I always start with the same recipe — this recipe. Can the boxed stuff and make it your own.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left are Jim Farquhar, Grosse Pointe Farms mayor; Ken Poynter, Harper Woods mayor; Sheila O'Hara, Moross Greenway Project president; Pastor Norflette Shumake of Grace Community Church; André Spivey, Detroit City Council; Rudy Hobbs, chief of staff to Wayne County Executive Warren Evans; and Tim Killeen, Wayne County Commissioner, District 1.

## Gift helps revitalize eastside thoroughfare

The Moross Greenway Project held a ground-breaking ceremony Oct. 7, kicking off its plan to landscape and revitalize the seven islands on Moross on Detroit's eastside, between St. John Hospital and the I-94 service drive. The \$600,000 project is the culmination of nearly six years of design work, planning and fundraising.

"Moross Road is a main thoroughfare, with more than 19,000 vehicles traveling daily between I-94 and Mack Avenue, according to SEMCOG," said Tim Killeen, Wayne County commissioner and vice president of the Moross Greenway

Project. "We are pleased to be at the forefront of the revitalization of this Detroit gateway."

"St. John Providence Health System is a major supporter of our project," said Sheila O'Hara, project president. "As one of the largest employers in the city of Detroit, it attracts thousands of patients and their families each day. Given all these visitors and hospital employees who travel Moross, the Greenway will give a strong positive impression of the neighborhood and city in general."

The Moross Greenway Project is a collaborative effort of residents of

Detroit and neighboring suburbs. A team of volunteers — including three Master Gardeners and a landscape architect — worked for more than a year to come up with the design, which includes 115 trees, 500 shrubs, 9,700 perennials and an irrigation system that will provide a sustainable landscape.

## Hazardous Waste Drop-Off day Oct. 17

Grosse Pointe Woods residents can safely rid themselves of unwanted hazardous materials at the Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event Saturday, Oct. 17. Items should be brought to the Department of Public Works, 1200 Parkway Drive, off Marter Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A complimentary shredding service also will be available at that time. In addition, Wayne County will collect tires — limit seven; no rims — and electronics waste. A valid park pass or a driver's license is required as proof of residency.

Acceptable materials include household cleaners and polishes, expired medications, automobile fluids, solvents, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, fertilizers, paints and wood preservatives, household batteries, asbestos-containing materials, fluorescent lights, mercury and other chemicals. A complete list of acceptable and unacceptable material is available at the Woods City Hall and online at gpwmi.us in the Department of Public Works section.

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# Pointes for Peace program focuses on Syria, refugee crisis

Pointes for Peace hosts Jihad Alharash MD, MPH, a Syrian-born physician who has worked with numerous nonprofit organizations for medical and humanitarian relief, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The presentation, "Syria: The Great Humanitarian Crisis of the Century," is free and open to the public.

More than four years since the uprising started in Syria, hundreds of thousands of Syrian citizens have been killed and millions have been displaced and are seeking refuge in other countries. More than half of those displaced are children. Recently, the United States joined European nations in efforts to resettle Syrian refugees.

Born and raised in Damascus, Alharash graduated from Tishreen University School of Medicine in Lattakia, Syria, in 2009. He received his medical training at Tulane University, New Orleans; Cook County Hospital, Chicago; the Detroit Medical



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Center and Wayne State University; and was an endocrinology research fellow at WSU in 2013. He also earned a master's degree in Public Health from WSU in 2015.

Alharash has worked with multiple nonprofit and non-governmental organizations for medical and humanitarian relief. Since 2012, he has volunteered for the education, fundraising and Lebanon medical relief committees of the Syrian American Medical Society. He recently co-founded the Michigan Syrian Refugee Committee to help Syrian families who are migrating to the United States.

Pointes for Peace is a community-based group of eastsiders and others committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. The organization has been in existence since 2003. Membership is free. All are welcome.

For more information, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732, e-mail [pointesforpeace@yahoo.com](mailto:pointesforpeace@yahoo.com) or visit [pointesforpeace.org](http://pointesforpeace.org).



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From left are Tau Beta Spring Market 2015 chairwoman Lil Rinke, Mistletoe Magic 2014 chairwomen Betsy Huebner and Natalie C. Zoufal, Tau Beta President Kim DeMeulemeester, Children's Center Chief Philanthropy Officer Tammy Zonker and Children's Center Director of Volunteer and Community Engagement Holly Gorecki. Spring Market 2015 chairwoman Mollie Donaldson is not pictured.

# Tau Beta donates to Children's Center

Tau Beta Association's major charitable focus and community partner is the Children's Center of Detroit. The goal of this partnership is to provide volunteers and resources to further the center's mission of developing strong, independent children and successful families by providing funds to support psychological therapies for every member of the family. In addition, proceeds from Mistletoe Magic 2014 and Spring Market 2015 help supply a food pantry and used clothing center that caters to the whole family, along with a new

library full of books to encourage literacy at the Head Start Academy.

A check was presented to the Children's Center of Detroit Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club by the chairwomen of Mistletoe Magic 2014, Natalie C. Zoufal and Betsy Huebner, and the chairwomen of Spring Market 2015, Mollie Donaldson and Lil Rinke.

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# Full Circle fundraiser set for Oct. 29

"An Evening Under the Stars," presented by Art Van at the Roostertail on the Detroit River, takes place 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29. Proceeds benefit Full Circle Foundation.

The evening event features a plated dinner with wine pairings, cash bar, a silent auction, a whimsical cake auction with cakes provided by area bakeries, a fashion show and the music of Nick Kuhl and the Gang.

Tickets are available for \$125 at Full Circle, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, and online at fullcircledfn.org. Registration is required by Thursday, Oct. 15, to sbanner@fullcircledfn.org.

Founded in 2009, Full Circle Foundation, in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, is a nonprofit provider of seamless transitions from school to

independent living for people with special needs. Full Circle provides opportunities for adults with special needs to contribute and function productively in the community by participating in micro-enterprises, including its Upscale Resale Store in Grosse Pointe Park.

The foundation currently is focused on procuring additional space for its programs. Its popular laundry service program is at capacity, with an immediate need for additional space and energy-efficient machines.

Community demand for Full Circle services is growing and more micro-enterprise opportunities are needed to engage the growing student population. Several product-focused training programs are in development.

For more information, call (313) 469-6660.

# Family Center appoints 2015-16 board members

The Family Center recently announced its 2015-16 board of directors. The slate of officers, including Cathy Leverenz as board president, Pamela Flom as vice president, Deann Newman as treasurer and Erin O'Mara as secretary, was approved at the board meeting in September.

Returning board members include Ann Marie Aliotta, Mary Beth Austin, Gabriela Boddy, Dona Johnson-Beach, Lynne Merrill Aldrich, Rebecca Papas, Milissa Pierce, Rania Routsis, Marina Souther, Beth Walsh-Sahutske and the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver. Joining the board this year are James Clevenger Ph.D., the Rev. Peter J.M. Henry and Robert Moorhead.

Clevenger lives in Grosse Pointe Park with his wife, Vicki. They have four children. He has more than 20 years of experience as an industrial and organizational psychologist and currently works for DDI managing the relationships with several large global accounts, including General Motors, Toyota, Ford and Chrysler Fiat.

Henry came to the Grosse Pointe area in January 2007 to



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The Family Center recently announced its 2015-16 board of directors.

serve as pastor of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. He is an ordained minister with Master of Divinity, Master of Theology and doctorate degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary. Originally from the Chicago area, Henry lives in Grosse Pointe Park with his family.

Moorhead lives in Grosse Pointe Park with his three children and is currently a stay-at-home dad after his retirement in 2013 following the passing of his wife, Pamela. He earned his undergraduate degree from Northwood University and

earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan. He founded GL Medical Supply Inc. and also owned two home hospice companies.

"In a day and age in which parents need all the help they can get, the Family Center offers resources and professionals who make a difference to parents and children," Henry said. "I want to be a part of continuing and deepening that pool of resources."

For more information, contact the Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or info@familycenterweb.org.

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# Oak wilt threat is over for the season

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Tree lovers have reason to feel punch drunk.

They're hit on the right by Dutch elm disease from Europe, hit on the left by emerald ash borer from Southeast Asia and are taking uppercuts from oak wilt, an invasive fungus likely from Central or South America.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials tried to counter oak wilt this year by urging people not to prune oak trees from spring through mid-summer, when beetles are most actively flitting from tree to tree spreading the fungus.

Although the tactic won't defeat the problem, it slows the spread of fungal spores from infected trees to healthy ones made more susceptible by open wounds from pruning.

"Oak wilt acts like Dutch elm disease by clogging the vascular system of the tree," said Brian Colter, city forester in Grosse Pointe Park.

Oak wilt kills trees within a year of infestation.

Colter hasn't seen much of it in the community and wants to keep it that way by pruning oaks only in winter when trees — and the fungus

— are dormant.

"It's safe to trim in winter," Colter said.

His conservative approach agrees with Dave Roberts, a senior academic specialist in the Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Roberts said, "The DNR said pruning after July 15 is OK, but I deal with so many oak wilt sites where it's devastating the landscape and costing tens of thousands of dollars trying to contain and eradicate it, I took the tact about 20 years or so ago, no warm-season pruning."

The cost of cutting down and replacing an infected mature, specimen oak can exceed \$10,000.

A general rule among green thumbs is to delay pruning oak until temperatures drop to about 40 degrees.

"Make sure it's fairly cold," Roberts said. "October is not a high-risk month, per se."

Oak wilt entered the United States in the 1800s, according to Roberts.

"It was first discovered in the 1930s or '40s," he said. "Scientific literature in the late 1800s describes what was to become oak wilt, but no one identified the fungus at the time."

Roberts describes oak wilt symp-

ptoms on a portion of his website, [treedoctor.anr.msu.edu](http://treedoctor.anr.msu.edu).

Symptoms include leaves that wilt or turn brown from the margin inward and from the tip to base.

"A lot of people misdiagnose oak wilt as leaf scorch, which is common, especially in late summer when leaves turn brown and die," Colter said.

Normal leaf scorch, like sunburn, doesn't kill the tree.

"The tree is going to leaf out next spring as though nothing happened," Colter said.

Oak wilt is most serious on red oaks, including black oak and pin oaks.

Red oaks are identified from white oak by smoother bark and leaves with pointed lobes. White oak leaves have rounded lobes.

"Both are beautiful trees," Colter said.

Yet, he discourages planting oak in the immediate area due to soil conditions.

"There are some big, beautiful oaks that thrive here," he said. "But, we have compact clay soil in Grosse Pointe Park, which makes it difficult for the tree to draw iron from the soil. Compact clay soil is alkaline, not acidic. Oak trees, in general, like acidic soil."



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## Lake House honored

Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel recently recognized the Lake House for its Waves of Hope program, a fundraising effort to further its mission to support, educate and empower those touched by cancer. Hackel presented to Lake House Executive Director Madeline Bialecki a letter officially recognizing September as Waves of Hope Month.

## EVENTS:

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reading. Call (313) 884-5220.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets noon Mondays in the Fries Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms. Each week features a speaker and lunch is available for \$20. The public is welcome to learn how Rotary engages in "Service Above Self." On Monday, Oct. 19, Grosse Pointer Eugene Gargaro, chairman of the Detroit Institute of Arts, discusses the DIA's history, the turmoil it endured

during Detroit's bankruptcy and the "grand bargain" negotiated to save its future. Reservations are not required.

### NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe

Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

### Family Center

The Family Center presents "The Senior Gems: Understanding the Stages of Alzheimer's and Dementia," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 432-3832.

### Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center shows "The Age of Adeline" during its Lunch and a Movie program noon Tuesday, Oct. 20. Cost is \$9 for residents, \$11 for non-residents. Reserve a seat by Friday, Oct. 16, by calling (313) 343-2408.

The community center offers a trip to Blake's Orchard in Armada Thursday, Oct. 22. Bus transportation, a train ride, a half peck of apples, cider and a doughnut, admission to Barnyard Funland and a hot dog lunch are included. Cost is \$20 for residents, \$25 for non-residents. Deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 15. Call (313) 343-

2408.

### Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. After a light lunch, the Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." For reservations, call Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081. For information, call Pamela Zimmer at (313) 926-6726.

### League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts an educational town hall on redistricting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. LWV of Michigan President Judy Karandjeff explores how legislative lines are drawn, who draws them and why they're important. Call (313) 885-3123.

### Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe presents "Scams, Schemes and Swindles,"

with Chris Misuraca, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$32 for members, \$38 for non-members, \$8 for the program only. For reservations, call Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241. For information, call Ellie Kaye at (586) 463-2463.

### SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a flu clinic 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Shots are administered by Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage staff. Appointments must be made by calling (313) 882-9600.


### Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

### Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents a Business Before Hours event 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosted by the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

The chamber hosts Business After Hours 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at City Park, 17027 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.






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# 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.

## Ronald J. McInnes

Grosse Pointe Park resident Ronald J. McInnes, 63, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2015.

He was the proud owner of Bix Furniture Service in St. Clair Shores for more than 40 years.

Ron was the loving husband of Nancy; dear father of Mandy (Bret), Katie (Giles) and Kristin and devoted grandfather of Elijah, Theodore and Madison.

He also is survived by his mother, Alma and siblings, Carol Nicolai, Tom McInnes, Sue Campbell and Kathy Anderson.

He was predeceased by his father, Thomas.

A memorial Mass and celebration of Ron's life will be held at noon Friday, Oct. 16, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be designated for prostate cancer research and sent to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201 or made online at karmanos.org.

Share a memory at rudyfuneral.com.

## Vivian C. Andrus-Ogilvie

Vivian C. Andrus-Ogilvie, 92, died peacefully Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, at Riverview North Nursing Center in Detroit.

Vivian was born Dec. 15, 1922, in John Day, Ore., to Criss and Corna Hamilton. Vivian grew up in Oregon, in a family of cattle ranchers. She had 13 aunts and uncles who were all involved in ranching.

After graduating high school, she moved to Detroit to further her education. She graduated business school and worked as a stenographer. She lived with an aunt and uncle who introduced her to Simeon Andrus. Simeon had just returned home from the war, serving his country as a company commander in the U.S. Army Air Corps. On June 1, 1946, the young couple married at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit.

Vivian devoted herself to raising her family and being a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, shopping and gardening. She loved her dogs and generally had two of them at a time. She also raised parakeets for a period of time. Vivian enjoyed traveling, particularly back to Oregon to visit family back home. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Clair Shores.

Simeon died in 1972. In 1986, she married her high school sweetheart from Oregon, Carlos Ogilvie. Carlos died in 1991.

Vivian is survived by her sons, Dennis Andrus (Marita) and Douglas Andrus (Kimberly Soulliere); loving grandchildren, Stacey Keyes (John), Lee Jacobsen (Peter), Todd Andrus (Shannon) and Chad Andrus (Jenny) and 12 great-grandchildren.

A private service was held.

Donations may be made to Michigan Humane

Society, c/o Development Department, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

## Laura Vethacke Wortman

Laura Vethacke Wortman, 43, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, surrounded by family.

Laura was born March 31, 1972, in Detroit, the first child and only daughter of Barbara Yazbeck Vethacke and Werner Vethacke. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. Laura's greatest passion in life was her family and her presence was a bright light that will be missed tremendously by those who knew and loved her.

Laura is survived by her loving husband, Paul James "PJ" Wortman; children, PJ Jr. and Elizabeth; parents, Barbara Yazbeck Vethacke and Werner Vethacke (Sue); brother, Karl Vethacke (Carey) and parents-in-law, Joseph B. and Rosemary Wortman.

