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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Woods changes kick off 2016

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — With his retirement set for Friday, Jan. 15, City Administrator Skip Fincham addressed the city council for the last time in that capacity Monday night.

Well, sort of. Fincham will stay with the city on a consulting basis for the next three months as the city transitions to a new manager.

The plan in place by the city calls for Public Safety Director Bruce

Smith to take over as city administrator in July 2016. In the meantime, City Assessor Tom Colombo will serve as interim city administrator with Fincham assisting as a consultant during the transition.

But that role as consultant will take Fincham out of Monday night council meetings.

"I have no idea what I'll be doing on Monday nights from now on," Fincham told the council. "For 120 Monday nights, I've been at a council meeting."

Fincham came to

Grosse Pointe Woods in December 2009 when he was appointed director of public safety. He was appointed city administrator in 2010. His retirement closes out a four-decade career in fire, police and city administration that began in 1973 when he joined the fire department in the City of Grosse Pointe.

But in retirement, he is planning on channeling his efforts in a new direction.

"My wife, Linda, and I

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PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

From left, future Woods City Administrator Bruce Smith, interim City Administrator Tom Colombo and retiring City Administrator Skip Fincham.

2015 Year in Review



Dads and their daughters in the five Pointes enjoyed their special dance night in March. Above, Village Fest is an annual party for Pointers held in September.

Seeing the light in City of GP

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Development of the Village commercial district is the light of Dale Scrace's year.

"A year ago, one whole block of the Village was dark," said Scrace, in his seventh term as mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe. "Now, the block is vibrant."

Scrace also included municipal finances among highlights during 2015.

"Our budget, again, had a surplus," he said. "We don't plan it that way, but through good management, we're able to use those funds to address other things."

A voter-supported road millage also kicked in, contributing to a rela-

tively smooth 2015 in review.

January

◆ A Detroit bus driver stops on Mack near Grosse Pointe Court to report being assaulted by a male teenage passenger.

Two City of Grosse Pointe patrolmen arrest the teen walking on Neff near Waverly, a couple of blocks above Mack in Detroit.

◆ The latest five-year municipal financial forecast shows revenues matching expenses for the first time since the recession began almost a decade ago.

Councilman Chris Walsh compares it to emerging from the "gates of hell."

◆ Mayor Dale Scrace says Neff Park is "decked out" for the 14th annual

edition of Winter Fest at the lakeside municipal park.

A pig roast and petting zoo are highlights.

February

◆ While commercial development continues in the downtown district, elected officials break ground of another kind.

They sanction Bubbles & Bow Ties, a non-municipal charity benefiting people with cystic fibrosis, on city-owned property in the Village commercial district in May.

◆ Nearly all of this year's \$38,000 Community Development Block Grant is used to reconstruct sidewalk curb cuts in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities act.

◆ A house fire on Fisher

starts in the fireplace.

Flames worm through cracks in the brick-and-mortar chimney, up inside walls to the attic prompts three alarms, minor injuries to two City firefighters and the house being saved.

March

◆ Crimes reported last year in the city increased 2 percent from the year before, due mainly to increased larcenies.

Otherwise, illegal activity during 2014 was relatively stable, according to the public safety department annual report.

◆ The mayor and city council propose a new and inviting streetscape on Fisher, the smallest of three commercial zones in the City of Grosse

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GPW poised for success

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — While the past year saw new additions — both two-legged and four-legged — to the Public Safety Department, it also saw the retirement of City Administrator Skip Fincham and residents enjoyed new family activities.

January

◆ Bitter cold weather and a promise of more snow were the perfect backdrop for the city's annual Winterfest at Lake Front park.

February

◆ Bruce Smith was appointed the new director of Public Safety. For the past eight years, Smith served as chief of police in Chesterfield Township and previously was chief in Oak Park.

◆ After six decades, a neighborhood fixture, McCubbin's Barber Shop closed its doors.

◆ Even as the snow swirled outside, the Woods Parks and Recreation department was thinking ahead to summer and hung out the "Help Wanted" sign for lifeguards for the Lake Front pools.

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The Relay for Life fundraiser for Grosse Pointe is held at Lake Front Park in May.

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Pointe.

◆ A majority of council members support construction of a two-story medical office building on the campus of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Councilman John Stempfle opposes construction, while Councilwoman Jean Weipert guardedly supports further development of the hospital district, bordered by residential neighborhoods.

◆ Members of the city council adopt an ordinance restricting businesses derided for "serious objectionable operational characteristics."

"I've reached the limit," she said.

◆ Last year's approval of a municipal road millage starts paying off soon.

An expanded resurfacing program begins early April with total reconstruction of a quarter-mile section of Chalfonte,

among the roughest streets in the city. Work also is scheduled for parts of Washington, Charles Street, Rivard, Notre Dame and Neff.

April

◆ Usurpers of handicap parking spaces cause a traffic jam in municipal court.

"The volume is stunning," said City Judge Russell Ethridge, facing 32 cases in one session.

Many offenders are able-bodied motorists dishonestly using state-issued handicap parking placards issued to someone else, according to police.



The Mayors Prayer Breakfast, held annually at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, honors scholarship winners and features the mayors of the Pointes and Harper Woods.

◆ Municipal leaders intend to make it hard to operate such businesses as pawn shops, pool halls, hookah lounges, adult bookstores and movie houses, fortune telling, cabarets, check cashing, smoke shops, body art and massage parlors.

◆ City hall's leaking hot air. "You can stand out(side) on a winter day and see heat waves coming out the top," said Jason Arlow, an architect answering a request by municipal officials to outline maintenance needed at city hall.

◆ "The roof's been leaking for 20 years," added Gary Huveare, director of public services.

◆ City hall's leaking hot air. "The roof's been leaking for 20 years," added Gary Huveare, director of public services.

May

◆ Tree City USA designates the City a Tree City USA for the 29th consecutive year.

◆ What a difference a decade of cost-cutting makes, plus three straight years of rising property values.

◆ "Our budget situation is positive," said City Manager Peter Dame.

◆ Next fiscal year's \$5.6 million budget, passed this month, is 2.6 percent greater than this year's.

◆ Water rates are raised 8.1 percent effective the start of next fiscal year, July 1.

◆ "For the average homeowner, this will increase their bill \$13.99 per quarter," said Kimberly Kleinow, City finance director.

◆ It's been 11 years since former public safety director Skip Fincham demonstrated the almost instantaneous effect of then-relatively newfan-

gled Taser gun technology. He played guinea pig by letting himself be jolted at a city council meeting.

◆ Current Chief Stephen Poloni had the opportunity to repeat the demonstration before the council approved buying eight new Tasers at a total cost exceeding \$8,000.

◆ "I did that many years ago," Poloni said. "I'll pass this time."

◆ A low-bid contract of \$207,500 is approved to fix the city hall roof, install insulation and replace deteriorating exterior or wood trim.

◆ Of roughly 250 fees the city charges for services, permits and registrations, five are going up this year.

◆ All are in the parks and recreation department and range from \$5 to \$20.

◆ The owners of Farms Fresh Market on Fisher plan to replace their building with a larger, two-story structure complete with restaurant.

◆ The existing store stays open while work could begin this fall.

◆ Detective Christopher Lee, an eight-year veteran of the public safety department and native Grosse Pointe, is promoted to sergeant.

◆ "I've worked really hard to get here," Lee said.

◆ "He is a huge asset to the department," said Lt. Michael Seidel.

◆ A deal to retain services of the Farms building inspector means the City won't have to hire an employee to replace its current inspector, retiring this year.

◆ A third annual increase in the city's liability insurance premium prompts council members to consider changing the policy provider, the Michigan Municipal Liability & Property Pool.

◆ Yet, the pool's year-end rebates, which aren't guaranteed, have offset more costly premiums.

◆ A united city council designates Fisher between Maumee and St. Paul a special assessment district, letting the city assess a special tax on the district's property owners to pay a portion of streetscape improvements costing \$611,686, an estimated 60 percent of which will be paid by a state grant.

◆ The block's nine property owners will pay a combined \$160,000 over six years for streetscape construction.

◆ Mayor Dale Scrace wins uncontested reelection for a seventh term.

◆ Also winning uncontested races are council incumbents John Stempfle, Andrew Turnbull and Donald Parthum Jr.

◆ Lastly, voters support two charter amendments changing compositions of the Board of Review and Election Commission.

◆ The annual municipal audit, completed this month, shows a \$1,252,658 rainy day fund achieving the industry-standard 20 percent of budgeted annual expenditures.

◆ "The general fund is healthy," said an auditor from Plante Moran. "The city made a lot of tough decisions over the last seven or eight years with declines in property taxes."

◆ More than 200 people attend the annual Village Aglow Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the Village.

◆ "I think this might be the biggest crowd we've ever had," said Mayor Scrace.

◆ Roadwork is scheduled next year on all of St. Paul from Cadieux to Fisher; Roosevelt Place, Maumee to Jefferson; and University, Maumee to just north of Jefferson.

◆ Construction is funded largely by \$820,000 generated annually by a 2.5 mil road millage City of Grosse Pointe voters approved last year, plus variable sums from the state.

◆ Public Service Director Gary Huveare retires Dec. 31, but resumes his job next year as a contract employee, without benefits, saving the city \$9,408 annually.

◆ Six public safety officers are promoted on the same day.

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Scouts' honor

Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Vincent Finn surprised these four scouts when he gave them a tour of his police vehicle, told them about his firefighter gear and explained the tools of the trade police officers wear on their belts such as a taser, flashlight, gun, etc. From left are PSO Finn, Colin Jambekar and Max Koenigbauer, Boy Scouts in Troop 96 and Lucas Jambekar and Ben Koenigbauer, Cub Scouts in Pack 85.

Holiday holdup search continues

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — There's no new information about the December bank holdup in the Village.

City of Grosse Pointe officers and the FBI — robbing banks is a federal crime — are keeping leads to themselves, not wanting to inadvertently tip off anyone in their sights.

"We have leads," said municipal Detective Sgt. Christopher Lee. "With luck, we'll act on

those shortly."

The last anyone reported seeing the criminal, described as a 20-something black male wearing all black, including a backpack purportedly weighed down with a bomb, he was \$6,622 in the black and running northbound on Notre Dame.

A tracking dog lost the scent on eastbound Waterloo at Neff, according to Officer Ronald Sandzik, conducting an initial investigation of the robbery of Chase Bank, 685 St.

Clair, reported at 12:41 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

The suspect, taking his turn at a female teller's window, presented a note reading, "Bomb in backpack, give me all the money, as soon as I see your hands disappear — I'm, letting it off," according to police.

"She removed all the money from her tray and handed it to the suspect," reported Sandzik. "As she was doing so, he leaned into the window and tried to make small talk."

The teller remem-

bered someone resembling the robber being denied service the previous day.

Exiting the back door, the robber crossed paths with a Grosse Pointe Park woman.

"(He) thanked her for opening the door," Sandzik reported. "As soon as he passed her, he took off running westbound through the parking lot."

Officers from the Park, Farms and Woods joined the search.

"No weapon was seen," Sandzik reported.

Lakeshore-Vernier redo lags

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — No, pink ribbons flying from wood stakes at and around the intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier aren't a winter version of the beautification committee's Adopt a Garden project. Stakes mark locations

of underground utility lines prior to the intersection being reconstructed with clearer sight lines for motorists.

Also, a turn-around in the Lakeshore median north of Vernier is being moved farther from the intersection to reduce the likelihood of traffic wrecks.

"This project was sup-

posed to be done by Thanksgiving," said Brett Smith, director of Grosse Pointe Shores public works. "It has not gone the way we expected."

The city's in a "holding pattern" for contractors, he added.

"It's our hope we can get underground work done before frost gets in the ground," Smith said. "When everything's done, I think everybody's going to be quite happy."

Most of the \$600,000 project is paid by a grant from the county and state transportation department, according to City Manager Mark

Wollenweber.

The Shores' share is "miniscule," he said last summer.

The new intersection and cut-through are designed to increase safety for drivers making U-turns from southbound to northbound Lakeshore above Vernier.

The current turn-around is too close to the intersection, according to Wollenweber.

Also, a utility pole blocking sight lines of motorists is coming down.

Other changes bring sidewalks and pedestrian signals to current standards.

Shores filling rainy day fund

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The bar is raised on the city's trek toward a higher bond rating.

Members of the city council, battling back from a nearly empty rainy day fund in 2011, aren't content building it to more than \$1.3 million, according to a current audit report.

Although reserves total 23.4 percent of annual operating expenses — more than 6 percent beyond the auditor's goal — the council passed a resolution Tuesday, Nov. 17, setting a new target of at least 25 percent.

All that and more is intended to boost the city's AA+ bond rating to AAA, as in Grosse Pointe Farms, a panache qualifying the city to pay lower interest on bonds. "Four years ago, we basically had a negative

fund balance," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the finance committee. "We've raised it to 23.5 percent. The gold standard is 20 percent. Our goal now will be 25 to 30 percent to get our credit rating up even higher than it is now."

The resolution is non-binding.

"This is more window dressing for underwriters and credit rating agencies to look at us favorably to get our AAA rating," Bisballe said. "It shows our commitment."

"Looking where we came from, fund balance is creeping up to something substantial," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "That's what rating agencies are looking for."