She also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 10 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the family to be sent to a charity of choice selected by PJ Jr. and Elizabeth in honor of their mother.

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## Kay I. Friesen

Kay I. Friesen, 74, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015, at Sunrise on Vernier Assisted Living Center, Grosse Pointe Woods.

She was born in Detroit to Robert and Violet Bader and graduated from Wayne State University. She retired from St. Clair Shores Adult and Community Education having been the building supervisor and formerly a teacher.

Mrs. Friesen played tennis and liked working on crossword puzzles. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Friesen is survived by her husband, William Friesen; daughters, Whitney Bernstein (Paul) and Dana Klemm (Bradley); grandchildren, Isabelle Bernstein, Kylie Bernstein, Joshua Bernstein, Andrew Klemm and Julia Klemm; sister, Sandra Koester and brother, Robert Ankeny.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased

by her brother, Arthur Ankeny.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

## Cynthia Kay Redlawski

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Cynthia Kay Redlawski, 61, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015. She lived all of her adult life in the Grosse Pointe area.

Born Sept. 18, 1954, in Detroit, to George and Mary Ann Riegel, she was a loving wife, mother, sister and homemaker. Cindy loved to throw parties and her home was a source of fun and enjoyment for the neighborhood children. She took pride in receiving a first-place blue ribbon at the Michigan State Fair for her apple pie.

Cindy had a profound love of God and family, never thinking of herself first, but always caring for others, especially the less fortunate. Her kind spirit will be deeply missed.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Steven; daughters, Caroline, Annie and Abby; sister, Suzanne Deschaine and brother, George Riegel.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Robert.

A service will be held at a future date. Contact Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home at (313) 881-8500 for more information.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army at salvationarmyusa.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Mary Grant

Mary Grant, 84, died peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, at Shorepointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.

Mary was born July 6, 1931, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Charles and Eva Singelyn. She grew up on the eastside of Detroit on Bedford near Harper and graduated from Dominican High School in 1949. In 1951, she married John Grant at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Detroit.

In 1967, Mary started working at St. John Hospital in Detroit as a unit secretary in labor and delivery. She retired in 1986.

Mary's family was her passion. She loved to host birthday parties for her children and grandchildren. Holidays were a special time at her home. She liked to cook and bake. Apple pie was a favorite. Mary loved ballroom dancing, reading, crossword puzzles, sewing and needlepoint. She enjoyed



Ronald J. McInnes



Vivian C. Andrus-Ogilvie



Laura Vethacke Wortman



Kay I. Friesen



Cynthia Kay Redlawski



Mary Grant

spending vacations at Mullet Lake in northern Michigan, traveling and cruising.

The annual Grosse Pointe Woods fireworks were always a fun time because her home was close to Mack Avenue. Mary's family described her as a generous, kind, understanding woman and a good listener who gave solid advice.

Mary is survived by her children, John (Debra), Janet Szewczyk (the late David), James and Robert (Jackie); grandchildren, Kimberly, Kristin, Kathleen, David, Amy, Daniel, Robert, Ryan and Matthew; great-grandson, Oliver; and two brothers, John Singelyn (Patricia) and Michael Singelyn (Barbara).

She was predeceased by her husband, John and brother, Charles.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 13 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to Boys Town, 200 Flanagan Blvd., Boystown, NE 68010.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

## Clyde Wu M.D.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Clyde Wu M.D., 82, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015.

Born July 25, 1933, in Hong Kong, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1952 and a medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in 1956. He trained in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at University of Rochester, Boston City Hospital and University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Wu was an accomplished cardiologist and devoted his career to supporting and advancing research and medical education. He served as associate clinical professor of medicine at Wayne State University and was on staff at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

Dr. Wu was an honorary professor at Peking Union Medical College, consult-

ing professor at Shanghai Second Medical University, and an honorary fellow of Hong Kong University.

He was a trustee emeritus and served on the board of trustees at Columbia University in New York City and as the longest serving chairman of the Health Sciences Committee of the trustees. He was a generous supporter of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and Columbia University Medical Center. At Columbia University, he established the Clyde and Helen Wu Center for Molecular Cardiology and five Clyde and Helen Wu Professorships in medicine, clinical oncology, immunology, molecular cardiology, and chemical biology. He began and supported the Clyde and Helen Wu Fellows Program, which brings promising junior faculty from the Peking Union Medical College in Beijing to train at Columbia and the Wu China Center, which fosters collaborations between Columbia University and prominent medical schools in China.

Besides his medical activities, Dr. Wu served on the boards of University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods, the Chamber Music Society of Detroit and the Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University Project. A strong supporter of the arts, Dr. Wu was the founding member of the Friends of Asian Arts at the Detroit Institute of Art and served on the board of directors of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as chairman of the education committee.

Dr. Wu and his late wife, Helen, became involved in DSO's music education programs in 1996. In 2014, the education program was renamed the Wu Family Academy for Learning and Engagement in their honor. The Academy includes more than 1,000 students in the DSO Civic Youth Orchestra, Civic Jazz Ensembles, Wind Ensembles, Symphonic Orchestra, String Orchestra and Chamber



Clyde Wu M.D.

Music groups.

Dr. Wu is survived by his sons, Dr. Roger Wu (Ruth Hauser Wu) and Dr. David Wu (Dr. Bernadine Wu) and grandchildren, Nicholas, Madeline, Caroline and Jonathan.

He was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Helen, in June.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A memorial service concert by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.

Donations may be made to Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201 or at dso.org, with a note designating the contribution to the Wu Family Academy.

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## OBITUARIES:

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**Vivian Lee Shoreck**

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Vivian Lee Shoreck, 103, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015.

Born, Feb. 2, 1912, she loved fashion and owned Mr. Julian Fashions on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park for many years offering the "smartest styles in ladies apparel." A vivacious and classy lady, she loved to laugh and smile and delighted in life. Her friends were the family she chose.

Vivian supported numerous animal non-profits and had a special love for her many dogs through the years. Her dog, Molly, was especially loved and will continue to be cared for by Vivian's close friend of many years, Jasper.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, with burial in Resurrection Cemetery, next to her husband, Julian, who died in 1990.

Vivian will be missed dearly by those whose lives she touched.

**John Marshall France**

John Marshall France, 67, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015. He was a beloved son, brother, uncle and friend to many.

A lifelong Grosse Pointer, John was a veteran of the Vietnam War, graduate of Lawrence Technological Institute and worked as a civil engineer.

John's easy smile and generous spirit, passion for Detroit sports teams (particularly the Tigers), love of political discourse and technology and especially his devotion to home, family and friends, will be dearly missed.

John is survived by his sisters, Margaret L. France-Roa and Karen E. France Unruh and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Charles Jackson France M.D. and Audrey I. Olson France and brothers, Charles A. France and Robert J. France.

Donations may be made to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839 or at redcross.org.

**Gretchen W. Albrecht**

Gretchen W. Albrecht, 87, passed away Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015, at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township.

She was born Aug. 16, 1928, in Mount Pleasant, to John and Bernice Battle.

A resident of Clinton Township, Mrs. Albrecht and her husband owned a summer home in Houghton Lake, where they enjoyed spending their summers. They had "summered" there 65 years.

Mrs. Albrecht is survived by her husband, Walter A. Albrecht Jr.; daughter, Mary Gretchen Schiessler (John); grandchildren, Don Schiessler (Marsha) and Karen Pangborn (Mick) and great-grandchildren, Haley and Tyler.

She was predeceased by her son, Walter A. Albrecht III.

A funeral was held Oct. 8 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Higgins Lake Foundation, 207 Terrace Drive, P.O. Box 753, Roscommon, MI 48653.

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Vivian Lee Shoreck



John Marshall France



Gretchen W. Albrecht

**Rosemary E. Shilson**

Rosemary E. Shilson, 84, died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015.

She was born March 23, 1931, in New York City, to Bernard and Rose Golden. Raised in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., Rosie attended Visitation Academy and was a graduate of Fontbonne Hall Academy. She married Thomas Howard Shilson in 1962. Rosie began a career in publishing on Madison Avenue and later built thriving interior and jewelry design businesses. Although most of her life was spent in New York, she and her husband lived in Grosse Pointe Park for nearly 20 years. They also lived in Jupiter, Fla., Sante Fe,

N.M. and Beaufort, S.C. before retiring in 1988 to East Hampton, N.Y.

Rosie was an avid gardener, painter and consummate hostess. She enjoyed sailing with her husband and son. A long-time member of the Ladies Village Improvement Society, Rosie was integral to the success of its silent auction at the annual fair.

Rosie was a vibrant, strong and independent woman who loved life and enjoyed family, friends and travel. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend and dog-lover and will be remembered for her graciousness, hospitality, sense of adventure and great sense of humor.

Rosie is survived by her son, Jason Thomas Shilson and his wife, Carol



Rosemary E. Shilson

McCarthy Shilson and grandson, Connor John Shilson.

She was predeceased by her husband, Tom.

Donations may be made to the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons at [arhamptons.org](http://arhamptons.org) or to Ladies Village Improvement Society at [lvivis.org](http://lvivis.org).

# Fire pit and shade canopies

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — There's a ying-yang aspect to a pair of community enhancements planned by the Grosse Pointe Farms Improvement Foundation.

The ying warms people ice skating at Pier Park.

The yang protects them from sunburn poolside.

"The concept is fire and shade," said Duncan Campbell, Foundation president. "We're trying to address two particular needs of families in

Grosse Pointe Farms."

The Foundation is a private, charitable organization.

Members spend tax-deductible donations on civic improvements beyond the everyday purview of municipal budgets, such as the dog park that opened two years ago beside Kerby Field.

"We really appreciate the support of our residents to make Grosse Pointe Farms an even better place to live," Campbell said.

Due before winter is construction of a gas-fed

fire pit next to the skating rink at the lakeside municipal park.

"A fire pit creates great sense of community, as we know from growing up sitting around campfires," Campbell said.

Preliminary renderings show a flame within a round, stone hearth elevated a few feet off the ground. Stone benches ringing the pit may be heated internally to prevent snow and ice buildup, according to Farms Councilman Joe Ricci, liaison to the Foundation. "It will be under the

control of city staff," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "The intent would be to (operate) it while the rink is open. We have city staff on site. If somebody puts combustible material in the fire, we will address that."

"A united council this month endorsed the idea. Construction could start next month and be completed for the season," Reeside said.

A second project is due before the municipal swim team resumes home meets next summer.

"We're in the final design phase of a sail-themed canopy to be installed in the open area by the pool so swimmers and family members can get out of the sun during these long events," Campbell said.

Currently, there's no shady place to watch meets.

"We love our sun, but as we all know, it's not the best thing for us," Campbell said.

Residents can expect to receive fundraising appeals in about one

month.

"These two projects have a projected budget between \$100,000 and \$120,000 for both," Campbell said.

The Foundation will soon accept donations online.

"That should be going live in the next few weeks," Campbell said.

For additional information, visit the Foundation website through the Farms municipal website, [grossepointefarms.org/government/grossepointe-farms-foundation](http://grossepointefarms.org/government/grossepointe-farms-foundation).

## City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

### SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OCTOBER 12, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers; Wood, West, Joseph, Theros, Ricci and Waldmeir.

Absent Were: None.  
Also Present: Messrs. William Burgess, City Attorney; Shane Reeside, City Manager; Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk; John Lamerato, City Controller/Treasurer; Terry Brennan, Director of Public Service; Dan Jensen, Director of Public Safety; John Hutchins, Pamela Baker, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 14, 2015, were approved as submitted.

The Council proclaimed the week of October 18, 2015, "National Friends of Libraries Week."

Following a Public Hearing, the Council approved the fence permit for 396 Provencal.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals:  
a. Approved the Minutes of the ZBA Meeting held on December 8, 2014.  
b. Approved the request for three variances to construct an addition to the home at 240 Stephens.  
c. Approved the variance for Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Hudson for a lot split on their property.

The Council approved the following on the Consent Agenda:  
1. Approved invoices, as presented.  
2. Approved the purchase of a 2015 Ford F-250 pickup truck for Parks & Recreation Department.  
3. Approved the purchase of a Kubota RTV service vehicle for Parks & Recreation Department.  
4. Approved the request to award a contract for repairs to the Pier Park Community Building second floor deck.  
5. Approved request to award a contract for emergency sewer lining.

The Public Safety Report for September 2015 was received by the Board and ordered placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: [www.grossepointefarms.org](http://www.grossepointefarms.org)

James C. Farquhar, Mayor

Derrick Kozicki, City Clerk

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## Foundation's record

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Members of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, a private, non-profit organization, funded \$2 million worth of public enhancements to the city since 1993, according to information on its website.

"We listen to our residents about what they need and would like," said Duncan Campbell, Foundation president.

Projects benefit the public, but are funded through tax deductible donations.

"Grosse Pointe Farms is all about creating community," Duncan said. "We keep that in mind with any project making Grosse Pointe Farms a better place to bring up a family."

- Foundation projects are:
- ◆ 2013 — dog park at Kerby Field,
  - ◆ 2012 — facade restoration of the Newberry House-Services for Older Citizens headquarters,
  - ◆ 2011 — new facade of Pier Park water pump booster station,
  - ◆ 2009 — Kerby Field playscape,
  - ◆ 2007 — ice skating rink and non-aquatic athletic project,
  - ◆ 2006 — campus of the water filtration plant,
  - ◆ 2004 — Pier Park community building,
  - ◆ 2002 — children's splash pad at Pier Park,
  - ◆ 2000 — ornamental street sign,
  - ◆ 1998 — gazebo and landscaping at Pier Park,
  - ◆ 1997 — Pier Park reforestation and renovation,
  - ◆ 1996 — Pier Park bath house renovation,
  - ◆ 1995 — brick sidewalks on the Hill,
  - ◆ 1993 — Lakeshore road Adopt-An-Island,
  - ◆ 1991 — renovation of Joy Bells Park and Moross,
  - ◆ 1990 — renovation of the old gate house at Pier Park
  - ◆ 1989 — Hill municipal parking lot beautification,
  - ◆ 1988 — welcome signs to Grosse Pointe Farms,
  - ◆ 1986 — new Pier Park entrance and gate house and
  - ◆ 1984 — Richard Place on Kercheval on the Hill.

For more information about the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, visit [grossepointefarms.org/government/grossepointe-farms-foundation](http://grossepointefarms.org/government/grossepointe-farms-foundation).

### Submitting an obituary

The deadline for submitting an obituary is 3 p.m., the Monday prior to the Thursday publication. Obituaries may be submitted via a form on our website, [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com). Obituaries written by the family may be sent to [karen@grossepointenews.com](mailto:karen@grossepointenews.com).

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The Grosse Pointe News charges \$125 for most obituaries. Additional charges apply to more extensive obituaries. Only funeral homes will be billed. Family submission fees must be paid prior to the date of publication, via check, credit card or cash. Receipts are available upon request.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Mary Ann Siefke

## Red light returning

It is often the most bizarre objects which remind us of home. As we reminisce, we are comforted as waves of calm rush over our body, putting our souls at ease.

I moved to Grosse Pointe at the call of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit called me to learn and serve among the people of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church as their intern pastor. For the first few weeks I moved here alone, leaving my husband, our cat and most of our belongings in our home in northwest Ohio. Even though I wasn't far away from home, I felt worlds away until one warm, starry, beautiful night. Red light returning.

The concept is simple. When a vessel is coming into port, the red marker should always be at the vessel's starboard side. Driving home from church one evening I saw it, red light returning. A home I passed every single day had replaced their white garage lights with red and green. My eyes welled with tears as I remembered the countless nights I eagerly

awaited the comfort of that red light, signifying home.

For several seasons I worked on an island in Lake Erie and took a ferry as part of my commute. During those extremely long, hot and stressful days, my comfort was knowing when that red light appeared, I was close to the comfort of home. The red eternal flame found in many of our churches reminds me of this nautical code telling seafarers they are close to home.

The eternal flame is a reminder God's presence is always with us. As we approach the table and receive the gifts, freely given for the sake of the world, we find true comfort and peace. As we feast, we stand in the presence of the flame which assures us our souls have found true peace. It is in this bizarre red light I am reminded my home is wherever the Holy Spirit calls me to be.

*Siefke is the intern pastor at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.*

## St. Clare hosts Fall Festival, Oktoberfest

St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe Park presents its third annual Fall Festival Friday, Oct. 16, through Sunday, Oct. 18, rain or shine, under the tents on the school grounds, 16231 Charlevoix.

Weekend events include an artist lounge Friday night, Oktoberfest party Saturday night and open tailgate party Sunday afternoon to watch the Detroit Lions battle the Chicago Bears on a large screen, all under the tents.

The artist lounge invites people to gather for a beverage and snacks while completing a painting on canvas under the direction of an art instructor. No experience or artistic talent is needed. Cost is \$35 and includes all painting supplies and materials. Advanced reservations are necessary and may be paid by check or credit card online. Visit [theartistlounge.biz/st-clare-of-montefalco-parish-painting-event.html](http://theartistlounge.biz/st-clare-of-montefalco-parish-painting-event.html).

Saturday night's Oktoberfest includes the return of The Polish Muslims, with opening band, Rosetta Pebble. The event takes place 6:30 to 11



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Guests enjoyed the open courtyard between the tents at the 2013 Oktoberfest.

p.m. Admission is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and includes \$8 worth of food and drink tickets, with additional tickets available for sale throughout the evening. An eclectic array of food, ranging from Polish to German to American, is available. Refreshments include specialty, craft and Polish beer, as well as wine and soft drinks. Ice cream sandwich desserts are provided by Baskin-Robbins at 10 Mile and Kelly roads, Roseville.

Sunday afternoon 1 to 4 p.m. is an open tailgate party where

families are welcome to watch the Lions vs. Bears game on a large screen. Attendees should bring their own beverages; hot dogs and pizza will be available for purchase.

The end of the weekend will be marked by the celebration of Mass at 5 p.m. by St. Clare Associate Pastor Fr. Tom Wilisowski, under the tents.

Presenting Sponsors are Deacon John and Bobbi Sfire, former residents of Grosse Pointe Park who now reside in Chicago. Deacon John attended St. Clare School, served as altar boy and was in the choir. He graduated from the former Austin Catholic High School, is still in touch with his graduating class and fondly remembers his years in the parish.

Other sponsors include Roy O'Brien Ford in St. Clair Shores, Fikany Real Estate in Grosse Pointe and Howard Kay of the Grosse Pointe Office of Merrill Lynch.

Advance tickets are available at the St. Clare Parish office, 1401 Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park, during normal business hours. For more information, visit [stclarem.org](http://stclarem.org).

### St. Paul

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, celebrates Monsignor Patrick Halfpenny's 40 years of priestly ordination during an anniversary Mass at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. A reception takes place 4 to 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required by Friday, Oct. 9. Call (313) 885-8855.

### Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers "Building Up Your Marriage," 10:10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. The program includes a video and small-

## CHURCH EVENTS

group discussion of Gary Chapman's "The Marriage You've Always Wanted." Call (313) 882-5330.

### Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Byrd Songs" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, featuring the music of composer William Byrd. Call (313) 885-4841.

### St. James

St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a book club meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26. The group will discuss "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Call (313) 884-0511.

The church's fourth annual Good Gifts Fair takes place 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8. Proceeds benefit

nonprofit organizations. Volunteers are needed to help organize and staff the fair. Call (313) 884-0511.

The church hosts a clean-up service project at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, for all ages. Efforts begin in the church yard and spread throughout the neighborhood. Call (313) 884-0511.

### GP Unitarian

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts an art market sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. The market includes decorative arts, framed artwork, pottery and more, ranging from \$10 to \$200.

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# Health Beauty & Fitness

## St. John receives \$2 million from foundation

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation has awarded two grants totaling \$2 million to St. John

Hospital & Medical Center to help enhance the care of the community's senior citizens.

The donations will be used for the creation of an outpatient Senior Assessment for Independent Living Center and for the enhancement of the forthcoming Acute Care of the Elderly Unit at St. John Hospital. Both facilities will be named in honor of Ralph C. Wilson, late owner of the NFL's Buffalo Bills, who passed away in 2014.

The gifts to St. John Hospital are part of a series of one-time grants made through the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation's transitional legacy program. The recipients are

organizations Wilson cared about and funded historically through his philanthropy. These grants will largely be focused on the western New York and southeastern Michigan communities. St. John Hospital is the first organization in Michigan to receive gifts as part of this initiative.

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. SAIL Center, which will adjoin the existing St. John Medical Center-Ralph C. Wilson Jr. campus in Grosse Pointe, will offer comprehensive, multidisciplinary evaluations and treatment plans for complex, elderly patients. Recent studies have indicated using a SAIL can result in significant improvements in

seniors' quality of life and living independence. The American Geriatrics Society recommends comprehensive geriatric assessments for patients at high risk of future hospitalization or nursing home placement, patients with impairments in daily living activities or those experiencing one of many age-related conditions such as falls, incontinence and dementia.

The ACE Unit is a medical-surgical unit within the hospital devoted to caring for adults age 65 and older. It employs an interdisciplinary team model, integrating disciplines to collaboratively develop the patient-centered care plan. The ACE Unit model of care consists of the proactive identification and management of geriatric syn-

dromes that can complicate the management of the illness-related hospitalization. Frequent interdisciplinary team rounds that focus on patient-centered vs. disease-centered care, care transition planning from the day of admission, communication of team recommendations to the appropriate caregiver and environmental modifications that promote safe mobility and cognitive stimulation are cornerstones of ACE Unit care.

"We are extremely grateful that St. John Hospital & Medical Center is one of the organizations that Mr. Wilson cared about and generously supported and we are privileged to be

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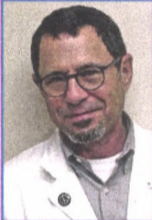
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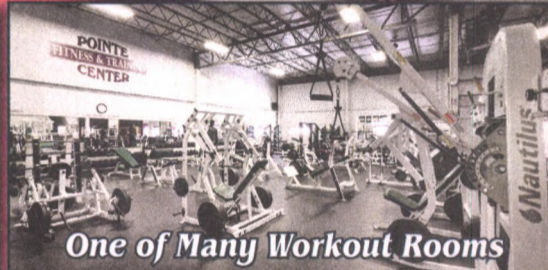
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# Health Beauty & Fitness

## Facility names new space after Park couple

Bill and Kathy Whelan's decades of work to improve the lives of individuals with mental illness was honored recently at Michigan's 400-acre residential care facility, Rose Hill Center in Holly.

The Whelans, of Grosse Pointe Park, attended a dinner at Rose Hill Center where their name was dedicated on the wall of the

reception area of the Cracchiolo Visitors Center, now named after Bill and Kathy Whelan.

Husband-and-wife team Dan and Rosemary Kelly built Rose Hill Center more than 20 years ago after trying to find a residential treatment facility for their son, who has schizophrenia. They did not want to institutionalize him and stifle his potential. They dreamed of a location where he could live a fulfilled and purposeful life with peers.

When the Kellys couldn't find such a facility in Michigan, they built one.




The dedication for the Whelans' contribution to Rose Hill Center happened during a celebration of the completion of a recent capital campaign where \$3 million was raised to renovate, expand and improve the center's grounds.

Benefactors who have been instrumental in the development and success of Rose Hill Center were honored.



From left, Rose Hill Center President Ben Robinson and co-founder Rosemary Kelly, the Whelans and Rose Hill co-founder Dan Kelly.

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“Our dedication to the center that treats individuals battling diseases including schizophrenia, depression and co-occurring diseases is a very personal one,” Bill Whelan said. “My wife Kathleen and Rosemary (Kelly) are sisters and very close.”

“Bill Whelan tirelessly

serves on the board of the Rose Hill Foundation. He and his wife, Kathy, have led major efforts to raise funds for Rose Hill over many years as well as being very generous benefactors themselves,” said Dan Kelly.

“We have supported Rose Hill Center from the beginning just as they have supported our family in other ways,” Bill Whelan continued.

“This is a family issue. When Rose Hill Center was first being built, we knew it would be a world-class organization with a great staff. We are excited that it has helped thousands of people over more than 20 years. We would love to see 100 of these types of organizations around the nation as a beacon of hope for individuals to feel good about them-

selves and have a purpose every day.”

Ben Robinson, Rose Hill's president and CEO, said funds from the capital campaign will help “the fight to save people with serious mental illness.”

The center's goal is to assist individuals in achieving and maintaining psychiatric stability and the highest level of independence.

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among those carefully selected to receive these exceptional legacy grants,” said Susan Burns, president of St. John Providence Foundations. “This gen-

erous commitment will allow us to better serve the unique needs of our growing senior population. In appreciation, we are honored to name our SAIL Center and ACE Unit for this legendary man of such high integrity and extraordinary generosity.”

“We are proud to support St. John Hospital & Medical Center and to continue my husband's commitment to this incredible organization and the people of south-

eastern Michigan,” said Mary Wilson, Wilson's widow and a foundation trustee. “Through the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Campus at the St. John Medical Center and now this announcement, the collaboration between our organizations will continue to serve a critically important population for the region.”

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation is a private foundation headquartered in Grosse Pointe Farms established in

2011 by Ralph C. Wilson Jr. to eventually become the vehicle to receive a substantial amount of his estate's proceeds which are to be used exclusively for charitable purposes. Wilson died March 25, 2014, after which the trustees liquidated the majority of his estate's assets and funded the foundation with \$1.2 billion in early 2015. It measures in the top five of Michigan-based private foundations and has a 20-year lifespan.




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## VOLLEYBALL

# Norsemen beat PHN

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' volleyball team ended its first run through the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with a 25-16, 25-12, 25-23 win over visiting Port Huron Northern last week.

"They came out hungry tonight and they played very well," head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "They played like we should be playing at this point of the season."

"Each practice the girls go hard and they showed that hard work tonight with a nice win."

In game one, the Norsemen's firepower was front and center with juniors Katie Snow and Mackenzie Simon, as well as sophomores Meredith Kraus and Abby Kanakry.

The defense was sound with seniors Erin Armbruster and Lauren Lesha handling the blocking duties, while senior Lucy Dodge and junior Stephanie Roy were stellar all over the court.

"Our serving wasn't very strong in the first game, so I told the girls to get their act together and focus more," Brozo said. "They were much better during games two and three."

Game two was over in the blink of an eye as the Norsemen dominated play at both ends of the court.

Their offense was strong and the defense was a wall at the net.

Game three was close, but the Norsemen were able to hang tough and win. Northern had its chances to beat the Norsemen, but the home team hung tough.

Simon had nine kills and Snow added six. Dodge had 72 assists, while Kraus had nine solo blocks and nine kills.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-3 in the MAC Red after its road victory over L'Anse Creuse two nights later.

On Monday evening, the Norsemen played visiting Marysville and played well in the first three games.

The Norsemen lost

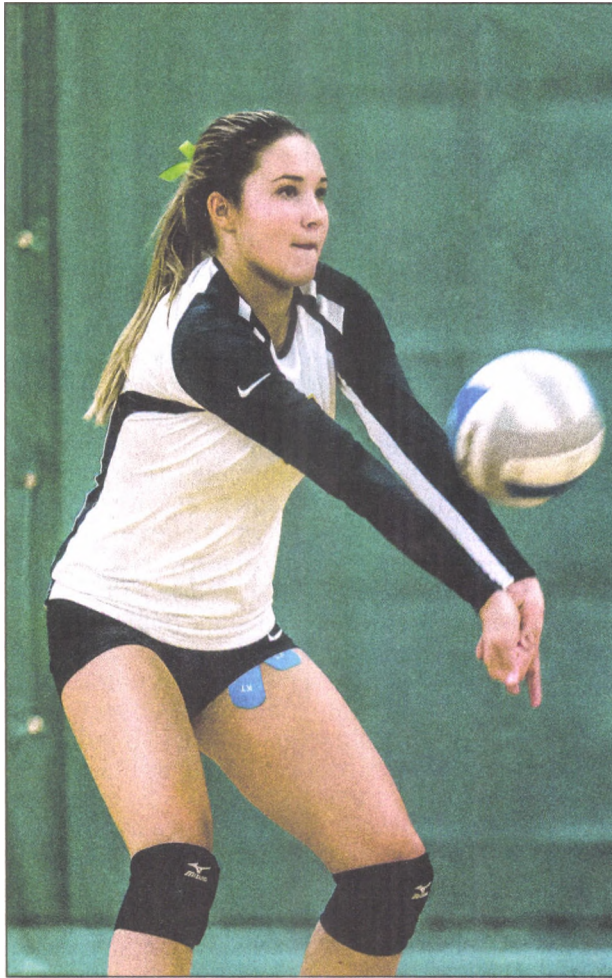


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North junior Katie Snow returns a serve during the Norsemen's three game sweep of Port Huron Northern.

game one 25-21, but rallied to win game two 25-22.

Game three was close, but the Norsemen lost 25-20.

The Norsemen lost their momentum and lost game four 25-12 to lose the match in four games to the Vikings.

Grosse Pointe North dipped to 3-4 in the MAC Red Division and 14-10-3 overall.

Next for the Norsemen is division matches at home against Romeo Thursday, Oct. 15, and away Tuesday, Oct. 20, against Macomb Dakota.

# Blue Devils back on track

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' volleyball team played its best match in a while last week, beating host Fraser 25-16, 25-16, 25-23.

"We brought up Rachele (Wolfe) from the jv and moved Kayli (Johnson) back to her natural position and I think it made a big difference," head coach Kevin Nugent said. "The girls played well tonight and they were aggressive. It will hopefully set us up for a better second half of the league schedule."

The Blue Devils had no trouble collecting kills in the first two games.

Junior Lexi Kohut, sophomore Chandler Duff and junior Katie Satterfield were on the mark with kills.

Junior Sarah Simmet and sophomore Lauren Toenjes were also in on the offensive part of the Blue Devils' game.

Defensively, Johnson was all over the court with digs and serve receive. She was a steady force in the back

row for the Blue Devils.

In game one, junior Emma Andreason had her serve going and it helped the Blue Devils pull away from and grab an 18-10 lead.

Junior Dominique Maes ended game one with a service ace.

In game two, Duff, Kohut and Satterfield were unstoppable at the net. All three had booming kills, which were too much for the Ramblers to handle.

The game was over quickly, leading to a lengthy game three.

Satterfield served with the Blue Devils behind 23-21 and four points later they earned the two-point win and a sweep of the Macomb Area Conference White Division match.

Earlier in the week, South lost 25-18, 25-18, 25-21 to Sterling Heights Stevenson.

"The girls played better, despite the loss at Stevenson," Nugent said. "I see a difference in the girls' presence on the court and it is for the better."