Auditors from Abraham & Gaffney recorded a \$144,000 increase in Shores property tax revenues during

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Arrest made in home invasions

By Kathy Ryan
Staff writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Damyan Juan Scott, 19, was arrested and charged with three counts of home invasion in connection with a recent rash of break-ins on Berkshire and other nearby streets.

More charges are expected, according to Park Detective Jeremy Pittman.

"We expect to charge him with at least three more counts of home invasion," he said. "He has also been charged with larceny from a building, which involved him stealing a bike from a garage."

Scott's arrest Wednesday, Dec. 30, in Detroit put an end to what Pittman described as a "two-month crime spree."

It was a combination of technology and good

police work that led to Scott's arrest.

In one of the home invasions, Scott took an iPhone programmed by its owner with a locating device. After Scott sold the phone to a local business, the business owner notified police he was in possession of a stolen phone. Police were able to review video surveillance footage and used pictures from that to identify their suspect.

It was patrol officers from the Park who spotted Scott and made the arrest.

"That was great work on the part of the patrol officers," Pittman said.

Scott is being held on \$100,000 bail following his arraignment Saturday, Jan. 2. A probable cause hearing has been set in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court Wednesday, Jan. 13, with a preliminary examination set for Jan. 20.

City hall doings

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Kercheval is closed between McMillan and Hall Place during the day Saturday, Feb. 6, for Winterfest on the Hill.

Winterfest, the annual celebration of winter organized by the Grosse Pointe Farms parks and recreation department, is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kercheval closes 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Previous festivals featured ice carving demonstrations, a wild animal show, putt-putt golf, a chili cook-off, free hot dogs, coney dogs and hot chocolate.

In other Farms news, the city council approved

the replacement of a rubbish truck.

A new truck costs \$167,235, according to a bid obtained through the state Mi-Deal collective purchasing program.

"Funds for this purchase are provided for in the current budget," said Terry Brennan, Farms public service director.

Another purchase replaces a damaged public safety car.

Gorno Ford, which is holder of the state bid for municipal vehicles, submitted a (\$28,329) quote for a 2015 Ford Taurus SEL," said Officer Frank Zielinski.

"Insurance payout for the previous vehicle was \$19,862, leaving a difference of \$8,467."

You can always come home

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Although Kevin Krease grew up in Grosse Pointe, he never intended to pursue a career or raise a family in his hometown. Chance, random encounters and luck conspired to land Krease, his wife, Kasey, and infant son, Maxwell, in the City of Grosse Pointe. It also helped launch his career in the automotive industry at General Motors Corp. at the relatively young age of 29.

Krease began his education at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2003. He received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in interdisciplinary studies from Miami University in Ohio in 2007. From college he headed for Oregon.

"I wanted to live out west and had a friend and mentor who lived out there," Krease said. After working for a small software company, Krease decided Oregon was too far from friends and family in the Midwest. His intention was to look for work in publishing in New York, but he landed a job with an educational publisher in Detroit.

"I surprisingly found myself in Detroit in 2009 and didn't think I'd be staying at all," Krease said.

Krease had been working with the publishing

company for about three and a half years when his friend and fellow Miami University alum Garret Koehler came up with the idea of bidding on bringing the 2014 X Games to Detroit. Their grass roots efforts, aggressive social media marketing and tireless networking resulted in Detroit landing in the top four finalists along with Chicago, Charlotte, N.C. and Austin, Texas. While ESPN selected Austin, the duo amassed enough industry experience and marketing savvy to build their own brand Assemble, an event and media platform to convene people around the rebuilding of Detroit.

"That was a big journey," Krease said of creating a strategy and cultivating relationships with investors for the X Games proposal. "After we lost the bid, we decided we knew how this whole industry worked and instead of recruiting other things to come to Detroit, we thought we would build our own brand. We spent a year scaling up the concept brands that we called Assemble."

A signature venture was a two-day national skate contest at a custom skate park built in the historic and abandoned Michigan Theater. The event, sponsored by action sports apparel retailer Zumiez, pulled 3,000 to 4,000 skaters downtown and included a music showcase at night. "Our goal was to demonstrate that we had



City of Grosse Pointe resident Kevin Krease with his wife, Kasey, and son, Maxwell.

the momentum behind all of these elements," Krease said.

Ultimately the business partners had to make a decision on their future. "Garret was passionate about the music aspect of (Assemble) and I was passionate about the festival aspect of it," Krease said. While Koehler continues to foster collaboration among Detroit musicians with Assemble Sound, Krease's commitment to Detroit drew him to the automotive industry.

"Autonomous cars, Google self-driving cars — we read about these things in the news but the impact that all these technologies have as they come together are going to completely overhaul and disrupt the economy of Detroit, which is the automotive economy," Krease said. "When I realized that, it seemed like it would be crazy for me to not be working in the automotive industry if I was going to be working in Detroit."

A chance encounter with an engineer at a University of Michigan Ross School of Business event led to an introduction to General Motors and ultimately a job working on the Global Brand strategy team for Chevrolet. He was hired in April 2015.

"Our goal as a task group is to focus on a global brand and what we need to do to turn Chevrolet into a Top 10 brand in 10 years," Krease said. "We sit around and talk about what we need to do about teenagers right now to get them to like Chevrolet when they are in their driving years. Our group gets to ponder these bigger questions of what's shaping the industry, what direction are things moving, and what is Chevrolet's position going to be and how is it going to be a relevant brand over the years and ideally a really strong brand."

With the advent of autonomous technologies, change in the automotive world is both imminent and swift, in Krease's view. "Detroit loves to talk about slow changes and how the automotive industry is a behemoth industry that takes a long time to change, but changes in the automotive industry now are happening very quickly," Krease said. "What happens when your only economy is challenged by the most valued companies in the world like Google and Apple? These are big questions."

Another question is how to not only attract young people to Detroit, but keep them there. "Detroit is only so interesting as it empowers young people and gives them responsibility to drive change in the city," Krease said. "There are some really brilliant people who moved here or who grew up here, but you need to give them ownership. Given all the challenges, if anything we should be really risk friendly because we have less to lose. We should be taking wild experimental risks in how we present development.... On the west coast, people are more willing to take risks on 20-year-olds with a vision."

Krease envisions opportunity to reinvent the car experience in the Midwest.

"People laughed me out of the room when I said Apple could make a car because they have so much money. And look what's happening. Ford is manufacturing Google cars. These crazy things are happening that we never thought would happen. Never in Detroit. These things seem so obvious, but metro Detroit and this industry and this area are slow to believe it. All this change is coming and you can either be passive in how you respond to things or you can be more proactive. That is why I'm so excited about automotive because we have the opportunity to get ahead of it."

Cameras monitor traffic

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Outdoor security cameras are focused on three gateways to the city.

"The clarity and high

definition of the video is incredible," said John Schulte, public safety director in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Cameras became operational Tuesday Oct. 20, near:

- ◆ the north city border in the 1100 block of Lakeshore,
- ◆ the south border at the intersection of Lakeshore and Woodland Shores and
- ◆ the intersection of Cook and Ballantyne.

Forthcoming are cameras monitoring the intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier.

"Installation will be completed with the Lakeshore-Vernier intersection project," said Schulte, referring to redesigning the intersection to improve traffic safety and flow.

Multiple cameras at each location record motorists coming and going, which is expected to aid investigations of traffic wrecks and crimes.

"You can tell one model year from the next on cars," Schulte said. "Freeze-frame, license plates — it's a sophisticated system." Municipal officials also use video evidence to assign liability under the cost recovery ordinance, such as making drunken drivers pay to repair damage caused by crashing through the wrought iron fence of Osius Park on Lakeshore at the foot of Vernier.

Funding for the cameras is from last year's 1-mil property tax increase for public safety enhancements.

Gain without pain

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A cold boiler in the basement of public safety headquarters risked giving the city budget a hotfoot.

"The boiler was damaged from a water main break on May 30," said Gary Huvaere, City of Grosse Pointe public services director.

A pipe broke in the alley beside headquarters, added Peter Dame, city manager.

"Recently, when the city tried to start the boiler, it was realized the water damaged the boiler,

requiring its replacement," Huvaere said.

A new boiler, already installed, cost \$24,235.

Water also damaged a water heater and sump pump.

Yet, financial damage is limited due to liability insurance.

"The city's insurance will reimburse the city for its expenditures related to all of the equipment replacement and installation except for the \$250 deductible," Huvaere said.

City officials obtained the new boiler on a low-bid contract from Mechanical Design & Installation of Wixom.

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Kenneth George won the Grandmaster First Place Trophy in Grosse Pointe Shores Third Annual Chess Tournament. The First Place Youth Winner was Paul Treder, Jr. Participants and fans included, from left, Vito Cusenza, Kathy Lightbody, Doug Kucyk, Claudia Haouilou, Mayor Ted Kedzierski, Andres Haouilou, Ian Campbell, Michael Ellis, First Place Youth Winner Paul Treder Jr., Connor Lightbody, co-chair Bruce Campbell, First Place Adult Winner Kenneth George, Tony Haouilou, co-chair Susan Treder and Jacqueline Haouilou.



WOODS:

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are planning on spoiling our five grandchildren," he said.

Fincham assured the council the city will be in good hands with Colombo and Smith.

"They all work well together and we have an excellent team in place," he said.

Fincham said he will miss his interaction with Woods residents.

"We have had many challenges, but I believe we have met those challenges and have always worked in the best interest of the residents."

GPW:

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March

◆ City Administrator Skip Fincham announced his retirement, closing out four decades of service to the Grosse Pointe community.

◆ The city council voted to cancel the 2015 fireworks display after several incidents marred the 2014 fireworks. Other family-friendly options will be studied by city administration.

April

◆ Xander, a 5-year-old German Shepherd, is the newest addition to the Public Safety Department. Xander will team with his handler, PSO Dan Schewe, to serve area departments during searches, tracking and community events.

◆ The city established a "safe zone" where residents can conduct Craigslist.org-type transactions. The city has designated the lobby of the Public Safety department as a safe haven to ensure transactions are safe and uneventful.

◆ The Woods was

named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 38th consecutive year.

May

◆ The latest crime report on incidents in 2014 showed crime was down 14 percent over 2013.

◆ Hundreds of people attended the city's annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Circle of Honor to honor the country's military veterans. The keynote speaker was Vietnam veteran Alger P. LaHood, gave an emotional speech which paid particular tribute to those who served during the Vietnam War. After the ceremony, veterans gathered for the traditional photograph at the Circle of Honor.

June

◆ City officials announced a trolley will make its way up and down Mack Friday and Saturday nights during the summer.

◆ The Farmers Market returned on the lawn of city hall for its second season.

◆ With an eye toward an even more family-friendly park, the Grosse

Pointe Woods Foundation proposed the installation of a miniature golf course at Lake Front Park.

July

◆ The city council approved a plan to allow Public Safety Director Smith to replace retiring City Administrator Fincham once Smith has completed a year of service. Fincham is expected to retire in January 2015.

◆ City Assessor Tom Colombo will be named city administrator until Smith's appointment becomes official.

August

◆ Sgt. James Lefurgey was honored by city council with a formal department commendation for his work in capturing two men wanted for a strong-arm robbery that occurred in Harper Woods.

September

◆ Public Safety Director Bruce Smith advised residents to always be aware of their surroundings following a brazen day-time robbery at a restaurant on Mack. Smith said he has three recommendations for anyone who sees some-

thing they consider suspicious: Call police. Call police. Call police.

October

◆ An elderly resident was the victim of a \$5,000 scam while thinking she was assisting bank regulators. Police advise residents that law enforcement agencies will never ask anyone to withdraw money or send money as part of an investigation. Anyone receiving a suspicious phone call should hang up and notify police.

November

◆ Three incumbents running unopposed were reelected in the November municipal election. Returning to the council are Art Bryant, Michael Koester and Richard Shetler Jr. Municipal Court Judge Ted Metry, who also ran unopposed, will return to the bench.

◆ City officials began talks to regulate drone use.

December

◆ Xander, the city's K9 officer, received a bullet-proof vest thanks to a grant from Vested Interest in K9s.

SHORES:

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last fiscal year ending June 30. The amount represents 77 percent of municipal income, for the fiscal year ended June 30.

"Taxable value in the city increased approximately \$5 million," said Bill Tucker, a partner at the auditing firm.

Public safety represented 40 percent of expenses, followed by general government operations (19 percent) and public works (15 percent).

The marina fund, which Bisballe characterized as an albatross around the city's neck, is \$195,451 in the red.

"If you back out depreciation, we're slightly positive," Kedzierski said. "Interest is our biggest charge, \$152,000, for the (marina) bond."

Bisballe expects the city to save \$40,000 per year upon refinancing marina bonds next month.

Water and sewer fund operating revenue decreased 4.7 percent to \$1,583,752.

"The main reason for that decrease is a wet summer," Tucker said. "Not as many people watered their lawns."

"Plus, it represents the settlement with the yacht club," said Kedzierski, referring to the city making good on mistakenly overcharging the club nearly \$1 million for water for about a decade.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Remember way back when it was warm, like Christmas week when it hit 63 degrees? Those days are gone for a while, but before winter decided to show, James Nyquist, Ben Kesteloot and Anna Nyquist had fun at the playground.

GUEST COLUMN

A tribute to a great coach

By George Farrell

How many of you have seen the film, 'Rudy'? For those that don't know, it's an incredible sports story of perseverance and motivation. I can relate to that film.

My father was diagnosed with terminal cancer when I was in eighth grade. Anyone who has a family member that had cancer knows the devastating effect it has on a family.

My dad was born in 1920 and my mom was born in 1924. They were from a generation that did not express themselves too much. The cancer news was harsh. We were informed that my dad had six months to a year to live.

As a parting gift, I wanted my dad to be proud of me so I went out for football during my freshman year. My dad said, "Are you nuts? You are going to get yourself killed!" Not the reaction I expected. My mom on the other hand, said, "Let him go out for the team. It will be good for him."

Nothing substantial happened my first two-

years. When you are 5-foot nothing and a hundred and nothing and barely have any athletic ability, you get put in games when you are winning or losing by large margins.

I played varsity football my junior year at North. Coach Frank Sumbera was like the Bo Schembechler of high-school football to me.

For three years I served as pretty much a scout team player and a living tackling dummy. When the first string offense was out practicing, I was the defensive half-back. When the first string defense was practicing, I was the wide receiver for the offense. I took a pummeling but never complained. I looked forward to senior year when I could at least serve on the special teams.

My senior year did not go as expected. I was injured during double session summer practices. A helmet to my right thigh would result in meiosis ossification. In plain English I had calcium deposits which would cause limited range of motion and give me a limp. It did not look

good, the doctor predicted I would be out the rest of the season.

Perhaps in some way, I inspired my dad to keep going. He would drive me to physical therapy and then to practice. I remember saying at one point, "I don't see the purpose of going to practice if I can't play". He replied, "You are part of the team and made a commitment, so you are going to practice." No further protests. I would spend the next six weeks determined to be on that practice field again. In four years I never missed a practice even if I had to watch a practice from the sidelines.

After six weeks, I astounded the physical therapist and the doctor. My full range of motion was restored in my right leg and I could resume taking to the practice field once again.

Maybe I can get put in the game and make one good play I thought. In the mean-time my dad's health was getting worse. He had survived five cancer related surgeries and yet I think it was my connection through football which I found out the

most about him.

Two regular season games would pass before the final regular season game. The classic rivalry between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South would occur. My dad was too sick from the cancer but my mom was in the stands. As the final seconds would tick down with Grosse Pointe North handily winning, Coach Sumbera turned to me and said, "Farrell get in the game!"

I eagerly charged onto the field. With three plays left, South's quarterback threw a pass that passed over both my head and the wide receiver's head. The next play was a low throw. I jumped upward and the ball bounced off my finger-tips. Yet I broke up the pass.

The next play, the ball sailed over my head, the wide receiver caught the pass but I was ready. I made the tackle.

It has been 30 years since that date and I still remember it like it happened a week ago. It was Nov. 2, 1985.

The five words from my parents, "I am proud of you," have made a huge difference in my



life.

A break-through moment with my parents happened that day.

On our awards night, I earned my third varsity letter: two for football and one for track. But what stands out was when Coach Sumbera presented me the trophy for the scout team champion, which the team had voted on.

"This year's scout team champ goes to George 'Cowboy' Farrell". Sure as heck, the little bronze plaque read exactly that, George 'Cowboy' Farrell.

My story is unique but I am sure it is one of thousands from former players that Coach Sumbera has inspired over his many years of coaching. I understand he has been coaching since Grosse Pointe North opened in the fall of 1968.

My degrees and military service in both the Marine Corps and Air Force can all be traced back to an inspirational

coach who believed in me and gave me my chance. I am still working on the parent thing. Being a father of my two daughters: Courtney and Heidi does not come with an instruction manual. It is a challenge and I just hope I can impart values into them.

I have had the motivating fire within me but at times we need inspiring coaches like Coach Frank Sumbera to ignite that fire.

Since that time, both my parents have passed on. My father would pass on Jan. 20, 1986. Four years and three months after being given only six months two a year to live. I get his fighting spirit and determination from him. My mother would pass away nearly 23 years later on January 8, 2009. I just felt it was time to honor this remarkable man and mentor.

He was like a father figure to me.

LETTERS

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I SAY By Kathy Ryan

Stop crimes of opportunity

I'm going to ask you to do something I wouldn't normally even suggest you consider — right now, stop reading my masterful missive, put down the paper and go lock your car and your doors and windows. Go ahead, this column can wait. Just come back when you're done.

(Insert the Jeopardy theme here.)

Good, you're back. By locking up, not only are you helping yourself, but you're also helping me. Because, I have to tell you, I'm so tired of writing about thefts from unlocked cars, I could scream. Every week, throughout the Grosse Pointes, there are at least 10 police reports of items being taken from unlocked cars, ranging from parking meter change to expensive sunglasses. Cellphones are a prime target, not to men-

tion GPS devices and sports equipment.

There are two things to remember here. First, don't leave anything of value in your car. Second, lock your car. Contents of an unlocked car are ripe for the picking. Then again, sometimes they take the whole unlocked car.

If you're like me, it is a little unsettling to think of someone prowling around up and down driveways in the middle of the night, which is when most of these thefts occur. Police tell me these driveway divers just go from car to car, trying every door handle until one opens. They are quietly efficient, causing no noise, waking no one. The last thing they want to do is wake up the family dog by smashing a window to gain entry. If a car is locked, they move on.

Let me say it again: If a

car is locked, they move on.

Some will say that in the good old days, no one ever locked a car and it was safe. Not really. A couple of years ago, in response to a claim crime in the Grosse Pointes was running wild, I went back and checked old issues of the Grosse Pointe News. What I discovered was houses were broken into, purses were being snatched, items were being shoplifted and cars were being stolen and broken into. So not much has changed.

But what can change is our behavior. Police urge over and over and over to lock your cars and never leave items of value in cars. Larceny from a car is a crime of opportunity and it is a crime that becomes a statistic and those statistics are what insurance companies live for. So when a neigh-

bor's laptop is stolen from their unlocked car, that affects all of us via our insurance rates.

So as we make our New Year's resolutions, make one that is really pretty easy to keep. Lock your cars. Pick up that key fob. Hear it? Beep beep. All locked up.

Speaking of police, we applaud the efforts of the Grosse Pointe Park police in apprehending a 19-year-old Detroit resident who was responsible for about a half dozen home invasions in the Park, some through UNLOCKED windows and doors.

So while you're locking your car doors, lock your house doors and windows as well.

I don't know about you, but I'll sleep better. So will several police chiefs.

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Bike stolen

A 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms boy's three-month-old black crosstrail bicycle, a hybrid street and mountain-style design worth \$596, was stolen within 30 minutes of him parking it unlocked shortly before 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, against the side of a storefront in the 17000 block of Kercheval in the Village.

Stripped

During a house inspection in the 900 block of Rivard the morning of Thursday, Dec. 31, a representative of the vacant property's owner discovered the furnace and water heater missing from the basement.

"The items were present (Wednesday), Dec. 22," reported a public safety officer investigating the complaint. "Items appeared to be carefully removed. All duct work and pipes unscrewed, not cut. The home is winterized, so all water and gas was shut off."

—Brad Lindberg
Report information

Public Safety Reports

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

Grosse Pointe

Farms

Dinero robado

A Grosse Pointe Farms woman reported last week two unauthorized withdrawals totaling \$17,900 from a joint account she shares with her mother in Venezuela.

Funds were removed between Oct. 30 and Dec. 17 in the names of five people and one company.

Credit fraud

Someone established an unauthorized credit line at Meijer in the name of a Farms man and charged \$900 at a branch in Bowling Green, Ohio, the man told police last week.

The victim works for a domestic automobile

manufacturer.

"There was some kind of security compromise that led to identity stolen on multiple occasions," said a public safety officer, citing the victim.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing

No new police reports.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Two tacos and a side of cash

At 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, an employee of a popular Mexican restaurant on Mack noticed an unknown person run-

ning from the bar area and when she checked, noticed \$40 was missing. Police were notified and were able to apprehend the suspect.

Larceny from auto

Sometime between 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, an unknown suspect smashed a window on a 2013 Ford Explorer parked at Mack and Somerset. Among items taken were headphones, a wallet containing \$100 cash and a jacket. Police remind drivers to never leave items of value in cars.

Tires taken

Sometime overnight Wednesday, Dec. 30, four tires were removed from a 2016 Dodge Journey parked in the 800 block of Lakepointe.

MDP

The back window of a

Chrysler 300 was smashed sometime overnight Thursday, Dec. 31, while the car was parked in the 15000 block of Mack.

The Grinch still at it

A package was taken from the front porch of a house on Maryland the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 28.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Driver hits neighbor's house

A 22-year-old Hidden Lane resident coming home at 3 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, missed his driveway and hit a neighbor's house. When police were

called, the driver fled on foot. Police were able to track him, thanks to a fresh snowfall, through a field at Grosse Pointe North High School, finally locating him hiding behind an air conditioning unit at a neighbor's house on Hidden Lane. He refused a breathalyzer test and was transported to a local hospital for a blood draw. The driver's 2014 Jeep was impounded and he was charged with driving while intoxicated. This was his second alcohol-related arrest.

Home invasion

Police were called at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, to a house on Allard after the owners noticed prescription medication was missing and a purse had been gone through. Police believe entry was made through an unlocked rear door.

—Kathy Ryan

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

100 Club honors PSO Shimko

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Awards keep coming for a public safety officer's attempt to save a man buried in a trench collapse a year ago in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Farms Officer Tom Shimko, already his department's medal of valor winner for 2015, received similar recognition last month from the 100 Club, an organization dating to the early 1950s in Detroit honoring law enforcement officers for putting their lives in peril to help others.

"I was grateful and honored to receive the

award," Shimko said. "They honored many officers from Detroit and surrounding areas."

"We're proud to have a guy like that in our department," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. "He goes the extra mile."

Shimko, with experience shoring trenches as a basement waterproofer, was off duty when learning of the Woods collapse.

He arrived to find a contractor covered to the waist at the bottom of a narrow trench 20 feet deep.

"That's three times deeper than I've ever dug," Shimko said.

He climbed down and, with Woods Public Safety Director Skip Fincham, tugged on the victim until reluctantly obeying orders to evacuate moments before the walls caved in.

"Tom valiantly, like Skip Fincham and others, put his life on the line to try to save somebody," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager.

Reeside, Jensen and Assistant Public Safety Director John Hutchins accompanied Shimko to the 100 Club ceremony at the Detroit Athletic Club.

WJR-AM 760 radio morning host Paul W. Smith and Detroit Pistons announcer George Blaha

presented the award, a Shinola watch engraved on the back, "Tom Shimko, for valor, from the 100 Club."

Farms approves purchases

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Routine outlays to operate a municipality include replacing rubbish collection vehicles and municipal court office furniture.

Members of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council recently approved buying a \$20,196 Toro Workman HDX for public services rubbish pickup.

The addition of a refuse box costing \$4,950 takes the total price to \$25,146.

Pricing is based on a state contract through Michigan Mi-Deal and Spartan Distributors.

"Funds for this are provided in the current budget," said Terry Brennan, director of public services.

Also budgeted was up

to \$17,000 for municipal court office furniture and work stations.

Two vendors responding to bid requests through Mi-Deal came within \$138 of each other.

"After meeting with both vendors on several occasions and reviewing

floor plans, isometric drawings and quotes, the court selected Office Furniture Solutions for the purchase and installation of the furniture (and work stations," Court Administrator Madeline Eberhardt wrote in a memo to council.

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Take a breath: mindfulness in schools

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Kierra Madison, a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School, suffered from test anxiety. When she heard North was offering a series on mindfulness, she decided to give it a try.

"It's helpful," Madison said. "It's a way to escape from everything in your daily routine, to take a breath and notice how you're thinking and functioning in your daily life. It helps me maintain a focus that everything is going to be okay."

The Mindfulness for Schools series is a free, fully-funded program offered by Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe to teach children how to make healthy lifestyle choices and help them develop social and emotional coping skills. Julie Brewster, a social worker at North, heard about the series and thought it would be beneficial to students.

Led by Beaumont's schools facilitator,

Katharine Barr, the series teaches breathing, body relaxation and awareness exercises.

"The focus is on here and now (and how to) block out emotional and academic chatter going on at school or in our lives," Barr said.

The six-session program uses the acronym "BREATHE" to highlight essentials of breath, reflection, emotion, attention, tenderness, habits and empowerment. Each session, held during the school day, lasts 45 minutes.

"Students have tools in their toolbox to help them cope with their daily stresses," Barr said. "We talk to them about building inner strength." This applies to their daily lives in and out of school both socially and academically, Barr said. She starts the session with a breathing exercise before progressing into a "mindful" moment and a lesson of the day.

Research on the benefits of mindfulness has been

around 35 years, Brewster said, citing work by Harvard psychologist Ron Siegel and Jon Kabat-Zinn, creator of the Stress Reduction Clinic and the

Mindfulness is a way "not to lose sight of living in the moment."

GARY ABUD
North science teacher

Center for Mindfulness at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. It has only recently gained traction in the educational arena, however.

"If you start (students) young, it's second nature to them to take a breath before relaxing," Brewster said. Brewster has incorporated mindfulness in health and gym classes in the past, but the Beaumont pilot series is the school's first formal attempt to integrate it into students' daily lives.