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-4 in the MAC White Division.

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## Tennis

# North, South, Liggett make finals

## Norsemen sweep regional

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys' tennis team played on its home courts for the first time in more than a decade.

The project to construct tennis courts off Morningside was recently completed and the Norsemen hosted a Division 2 regional tournament with Warren Cousino, Port Huron, Warren Woods-Tower, St. Clair Shores Lakeview and Sterling Heights competing.

"This is a great day for Grosse Pointe North tennis," head coach John Van Alst said. "To have tennis here at the school is huge. It's nice to see students and teachers walking by to watch our boys play."

To make it an even better day, North swept the regional tournament, earning 24 points to make the state finals yet again.

Also making the state finals were Cousino and Port Huron, which earned 12 and 11 points,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North's Max Stallings cruised to a regional title at No. 1 singles.

respectively. The top two teams automatically earned a berth or a team with 10 points or more made it.

The final championship point was earned by the No. 1 doubles team of Mitchell Zacharias and his brother, Ben Zacharias.

They blitzed Cousino's duo 6-0, 6-0. The match took less than an hour to complete.

The No. 3 doubles squad of Evan Olzem and Abhinav Nannapaneni also beat Cousino 6-0, 6-0, while the No. 2 doubles team of Andrew Delas and Adam Berry won 6-1, 6-0 over Cousino.

The No. 4 doubles team of Ethan Aziz and Blake

Graham was pushed, but won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1.

Hunter Williams cruised to an easy 6-0, 6-0 victory over Eric Schunema of Cousino at No. 4 singles and Max Stallings nearly repeated the shutout at No. 1 singles, beating Cameron Lee of Port Huron 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 2 singles, Jack Williams defeated Port Huron's Joe Myers 6-1, 6-1, and rounding out the champions was Tyler Scoggin, who beat Port Huron's Isiah Rousey 6-3, 6-3.

Next for Grosse Pointe North is the Division 2 state finals tournament Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, at Holly.

## Blue Devils net needed points

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys' tennis team knew it would take some solid play to make the state finals.

Heavy favorite Troy and challenging Troy Athens were in attendance in last week's Division 1 regional tournament at Elworthy.

On a beautiful fall afternoon, the Blue Devils earned their bid to the state finals by earning 19 points and third place. A team needed to finish first or second, or get at least 18 points, to get the finals bid.

"The boys came on strong and played well to get the spot in the state finals," head coach John Willard said. "I'm proud of them. They stepped up and played very well today against a strong field. They really earned it today."

Troy won the regional with 30 points and Troy Athens was second at 21.

The Blue Devils had two regional champions.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Patrick Willard, shown in a recent tournament, made the semifinals at the No. 1 singles flight.

First was Michael Willard, who won at No. 3 singles when Troy's Michael Faber had to take a seat with a sore shoulder.

Second was the No. 1 doubles team of John Sullivan and Nick Costakis, who upended the No. 1 seed, Troy, 6-1, 7-5 in the championship match.

The duo came up with several clutch points down the stretch of game two to take the title.

They defeated Athens in the semifinals and Fraser in the first round.

At No. 2 doubles, Kevin Dietz and Jacob Schwesinger lost 6-4, 7-6 to Athens in the semi-

finals, and the No. 3 doubles squad of David Scupholm and Turner Sine dropped a tough 6-3, 6-4 first-round match to DeLaSalle.

Patrick Bourke and Chris Lizza won a match before falling 6-2, 6-3 to Athens in the semifinals.

At No. 1 singles, Patrick Willard lost 6-4, 6-2 to David Yang from Athens in the semifinals, and making it to the title match of No. 3 singles was Sean Miller, who played well in a 6-2, 6-1 loss to Troy's Sandeep Raja.

Teddy Sweeney lost 6-0, 7-5 to Athens' Ajay Balaji in the semifinals of the No. 4 singles flight.

## Knights dominate regional

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Mark Sobieralski scheduled two weeks of tough matches to prepare his players for the state play-offs.

The strategy worked as the University Liggett boys' tennis team swept its Division 4 regional tournament at Almont last weekend.

The Knights earned a perfect 24 points and Flint Powers also made the state finals with its second-place total of 13 points. Sandusky and Almont needed at least 10 points to make the finals and both came up short, earning 8 points apiece.

"I'm proud of the guys," Sobieralski said. "They played some great tennis the past few weeks and knew the tougher matches would help them here at the regionals."

The Knights lost only

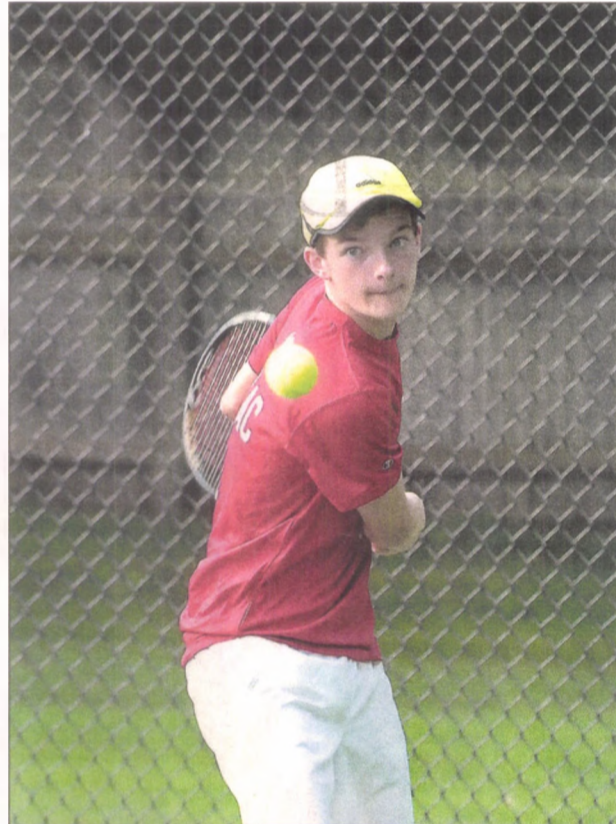


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett's T.J. Dulac played steady tennis to win a No. 1 singles regional title.

two games in the four championship singles matches.

T.J. Dulac beat Sandusky's Danny Hale 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles and Christian Ilitch defeated Flint Powers' T.J. Abraham 6-1, 6-0.

Matt Lesha came

through with a big win, according to Sobieralski. He beat Flint Powers' Sam Petrarz 6-0, 6-1. These two played a match a couple of weeks ago and Lesha lost in three close sets at No. 3 singles.

Andrew Staricco blanked Flint Powers' Vinny Goyette 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 singles.

At No. 1 doubles, Alex Dow and Thomas Van Pelt beat Flint Powers' duo 6-4, 6-2 and Will Gersch and Davey Sekhon defeated the Flint Powers' tandem 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

It was Casey Scoggin and Alec Azar also beating Flint Powers duo 6-1, 6-3 at No. 3 doubles and completing the sweep was the No. 4 doubles team of Kester Stefani and Craig Buhler blitzing Flint Powers' squad 6-1, 6-1.

Coming up for Liggett is the Division 4 state final Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, at Kalamazoo College.

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## Football

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen alone in first place

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Frank Sumbera knew the annual homecoming game would be a lesson in how to defend smash mouth football.

St. Clair Shores Lakeview had a game plan, which was simple: run the ball and take time off the clock.

However, Grosse Pointe North tackled the challenge head-on and went on to win, 28-15.

"We knew Lakeview wanted to pound the ball and our kids did a good job of limiting it," Sumbera said. "They had a couple of long possessions, but for the most part we were able to stuff the run and force some punts."

"It's always nice to win on homecoming and send the fans home happy."

With the win, North improved to 4-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and set up a first-place showdown with Warren Cousino in week No. 8.

"This is why our boys play high school football," Sumbera said. "A division title is on the line and we will be ready to play on the road. It will be a great game."

Lakeview was able to take the opening possession and drive 70 yards in a dozen plays before scoring a touchdown. The extra point gave the Huskies a 7-0 lead with only 3:49 left in the first quarter.

The Norsemen responded as senior running back LaTorriss Greer capped a quick drive with a 2-yard touchdown run. However, the extra point was missed and the Norsemen trailed 7-6.

In the second quarter, it was the Norsemen who used a long, ball-controlled drive to take the lead after Greer scored on a 4-yard run. Sophomore quarterback Bjorn Bjornsson completed the two-point conversion pass and the home team led 14-7.

Two quick touchdowns in the third quarter gave the Norsemen a 28-7 lead and all was fine and dandy on homecoming.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North senior LaTorriss Greer scored two touchdowns to help the Norsemen beat Lakeview on homecoming.

Bjornsson connected with senior Tristin Richardson on a 30-yard touchdown pass and on their next possession hit senior Amir Hunter on a 60-yard touchdown pass.

Junior George Brophy kicked both PATs to account for the Norsemen's final point total.

The Huskies scored in the fourth quarter and ran in the two-point conversion for the final points of the game.

The Norsemen's defense held on downs late in the game to pre-

serve the victory.

Bjornsson completed 5-of-6 passes for 155 yards and two touchdowns. Richardson caught three passes for 99 yards and Hunter had the one long reception for 60 yards.

Greer ran for 87 yards and the two scores.

Defensively, senior Daniel Brady recovered a fumble for the only turnover of the game.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 4-3 overall and travels to Cousino for a 7 p.m. game Friday, Oct. 16.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils blank Utica

By Sam Meads  
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe South football team traveled to Utica High School last weekend looking to keep its playoff hopes alive.

The Blue Devils, who came in at 4-2 overall, wasted no time getting after the Chieftains.

After causing a three-and-out from Utica, the Blue Devils got the ball at the Chieftains' 49-yard line.

On the fourth play of the drive, junior quarterback Logan Mico converted on a 32-yard touchdown pass to senior Andrew Trost.

South started its second drive in great field position after junior Andrew Barbish blocked

a punt, which was recovered at the Utica 34-yard line.

The Blue Devils scored seven plays later on a 3-yard touchdown run by junior running back Jeff Moore, which made it 14-0.

After another Utica three-and-out, the Blue Devils took over once again in Chieftains territory. This time it was at the 44-yard line and nine plays later Mico threw a 7-yard TD pass to senior receiver Sam Jones.

South was able to take the 20-0 lead into halftime and control the second half with its defense, which was fantastic once again.

They held Utica's star running back, Kumehnu Gwilly, to only 36 yards on 11 carries.



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

South's Sam Jones hauls in this first-half touchdown pass from Logan Mico during the Blue Devils' big win over Utica.

"Coach Hepner (defensive coordinator) had a great game plan and the kids executed it," head coach Tim Brandon said.

Mico added one more touchdown late in the third quarter on a 23-yard pass to junior Connor Brannagan to make it 27-0.

Mico finished 10-of-14 for 136 yards and three

touchdowns.

South added a field goal in the fourth quarter to make the final score, 30-0.

This win brings South to 5-2 overall and 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

South plays at Utica Ford at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16.

## LIGGETT

# Knights get second shutout

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett football team needed a win over host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian to punch its ticket to the inaugural MIAC Bowl Championship game slated for 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, on its home field.

The Knights were all business from the opening kickoff and two hours later walked away with a 51-0 victory.

"The boys were

focused and they played very well," head coach Dan Cimini said.

Junior quarterback Connor McCarron threw for 180 yards and rushed for three touchdowns, while senior running back T.J. Jackson had 101 receiving yards and threw a halfback option TD pass to senior fullback Matt Gushee.

Gushee also had a good game running and catching, plus was the defensive leader with 18 tackles as the Knights followed a 47-0 shutout

win over Lutheran Westland with this gem against Oakland Christian.

"The guys got after it and they knew what was on the line," Cimini said. "The win guaranteed us a spot in the MIAC Championship game, which was one of our goals before the season began."

Liggett finished second in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference at 4-1 and is 5-2 overall.

The Knights face regu-

lar season champ Sterling Heights Parkway Christian in the MIAC Championship game.

Liggett Athletic Director Michelle Hicks released the MIAC Bowl schedule. At 9 a.m., Lutheran Westland faces Oakland Christian, followed at 11:30 a.m. by Rochester Hills Northwest against Southfield Christian.

The forecast for Saturday is sunny and cool with temperatures in the low 50s.

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## College news

## THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

## Stone gives back

Grosse Pointe South 2011 graduate Shelby Stone recently graduated from The College of Wooster and was recognized for her outstanding academic and athletic achievements.

Stone was the recipient of the prestigious Dan F. Lockhart Most Outstanding Senior Award based on her high academic achievement, exceptional involvement in extracurricular activities and outstanding contributions to the college.

She also received the Magnes Prize, which is awarded to the best

female athlete. She was a standout player for both the field hockey and lacrosse teams where she earned multiple All-Conference Team, All-Regional Team, All-Tournament Team, National Academic Team and Player of The Week honors.

Stone also was selected to participate in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Senior all-star game. She was a prolific scorer for The Fighting Scots lacrosse team where she accumulated 222 career points: 142 goals and 80

assists. These totals earned her a spot near the top of the lacrosse team record book in each category. Her lacrosse career was capped by an outstanding senior season where she achieved just the third 80-point campaign in team history, netting 52 goals and assisting on 28.

Stone graduated with honors, earning her degree in International Relations. She is currently the junior varsity field hockey coach at Grosse Pointe North and will be traveling to



Shelby Stone

Reims, France this fall for a teaching assignment.

She plans to return next year to pursue her master's degree in international security.

## Swimming

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen beat Romeo

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Things are looking up for the Grosse Pointe North girls' swimming and diving team.

Last week, the Norsemen beat Romeo 101-84 to improve to 1-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 4-3 overall.

"Excellent win over Romeo, but remember, it is your effort that we always praise," head coach Alison Scarfone said. "We are working hard, we are trying our absolute best and we are getting stronger every day."

It all started with a win by the 200-yard medley relay team of Julia Gehlert, Hannah Mattes, Olivia Asimakis and Sam Villani, who had a time of 2:01.51.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Angelina Cavaliere was third and Stephanie Shea fourth with times of 2:14.79 and 2:22.34.

Gehlert and Kayla Gallant placed second and fourth in the 200-yard individual medley, posting times of 2:32.64 and 2:45.89, and Olivia Peruzzi came back to win the next event, the 50-yard freestyle, with a time of 27.84.

The Norsemen had a one-two finish in diving with Isabelle Nguyen taking first with 210.35

points and Sophia Tasfantakis second with 207.85 points. Josephine Bennett was fourth with 120.20 points.

Another one-two finish in the next event, the 100-yard butterfly, gave the Norsemen an additional 10 points. Asimakis was first with a time of 1:03.46 and Gehlert took second at 1:06.59.

Villani won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 57.06.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Shea, Peruzzi and Sydney Eger placed third, fourth and fifth with times of 6:17.53, 6:29.50 and 6:34.55 to give the Norsemen six more points.

Mattes, Peruzzi, Bella Gallant and Cavaliere took second in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:52.97 and Alyssa Carlino, Amber Giesekeing, Alyssa Dall and Charlotte Nicholson took third with a time of 2:08.77.

Villani and Asimakis took first and second in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 1:01.65 and 1:08.40.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Mattes won with a time of 1:20.65.

The Norsemen also won the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, as Peruzzi, Gehlert, Asimakis and Villani posted a time of 4:00.93.

## Soccer

## NORTH, SOUTH &amp; LIGGETT

## Teams play key games

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' soccer team had a shot to win the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference last week.

On the slate were two tough games against Ann Arbor Greenhills and Plymouth Christian.

The Knights lost a battle, 2-1 to host Greenhills and putting a major dent in their chances at winning the conference title.

Greenhills scored on a penalty kick in the final minute of the first half and added another pen-

alty kick goal to grab a 2-0 lead.

Senior Trevor Jones scored on a penalty kick to make it close.

They had chances to tie it, but didn't convert.

Two days later, the short-handed Knights pulled out a 2-1 victory over Plymouth Christian.

Sophomore goalkeeper Anthony George was stellar in net, coming up with several key saves, and junior Christian deRuitter scored both goals for the home team, which is 9-2-2 in the MIAC and 10-2-2 overall.

## Big game

Grosse Pointe North hosts arch-rival Grosse Pointe South in the annual Wounded Warrior Game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16.

## North results

Sophomore Avery Clark scored at the 5:13 mark of the second half to lead host Grosse Pointe North boys' soccer team to a 1-0 division win over Romeo Monday evening.

Head coach Eric Vanston's Norsemen generated plenty of scoring chances, but couldn't get a shot past the Bulldogs' goalkeeper.

That was until Clark's header found the back of the net.

For North, the win pushed its Macomb Area Conference White Division mark to 4-6 and overall record to 4-10.

## South results

The Grosse Pointe South boys' soccer team dropped a 5-0 decision to host St. Clair Shores Lakeview last week.

Head coach Francesco Cilano's squad fell behind early and it was an uphill battle from that point.

The Blue Devils trailed 3-0 at the half.

In other MAC White Division games, South tied Romeo 1-1 and lost 1-0 to Anchor Bay to see its Macomb Area Conference White Division record stand at 2-6-2 and 4-11-3 overall.

## Field hockey

## NORTH &amp; LIGGETT

## Tough week

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' field hockey team blanked visiting Oakland 6-0 last week, improving to 8-3 in the Michigan High School Field

Hockey Association Division 2 standings.

Seniors Molly Murphy and Megan DesMadryl had two goals apiece to power the offense. Seniors Allison Stapleton and Grace Scarfone also had a goal.

Liggett is 10-3 overall.

## North results

The Grosse Pointe North girls' field hockey team lost 4-0 to Detroit Country Day last week, falling to 5-3-2 in Division 2 and 5-5-2 overall.

## South results

Grosse Pointe South girls' field hockey team lost 3-0 to Chelsea, 2-0 to Ann Arbor Huron and tied Cranbrook-Kingswood 1-1 in recent action.

Hannah Voytowich scored against the Cranes, with Carson Dennis netting an assist.

Head coach Monica Dennis said Halle Mogk and Julia Gough are stepping up at midfield, while Claire Yeamans and Gwyn Tiderington remain solid defensively.

South is 3-6-2 in MHSFHA Division 1 and 4-7-3 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils fall to Ike

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' swimming and diving team lost a Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet for the first time in more than a decade last week.

The Blue Devils lost 94-92 to host Utica Eisenhower, who won the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, to clinch the victory and celebrate.

In the final event, the Eagles' Abigail Desmet, Amanda Hudson, Bianca Licari and Ashlen Michaelski just edged out the Blue Devils' Abbey Schuetze, Kathleen Vern, Caroline Frederickson and Ava Boutrous by the slimmest of margins.

In the other two relays, South won the 200-yard freestyle, while Eisenhower won the 200-yard medley.

In the freestyle relay, Schuetze, Frederickson, Jackie DeLoof and Sarah Cauvel won with a time of 1:45.43, while the medley relay quartet of Renee Liu, Claire Young, Clarice Fisher and DeLoof took a close second with a time of 1:54.11.

The Blue Devils' trio of Brigit Jogan, Vern and Avery Westfall took second, third and fourth in

the 200-yard freestyle with times of 2:06.65, 2:09.06 and 2:14.20, and it was Young placing second in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:13.82.

The Blue Devils earned six points in the 50-yard freestyle as Liu, Olivia Frederickson and Cauvel took third, fourth and fifth with times of 26.39, 26.42 and 27.05, respectively.

The Blue Devils rallied to take first and second in the next event, the 100-yard butterfly as Fisher was first with a time of 1:01.04. Schuetze was second with a time of 1:02.15.

McCabe was second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.84. Boutrous and Jogan took second and third in the 500-yard freestyle with times of 5:24.31 and 5:46.39, and it was Young who won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 58.65.

Liu was second in the backstroke with a time of 1:01.43.

In the breaststroke, Aubrey Leggat, Kaitlin Malley and Kelly Gleason took third, fourth and fifth with times of 1:16.39, 1:17.43 and 1:19.02, respectively.

Grosse Pointe South slipped to 2-1 in the MAC Red Division and 2-4 overall.

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## Cross country

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Girls reclaim division title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' cross country team finished the regular season on a strong note, winning the second Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree meet.

The Blue Devils also won the first jamboree meet to finish the slate 14-0 under long time head coach Steve Zaranek.

The top runner was Anna Piccione, who finished sixth with a time of 19:02. Karena Duffey of L'Anse Creuse North won the meet with a time of 18:03.

Helping the Blue Devils finish with a per-

fect record were the top 15 performances of Kamryn Leonard, Reanna Raymond, Natasha Boelstler and Katie Kuhr.

Leonard finished 11th with a time of 20:01, while Raymond was right on her heels, taking 12th with a time of 20:04. Boelstler finished 13th with a time of 20:05 and Kuhr was 15th with a time of 20:27.

No team could match the Blue Devils' five runners placing in the top 15 of the jamboree meet.

Other competitors were Abbey Guevara, 22nd at 21:01; Maddie McDonnell, 25th at 21:12; Abby Hurst, 27th at 21:18; Sarah Bellovich, 31st at 21:36; and Leah



PHOTO BY LOUISE BRADY

South's Anna Piccione is on pace to earn All-Conference First-Team honors this fall.

McKay, 43rd at 22:12.

Head coach Mark Sonnenberg and his boys' squad finished 2-5 to place sixth in the final standings at 4-10.

Matt Wholihan and Earl Allard led the team with placements of 27th and 28th with times of 17:54.5 and 17:55,

respectively.

Griffin Murray was 30th with a time of 17:58 and Ethan Sloan was 34th with a time of 18:02.

Other runners for the Blue Devils were Justin Vorhees, 55th at 18:34; Rockim Williamson, 57th at 18:36; and Matt Gross, 61st at 18:44.

## Golf

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen make finals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' golf team kept the mojo going last week, placing second in a Division 2 regional tournament to make the state finals.

The top three teams of the regional, held at Heather Highlands in Holly, made it to the finals.

Birmingham Seaholm won the title with a 328, followed by North with a 344 and Bloomfield Hills Marian with a 357.

Head coach Brian Stackpoole and his Norsemen were fresh off winning the Macomb Area Conference Red Division tournament the week before.

Leading the way for the Norsemen was senior Liz Gallagher, who was the medalist after edging Seaholm senior Allegra Cunningham by a stroke, 75-76.

Freshman Meghan Gallagher had an 81, followed by senior Olivia Benoit with an 89, senior Caelin Micks with a 99 and sophomore Sammy Karwicz with a 110.

Playing a big part in Seaholm's victory was each of its five golfers posted a round of 87 or lower.

The Division 2 state finals tournament is Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek.

North's competitors with their regional scores are: Midland Dow, 340; Flushing, 340; St. Johns, 360; Forest Hills Northern, 359; Forest Hills Central, 360; Mona Shores, 363; Okemos, 340; St. Joseph, 355; Portage Northern, 377; South Lyon, 350; South Lyon East, 383; and Trenton, 385.

The top 10 players in the state finals earn All-State honors.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Boys net 4th; girls get 6th

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys' and girls' cross country teams competed in last week's second Macomb Area Conference Red Division jamboree meet.

The boys, under head coach Diane Montgomery, finished 4-3 to finish the regular season tied with Utica for third place at 9-5. Macomb Dakota won with a 14-0 mark and Romeo was second at 12-2.

Leading the way for the Norsemen was Connor Sickmiller, who was sixth with a time of 17:04, and William Hofmann was 15th with a time of 17:28.

Mike Ciaravino finished in the top 20, taking 18th with a time of 17:35 and the Norsemen's other scorers were Ryan Kolp and Ryan Race, who placed 29th and 31st with times of 17:57 and 17:58.5.

Adrian Carmer also competed for the Norsemen and finished 37th with a time of 18:07. Other runners were Garrett Schreck, 47th at 18:20; Calvin Riley, 48th at 18:21; William Ferguson, 58th at 18:41; Jacob Fischer, 66th at 19:14; and Patrick

McCowell, 74th at 19:32.5.

Head coach Scott Cooper and his girls' squad finished 2-5 in this meet and 4-10 in the regular season standings, which is sixth in the MAC Red.

Grosse Pointe South was first at 14-0, followed by Dakota at 11-3, Eisenhower at 10-4, Romeo at 8-6 and Sterling Heights Stevenson at 7-7.

"We went 2-5, which we were not happy with, but everyone ran well," Cooper said. "We lost to Stevenson by one point, 28-29, which really hurt. We were going after them. They are always a great team and if we want to go to the state finals we have to get past them."

Lauren Sickmiller led the team with an eighth-place finish and a time of 19:36 and Sydney Benson took 20th with a time of 20:59.

Katelyn Carney and Michaela Cosgrove finished 28th and 29th with times of 21:20 and 21:21, and Kate Wozniak was the final scorer with her 37th-place finish and a time of 21:52.

The Norsemen's other runners were Keri Hryciuk, 40th at 22:08; Chloe Bigwood, 41st at 22:09; Alaina Streberger,



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North captains Josh Fischer, left, and Connor Sickmiller have led the way this fall.

44th at 22:18; Julia McLellan, 45th at 22:18.5; Erinne Lubienski, 53rd at 22:42; Jenna Miller, 58th at 23:03; and Olivia Hoover, 59th at 23:07.

Coming up next for the Norsemen is the Gabriel Richard Invitational Saturday, Oct. 17, followed by the MAC Red Division Championship meet Saturday, Oct. 24.

The state regional meet is Friday, Oct. 30, at Metro Beach and the Division 1 state championship meet is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, at Michigan International Speedway.

## Honor

Grosse Pointe North is hanging a board recognizing the achievements of the school's top cross country runners in its history.

The school documents the top 5K times in school history, including Joe Ciaravino, class of 1977, and Jim Fisher, class of 1975. Both have sons listed on the all-time board.

## LIGGETT

## Knights compete against big schools

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' cross-country team finished 13th in last weekend's Wayne County Championship meet at Willow Park.

Salem won the meet with 45 points and Liggett had 381.

Isabelle Brusilow was the Knights' top runner,

finishing 54th with a time of 21:06.7 and Annelies Ondersma was 62nd with a time of 21:26.1.

Julia Zehetmair finished 78th with a time of 22:03.2 and Madison Jerome was 91st at 22:36.1 for the Knights.

The final scorer was Maddie Wu, who placed 104th with a time of 23:04.6 and other run-

ners were Mila Filipof, who was 118th with a time of 23:41.3 and Sarah Galbenski, who was 148th with a time of 25:59.8.

Next for the Knights is the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Championship meet Friday, Oct. 23, at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils end season in regionals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' golf team finished its season last week, placing ninth in a Division 1 regional tournament at Twin Lakes Golf Course in Oakland.

Troy won the tournament with a 309, followed by Bloomfield Hills with a 327 and Farmington Hills Mercy with a 329.

These three teams advanced to the Division 1 state finals this weekend.

For the Blue Devils, under second-year head coach Nate Vincent, they posted a 419.

Sophomore Mollie DeBrunner led the way with a 94 and sophomore Ellie Connors had a 95. Senior Elizabeth Rauh shot a 106 and freshman Alana Maynard had a 124.

The other teams which made the Division 1 state finals with their regional score were Ann Arbor Pioneer, 340; Bloomfield Hills, 327; Brighton, 317; Caledonia, 361; Davison, 335; Holt, 362; Lake Orion, 333; Northville, 333; Novi, 327; Plymouth, 320; Rochester, 317; Saline, 327; and Traverse City West, 344.

The Blue Devils will rebound next season with a better team.

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# Trombly students sock it to homelessness

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Kid President, the pint-sized advocate for change who has become an overnight social media sensation, has a lot of slogans. "It's always a good day to do some good. Make awesome happen today" is one that resonated with fourth-graders in Susan Howey's class at Trombly Elementary School.

Howey's students have a special connection with Kid President since his visit to Trombly last spring. The class has been following him on Twitter and when they came across his "#socktober revolution" — a campaign to collect and donate new socks to homeless shelters in October before the cold weather sets in — they decided, in Kid President's words, to "set a goal, set a deadline, make it happen!"

The goal is 419 new



PHOTO BY LISA VREEDE

Fourth-grade teacher Susan Howey had the opportunity to take a "selfie" with Kid President during his visit to Trombly last spring.

socks — a prime though "random" number, Howey admitted. The deadline is the end of the month and students are making it happen by displaying posters all over school, writing scripts, creating video announcements and reaching out to what Howey calls "family" — friends and family. For extra fun, students

created sock jokes Howey posts on her class website, such as: "Why did the sock cross the ruler? To get to the other foot!" To date, the class has collected 311 pairs of socks. Howey promised she'll wear a sock monkey costume for Halloween if they reach their goal. The socks will be donated to local fami-

lies in need and an area homeless shelter.

"I like to get the kids involved with something bigger than themselves," said Howey. "They are each taking on different jobs. I like to come at it from every angle and get (them) involved so it's not just something I'm doing."

While the students don't realize it, they are

incorporating reading, writing and public speaking skills in the process, Howey said.

According to Howey, the use of Twitter creates a higher level of engagement and excitement for the students. Class tweets include photos and updates on the class goal. Writer and director Brad Montague, who created the concept of Kid President with his nephew, Robby Novak, the actor who plays the popular character, often retweets and favorites the posts and even responds upon occasion. For example, "Howey's 4th" tweeted: "@thebradmontague Mind if we duplicate your bulletin board at our school? #socktober" Montague responded: "@Howeys4th Go for it! Excited to see @Socktober spread!"

Montague created the first Kid President video "out of the simple belief that kids have voices



PHOTO BY SUSAN HOWEY

Seely Troffkin displays her Socktober poster.

worth listening to," according to his website.

Howey too believes her students have voices and the ability to make a difference.

"The kids love it. They feel connected and (it makes them) more aware of a bigger world that they can help in. Digital avenues help kids see the global picture. Kid President is all about using the Internet for good."

# How many peppers did Poupard pick?

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Nine students from Poupard Elementary School — all members of Poupard's "Green Team" — gathered at the Full Circle garden Thursday morning, Oct. 8, to help

with fall cleanup.

"We're going to get the soil ready for the garden," said second-grader Olivia Smead.

The students put on gardening gloves donated by first-grade teacher Carol Fraser and got to work. They picked

peppers, pulled weeds and cultivated the garden beds. They will return in the spring to help with the harvest. The peppers they picked will go to local facilities for senior citizens such as Riverview Health & Rehab North and



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Olivia Smead, a member of Poupard's "Green Team," looks for peppers.

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The Green Team is made up of students who have shown an interest in Poupard's peace garden, said teacher Andi Cline.

"They are passionate children with a mission," Cline said.

The community service project is one of many ways Poupard students demonstrate leadership as part of a Leader in Me school, according to Principal Penny Stocks.