The concept of mindfulness is not new to North science teacher Gary Abud. This fall he

instituted "Mindfulness Mondays," devoting a few minutes at the beginning of class to giving students the opportunity to draw their attention

inward. Abud teaches mindfulness exercises students can use during moments of stress or distractibility. These exercises can be as simple as a breathing routine or a focus on controlling breath, he said.

"We could spend all of our time on content but at the end of the day there is a person sitting in a chair in my classroom focusing on learning. They are more than a vessel of learning. They are a person. If we don't give them skills to focus and navigate (through life), we are missing an opportunity."

Mindfulness is a way "not to lose sight of living in the moment," he said.

For high school students like Madison, it is a way to cope with academic stresses and improve performance.

"I think before the test and on top of that take deep breaths," Madison said. "I focus on what parts of the test I'm going to have a problem with so I take time to think about that before the test and develop strategies."

Mindfulness has a positive impact on younger students as well, said Barr. She conducts a six-week series of 15-minute long mindfulness sessions for third graders at Trombly Elementary School.

"The response has been great," she said.

According to Brewster, everyone can benefit from mindfulness, including adults.

"It's the busyness of life, running to catch up with ourselves," she said. "It's not healthy for us as people. It taxes our physical and emotional well-being."

Apps for mindfulness

"In science we challenge kids to look at the small details and infer at a microscopic level things we can't directly observe," Abud said. "Mindfulness exercises help you observe things you might not have been aware of."

Abud has introduced free mindfulness apps to his students including Stop, Breathe & Think and Calm. He also created a website called j.mp/mindfulnessgp. The exercises available on the apps and website help students overcome distractions and deal with emotions that may interfere with their academic performance and beyond.

Week Ahead

SWIM CLASSES

◆ Register for Grosse Pointe Public School System swim classes at gpschools.org. Options are available for all ages and include life-guarding classes. Classes begin Sunday, Jan. 10.

INFO NIGHT

◆ A fifth grade information night is planned Tuesday, Jan. 12, for parents of students entering middle school in the fall. The event will be held 6:30 p.m. in Parcels Middle School's auditorium and 7 p.m. in Brownell Middle School's multipurpose room.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured from left are St. Paul students Lilly Parrish, Tony Zuliani, Ryan English, Joseph Romanelli, Henry Shields, Brian Fraser, Jimmy Gormley, Hogan Crane, Emily Crane, Greta Reyes, Annie Reid and Sophie Smith.

Tackling Tamarack through teamwork

Seventh-graders at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School spent two days exploring new heights at Camp Tamarack, a wilderness camp that provides opportunities for children to reach personal goals and participate in team-building activities. Students tackled the high ropes course

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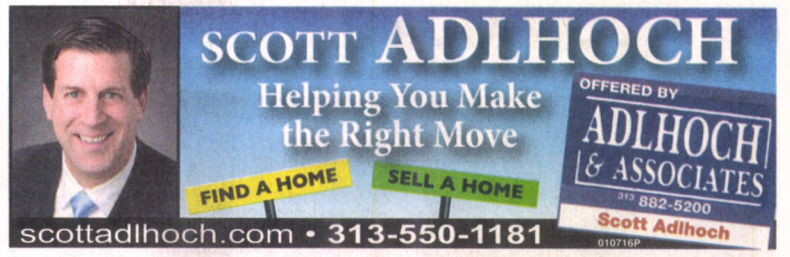
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Broad view: Community year in review

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— Some news during 2015 spanned all five Grosse Pointes. Community-wide news during the year included a February snowstorm, efforts by public school officials to prevent non-residents from fraudulently enrolling in the system, efforts to station public liaison officers in the public high schools, another tree-killing invasive insect and more.

The all-Pointes year in review:

January

◆ Three of the Grosse Pointes host winter festivals on the same day, Saturday, Jan. 31.

February

◆ An all-day-and-night snowfall is a perfect storm for fruitless shoveling starting the morning of Sunday, Feb. 1.

“It’s like starting over today,” said Victor Thompson, shoveling his driveway in Grosse Pointe Farms, Monday

afternoon. “I did it three times yesterday. My neighbor did the same thing.”

Snowfall totals 9.5 inches over a 29-hour period, according to readings at a Farms weather station.

◆ Lakeshore, recently repaved, reverts to its rough, old self.

“It’s like driving on a washboard,” said Brett Smith, director of Grosse Pointe Shores public works.

Blame freezing temperatures, not the quality of resurfacing a few years ago.

During long periods of super-cold weather, the expansion of freezing water in the ground shifts soil to buckle roads, causing potholes.

March

◆ A group of residents tries matching municipal rental records with public school enrollment files to expose border jumpers taking classes in the district illegally.

“Cities can put pressure on the school board

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The Grosse Pointe War Memorial’s ceremonies in May drew many Grosse Pointers to honor those who fought for our country. Above, The Home Expo, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, is an annual sign that spring is near. At right, EyesOn Design is a successful show in Grosse Pointe Shores each June.




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Nice donation

Monteith Elementary School student council collected food for donation to Gleaners Food Bank. Students filled nine large boxes with canned food, boxed food and cereal. In front, from left, are Claire Schultz, student council secretary, Ronan Smith, Kennedy Hasting and Luke Thompson. In back, from left, are Drew Schultz, student council treasurer and Adam Ayrault, student council president.

2015 in headlines

THE GROSSE POINTES — Headlines dated community-wide during 2015:

Jan. 15: Winter festivals to come in threes | Feb. 5: Winter's Wallop | Feb. 26: Rough roads ahead | March 19: Group asks for answers; Site lists criteria; Tax-season crimes up | March 26: Crumbling wall a county issue; IRS will not solicit by phone | April 2: Waste drop-off set April 11; Shred documents and much more | April 9: Surveys praise Pointe courts | April 23: Bill mandates bodycams; Cameras have helped in Farms | April 30: Focus has to be on privacy | May 14: Proposal 1 failed before Election Day; Departments still wait with camera shortage | Aug. 20: New invasive sucks life from hemlocks | Aug. 27: Getaway crash | Oct. 15: Program funding needed; All-GP water alliance unlikely; Employment fair set; Oak wilt threat is over for the season; Grants play hard to get; District developing security plan | Oct. 22: Treats in the Village | Nov. 5: Veterans Day events set; Maple invasion | Nov. 19: Santa's storybook parade | Nov. 26: Two fires at once | Dec. 10: Thwart delivery thefts. — Brad Lindberg

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Above, Racing For Kids, a popular and noisy fundraising event, took to the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms in September. At right, Hollyfest is a must for Grosse Pointers in support of The Family Center. The event was held in November.



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to make sure it's following through with cross-checking," said Diane Karabetsos, of the Residents for Residency Committee and past school board candidate. "There's no way you can cross-check all those kids if you don't know who the renters are."

Since the 2010-11 academic year, Grosse Pointe Public Schools officials conducted or sanctioned 246 residency tips leading to the expulsion of 207 students, according to figures on the district website.

"We kick students out when we find evidence of them not being here legally," said Christian

Fenton, Grosse Pointe deputy superintendent for business and operations.

◆ If the Lake St. Clair breakwall were a business, it'd be hiring because it has a lot of openings.

Filling them is something Grosse Pointe mayors and managers discuss with newly elected Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.

"The wall's a county obligation, and it's falling apart," said Dale Scrace, mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ An IRS impostor bilks a Farms man out of \$9,000 in two transactions.

"We do not ask for credit card numbers over the phone, nor request a prepaid debit card or wire transfer," said IRS

Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel in a news release.

April

◆ A statewide survey of court performance, with the public serving as judge and jury, praises all five Grosse Pointe municipal courts as efficient, fair and just.

Most positive evaluations average in the upper 90th percentile, according to the Public Satisfaction Survey mandated each year by the Michigan State Court Administrative Office.

◆ Legislation regulating police body cameras gets a second showing in the Michigan House of Representatives.

A bill introduced this session reprises one from last year.

"It has bipartisan support," said co-sponsor Rep. Brian Banks, D-Harper Woods, representing the Grosse Pointes.

◆ Farms police are using their fourth generation of bodycams.

Cameras, worn on officers' uniforms, can make a defendant's false claims of mistreatment fade to black.

In the City, Officer Joe Adams said he's worn a bodycam each day at



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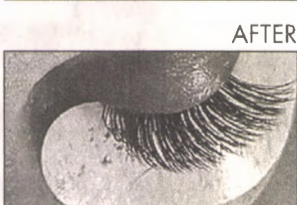
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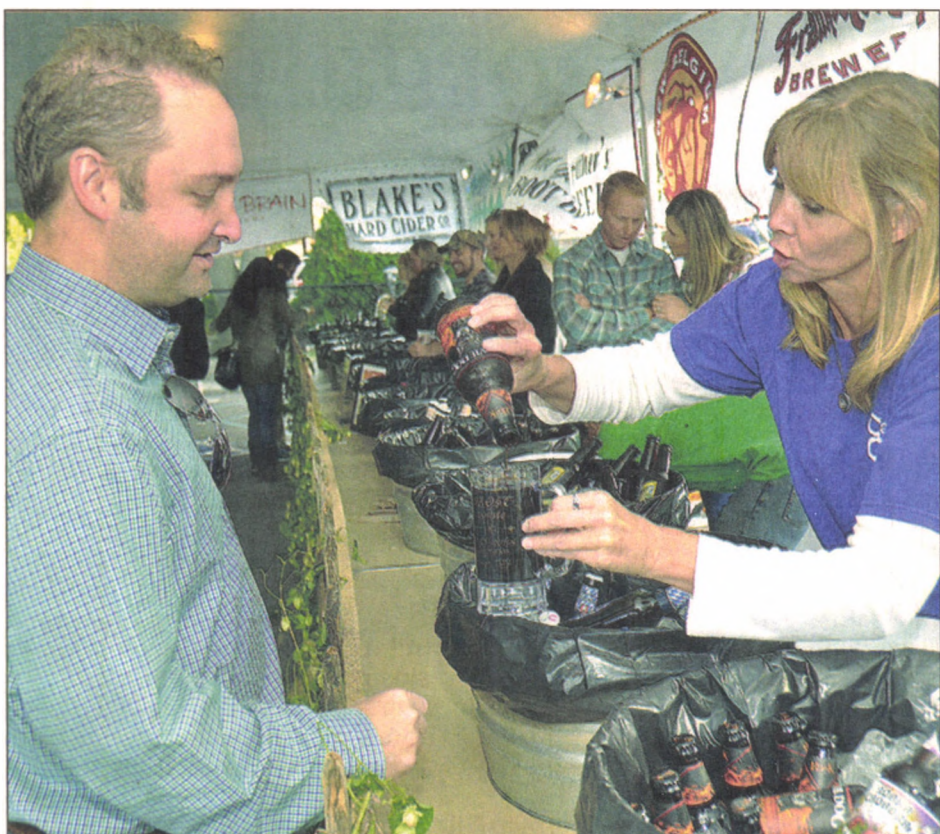
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Top left, The Hill district in Grosse Pointe Farms hosted another successful Dabble event, this one dubbed Prost Pointe in October. Top right, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce raised funds for its foundation with a butterfly bench art project and auction in the spring. Left, Grosse Pointe Farms celebrated its annual Regatta in July. One of the more popular events was a children's pie-eating contest. Above, new Mayor Robert Denner is sworn in at a Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting.

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work for the last 1 1/2 years.

"Show me a body camera that's hurt an officer and I'll show you 1,000 videos where it's exonerated an officer," Adams said.

May

Michigan voters defeat a proposal raising sales tax to 7 percent and auto registration fees to bring road maintenance up to speed.

The measure falls 78 percent to 22 percent statewide.

August

A new wave of tree-killing insects from overseas, called woolly adelgid, follows the wake of predecessors and threatens an ornamental close to home.

Targeted now are hemlocks.

"It's one of Grosse Pointes' favorite plants,"

said Brett Marshall, head of the Shores municipal tree board and owner of a tree service company.

"Hemlocks are planted mainly as an ornamental in people's landscape," said Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park city forester.

October

The idea of fully consolidating the five Grosse Pointe water systems is cold to the touch.

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.

Expanding the Farms filtration plant to handle sister cities would cost \$15 to \$19 million, according to Shane Reeside, Farms manager.

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 cost estimates," 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," said Scott Homminga, Farms water superintendent.

Tree lovers are 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.

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

November

Norway maple's aggressive propagation rates it invasive in 20

states.

"They're pillagers," said Deb McCullough a forest entomologist at Michigan State University.

"If it gets into a wooded area, a lot of times it will start out-competing native trees that might have other benefits," McCullough said.

New for the 40th anniversary of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, themed "Storybook Christmas," is Santa stepping from his sleigh in the Village to read stories to children.

"It will be a fun opportunity to see Santa before he goes back to his workshop, and promote literacy as he reads the kids a book," said Jenny Boettcher, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, parade sponsor.

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Fire specialist always pulls her weight

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Sundee Harland likes being a cover girl.

The people who made her a cover girl like it, too.

They like it so much, they published different photos of her on the front of two versions of the same magazine.

Harland is the only woman among three men working as fire specialists in the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department.

They operate and maintain the department's two fire trucks and equipment. The job's physically demanding, especially for 5-foot-1 Harland.

Yet, her reputation preceded her enough for editors of

"Balanced Living," a quarterly publication of Health Alliance Plan, to feature her in the Summer 2015 edition about needing to be physically fit to do her job.

"The guys are physically stronger than me, so I have to work harder to stay in shape," Harland said. "They can rely on brute strength. I can't. It's a fact that I'm short, small and have to put in more effort to do the job."

Of all people in the nation, the editors chose Harland.

"How cool is that?" she said. "They flew in from out-of-state while doing a story on a Detroit Tiger for a different issue."

Mostly everything in the photos, shot during February, was faked except for Harland and

the fire truck she posed with.

"The photo shoot was crazy," Harland said. "I've never done anything like that. All these girls with makeup. It was a production."

Snow on trees in the background wouldn't do for a story being published in summer.

"They Photoshopped trees with leaves on them instead of snow," Harland said. "They Photoshopped everything they needed."

Harland used to be a medic, but prefers the fire service.

"I like team effort, the excitement of it," she said. "Who doesn't love a fire truck? I mean, really?"

"Balanced Living" is circulated to Health Alliance Plan insurance members.

Reorganized

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The public services department is being reorganized with additional job classifications without hiring additional employees.

New classifications are code technician and foreman. Both jobs have a pay range of \$44,108 to \$57,468.

Duties are in addition to normal work of a public service worker.

"The code technician would handle daily residential code and nuisance complaints," said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Related responsibilities are tracking and monitoring code violations and civil infractions, plus conducting exterior housing inspections.

"The foreman would be a working foreman, but, in addition, the person in this position will assist the public services supervisor for the streets and refuse function with administrative duties and coordinate a crew of workers," Dame said.

Funds are budgeted in the public services salary account, he added.

"These would not be new employees, but would be added specialty duties for individuals currently employed as public service workers," Dame said.

New classifications result, in part, from divvying up the roles of a longstanding department supervisor retiring this year.

Accepting additional responsibilities gives employees an opportunity to broaden their experience, Dame said.

Shooter said he pulled trigger by accident

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Kenneth Leandous Bailey, 60, told nothing but the truth in court about his registered pistol discharging accidentally at home while he tried to disable it with a trigger guard.

Drunkenness and alleged death threats against his family had nothing to do with it, he told the judge — unlike a police account of his felony arrest Thursday night, Nov. 5, at his residence in the 300 block of Neff, City of Grosse Pointe.

"I was drinking a little bit," Bailey told Municipal Judge Russell

Ethridge in court Thursday, Nov. 20. "I came home and had some nephews coming by my house. I wanted to put the trigger guard on the weapon and it accidentally discharged. My wife and daughter got scared and called the police."

"Really," Ethridge answered and paused. "Are you telling me this was an accidental discharge?"

"Yes, sir. I was trying to put the trigger guard on," Bailey said.

"Why did this firearm discharge?" Ethridge asked. "Obviously, you don't discharge every time you put a trigger guard on."

"Well, I must have

pulled the trigger by accident," Bailey answered. "I didn't know a shell was in the weapon."

The night of the arrest, three public safety officers responded to a woman's 911 complaint of her husband shooting a pistol inside their house, according to an initial incident report.

Officers found the woman and the couple's teenage daughter outside, the report continued.

Bailey, intoxicated on a rear bedroom floor with a .380 caliber shell casing nearby, admitted shooting "one round outside," an officer reported. Another patrolman confiscated a loaded pistol and 33 bullets found in a

nightstand.

Ethridge asked Bailey, "Was this in connection with any kind of domestic disturbance or assault?"

"No sir," he answered. "I didn't brandish the weapon. I didn't threaten my wife or daughter or nothing."

Detective Sgt. Christopher Lee testified to "communication between the defendant and his wife regarding a murder-suicide, which is what brought us to the property. There was a high level of alcohol involved in the situation. The wife did later state they joked about murder-suicide in the past, but she did not feel it was a viable threat."

"Hmm," Ethridge said.

"Mr. Bailey, I'm trying to determine if this was an accidental discharge or, was it a drunken fight and you decided you were going to blow a fire-arm off — not to kill anybody — but to make a little noise and let her know you meant business."

"It was an accident, your honor," Bailey said.

Ethridge agreed to a plea bargain, approved by the city prosecutor before the hearing, letting Bailey admit to unlawfully discharging a weapon, a misdemeanor, in exchange for a sentence of probation without jail time.

Ethridge sentenced Bailey to six-months

reporting probation, fines and court costs totaling \$375, random alcohol testing and 24 hours community service.

The offense is erased if Bailey completes probation.

Bailey said he's disabled and working part time at a school.

"I'm a noon-hour aid," he said. "I make sure they go to lunch and I ride the bus with them. I'm a social worker by trade. I used to work with abused and neglected kids and delinquent kids."

"Anything else you want to tell me?" Ethridge asked.

"I'm sorry this happened," Bailey answered.

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John Joseph Reardon

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Joseph Reardon, 93, passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

John was born March 31, 1922, in Detroit, the eldest of 11 children born to Thomas and Nellie (nee Sullivan) Reardon. He married Virginia J. Vogl May 19, 1945, and together they raised six girls during their 70 years of marriage.

John graduated in 1956 from the University of Detroit with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He also attended Tulane University at Pensacola, Florida. As part of his U.S. Navy pilot training, John attended Drew University, Iowa State and the University of Iowa, after which he received his commission in 1945.

Early in his career, John worked for Ford Motor Co. He attended the Henry Ford Trade School, where he worked for the supervisor of aircraft school and became involved in mechanical drawing for the Pratt Whitney engine assembly. After completing active military duty, he worked for Fruehauf Corp. in the audit division. Later, he worked for Federal Mogul Corp. for 26 years, as a corporate pilot, retiring as chief pilot in 1987.

John served the U.S. Navy as a pilot, flying well over 35 missions during the Korean War, stationed in the Philippines. After the war, he taught theory of flight in Pensacola for the Navy. He retired from the Navy Reserve as commander in 1968, after over 25 years of service. At an awards ceremony in January 1998, almost 50 years after the fact, John received the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal, the highest aviation honor bestowed by the U.S. Navy. Previously, he received the Air Medal, Korean Service Medal, China Service Medal.

John believed education was the key to independence and encouraged his children to pursue higher education: All six daughters earned bachelor degrees. John enjoyed history, finance and reading the "Wall Street Journal." He took pleasure in maintaining his home and gardening. He also helped those in need, donating to many charities during his lifetime.

John is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughters, Carol Raphael (James), Kathleen D'Amato (Joseph), Barbara Hogan (Paul), Terri Mitchell (Larry), Mary Carolan (Joseph) and Charlene Reardon (Denise Gonzalez); grandchildren, John Paul Hogan (Joy) and Jacqueline Hogan, Claire D'Amato, Natalie Petchenik (Graham), Michelle and Melanie Carolan, Michelle Mitchell Nipe (Matthew), Peter and Steven Mitchell, Jack and Kate Reardon Gonzalez and great-grandchildren, Piper and Darby Hogan.

He was predeceased by his parents; sisters, Margaret Griffin, Eileen Sheldon, Mary Jahn, Lenore Martinez, Virginia

Campbell, Dorothy Spicer and Nancy Fuller and brothers, Tim, Thomas and George Reardon. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. at the church.

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Paul A. Duker

City of Grosse Pointe resident Paul A. Duker, 102, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was born in Pontiac to Anthony and Josephine Duker and graduated in 1936 from the University of Detroit with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked for Detroit Edison Co., retiring as vice president of marketing and customer relations.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy who served during World War II, Mr. Duker was a member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club & Woodworkers. He was a board member of the Better Business Bureau of Metro Detroit and the Detroit Council Explorer, Boy Scouts of America. He also served as president of the Michigan Electric Association.

Mr. Duker enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing and investing. He moved to Grosse Pointe in 1952 and lived in the same house until his death.

He will be remembered for his wise counsel, integrity and continuing intellectual curiosity. He was sustained and guided by his strong faith in God.

Mr. Duker is survived by his sons, John Duker (Susan) and Robert Duker (Gail); daughter, Catherine Evangelist

(Scott); grandchildren, Andrew Duker (Amy), Sarah Vogelgesang (David), Kyle, Michael and Kelly Duker, Kate Martis (Christopher); Sarah Sterk (Avery), Martha Van Staaldin (Joshua) and Emily Evangelist and great-grandchildren, Cassie, Olivia and Julianna Duker and Lydia and Christian Vogelgesang.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Catherine, and sisters, Virginia Chandler and Mary Barker.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, Jan. 9, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church (school gym), 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation will begin at 11:30 a.m. until the service and again after the service.

Donations may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen (for On the Rise Bakery), 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or World Gospel Outreach, P.O. Box 14348, Humble, TX 77347.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Virginia D'Hondt

St. Clair Shores resident Virginia D'Hondt, 85, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2016.

She was born in Hamtramck to Gladys and Joseph Hrycyszyn and graduated from Girls Catholic Central High School in Detroit. She worked as a secretary for the Grosse Pointe News and as an executive secretary for the U.S. Postal Service.

Mrs. D'Hondt enjoyed bridge, tennis, golf and being a homemaker.

She was an American Contract Bridge League Bronze Life Master and played throughout the Detroit metropolitan area, nationally and internationally.

Mrs. D'Hondt is survived by her sons, Rick D'Hondt, Paul D'Hondt (Debbie) and Bill D'Hondt (Barb); daughters, Elizabeth Martin (Gary) and Jane Cihon (Ken); seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be held in July.

In lieu of flowers,



John Joseph Reardon



Paul A. Duker



Virginia D'Hondt

Masses may be sent to Jane Cihon, c/o SSM, P.O. Box 62, Harsens Island, MI 48028.

Margaret Estelle Olis

Margaret E. "Marge" Olis, after living an exuberant, long life, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015, surrounded by family.

Born in Detroit, she graduated from St. Anthony High School. Soon after graduation, she dedicated herself to a fashion retail profession at the J.L. Hudson Co., where she held many senior buying roles throughout her career. After many years, she retired and then worked at Jacobson's in Grosse Pointe until it closed.

Marge always put family first, such as caring for her parents, John and Margaret Olis, through their later years. She was the matriarch of the Olis family and was an integral part of so many family members' and friends' lives.

She found joy in reminiscing about her life, work, extensive world travel, golf and her passion for shopping. Marge will be remembered for her generosity, enthusiasm, independence and passion for life.

Marge is survived by her brother, Andrew, and his wife, Harriet Olis; and her sisters-in-law, Anne (John) Olis and Margaret (Edward) Olis. She leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews and extended family.

Marge was predeceased by her siblings, John Olis, Edward Olis, Mary Ellen Canestraight and Josephine Reitzloff.

A celebration of life Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions may be made to St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

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Samuel Everett Bradshaw III

Samuel "Sam" Everett Bradshaw III, 72, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015.

Born Feb. 2, 1943, in Temple, Texas, to Harry Bradshaw and Ella Mae Brunette Bradshaw, Sam grew up in Grosse Pointe. He attended Western Michigan University and graduated from the University of Baltimore. He was drafted in 1968 and served in the U.S. Army stationed in Bamberg, Germany. After returning to the United States, Sam began a long career in the automotive industry. He worked in numerous management positions with Chevrolet in Bethesda, Md., and Detroit. He later joined Maritz Group, moved to the St. Pete Beach area of Florida and worked with Florida area GM/Cadillac dealerships.

Sam enjoyed golfing with his friends, traveling and spending time with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Blatt Bradshaw; sister, Susan Pappas; son, Samuel Bradshaw and daughter-in-law, Tina Bradshaw and granddaughters, Tess Ellen and Emily Catherine. He also is survived by his stepsons, Bill, Doug and Todd Raven and grandchildren, Scarlett, Leland and Marissa Raven.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A celebration of Sam's life will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. A celebration also will be held Feb. 6 in Sarasota, Fla.



Samuel E. Bradshaw III

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org.

Thomas P. Casey

Thomas P. "Tom" Casey, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015. He was the beloved husband of Dolores (nee Wehby) for 58 years; loving father of Tom and Bill (Jennifer); proud and loving grandfather of Nicolas and dear brother of Jack (Gwenn).

He was predeceased by his twin brother, James (Lorraine) and parents, Thomas and Beatrice. Mr. Casey was a well-respected and accomplished attorney; after earning his juris doctor degree from the University of Detroit he went on to practice law in St. Clair Shores for more than 50 years. He also enjoyed music but found his life's greatest joy in his family. His example of love, dedication, respect and hard work are his legacy.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. The family will receive guests beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth
Traffic Safety Section

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PY 2016

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Grosse Pointe Farms is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

For Program Year 2016, the City of Grosse Pointe Farms anticipates receiving an allocation of approximately \$33,446.76 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Benefiting low and moderate income clientele

POTENTIAL PROJECTS:

Activity	Amount	Objective
Sidewalks (ADA Ramps)	\$25,085.07	A
Public Services (Senior Services)	\$5,017.01	A
Administration	\$3,344.68	A

Notice is hereby given that the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing to receive comment on the possible projects or suggestions for other projects on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, located at 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Interested persons are invited to comment on the possible projects listed above or suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the objectives above.