The garden serves as an outdoor classroom and job-training site for the Full Circle Foundation, which works in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to provide training and opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs.

When asked why he liked to be a member of the Green Team, third-grader Lawrence Davis replied: "It's fun and I like to help the community."



Mary Allemon, Full Circle garden coordinator, shows students a caterpillar she found on a stalk. "We are in their habitat right now so we're going to have to respect them," Green Team leader Andi Cline told the students, who returned the caterpillar to its natural habitat to find its way home.



Lawrence Davis holds a pepper he found that "looks like it has a face."



Fourth-grader Paris Jackson helped the Green Team pick a peck of peppers.

# South teacher is a rock star

The Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association named Grosse Pointe South High School teacher Lisa Bouda its Outstanding Michigan Earth Science Teacher for 2015. Bouda, who has taught earth science and geology at South 25 years, received the award at MESTA's annual conference Oct. 9 at Okemos High School.

After completing her Bachelor of Science degree in geology at Michigan State University, Bouda worked in the oil industry for two years. Her teaching career began after she earned a Master of Arts degree in education at Wayne State University.

"She is always working to improve her course and craft," said South science department chairman James Adams. "She continuously strives to provide an experience that is both rigorous and fun so that our ninth-graders learn to do science and love it at the same time. She stays incredibly current and knowledgeable in her content, keeps up



COURTESY PHOTO

Lisa Bouda, pictured on a lava flow, went on a field trip with MESTA to Hawaii in 2011 and gained a wealth of information to bring back to her students.

with the latest technology, is creative in her laboratory experiences and does all of this while developing a great rapport with her students."

"I have had the pleasure of accompanying Lisa on two summer field trips with students to Arizona," said Grosse Pointe North High School teacher Ardis Herrold. "She initiated these field experiences to build excitement in the program. She has for many years taken her students on day trips to

Canada as well. Last year, Lisa, along with some of her students, came to our high school to help staff a fossil festival for elementary children. This is just another illustration of how Lisa has gone above and beyond the classroom."

"I have great respect for the MESTA organization," Bouda said. "They are a great group of dedicated professionals. I'm very honored that they chose me as their Outstanding Michigan Earth Science teacher."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Luncheon attendees enjoyed a performance by Mason's fifth-grade choir under the direction of Glen Hipple.

## Beaumont sponsors leadership luncheon

Beaumont Community Health Coalition sponsored its fifth annual community luncheon Sept. 30, with Mason Elementary School serving as hosts. Community leaders gathered for conversation, a buffet lunch and the opportunity to network.

Mason Principal Elaine Middlekauf welcomed attendees and keynote speaker Gary Niehaus, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, talked about plans for the district within an overarching theme of #OneGP.

Anne Nearhood, Community Health Coalition coordinator, spoke about the role of all in attendance in creating a collaborative, safe and welcoming community.

Attendees were treated to a performance by Mason's 50-member fifth-grade choir, which sang "Fifty Nifty United States" and "America the Beautiful" under the



Superintendent Gary Niehaus discussed plans for the district as keynote speaker at the luncheon.

direction of Glen Hipple. The eight-member Breakfast Club, a spin-off the choir, sang "The Theme from Spiderman."

"All the people in the room are in some way helping us to become a healthier community," said Suzy Berschback, community and advocacy manager for Beaumont. "The luncheon helps us get to meet others we might not run into in our normal circles but need to work with for community

health. It also helps the schools connect to the community and show their initiatives and special programs."

Berschback credited Alicia Carlisle, SERVE director for GPPSS, for coming up with the idea of the luncheon and putting it together every year.

"She knows our students need a network of community support to keep them on a good path," said Berschback. "So she invests her time to make it happen."

## Star student named state semi-finalist



COURTESY PHOTO

Star of the Sea eighth-grader Sydney Agius

Sydney Agius, an eighth-grade student at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Elementary and Middle School, was named a state semi-finalist in the 2015 Letters about Literature contest, sponsored by the National Center for the Book at the Library of Congress.

For the competition, young readers wrote letters to authors, living or deceased, describing how the authors' work changed their lives.

Agius, who participated in the contest as a seventh grader, chose to write to Rachel Renee Russell, author of the series, "Dork Diaries," a popular series of humorous books written as the personal diary of a 14-year-old girl.

Star is the only Catholic school on the eastside with a winner, according to Alice Dandy, who teaches seventh- and eighth-grade literature and writing at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

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Associate Head of School for Academics Bart Bronk, who teaches Liggett's popular Baseball Literature elective, leads the program. Bronk's presentation, "Running Home: Great

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The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra performs its opening concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Dr. Eldonna May will give a pre-concert talk at 2 p.m.

The program features Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist Adrienne Rönmark, who will play the Brahms Violin concerto. Previously she played with the Grosse Pointe Symphony the Brahms Double concerto with her mother, Debra Fayroian-Jacobs, a DSO cellist. Outside of DSO performances, Rönmark performs with the Stellar Piano Trio and Gamar Duo. A native of Detroit, she received her Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Michigan and Master of Music degree at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Before joining the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Rönmark was associate concertmaster of the Ann Arbor Symphony from 1999 to 2007, leaving her post to pursue new musical ventures. She is a founding member of New Music Detroit.

Also on the program are Dvorak's "New World Symphony" and Humperdinck's "Prelude to Hansel and Gretel."

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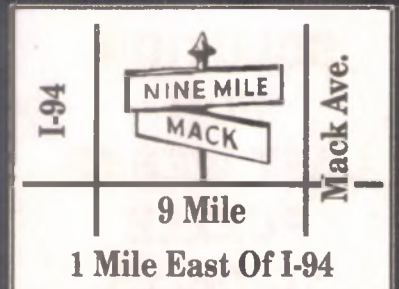
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### 706 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park

Modern amenities and old-world charm are found in this younger (1979) Tudor home in the Windmill Pointe area. Special features include a newer kitchen/great room with an 18-foot vaulted ceiling, grand stairway, limestone foyer,

library/bar, first-floor spa/bath and all baths redone. Custom cabinetry, flooring, lighting, wall treatment, windows and doors, along with high-end appliances and quality materials found throughout. Gorgeous professionally landscaped gardens surround the patio and salt water filtered pool while filling the yard with stunning color. Finished basement with temperature and humidity-controlled wine room. The "haute couture" of Grosse Pointe homes. \$899,000 Barbara H. Somes, Bolton-Johnston Associates (313) 268-5018.



## From the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

# Changes made and growth continues

By Chace Wakefield  
President

Major mortgage regulation changes and Harper Woods market update:

As of Oct. 3, those applying for a residential mortgage will find that things have changed dramatically. New federal regulations mandated by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau were put in place to provide consumers with concise and consis-

tent data. In a nutshell, these new regulations were devised to better protect the consumer and make sure they know exactly what they are obligating themselves to before sitting down at the closing table.

Without getting into all the sleep-inducing details, there are some things you need to know. The biggest thing people will notice is that home

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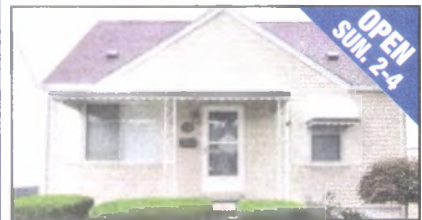
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## 29 WINTHROP PLACE GROSSE POINTE FARMS



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5 Bedrooms • 3.2 Baths • 4,534 sq. ft. • \$875,000

## 33 WILLOW LANE GROSSE POINTE FARMS



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## GROWTH:

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purchases will take longer. There is no sidestepping this one. Over the years, we have all become accustomed to the 30-day closing. According to the title companies and most lenders we have spoken to, those days are gone. Lenders and title companies alike are telling real estate professionals to now allow 45 to 60 days to close a loan.

Any change in loan type (conventional, FHA, etc.), loan term (10-year, 15-year, 30-year, etc.), interest rate (fixed or adjustable) or even down payment amount can restart the time clock on closing the deal, so it is more important than ever for a buyer to speak to a lender prior to hitting the pavement and looking at houses.

Consumers will no longer see a Good Faith Estimate when applying for a mortgage, nor will they see a HUD at closing. They will instead receive "The Loan Estimate" at the time of application and "The Closing Disclosure Form" prior to closing. The consumer must receive this "Closing Disclosure Form" three business days prior to closing. This means the days of getting a clear to close from a lender and scrambling to close that day or the next are gone. This was done to ensure the buyer has time to see exactly where their money is going and not feeling pressured to sign quickly at closing without really reviewing everything.

These are just some of the things that were changed to protect the consumer and it's far too early to know how it will pan out. If you have further questions, your local Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors member can help answer your questions and if

necessary refer you to a local lender who is well-versed on this new TILA-Respa Integrated Disclosure Rule.

### Harper Woods real estate bouncing back

A city we talk a lot about around here, but rarely see much in the way of numbers to back things up is Harper Woods. As you probably know, the Grosse Pointe Public School System spans into part of Harper Woods and the communities share some mutual-aid services. So I have been looking for a place to squeeze in an update about what is happening real estate-wise there.

Though the numbers are mostly positive, unit sales themselves are down from last year. All stats that follow are from January through the end of September in their respective years. In 2014, 143 homes sold in Harper Woods. In that same time-frame in 2015, 134 homes have sold. So there was an overall decrease of 6 percent. While this isn't ideal, it's certainly not the end all, be all. The rest of the residential resale news in Harper Woods is quite good. As far as average sales price goes, in 2014 it was \$53,494 and in 2015 it was \$58,511 for the same time period. That's an increase of 9 percent and an indicator that prices are steadily increasing. Median sales price has also crept up in 2015. In 2014 it was \$49,500 and in 2015 it was \$52,400.

One final indicator that shows things are much better than they were is overall inventory. In 2014 there were 305 homes on the market at the end of September and in 2015 there were 253 on the market. This is a decrease of 17 percent and another strong sign of stability in the market. Like most of metro Detroit, the Harper Woods real estate market has had a nice little rally this year and we anticipate it to continue at a modest rate.

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# Elegant combination in Berkshire home

If there was a “haute couture” category in real estate, 706 Berkshire would be in the show. Just as the fashion designer labors over its next “collection,” the owners of 706 Berkshire, in collaboration with some top local talent, created a “must have” for the collection.

Completely redone top to bottom, 706 Berkshire exemplifies the elegant combination of old-world charm with modern amenities. It has the “it” look and feel home buyers come to expect when searching for a new home in Grosse Pointe.

The graceful integration of the elements of this classical tudor-style home, as rendered by Rob Wood & Associates, was renovated with modern sensibility.

The use of quality materials including the custom double front doors with sandstone surround, hand forged Bevolo gas lights and aggregate driveway create a welcoming approach. The careful attention to



706 Berkshire has old-world charm and modern amenities.

detail continues with the thoughtful help of PJ Whitehead’s Design. A classic tudor patina is achieved using limestone flooring in the front entrance hall, hardwood floors in

“ebony” finish and wall treatment in a faux finish called “Old Tuscany.” Light abounds in the living room with its 18-foot high ceiling, through the clearstory windows and french doors.

Andersen windows and custom window treatments are found throughout the home.

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## 706 Berkshire • Grosse Pointe Park • Windmill Pointe Area



Living Room



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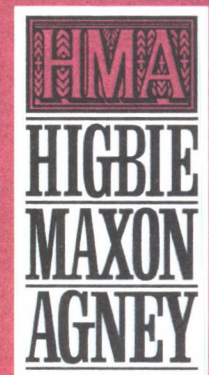
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## Bojalad: Buyers like Pointe price range

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The times are on an upswing and what's happening in Detroit is helping the market here in the Pointes.

"The economy is good and the real estate market is extremely stable right now," Bojalad said. "We're seeing a lot of young couples, young families, moving in to take advantage of our lakes, parks and schools."

Bojalad said many buyers are coming from other Metro Detroit suburbs and from out of state.

"When I drive them around, they're amazed at the amount of house they can get for the price range compared to Chicago or Boston," Bojalad said. "It's still a very good bargain. You can

get a sizeable home for a good price." The famous designs are another draw Bojalad said buyers really seem to appreciate.

"It's not cookie-cutter," he said. "We have diversity in styles up and down every street and our local architects are famous. And the lakefront living, you just don't get that in other communities like we have here."

Bojalad also is impressed with the business districts, including growth and stability on Kercheval and Mack, on the Hill and in the Village.

"It's a hot market right now," Bojalad said. "And it's a great time to sell your home. Three things will sell a home: condition, price and location. And we have all three right here."

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HMA, located at 83 Kercheval, on the Hill, Grosse Pointe Farms, features 26 agents well-versed in the ins and outs of real estate in the Grosse Pointes. The professional staff focuses mainly on the Grosse Pointes, but technology has allowed them to serve customers in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Shelby Township and Chesterfield Township, to name a few.

"We've expanded our market with the same, great

attention," Agney said.

It's a tradition built by Hugo S. Higbie, a lifetime Grosse Pointer who sold real estate for more than six decades here.

Agney has carried the tradition, an honor she shares with Turnbull, who recently moved to Grosse Pointe Park with her family.

"For me, personally, it's great to follow in the footsteps of my mother," Turnbull said. "She has continued to build relationships, integrity and the commitment to the community."

Agney said Higbie had a simple saying that's true in the market today.

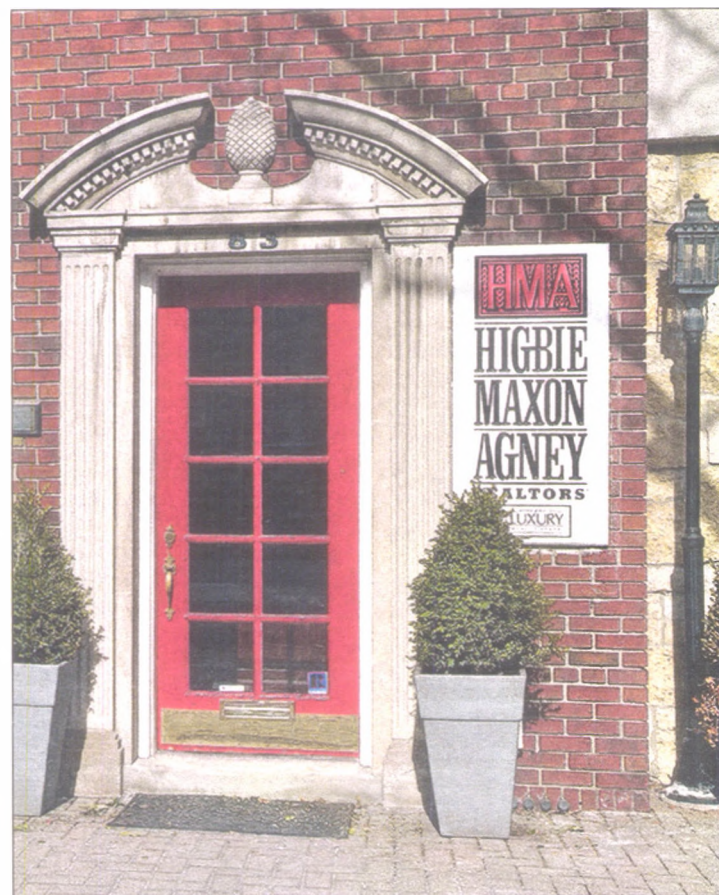
"He'd always say 'the more things change, the more they

stay the same," Agney said. "We've evolved with the times and all of our agents are on board with the philosophy Hugo set.