The Public is invited to attend and comment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before January 19, 2016. The City of Grosse Pointe Farms will provide reasonable accommodations for those individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services. Notification should be received in the City Clerk's Office at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.

Derrick Kozicki
City Clerk

ASK THE EXPERTS By Annette Benson

Co-parenting during the holidays and beyond



Q. "Getting through the holidays with my ex-spouse and our children was very difficult. We fought about who had them when, who bought them what, and I was miserable. I don't think my children enjoyed it either. I would like to be able to do this better, for their sake. Are there ways we can make it easier on everyone?"

A. The holidays are generally a wonderful time of the year. Children love engaging in family traditions like decorating the tree, baking treats for Santa, watching holiday movies together as a family. Sadly, these joyful

traditions often become a casualty of divorce.

While divorce creates a significant change for parents, it is also felt by children. With that in mind, it is important for parents to remember that children see the holidays as a time of hope, love, excitement, joy, peace, and celebration.

Give your child the gift of renewed hope, stability. Show them that change, while unfamiliar and scary, is simply a part of life. Show them that when there is change, there is also growth. You can't change what happened this year, but for the next holiday season, focus on

bringing about new traditions. Engage your child in creating activities. Acknowledge what was different this holiday season and find a way to celebrate the new.

Here are some tips to minimize stress — for the holidays and every day:

Remember that children hear everything. While venting your frustrations about your ex may be therapeutic, don't do it around your children. They identify with both parents and an attack on a parent feels like an attack on them.

Don't make your children decide. Children don't want to hurt their

parent's feelings. Don't put them in that position.

Holidays can be celebrated at any time. Holidays do not need to be celebrated on the designated day. Allow your child to communicate with the parent they will not be spending the holiday with. Explain that holidays and special occasions are celebrated anytime they are together with family.

Enter the New Year celebrating change — when

embraced, it can be beautiful.

Benson is an attorney whose practice focuses on family law: divorce, legal separation/separate maintenance, support modifications (alimony/child support), change of domicile, domestic violence, and more. She can be reached at (248) 646-2600 or Annette@annettebensonlaw.com. She is a member of The Family Center's Association of

Professionals.

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Beaumont Health names Wilson COO

Beaumont Health President and Chief Executive Officer John Fox announced the appointment of Carolyn Wilson R.N. as executive vice president and chief operating officer for Beaumont Health.

In this position, Wilson will ensure systematic, coordinated operations and patient care across Beaumont's eight hospitals. She will report to Fox and be a member of the hospital's executive team.

She joins the hospital Monday, Jan. 18.

"Carolyn is an accomplished senior health care executive with an impressive 30 years of experience in leading health care systems and physician organizations," Fox said. "Her knowledge and expertise in health system integration and in building a results-oriented team will advance us toward our vision of being the leading high-value health care network."

Wilson comes to Beaumont from Fairview Health Services in Minneapolis, an award-winning nonprofit health care system comprised of the University of Minnesota Medical Center, five community hospitals, nearly 100 primary and specialty care clinics, 53 senior housing locations and 30-plus retail pharmacies, employing more than 21,000 health professionals.

There she served as executive vice president and COO overseeing operations of UMMC, community hospitals and specialty clinics, shared clinical services, system facility services, home care, long-term care and hospice. She also served as president of UMMC and co-president of University of Minnesota Health.

Before joining Fairview, Wilson held a series of increasingly-responsible positions at the University of Chicago

and University of Chicago Medical Center from 1998 to 2011.

Wilson earned a master's degree in business administration from Benedictine University, a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at Rush University and a nursing diploma from Blodgett. She served on the Metro Governing Council of the American Hospital Association and the University Health System Consortium Academic Board of Managers.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Maria Simcina graduated May 2015 from Wayne State University School of Medicine and accepted a position as a resident physician in the internal medicine program with Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners. She is a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and the daughter of Zaira Maio and David Elias of Grosse Pointe Shores and David Simcina of Portland, Ore.

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Alexandra Noelle Bertakis was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at Savannah College of Art and Design. This is her third semester on the list. The 2012 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of Grosse Pointe Farms residents Rosanne and John Bertakis.

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Kristina Kamm was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at Heidelberg University. The 2012 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the daughter of John and Lorie Kamm of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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BASKETBALL

Teams win during holiday break

South puts up 2 wins

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Head coach Troy Glasser beefed up Grosse Pointe South's schedule to prepare his players for the rigors of division and state playoff games.

"We played the Pershings and Kings during the summer and started the regular season with some tough games," Glasser said. "I like the way the boys played and so far things are going well."

During the holiday break, South hosted St. Clair Shores Lake Shore and won 50-43.

It was tied at 19 at the half, but the Blue Devils outscored the Shorians 14-8 in the third quarter and 17-16 in the fourth.

Senior Nate Hall led the way with 12 points, followed by junior Brennan Buszka with nine, junior Zane Draper with nine, senior Jack Maher with seven and junior Michael Braker with five.

The weekend after Christmas, South faced Novi in the Motor City Roundball Classic at Harper Woods High School.

In its toughest game of



PHOTO BY PETER CALCATERRA

South's Noah Davey, left, played well against Lake Shore and hit the game-tying three pointer in the Blue Devils' overtime victory over Novi.

December, South faced its first loss of the season, but prevailed 77-74 in overtime.

It took two clutch three-pointers by Draper with 30 seconds left and a tying three by junior Noah Davey as time expired to keep the record unblemished at 4-0.

"We just didn't panic," Glasser said. "We have been going pretty good and we beat another tough team. We don't back down from anyone and the boys are gaining confidence."

The Blue Devils led 20-17 at the end of the first quarter and 36-33 at

the half.

They trailed 52-51 after the third quarter, but outscored Novi 15-14 in the fourth to force OT.

Buszka hit two free throws and Hall made one to finish the Blue Devils' scoring.

Novi didn't get a shot off in the final second.

Buszka had his best game of the season, scoring 24 points and grabbing 11 rebounds to earn game most valuable player honors.

Draper had 16 points, followed by Maher with 14 and Hall with nine. The Blue Devils hit seven three-pointers and 16 free throws.

Knights blast NW

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team concluded its busy non-league schedule last week with a 55-21 win over Detroit Northwestern in the final game of the 2015 Motor City Roundball Classic at Detroit Edison High School.

The Knights, led by senior Kendall McConico

and all-state guard Nia Ahart, dominated the PSL foe as the up-tempo style of play allowed the head coach Omar Ahart's squad to grab a quick lead it would never relinquish. Nia Ahart had 21 points, five assists and five steals, while McConico added 22 points and nine rebounds.

"It was closer than the final score indicated," coach Ahart said. "We led 14-7 at the first quarter break and 29-10 at the half. We used a 15-3 third quarter to put the game away. The girls

played well and we needed a win after a tough loss to Blissfield."

Earlier in the Roundball Classic, Liggett lost 48-42 to Blissfield. Ahart had 18 points and five assists and McConico had 16 points and seven rebounds.

"We had our chances, but didn't get it done," coach Ahart said. "We were in this game and I hope we get a chance to play them again in the regionals. It was a fun game to coach, but disappointing we lost."

Liggett is 5-3 overall.

Blue Devils drop game

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Head coach Kevin Richards knows the opposition is tough and his Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball players have to be up for the challenge.

In the 21st annual Motor City Roundball

Classic at Detroit Edison High School Saturday, Dec. 26, South lost 51-41 to Birmingham Marian.

"We're not making teams work," Richards said. "We had leads at the half and third quarter, but couldn't sustain the momentum. We're getting outworked and it has to change."

Senior Anna Carmody led the Blue Devils with 13 points, while seniors Margaret Brennan and Benna Ames each had

seven points.

"Our schedule is tough through the rest of the year," Richards said. "We're going to work hard and make some adjustments before we play again in our division opener."

Grosse Pointe South dropped to 2-4 overall and begins its Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, against title contender Port Huron Northern.

Liggett beats DHF

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team beat Dearborn Henry Ford 60-50 Dec. 26 in the 21st Annual Motor City Roundball Classic at Harper Woods High School.

Sophomore Anthony George scored 13 of his 21 points in the first quarter as the Knights built a 22-11 advantage.

After that, it was an even game as the Knights

were outscored 39-38 as the Navigators made a fourth-quarter run, which cut a 19-point deficit to 5 with four minutes remaining.

The Knights finished the job as junior Jackson Walkowiak, senior Spencer Ewing and George helped finish off the Navigators.

Ewing (seven rebounds) also scored a team-high 23 points, while Walkowiak added nine points and nine rebounds. George had eight rebounds.

Junior Spero Kefalonitis had 11 rebounds as Liggett improved to 2-3 overall.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett's Anthony George was on fire in the first quarter, scoring 13 of his 21 points to help the Knights beat Dearborn Henry Ford Academy.

North nets third place

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

After a couple of road blocks, the Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team put together a solid effort in its 78-62 win over Anchor Bay last week in the consolation game of the 13th annual Crusader Classic.

"We played a good game tonight and had several players step up, which we have looked for," head coach Ron Kochan said. "We're still figuring things out, but at least we head into the new year with a victory."

The Norsemen shot well from the field, mak-

ing a season-high 26 field goals, including 10 three-pointers. They also sank 16 free throws.

They finally had a half-time lead, 35-30, and built the advantage to 20 points, 58-38, midway through the second half.

The Tars cut the deficit to 10 with 3:39 left, but the Norsemen made several straight free throws down the stretch to win.

Senior Andrew Bunch and junior Steven Levick nearly had double-doubles.

Bunch had 13 points and eight rebounds, while Levick finished with nine points and eight rebounds.

Senior Mitchell Zacharias led the team with 24 points and junior Sam Cross had 11.

Freshman Ryan Webb

had seven points, followed by senior Ryan Reveley with six, senior Jared Jordan with five, freshman Chad Lorkowski with two and junior Kevin Topciu with one.

North fell behind by double digits early in its semifinal game against Warren Woods-Tower and it was 34-13 at the half.

"We played an absolute horrible first half, but the guys battled back and used a 15-0 run to cut it to 10," Kochan said. "We just couldn't keep the momentum going. We need to do a better job of playing consistent basketball."

Zacharias had 21 points to lead Grosse Pointe North, which is 2-2 overall.



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Hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team sent visiting Wyandotte Roosevelt home with its first loss of the season last week.

The Blue Devils dominated the first two periods en route to a 4-1 win which raised their record to 6-1-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 8-2-1 overall.

"We totally dominated that game for two periods and had a chance to step on their throat with a power play to start the third," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "We gave

up a short-handed goal and then gave the puck away in our zone several more times. It could have been a closer game, but we will take the big win and get ready for a little break."

It was all Blue Devils as they scored twice in each of the first two periods to build a 4-0 lead.

In the first period, senior Paul Boyer scored at the 8:21 mark, assisted by seniors Jonathan Theros and Mac Cimmarrusti.

A little more than a minute later, junior Jack Flynn tallied, with juniors Adam Cervone and Michael French net-

ting assists.

In the second period, senior Marshall Vyletel scored twice, including once on the power play.

Cervone and senior Griffin Brooks drew assists on the power-play goal, while freshman Andrew Vyletel and junior Liam Kavanaugh had assists on the second goal.

The Bears scored at the 16:12 mark of the third period and had a chance to make it a 4-2 game, but sophomore goalkeeper Camden Mills stopped a penalty shot with 1:40 left.

South hosts Saline at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8.

Figure skating

GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN FRANKIE

Captains

The Grosse Pointe Unified figure skating team captains this season are, from left, Mary Emerick, 'B' team and senior from Grosse Pointe North; Celeste Franke-Joyce, 'A' team and senior from Grosse Pointe South; and Julia Barnes, 'C' team and senior from Grosse Pointe South. The Team is presently in third place in its district and the next meet is at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center. The Team is coached by Claire LaDue.

LIGGETT

Knights finish 2-2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team split its four games during the holiday break.

The Knights began with a 6-2 home loss to Utica Eisenhower.

They trailed 3-0 after two periods, but scored twice in the first 61 seconds of the third period to make it a game.

Senior Brett Abdelnour scored six seconds into the stanza and junior Jaron Pangborn followed

with a goal at the 15:59 mark, assisted by freshman Daniel Bowen.

The Knights continued to pressure the Eagles' netminder, but couldn't get the equalizer.

The Eagles scored at the 13:05 mark to lead 4-2 and added two more goals in the final minute.

"We didn't compete in the first two periods and that was disappointing, but I'm glad the boys came on strong in the third," head coach Mike Hamilton said. "We're a little banged up, but that

is no excuse to not play up to our potential."

Following Christmas, Liggett traveled to Traverse City to compete in the annual Scott Miller Memorial Tournament.

The Knights started with a tough 4-3 loss to Traverse City Central, but rebounded to shut out Toledo St. John's 3-0 and then beat Traverse City West to end the trip on a two-game winning streak.

Liggett is 7-5-1 overall and hosts Anchor Bay at 5:30 Friday, Jan. 8.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Werenski honored

Defenseman Zach Werenski (Grosse Pointe Woods/University of Michigan) was named captain of the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team recently announced by USA Hockey.

In addition, defenseman Louie Belpedio (Skokie, Ill./Miami University) and forwards Auston Matthews (Scottsdale, Ariz./ZSC Lions) and Colin White (Hanover, Mass./Boston College) were tabbed alternate captains of the squad.