As Turnbull transitions into a leadership role for day-to-day operations, Agney said she's just sharing the work and not looking at retirement.

"Maybe just a day off," said Agney, also a Park resident. "I love what we have. We are adding new agents and continue to grow our customer base. We have new families moving in and it's an exciting time in our community."

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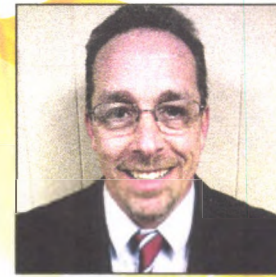
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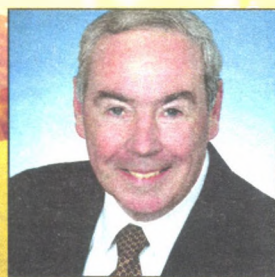
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## Experience matters in this market

Choosing a Realtor is an important step, said Patty Riley, with 26 years of experience, 23 years in the Pointes.

Riley is a Realtor with Johnstone & Johnstone, 82 Kercheval, on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It's hard to sell a community you don't know," Riley said. "So it's important you find someone who knows Grosse Pointe. I don't sell Birmingham because I don't know that area."

Riley also said along with years of experience, clients should look at the number of sales by their Realtor.

"There's more than just how many years they've been there," she said.

To contact Riley, call (313) 598-6107 or visit [pattyriley.johnstoneandjohnstone.com](http://pattyriley.johnstoneandjohnstone.com).

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# Nelson happy with work of her team

It's a good time to be a Realtor according to Century 21 Town & Country broker/owner Sandy Nelson.

"Your surroundings dictate how your market is going to be," she said. "If you're surrounded by areas of great value, house values will go up."

Which is what the Grosse Pointes are seeing now. It's not a coincidence the many good things coming to Detroit in the way of development are helping the Pointes' market.

The new Red Wings arena, new businesses and corporate commitment are sparking the comeback Nelson and her team are enjoying.

"As Detroit goes, we go," Nelson said. "I'm pleased with what's happening in the city. And our cities have helped considerably. (Grosse Pointe) Park has done wonderful things. The Cotton family, the city of Grosse Pointe Park, city manager, mayor and city council have all done a wonderful job. Values have continued up considerably."

Nelson's office has 21 agents with listings throughout the five Pointes, St. Clair Shores, Harper Woods and beyond.

Nelson said the market is mixed and at times sellers have seemed hesitant.

"There isn't a large number of houses and when they're priced right, they move," she said. "The market is good. I'm pleased with how my office is doing. It's definitely moving forward."

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# Four things to look for when replacing windows

(StatePoint) Unlike some home improvements, window upgrades are complex, involving many moving parts. If you are in the market for an upgrade, don't rush into a decision until doing some research and evaluating what will work best on your home.

Here are four things to consider when replacing your home's windows, according to the experts at ProVia:

- **An energy-efficient glass package:** The right windows will protect your home and keep you comfortable all year long, limiting the sun's rays from coming through and fading your carpet and upholstery, as well as preventing cold air from entering your home in the colder months.

"Test your current windows by touching them. If you feel the outside chill and air coming through, it may be time for a change," said Wanda Angel, brand manager for doors and

windows at ProVia.

Seek ENERGY STAR-certified high-performance windows, ideal for the weather extremes particular to your region. They should have multiple panes and feature technologies, such as the ComforTech Warm Edge Glazing System, which offers reduced heat loss, warmer glass temperature and reduced interior condensation.

- **Warranty:** Windows can cost thousands of dollars. Protect your investment by opting for windows that come with a lifetime warranty that includes glass breakage and seal failure. A comprehensive warranty should also be transferrable to the next homeowner, such as those from ProVia. This feature can potentially increase your home's value when you put it on the market.

- **Weather stripping:** Prevent air infiltration through your windows with proper weather stripping. A bulb seal at the bottom of the win-



dow, which is a rubberized seal that compresses to the sill, combined with fin weather stripping on verticals and horizontals, will give you triple weather stripping that acts as a true barrier against drafts, keeping you comfortable and helping reduce utility bills.

- **Beauty:** Your windows, like any exterior element on your home, should complement its architecture and add beauty to your house. While certain architectural styles, such as Colonial, once reigned, there's a new trend toward American Craftsman homes. Forward-thinking window manufacturers are responding to the

call by offering grid patterns, stain and paint finishes suitable for this growing need.

Interestingly, a new window program at ProVia offers three new series of windows at a range of price points. The series includes ecoLite, Aspect and Endure windows, which come with top-level innovations in window performance. To learn more, and to find resources on identifying the right windows for your home, visit [proviaproducts.com](http://proviaproducts.com).

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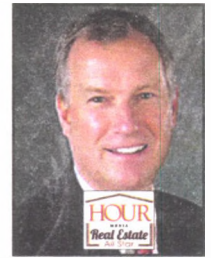
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# Prices rising at a steady rate

## Addison lends his expertise

The ability to work closely with offices in other communities has paid off for Jim Addison of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel.

In a strengthening Grosse Pointe market, Addison, a lifelong Grosse Pointer, said he enjoys showing off all the five Pointes have to offer to new residents coming here from Birmingham, Rochester and Clarkston.

“They really think Grosse Pointe is a bargain for what you get, pound for pound, dollar for dollar,” Addison said. “If they are spending time downtown, the Grosse Pointes are desirable. It’s a short drive down Jefferson.”

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As buildings become home to business, streetscape projects continue and a renewal comes to the east side, Addison said it makes Grosse Pointe attractive to those who live in other great suburbs.

“They also appreciate our architecture and the look of our homes,” he said. “The high ceilings and plaster, the different look of every house. They really enjoy that.”

Addison said home prices are rising at a steady rate. With low interest rates, anything in move-in condition is moving off the market quickly.

“We have so much to offer,” Addison said. “The park system, the lake, our schools. There are a number of facilities along the waterfront, private and public. It’s a great time to buy and sell.”

Addison’s connection with other Coldwell Banker offices in the region is an advantage to buyers and sellers.

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## FIRST OFFERING – LAKE VIEWS

from most rooms of this handsome ranch-style condominium at Harbor Place near Nine Mile in St. Clair Shores. Gracious and bright, this two bedroom, two and one half bath unit is on the second floor which provides beautiful views of the adjacent harbor and the lake. Updated kitchen with granite island, laundry room with plentiful built-ins, library and delightful screened terrace which is accessible from the great room, kitchen and library. A rare find, this won't last long! \$ 485,000.



## SLEEK AND STYLISH COLONIAL

on gorgeous, treed lot in Grosse Pointe Park offers four large bedrooms (including a tremendous master suite and wonderful guest suite), 3.5 updated baths, library, family room with door wall to the massive rear yard, contemporary kitchen with eating and laundry areas, fully finished lower level with wine cellar and recreation center, attached garage and a mud room! Easy to show, this is a beautiful home! \$ 590,000.



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# Five home ideas to spring into fall

(StatePoint) As you shift from outdoor barbecues to indoor feasts and gatherings, make sure your home is in tip-top shape with these five simple updates.

## 1. Picture Perfect Gallery Wall

Show love to your favorite seasons by showcasing them on a featured gallery wall, which is a top design trend in 2015:

- Gather a series of picture frames. Use ones that vary in size to create an eclectic look.

- Using burlap, white paper, newspaper or even pages from an old wall-paper book, place the material on the frame's backing to create a unique backdrop.

- Next, customize the gallery for fall by placing real or faux foliage in the frames. Since the frames are already hung, you can easily swap out décor for different seasons.

## 2. Painted Accent Wall

Take your living area from lifeless to lovely with a pop of color. Paint an

accent wall in a deep, rich hue to set the autumn scene in your home. Darker paint colors tend show more imperfections, so ensure a flawless finish by using painter's tape to achieve sharp paint lines on trim, baseboards, crown molding and around doors and windows. You can prevent paint bleed with FrogTape brand painter's tape, which is treated with patented PaintBlock Technology to leave you with a top-notch paint job.

## 3. Curb Appetites in Style with an Edible Centerpiece

Create a palatable centerpiece as a practical, yet pretty addition to the table with these steps:

- Wrap the base of a candle with plastic wrap to prevent direct contact with your filler material.

- Nestle the candle into a bowl and surround it with small apples, cranberries or coffee beans.

- Take your centerpiece to new heights by painting a decorative



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## 4. Keep Cocoa Warm with DIY Chalkboard Mugs

Serve guests in style with customizable chalkboard mugs. Here's how:

- Tape around the top of a porcelain mug and handle, creating a straight line to paint beneath, using painter's tape, such as FrogTape. Paint the taped-off area with porcelain chalkboard paint.

Remove the tape when you finish painting and allow the mug to dry for 24 hours.

- Bake your mug according to your paint's directions. Allow it to cool. The paint will be as permanent as baked enamel — and dishwasher and microwave safe.

- Personalize the mug with festive

phrases for visitors.

## 5. Personalize Pumpkins with Paint

Easily amplify your pumpkins with glam. Here's how:

- Buy a few different shaped gourds and pumpkins from your local farmer's market or grocery store.

- Spray paint them with a metallic finish, white, lacquer or a textured paint.

- Protect areas you don't want painted (like the stems) with painter's tape. You can also use the tape to create designs on the pumpkins prior to painting.

For more home décor inspiration, visit [frogtape.com](http://frogtape.com).

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(StatePoint) When updating your home each season, most of the emphasis is placed on delighting your sense of sight. Why not spend some time on your home's fragrance?

To refresh your home this fall, consider these tips:

#### Start Fresh

With the cooling weather and new beginnings, autumn is an excellent time of year to do a deep clean, just as many do in spring.

Clean your refrigerator, pantries and any other areas that contain food, discarding expired items and wiping down surfaces.

Reduce mold in humid areas of your home with ventilation and dehumidifiers.

Shampoo rugs and take this opportunity to launder seldom-washed linens, like window treatments, dust ruffles and bedspreads.

Dust surfaces, such as your bookshelf, coffee table and knick-knacks.

#### Add Scents

Add inviting, festive fall fragrances to your home with classic jar and tumbler candles that evoke the fall experience from the comfort of home — whether it's a walk among falling leaves, an afternoon picking berries or a sip of warm cider.

For each room, pick a scent and add candles in a variety of sizes to add a festive feel to the room with both sight and scent. For example, five new fall 2015 fragrances from Yankee Candle are perfect for bringing the outside in, such as Autumn in the Park, which evokes the scent of fresh peeled apple, fallen leaves, lemon zest and a hint of pumpkin, or Sugar & Spice, a swirl of cinnamon, buttery vanilla and sugar crystals. For seasonal decorating inspiration, including festive fall ideas for fragrance and home décor, visit YankeeCandle.com.

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your family's taste buds, too. In fall, it's time to reunite with your oven and slow cooker. Use in-season ingredients and traditional fall herbs and spices to fill your home with delicious and delightful flavors and aromas.

Apple cinnamon crisp and pumpkin pie make for delightful desserts when the weather cools; and warm,

inviting stews, soups and chili using autumn's hearty harvest should include vegetables like squash, fennel and beets and spices like cumin and cardamom.

When it comes to scents and flavors, take time to refresh your home in fall with all the best that the season has to offer.

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# Work to cut home heating costs

(StatePoint) When keeping your home warm becomes a top priority, utility bills can get pricey. But upgrades featuring new technologies and heating strategies can help lower costs comfortably — plus these changes can also help make your home more environmentally friendly.

## Zone Heating

A central furnace cycles on and off several times an hour, heating your entire house, including unoccupied rooms. But supplemental heating products can warm the living areas that your family occupies most, allowing you to turn down the thermostat for the central furnace.

This practice can save up to 40 percent off your heating bills, according to an American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy report. Instead of a utilitarian space heater, consider alternative zone heating tools, such as fireplaces, stoves and fireplace inserts, which look great and add ambiance.

## Wood Stoves

In addition to adding ambiance, new innovations are making wood stoves a more convenient way to stay warm this winter.

For example, the Quadra-Fire Adventure II is the first wood stove that maintains a

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# Simple tips to keep your family safe

(StatePoint) You want your home to be a safe retreat from danger. While there are numerous ways to improve home safety, fires are a common threat you have the power to prevent with preparation.

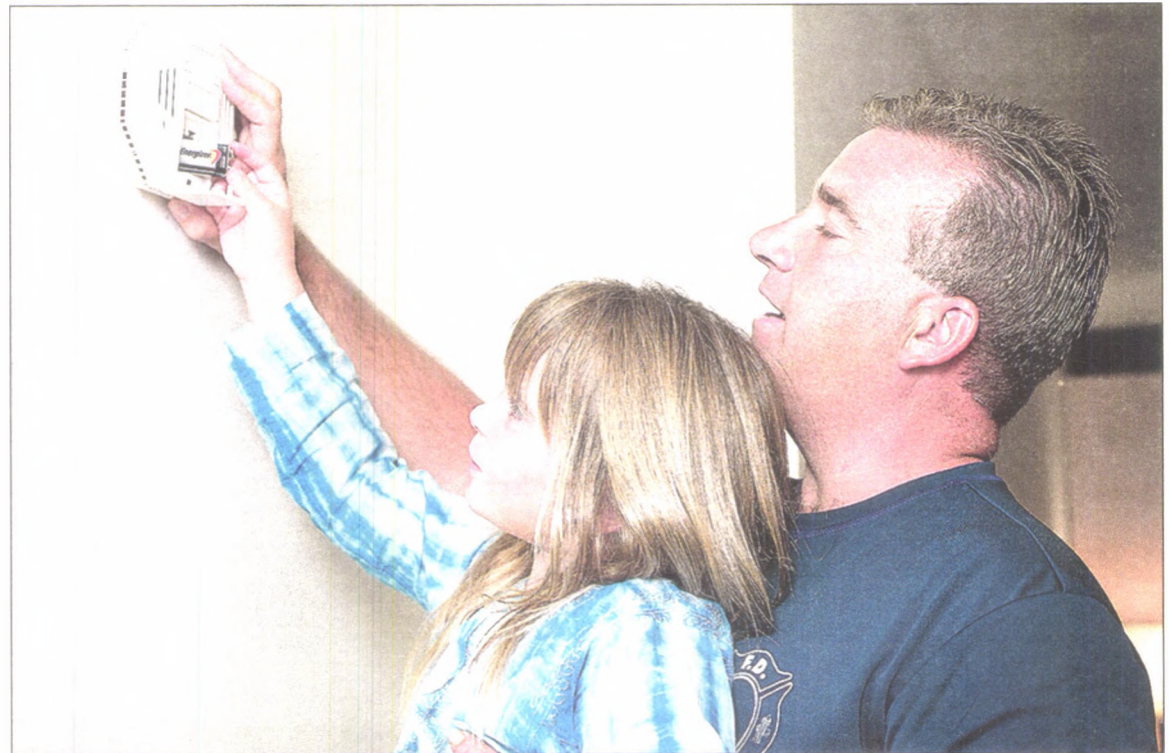
The International Association of Fire Chiefs and Energizer have teamed up each fall for the past 28 years to educate the public about how to improve in-home safety. The Change Your Clock Change Your Battery program reminds everyone to replace the batteries in their home's smoke detectors when they change their clocks for daylight savings so they have functioning smoke alarms.

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half by providing an early warning. Having a fresh battery in your smoke detector plays a critical role in giving families the time needed to safely escape a home fire.