"We're excited about our leadership group

here in Finland," said Ron Wilson, head coach of the 2016 U.S. National Junior Team. "Zach, Louie, Auston and Colin have led by example since day one in Lake Placid this August and have the respect of everybody in the room."

Werenski, who becomes the second youngest player ever to captain a U.S. National Junior Team, tallied a goal and an assist as a member of the 2015 U.S. National Junior Team that finished fifth in last year's tournament.

An alternate captain

for the 2014 U.S. National Under-17 Team that claimed the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Werenski was selected eighth overall by the Columbus Blue Jackets in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft and currently leads all University of Michigan defensemen in points this season with 12 (4-8).

Team USA lost a tough 2-1 game to Russia in the semifinals.

It faced Sweden in the bronze medal game played Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Hartwall Arena.

COLLEGE SIGNINGS



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Headed south

Grosse Pointe South senior Benna Ames, seated center, is playing college basketball for Emory University and head coach Christy Thomaskutty. Emory is off to a 6-1 start and competes in the NCAA Division III in the University Athletic Association against Brandeis, Carnegie Mellon, Case Western Reserve, Chicago, Washington (Mo.), Rochester (N.Y.) and New York University. Joining Ames is father, Daniel Ames; mother, Susan Ames; and Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball head coach Kevin Richards, standing.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

She is a Husky

Grosse Pointe South senior Raven Neely, center, recently signed a letter-of-intent to play women's tennis for head coach Tanya Gombera at Northern Illinois University. Joining Neely at the signing were her brother, Lincoln Neely, and father, Lorenzo Neely. Her mother, Tina Neely, couldn't make it. The Huskies compete in Division I and in the Mid-American Conference against Bowling Green, Ball State, Akron, Toledo, Buffalo, Western Michigan, Miami (Ohio) and Eastern Michigan.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Going to Olivet

Grosse Pointe South senior Alex Parthum, second from left, is going to play college baseball next year at Olivet College, a Division III program under the tutelage of head coach Ted Mahan. The Comets compete in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association against Adrian, Trine, Albion, Hope, Kalamazoo and Calvin. Joining Parthum was, from left, mother, Laura Parthum; father, Jeff Parthum; and Grosse Pointe South boys' baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum.

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Year in Review

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The naming of a new superintendent for the district and the announcement of a new program for five-year-olds are among the year's highlights.

January

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education begins its search for a new superintendent by selecting a search firm to identify candidates. The goal is to have a search firm in place by mid-February, with a new superintendent in place by July 1.

◆ Laurie Arora, Grosse Pointe Park city councilwoman, swears in incumbent Brian Summerfield, re-elected to the GPPSS Board of Education in November, along with new members Ahmed Ismail and Margaret Weetz.

◆ Monteith Elementary School students take part in the Great Kindness Challenge, with the goal of creating positive, stronger relationships between students, teachers, family and members of the community. An assembly kicks off a week of activities that includes morning kindness quotes, kindness spirit days, lunch recess kindness activities and a kindness challenge checklist for each student.

February

◆ Grosse Pointe schools participate in NSpire Talks, a TED Talk-inspired event bringing young people, from elementary school through high school, together to spread their ideas for a better world. Participants respond to the question, "What's your vision for ___?" The focus is to amplify the ideas and voices of students.

◆ St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School holds its annual auction at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, raising money for the school and providing a memorable evening for all who attend. The theme is "Red, White, Unite." The most popular auction items are a landscaping package, a pair of original oil paintings and tickets to the David Letterman Show.

◆ Grosse Pointe Academy students debut original public service videos they produced as part of GPA's Real-world Experiences and Applied Learning middle school elective classes. The videos represent a cross-section of students' interests and concerns, ranging from texting while driving to the plight of African refugees. Students managed the entire process, from storyboards to final editing.

March

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School holds its annual auction at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The theme is "Come Fly the Starry Skies."

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School is the first high school in Michigan to perform "Catch Me If You Can." The production features choreography by former Rockette Cori Callahan. The Tony-nominated musical is based on the hit film by the same name.

◆ Parcels Middle School students take part in Spread the Word to End the Word, a national



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Ferry Elementary School fourth-grade students create state models for social studies class. Pictured are Adison Mlynarek and John Smarch.

movement dedicated to eliminating the word "retarded" and replacing it with a new "R" word — respect. Led by Parcels Peer to Peer staff and students, the school participates in a lesson on different types of disabilities during advisory classes. The Peer to Peer program links special-needs students with general education classmates who serve as role models and advocates throughout the school year.

April

◆ University Liggett School is one of five schools statewide to be named a Confucius Classroom by the

benefit academic offerings, scholarships and tuition assistance, as well as support for campus preservation.

◆ Defer Elementary School celebrates its 90th birthday with cake and ice cream. Games, a bounce house and a DJ make the ice cream social complete, but the main attraction is the rhubarb dessert bake-off. Eleven contestants entered deserts in the competition designed to recognize the school's heritage as the former grounds of a rhubarb farm.

June

◆ North and South high schools bid goodbye to

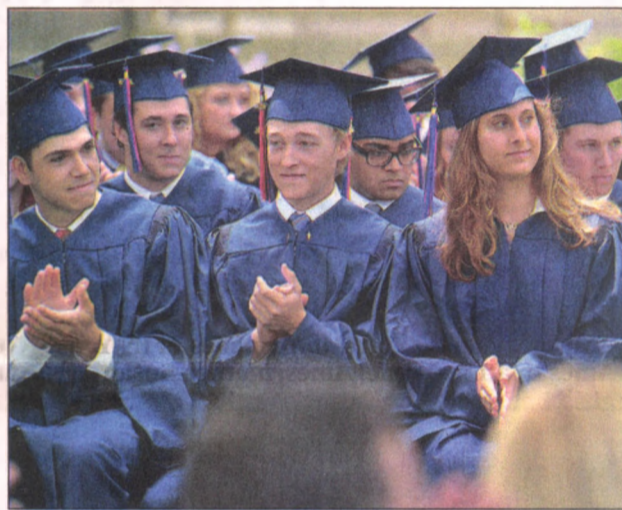


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University Liggett School seniors celebrate their graduation in June.

Confucius Institute at Wayne State University. The partnership includes a \$10,000 grant to further enhance Liggett's Chinese courses and activities and allow students to apply for summer travel programs through the institute headquarters.

◆ Math students at Kerby Elementary School are named national champions in the annual Math Madness competition sponsored by the Think Through Math online learning system. Third-through fifth-graders compete in the six-week challenge. Kerby students edge out an Oregon school for the top spot.

◆ Pointe Gearheads 1189 — the combined Grosse Pointe North and South high school robotics team — head to St. Louis, Mo., to compete in the worldwide robotics competition. The trip to the championship concludes an award-winning season.

May

◆ Gary C. Niehaus is named GPPSS superintendent. Board members state they selected Niehaus, retired superintendent of the McLean County Unit District No. 5 in Normal, Ill., for his commitment to students, technology and special education services.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Academy celebrates its 48th annual Action Auction. The fundraiser includes a seated dinner, silent and live auctions and dancing. Proceeds

296 and 422 seniors, respectively, during commencement ceremonies. During their addresses, North Principal Kate Murray and South Principal Moussa Hamka recognize students for their accomplishments and encourage their future successes.

◆ North and South Principals Hamka and Murray work together to build a bridge between the two high schools. The two principals end the school year with a commitment to their staffs, students and parents and a drive to do their best to serve their communities.

◆ Students in the Autism Spectrum Disorder program at North spend an afternoon fishing at Windmill Pointe Park. Nick Raymond, a teachers' assistant at Full Circle community campus, created the event 10 years ago. Students and volunteers caught northern pike, small bass and silver bass, which they released after catching.

July

◆ Liggett pilots its version of a makerspace with a week-long middle school maker camp. The camp offers students the opportunity to explore their interests and delve into the mindset of inventors. Projects include putting together a 3-D printer out of the box, building and programming a robotic arm and using the Makey

Makey to create a circuit board.

◆ Students from every school in the district attend the week-long Camp Invention at Parcels. The camp theme, "Illuminate," lights up the year's offerings, from learning what it takes to be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame to giving students the opportunity to build three-dimensional video games. The week concludes with a showcase for parents.

◆ Brownell Middle School science teacher Walter Charuba joins scientists at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Maryland to witness the New Horizons Pluto flyby. The date of the flyby — July 14, 2015 — marks 50 years to the day after humans first explored Mars with NASA's Mariner 4 on July 14, 1965. Charuba plans to bring back what he learned at the mission to his students at Brownell.

August

◆ Gary Abud of Grosse Pointe North and Nicholas Provenzano of Grosse Pointe South are named two of five nationwide finalists for a Bammy Award in the high school teacher category. The Bammys are presented by the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences to acknowledge extraordinary work in education in a variety of disciplines. Provenzano is a three-time Bammy Award finalist and Abud receives his first nomination.

◆ Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean announces at a GPPSS Board of Education meeting that five of seven GPPSS schools placed on the Focus Schools list in 2012 were removed. Trombly Elementary School and Pierce Middle School were released at the end of the 2014-15 school year and Defer and Ferry elementary schools and Parcels Middle School were released earlier in the month. Focus Schools was created by the Michigan Department of Education to identify schools with the largest achievement gaps between the top 30 percent of students and bottom 30 percent, based on average scale score.

◆ For the second year, the Radio Astronomy



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Seniors march in Grosse Pointe North's homecoming parade in October.

Team, a Grosse Pointe North club, wins first place in the Mars Exploration Student Data Teams competition, a national program jointly sponsored by NASA and Arizona State University. Team members, who won for their Mars research project,

weed seeds to raise in an attempt to save the monarchs from historic low numbers. Students collected more than 160 eggs from the garden and hand-raised them.

October

◆ Pierce art students take their show on the



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Grosse Pointe South students show off their school spirit during the homecoming football game.

receive a travel scholarship to spend two days at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory to tour the facility and present their research.

September

◆ Poupard Elementary School teachers participate in Leader in Me training to kick off the school year. Poupard, awarded a \$60,000 five-year grant from FranklinCovey, is the first and only Leader in Me school in Grosse Pointe. The Leader in Me program teaches 21st century and life skills to students inspired by the idea that every child can be a leader.

◆ Brownell students mark the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, with acts of kindness. Students at all grade levels are given "pride slips" for completing good deeds along with a piece of red yarn to tie on his or her finger. Pride slips are posted on the bulletin board for all to see.

◆ Maire Elementary School second-graders release monarch butterflies in the butterfly garden, which has been named an official Monarch Way Station. Students learned about the plight of monarch butterflies and ways to help, collecting milk-

road by riding the trolley to the Grosse Pointe ART Center. Students view the "Signs and Symbols" exhibition and engage in a visual thinking strategy session. Each student selects one piece to write a brief reaction. The goal is to improve critical thinking skills and build their creative palette, according to their teacher, Jane Plieth.

◆ Geoffrey Fisher, in his first year as principal at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, gets slimed by top readers in each class as part of the annual summer reading challenge. Fisher dyes his hair green and allows students to "slime" him in recognition of a total of 1,012,000 pages read by students and faculty.

◆ Trombly fourth-graders sock it to homelessness by collecting socks as part of #socktober, a campaign to collect and donate new socks to homeless shelters in October. Teacher Susan Howey promises to wear a sock monkey costume for Halloween if they reach their goal. "I like to get the kids involved with something bigger than themselves," says Howey.

◆ Richard Elementary School launches its all-school reading incentive

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program, Richard Reads. This year the program went green, with students logging hours online. Students may redeem rewards for hours logged for a class party, homework pass or lunch with a favorite teacher.

November

◆ Ferry fourth-graders dress in clothes from the late 19th and early 20th centuries in a re-enactment of immigrants arriving at Ellis Island. Students receive boat tags, go through medical and pass-

port inspections and exchange money before entering New York City in this simulation created by teacher Anne Flanagan.

◆ Gail Frederick, a physical education teacher at Monteith, is named 2015 SHAPE Michigan Elementary Education Teacher of the Year. Teachers and students celebrate by dressing in athletic attire in Frederick's honor during "Gail Frederick Day," decking the halls with posters and filling the bulletin board with handwritten notes celebrating favorite Frederick sayings and gym activities.



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Reese Macek shows off her ceramic sunflower bowl and fiber art piece during the Grosse Pointe Academy student art show in March.

◆ Maire fifth-grade teacher Barbara Davis receives national recognition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History as Michigan history teacher of the year. Maire is des-

ignated a Gilder Lehrman building and the school and district have access to a library of primary resources in history.

December

◆ Liggett holds its annual fall fundraising gala. The event raises a record \$370,000 for technology and academic initiatives, athletic equipment and more. A "Raise the Paddle" technology challenge, held during the gala, raises \$87,400 to support technology initiatives at the school.

◆ St. Paul Catholic School helps the Detroit Institute of Arts pilot new

educational outreach methods. Every student, from kindergarten to grade 8, visits the DIA. Field trips are fully funded by the museum and DIA instructors coordinated with St. Paul faculty members to integrate aspects of the school's curriculum into the field trip lessons.

◆ The GPPSS Board of Education approves a Young Fives program for 2016-17 at Defer, Mason and Poupard elementary schools. Offered to five-year-olds with birth dates between March 1 and Dec. 1, Young Fives follows the kindergarten curriculum, but is age appropriate based on readiness.