"Fire safety education and proactive prevention can minimize fire tragedies," says Michelle Atkinson, Energizer chief consumer officer. "We encourage families to discuss this important issue because we all have the power to reduce our risk."

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room's temperature via a programmable thermostat and tells you when to add more wood. Plus, its four-point burn system produces intense rolling flames for powerful and efficient heat, so warming your home can be as simple as loading the wood, lighting the fire, and walking away — and it can reduce home heating costs by up to 50 percent.

And unlike fossil fuels, wood is a renewable energy source. Burning wood completes the last step of the natural carbon cycle of trees, resulting in a zero net carbon impact on the environment.

More information about the benefits of heating your home with wood stoves can be found at [www.quadrafire.com](http://www.quadrafire.com).

### Annual Maintenance

Annual maintenance to your heating system and home can ensure you get the best bang for your utility buck. Have your heating system serviced for optimal performance. You can also change the filters yourself and should do so periodically.

Seal drafts and ductwork so you don't waste warm air. And remember that not all weatherstripping lasts forever, so inspect doors and windows and reapply if necessary.

With these tips, it's possible to affordably and comfortably heat your home this season.



## Work and play

The five Grosse Pointes are a great place to work and play. Award-winning public and private schools, city parks and two private golf clubs are just a couple reasons the real estate market is strong here. At left, a view from a fundraiser as a freighter heads out toward Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe Park. Below left, golfers at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan outing at Lochmoor Club. Below, a recent festival provided family fun in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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mon in Grosse Pointe, Cotzias said.

“Everything is here,” he said. “Great schools, parks, the water, shopping, restaurants. It’s all here. Many times, families will sell their house and just move a couple streets away. They want to stay in the same school or city, but they want to move into a different house. We have a lot of that here.”

The interactive window is just another tool of top-notch customer service offered by Cotzias, a Realtor for more than 30 years and a resident of Grosse Pointe Park. His team includes 20 full-time staff.

“People walk by the window all the time and now they stop,” he said. “It talks to you. It’s innovative and we’re proud to be the first to offer it.”

Cotzias said the convenience of the interactive window, combined with a steadily-improving Grosse Pointe market, has put his company at an advantage in the Pointes.

“Our market is really, really good,” he said. It continues to grow and remains consistent and steady. The healthy growth we are experiencing is good for everybody. Without a doubt, downtown Grosse Pointe Park, what’s happening in the Village and other areas brings people to the Pointes.”

Cotzias said the west end of Grosse Pointe Park is a draw to younger home buyers.

“It’s more affordable for younger couples, it’s eclectic and it is mirroring a Royal Oak atmosphere,” Cotzias said. “With grant money for student housing, the proximity to the Kercheval business district, the restaurants, bars and events they have, Grosse Pointe Park, and all the Pointes, seem to be catering to progression and moving our area forward.”

Cotzias said the key to this marketplace has been consistently low interest rates, which have hovered at 4 percent for more than a year.

“We can’t get too comfortable with that, because they are likely to go north at some point,” he said.



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Another factor has been the continued rebirth of Detroit’s market and economy.

“I think we feel good that we survived a tough time,” Cotzias said. “We got back up, dusted ourselves off and we’re still standing. What’s happened in Detroit is good for all of us.”

As fall swings into gear and winter is near, Cotzias said the Grosse Pointe market isn’t prone to a slow-

down in real estate transactions.

“There is still confidence and very little risk to buying in Grosse Pointe with the amenities we have. The seasonal slide isn’t as great here. We know what we have when spring comes back around. And it’s fantastic.”

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Walker, who has owned construction companies and worked on projects for Chrysler, Ford, Detroit schools and more, said he's in business to give customers an honest assessment and fix the problem the right way.

"We do the work properly and educate the homeowner on exactly what needs to be done," Walker said.

An unlicensed contractor may not do the job the right way.

"We don't take shortcuts and I've walked away from jobs that they just wanted a temporary fix to save money. We do it the right way or we won't take the job."

Important, too, with All Pointes Maintenance Solutions, their business office is located in Grosse Pointe Park and the owner and employees live in the Pointes.

"We're here and we aren't going anywhere," Walker said. "It's easy to take advantage of someone and then leave town. We are here and we won't gouge a client to make an extra dollar."

Along with a licensed contractor, Walker suggests a comparison of

costs and what's being done with the job. In other words, if it's too good to be true, it probably is.

"It's important to do business the right way and with the right people," Walker said.

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While the character of 706 Berkshire is tudor style, the quality amenities of the interior take it to the modern level today's buyers demand. High-end appliances, granite countertops, tumbled marble backsplash, custom cherry cabinets, accent lighting in the kitchen are anchored by the 90-by-68-inch island with storage and seating for four or more.

Central to the kitchen is a large eating space which opens to the living room through architecturally appealing archways, a design element created by the owners' desire to "open up" and connect the kitchen to the rest of the first floor rooms. Additional special features include a year-round sunroom with fireplace and the first floor "spa bath" with a walk-in glass shower and direct access to the patio and pool.

The library-bar is a design concept offering an entertainment area complete with a dry bar, custom made in the shape of a grand piano, with a

built-in ice maker and wine cooler. The 9-foot french doors allow direct access to the patio, pool and gardens. This library-bar is not like your grandfather's old library.

The second floor updates have kept the promise to modern tudor design, having four bedrooms and three baths. Each of the three baths have been customized using modern quality materials.

Natural light illuminates the master bathroom through a skylight in the vaulted ceiling and wide window. Privacy and light control is achieved with the use of natural blinds and custom window treatments.

The heated marble floor, raised 5-foot soaking tub, private toilet room, custom 30-inch-high cabinet with double sinks and marble countertop and 4-by-7-foot marble and glass shower with auto temperature water control, rain shower, traditional shower head, body sprays, hand held and built-in seat combine comfort and practicality in the modern design.

The master bedroom includes a fireplace, ample sitting area and a

modern design and function. The dressing room with his and her closets and storage. The guest room has a private bath and stairway. In keeping with the modern design and convenience, the second floor offers the comforts buyers are looking for today.

The backyard completes the commitment to modern tudor style. The professionally landscaped gardens serve as the backdrop for the patio and saltwater-filtered pool. Grassy areas, along with the brick paver patio surrounding the pool, will accommodate gatherings large and small. The upper patio is purposed for grilling. It is located close to the kitchen and has a motorized retractable awning to protect the chef from the rain.

Special attention to the pool reveals a unique combination of

modern design and function. The 40-foot long, 15-foot wide, 5-foot deep pool has underwater lighting, seven water spouts, a 28-foot-wide stair with two attached sun shelves. The saltwater filter system requires less maintenance as it naturally replenishes chlorine. When the day is done, just press the button and the motorized cover will close the pool. Particular attention to detail give this home a stately yet playful character loaded with practical sense.

The combination of modern design and function found in 706 Berkshire is what today's buyers are looking for in a new home. There are many features of this home that are on the buyer's list of "must haves."

That is what makes a great home, such as 706 Berkshire, in such high demand.

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Battery initiative, they've created this handy home safety checklist:

- Count your smoke alarms: Increase your fire safety efforts by ensuring there's at least one smoke alarm less than 10 years old installed on every level of your home, including one in every bedroom and outside each sleeping area. Take inventory of how many batteries are required to power these smoke alarms so you can be prepared to keep them operational.

- Change your batteries: 71 percent of smoke alarms which failed to operate had missing, disconnected or dead batteries, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Change smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries annually. Stay on schedule by making it a family tradition to change your batteries on the same day you change your clocks back to standard time, this year Nov. 1. It's a great way to use the extra hour "gained" from daylight savings time.

- Check alarms and detectors: After inserting a fresh battery in each smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector, push the safety test button to ensure they work. Conduct

this test monthly. Never disconnect smoke alarm batteries no matter how annoying the sound; remember, a "chirping" alarm signals a need for a fresh battery.

- Replace smoke alarms: The IAFC recommends replacing smoke alarms every 10 years and having a combination of both ionization and photo electric smoke alarms to keep you alert to all types of home fires.

- Change flashlight batteries: Keep flashlights with fresh batteries at your bedside. In the event of a fire, they can provide much needed assistance for finding the way out and signaling for help.

- Get the family involved: Less than a quarter of U.S. families have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Make sure family members, in particular children, know what the alarms and detectors sound like and what they should do if they go off.

In addition to sponsoring this educational campaign, Energizer has donated more than five million batteries to fire departments over the years. To learn more about the Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery program, visit [energizer.com/responsibility](http://energizer.com/responsibility).

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# Take two minutes for prevention

By Ed Lazar

Have you ever had the misfortune of cleaning up a smelly, wet and very cold mess on a freezing winter day? I hope you haven't and never do. Thousands of people, however, suffer through this nightmare every year because unprotected water pipes in their homes freeze and break.

A more subtle destructive winter wonder is the phenomenon known as ice damming. Snow on your roof can lead to ice dams that damage the roof, gutters, walls, interior ceiling and even items inside the home.

There are ways you can prevent frozen pipes and ice dams, simple solutions to avoiding the hassles and costs of cleaning and repairing your

home.

## The value of two minutes

Two minutes. That's about as long as it takes to begin a small trickle of water from your home's hot and cold faucets and open the doors of cabinets with water pipes running through them.

Two weeks. That could be the length of time needed to find and hire contractors to tear out smelly, water-soaked carpet and wallboard, dry the remaining flooring of your house and replace all that might have been destroyed by flooding from burst, frozen pipes. An eighth-inch (three millimeter) break in a pipe can spew up to 250 gallons (946 liters) of water a

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## Protecting Your Castle:

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You could be heating up more than clothes in your laundry room. Each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association, the most frequent causes of these fires are improper ventilation and/or poor maintenance, which allows lint to accumulate. When lint covers heaters, switches and motors in the dryer, fires can result.

### Tips

- Avoid leaving the dryer running when away from your home
  - Clean the lint trap after every use.
  - Don't dry oily rags in your dryer
  - Don't operate the dryer without a lint filter
  - Ensure that the dryer is plugged into an outlet suitable for its electrical needs.
  - Keep the dryer area free of combustibles such as clothing and boxes.
- Adequate ventilation is key to not only the safety, but the performance of your dryer as well.

The dryer duct should vent directly outdoors, not into an attic, crawl space, or indoors. Ducts should be kept free of lint and combustible debris to prevent a fire from spreading outside of the dryer.

Use only metal dryer ducts. Plastic ducts can collapse, causing blockage and lint build up within the dryer. Plastic ducts may ignite or

melt, and will not contain a fire within the dryer.

Follow the manufacturers' suggestions on the length of ducting you should use, since appliances are tested and certified according to certain specifications. Make sure to consult your owners manual for more information.

### Hot spots

While there are no sure signs that your dryer may catch fire, the following are some possible warning signs of trouble:

- Clothes, especially towels or jeans, take a long time to dry
- Clothes are hotter than usual at the end of cycle.
- The flapper on the vent hood won't open when the dryer is on.

Consider having a professional disassemble your dryer to clean the lint and debris covering the heaters, switches and motors in your dryer and help prevent fires from occurring.

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# Keep a Home Inventory TWO:

This one goes in the category of those things we are planning to do when we get the time – making or updating a home inventory.

It may not sound like an exciting activity, but in the event of a calamity such as a fire, burglary, flood or tornado, a current home inventory can save a lot of time, money and frustration in the insurance settlement process.

Take this test. Sit down and try to make a detailed list of what's in each room of your dwelling. It's amazingly hard to remember all the "stuff" that accumulates – wall hangings, curtains, cookware, clothing, sports gear, jewelry, knick-knacks, rugs, clocks, etc. Get the picture?

This weekend, go ahead and bite the bullet. Video or photo each room and list major items on paper. Record brand, model, date and amount of purchase, if possible (serial numbers are important on some items). Also, saving receipts on big-ticket items is

always a good idea.

For antiques and jewelry, written descriptions or appraisals are important. Don't forget the closets, and remember, even your attic may be full of valuables.

You can usually get a home inventory checklist from your insurer or download one for free. These lists are great tools to help organize your records.

Finally, remember to update your inventory every year or so, and keep it in a safe location away from your dwelling. Taking the time to make and update your inventory now, can help you in working with your insurer later and maximizing your recovery should you have the need.

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day, wrecking floors, furniture and keepsakes.

As you can see, there can be a tremendous advantage to spending a couple of minutes taking simple, no-cost precautions to prevent frozen pipes. The saying "time well spent" is certainly an understatement when you consider the soggy consequences of doing nothing. Here are a few additional steps to protect your home or apartment:

Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces and attic.

Use heat tape to wrap pipes. Use only products approved by an independent testing organization, such as Underwriters Laboratories Inc., and only for the use intended (interior or exterior). Closely follow the manufacturer's installation and operation instructions.

Seal leaks that allow cold air inside, near where pipes are located.

Close air vents leading under the house.

Disconnect garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.

**What are ice dams?**

After several days of melting-freezing cycles, it's common for the melted water and ice to work up under the shingles until water enters the attic

and eventually does damage to the ceilings, wall and contents.

In cases where the ice dam goes unnoticed for an extended period of time, it can do significant damage to the building and its contents.

There's no way to guarantee an ice dam won't damage your home, but you can take steps to cut the chances of an ice dam forming in the first place:

Thoroughly clean all leaves, sticks and other debris from your home's gutters and downspouts.

Make every effort to keep snow on your roof to a minimum. Long-handled devices on the market called "roof rakes" let you stand on the ground and pull the snow off the roof. Keeping heavy snow loads off your roof reduces the chances for both ice dam formation and roof failure due to the weight.

All winter long, keep gutters and downspouts clear of snow and icicles.

Evaluate the insulation and ventilation in your attic. Most experts agree the R-value of attic insulation should be at least R-30. R-38 is preferable in northern climates.

For more information on these and other home safety tips, stop by my office or visit [statefarm.com](http://statefarm.com)®.

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If you haven't fired up the furnace yet this fall, it's a great time to make sure nothing's wrong.

Chris Addy from Arrow Heating & Cooling said checking it now can save potential heartache when the temperatures are below freezing and you've held out as long as you can without the furnace.

"People are thinking ahead this year," said Addy, owner of the family-owned and operated business started in 1983. "We're busy with maintenance calls when usually it's quiet at the end of September and early October."

Addy, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, said he's continued an honest and reliable company built by his father-in-law, who retired in 2000. Addy and his wife have two sons, Grosse Pointe South High School graduates. One is a senior at Michigan State University and the other is on the dive team and a student at DePauw University.



For Addy, it's all about quality service for his customers.

"Our reputation is most important," said Addy. "I'm the guy answering the phone and I'm the one you see in the local stores. If something isn't right, I'd hear about it. So we do it right the

first time.

Addy, a Wayne State University graduate with experience as an auditor, pays attention to every detail for his customers.

He said yearly maintenance can save money and troubles, especially

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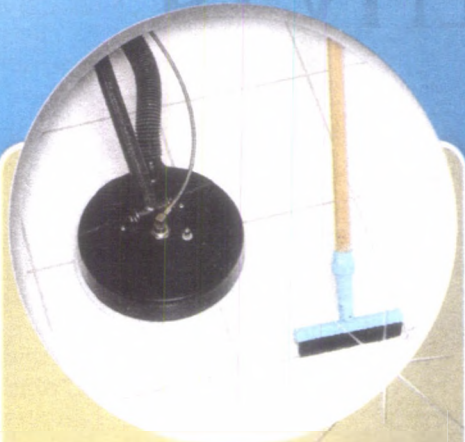
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