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The City of Grosse Pointe is accepting applications for full time Public Service Worker position. Applicant should have multi-faceted, hands-on skills to handle a variety of tasks in the municipal public works arena such as landscape and building maintenance, repair of all types of municipal roads, trees, fixtures, facilities and equipment. A candidate with electrical, plumbing and/or carpentry skills is preferred. A Public Service Worker will operate light and heavy equipment on a variety of public works assignments such as lawn mowing, snow plowing, leaf pick-up, collecting refuse on a commercial/residential route, and/or other duties. A satisfactory driving record and a driver's license with a CDL Class B air brakes and the ability to maintain one throughout employment is required. Employee must have ability to respond to emergencies after hours and work a schedule that may include evenings, weekends/ holidays as operational/seasonal needs demand. Hourly rate range is \$17.41-\$21.76, depending on qualifications and experience.

Applications may be obtained at the City of Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, during regular business hours, (313) 885-5800 or the City website at **www.grossepointecity.org**. Please submit application immediately. Open until filled. EOE

GPN: 12/31/15

PARK MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

The City of Grosse Pointe is accepting applications for Park Maintenance Coordinator.

The Park Maintenance Coordinator oversees a broad range of functions including the care and upkeep of the City's parks, marina, village, sprinklers and other public properties, and provides a wide range of services including snow removal, refuse collection, facility and equipment maintenance. Assists with and performs other departmental duties as operational needs demand. A valid State of Michigan Commercial Driver's License with class B air brakes endorsements (or the ability to obtain one within a reasonable period), a satisfactory driving record, and the ability to maintain one throughout employment is required. Employee must have ability to respond to emergencies after hours and work a schedule that may include evenings, weekends and holidays as operational/seasonal needs demand. The City is seeking an individual to serve as Park Maintenance Coordinator, a key position reporting to the Department of Parks and Recreation Director.


Starting salary: \$22.72 per hour

Submit letter of interest detailing relevant background and qualifications to the Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Grosse Pointe, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Letters of application and resumes must be received by 4:00 pm on Monday, January 25, 2016.

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RENTAL REAL ESTATE

<p>700 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX POINTES/HARPER WOODS 1216 Beaconsfield Upper Flat, rear entrance. Small, two bedrooms \$650/ month. (313)824-7900 or (313)410-4339</p> <p>1216 Beaconsfield Upper Flat, rear entrance. Small, two bedrooms \$650/ month. (313)824-7900 or (313)410-4339</p> <p>DON'T FORGET- Call your ads in EARLY! Classified Advertising (313)882-6900 x1 <small>Grosse Pointe News</small></p>	<p>700 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX POINTES/HARPER WOODS FULLY furnished Grosse Pointe City, Rivard/ Jefferson, large 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, family room with fireplace \$3,400. 2 Bedroom one bath furnished \$2,000 (313)884-8700</p> <p>LARGE two bedroom upper. Wayburn, Grosse Pointe Park. Appliances included, front porch, back porch, clean. Immediate Occupancy \$650/month (586)778-2730</p>	<p>701 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY APARTMENTS for rent. Detroit two and three bedroom. Heat and water included \$400-\$600/ month. No pets. Credit check (313)882-4132</p> <p>702 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY \$400 and \$415 monthly furnished motel rooms, local phone, utilities, refrigerator, microwave, ShorePointe, 20000 (586)773-3700</p>	<p>702 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY</p>  <p>\$236.00 Motel Rooms, Single Occupancy, Weekly Rental. Microwave, WiFi, Refrigerator, Satellite. Close to XWays 94/696 ShorePointe Motor Lodge, 20000 E. 9, St. Clair Shores (586)773-3700 Limited availability.</p> <p>Classifieds Work For You To place an ad call: (313)882-6900 x1 <small>Grosse Pointe News</small></p>	<p>702 APTS./FLATS/DUPLEX S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY \$415 Monthly furnished rooms, local phone, utilities, refrigerator, microwave, satellite TV included. \$415 Security deposit. Shorepointe, 20000 East Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores. Apply within.</p> <p>Collectors Items IN THE CLASSIFIEDS <small>Grosse Pointe News</small> (313)882-6900 ext. 1</p>	<p>705 HOUSES FOR RENT POINTES/HARPER WOODS 1221 Fairholme, Grosse Pointe Woods. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor master bedroom, formal dining room, large kitchen with eating area. All appliances, hardwood floors, sun porch. 2 car attached garage, corner lot. Immaculate. \$2,000 per month. Call (586)792-3990 for appointment.</p> <p>Classified Advertising 313-882-6900 ext 1 <small>Grosse Pointe News</small></p>	<p>706 HOUSES FOR RENT DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY TWO and three bedroom houses for rent in Detroit. No pets. Credit Check \$500- \$700/ month plus utilities. (313)882-4132</p> <p>State and Federal housing laws prohibit discrimination that is based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age (Michigan Law), marital (Michigan Law) or familial status. For further information call the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 800-482-3604; the U.S. Department of Housing and the Urban development 800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing Agency.</p>	<p>716 OFFICE / COMMERCIAL FOR RENT EXECUTIVE - Professional office space. Individual offices as well as connected space for up to 5 professionals and support staff. Professionally decorated common space includes reception, kitchen and conference rooms. On site basement storage available. Exterior is colonial design with split fieldstone accents. 24825 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, at 10 mile. (586)779-7810 Bob Garvey</p>
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DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

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<p>911 BRICK / BLOCK WORK</p> <p>Some classifications are not required by law to be licensed. Please check with the proper state agency to verify license.</p> <p>MADISON Maintenance specializing in restoration of chimneys, porches, houses, brick walls, tuck pointing, all masonry. Grosse Pointe resident. Free estimates. Licensed and insured. masonrygp88@gmail.com (313)885-8525 Cell (313)402-7166</p> <p>Classifieds Work For You To place an ad call: (313)882-6900 x1 <small>Grosse Pointe News</small></p>	<p>916 CARPET INSTALLATION / REPAIR SUPREME FLOOR COVERING 1 INC We sell all name brands. Carpet, hardwood, laminate. We also do repairs, re-stretches, and bindings. (586)776-1306</p> <p>920 CHIMNEY REPAIR MADISON Maintenance specializing in restoration of chimneys, porches, houses, brick walls, tuck pointing, all masonry. Grosse Pointe resident. Free estimates. Licensed and insured. masonrygp88@gmail.com (313)885-8525 Cell (313)402-7166</p>	<p>927 DEBRIS / CLUTTER REMOVAL</p>  <p>(313)886-3330 AS FEATURED IN THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS hauling, debris removal, donation delivery. Residential, commercial, industrial. Dumpsters available. Background checked, bonded, insured. Owned by retired law enforcement. Specialist NOT Craigslist www.cleanupclearout.com Classifieds: 313-882-6900 x 1 <small>Grosse Pointe News</small></p>	<p>929 DRYWALL / PLASTERING (313)999-1003 lakeshoreplaster.com All plaster repair. Custom painting.</p> <p>Nick Haroutos PAINTING <small>Since 1965</small> - PLASTER & DRYWALL REPAIR INSURANCE WORK HANDYMAN SERVICES (586)778-9619 All Work Guaranteed - FREE ESTIMATES - LICENSED - INSURED</p> <p>930 ELECTRICAL SERVICES (586)415-0153 Homestar Electric. Older home specialists. Circuit breaker boxes, outdoor plugs, recessed lights, additions, all types of electrical work. Licensed, insured. www.no morefuses.com</p>	<p>936 FLOOR SANDING / REFINISHING FLOOR sanding and finishing. Free estimates. Terry Yerke (586)823-7753</p> <p>943 LANDSCAPERS / TREE SERVICE/GARDENER DAN Milleville Tree Service Serving the Pointes 40 years. Emergency service, free estimates. Tree removal and trimming, stump grinding. Call: (586)776-1104 email: danmillevilletreeservice@gmail.com</p> <p>945 HANDYMAN</p>  <p>A affordable price. Mike handyman. Electrical, plumbing, carpentry, hardwood flooring, ceramic, marble, painting. Roofs, bathrooms, basements, kitchens, decks. Code violations. Small or big jobs. (313)237-7607 (586)215-4388 (810)908-4888 Native Grosse Pointer.</p>	<p>945 HANDYMAN</p>  <p>RED BARON ENTERPRISES HANDYMAN SERVICE & CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>HONEST and dependable. Our family will take care of all of your repair and maintenance needs, small and large jobs, code violations. Licensed and insured. Certificate of occupancy. (313)408-1166</p> <p>OLDER home specialist. City inspection repairs. Sewer cleaning, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, plaster, painting, kitchens, baths, masonry. (313)354-2955</p> <p>SEMI RETIRED HANDYMAN. All types of home repairs. Prepare your house for winter. 35 years experience. Reasonable rates. Grosse Pointe resident. Licensed. Call Sami (313)433-5468</p> <p>Classified Advertising 313-882-6900 ext 1 <small>Grosse Pointe News</small></p>	<p>945 HANDYMAN Painter & Handyman Over 20 Years Experience Free Estimates No Job too small! Call Ron (586) 909-4176 Off Duty Firefighter</p> <p>946 HAULING / MOVING GROSSE POINTE MOVING & STORAGE</p> <p>Local & Long Distance 822-4400</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large and Small Jobs Pianos (our specialty) Appliances Saturday, Sunday Service Senior Discounts <p>Owned & Operated By John Steininger</p> <p>11850 E. Jefferson MPSC-L 19675 Licensed - Insured</p> <p>FREE ESTIMATES</p>  <p>See The Classifieds <small>Grosse Pointe News</small> (313)882-6900 ext. 1</p>	<p>946 HAULING / MOVING  RED BARON ENTERPRISES HANDYMAN SERVICE & CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>CALL us- Let's talk trash! All your hauling/ moving needs. Garbage, appliances, junk, storage units. Salvageable goods will be donated or recycled. (313)408-1166</p> <p>948 INSULATION  RED BARON ENTERPRISES HANDYMAN SERVICE & CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>INSULATE your walls and/ or attic. Free estimates! Let us save you some money this summer & this coming winter! (313)408-1166</p> <p>954 PAINTING / DECORATING BRIAN'S PAINTING Specializing all types of painting Interior/ Exterior Caulking, window glazing, plaster repair. Expert Gold Silver Leaf Guaranteed Insured Free estimates Reasonable C(586)822-2078 (586)445-0211</p>
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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLVED

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- ACROSS**
- Lose color
 - Actress Lupino
 - Half a ticket
 - Not "fer"
 - Neither mate
 - Bean curd
 - Tin Man's problem
 - Carriage
 - Cookbook entry
 - Underscore
 - Lacks the ability
 - Brit. reference book
 - One seeking political asylum
 - Unaccompanied
 - Khan
 - Doctrine
 - Tiny
 - Trumpet, e.g.
 - Shame
 - Third letter
 - Close up tight
 - Narcotic
 - Jackson or Johnson
 - Oppressive ruler
 - Skeleton component
 - October

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- DOWN**
- Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
 - Chills and fever
 - Platter
 - Lure
 - Started a paragraph
 - Female deer
 - Weaponry
 - Gawks
 - birthstone
 - Peacock network
 - Reed instrument
 - Depend (on)
 - Blond shade
 - Shrill bark
 - Make less intense
 - Venusian vessels?
 - Prickly seed cases
 - Ike's command in WWII
 - Morrison and Braxton
 - Doo follower
 - Id counterpart
 - Absurd
 - Use Wikipedia, maybe
 - Zodiac feline
 - the
 - ramparts we watched ...
 - Compared to
 - Without making a mess
 - Address to a bloke
 - Greek vowel
 - Smell
 - Meersch- haum, e.g.
 - Sicilian spouter
 - Post-bout attire
 - Carbon compound
 - Cry
 - Out of use, as a wd.

Solution Time: 21 minutes

GROSSE POINTE War Memorial WMTV

Channels Comcast 5 & 915 A.T.&T. 99 WOW 18

FEATURED GUESTS AND TOPICS—Jan. 11-17

Vitality Plus—6 a.m., 12 noon., 6 p.m., 12 midnight.
Exercise

Detroit Economic Club 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.
 Michael Dell, Founder, Chairman & CEO
Dell, Inc.

Mondays at the Max—7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 1:30 a.m.
WSU Department of Music Concert

Family Center—8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 2:30 a.m.
"Ask the Experts" presentation

Cutting Room Floor—9 a.m., 3 p.m., 9 p.m., 3 a.m.
 Detroit Institute of Arts
Tour of the American Galleries, Pt. 2

Pointes of Horticulture—9:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 3:30 a.m.
 Grosse Pointe Historical Society Rebroadcast
In Tribute to Penny Soby

Aging Well in America—10 a.m., 4 p.m., 10 p.m., 4 a.m.
 Marianne McCauley and Faye LaPorte
Dementia Care

John Prost Show—10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 4:30 a.m.
 Matt Cullen
President & CEO, Rock Ventures LLC; CEO, M-1 Rail

Out of the Ordinary, Into the Extraordinary—11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m., 5:30 a.m.
 Chrissie Blaze
The Aetherius Society

A DVD Copy of any WMTV program can be obtained for \$20

Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call, 313-881-7511

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