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ERs see sharp decline in patients

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — Emergency rooms across southeast Michigan are seeing somewhere between a 40 to 60 percent decrease in overall visits, according to Dr. Robert Takla, chief of emergency medicine at Ascension St. John

Hospital. “It’s unprecedented,” he said. “I’ve been at St. John Moross in some capacity since 1996, and this is by far the most unique and challenging time I’ve ever witnessed in my entire career in emergency medicine. “Whether it’s us or Beaumont or Henry Ford

or the DMC, we’re all seeing these declines and when I talk to my colleagues in those respective health systems, we’re seeing the same thing ... and we’re all concerned,” he added. While oftentimes, many of the cases that have historically gone into emergency centers

were not necessarily emergencies, he said, the concerns that would cause a person to go to the ER have been overshadowed by a fear of going to an environment where they could be at greater risk of coming into contact with COVID-19. “Maybe the perception

in the mind of the patient is, ‘Maybe my abdominal pain or my chest pain is not that bad. I’m just going to ride it out. I’m going to see, because I don’t want to go to the emergency room,’” Takla explained. However, emergency rooms actively are taking measures to ensure non-

COVID patients are not put at risk, including waiting room distancing, staff screening, ongoing use of personal protective equipment, extensive safety and sanitation protocols and separate intake and care areas. “Part of our job is to
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Neff to combat flooding

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — After experiencing flooding in Neff Park last season and in anticipation of similarly high, if not higher, lake levels this season, city council unanimously voted during the virtual meeting Monday, April 20, to install a 450-foot Tiger Dam along the length of the park.

“The Army Corps of Engineers is projecting the Lake St. Clair water levels for the season to be the same as last year but potentially higher,” Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Hardenbrook reported. “This higher projection would put lake levels at or above the height of Neff Park’s main docks, pier and seawalls.”

Dependent on when the barriers are able to be delivered to the City, they are scheduled to be

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Pictured left to right, top to bottom, are Beth Walsh-Sahutske, Lisa Khoury, Melissa Petz, Nick Bernbeck, Aja Perales, Kelsey Khoury, Kahli Williams, Doug Roby, Liz Naporano, Tuka the therapy dog, Eric Burson, Troy Glasser, Joseph Spryszak and Beth Walsh-Sahutske.

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Offering guidance

Grosse Pointe South High School’s counseling center recently took to social media to promote physical distancing, as opposed to social distancing.

“In listening to the news, day in and day out, the thought of socially distancing ourselves is a scary one not only for our mental health, but for our overall well-being,” wrote Melissa Petz, who works in the counseling center. “I believe what we really need to do to be

most effective to not spread COVID-19 is to physically distance ourselves. While I’m no expert in the world of mental health, I do very much admire my colleagues in the Grosse Pointe South High School counseling center. Together we wanted to generate some social buzz in a visually fun and trendy way in an effort to change the language from ‘social distancing’ to ‘physical

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Board rejects resolution to delay reconfiguration

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — A resolution to pause the Grosse Pointe Public School System reconfiguration for the 2020-21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic failed 6-1 at a live-streamed meeting of the Board of Education April 27.

In June 2019, the board approved closing Poupard and Trombly

elementary schools and moving fifth graders to the three middle schools beginning fall 2020 to address declining enrollment.

The resolution was submitted by Trustee Cindy Pangborn on Sunday and proposed directing administration “to postpone the closing of Poupard and Trombly elementary schools and the relocation of 2020-21

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Rodent problems are an issue during stay-at-home order

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — While nationwide quarantine measures have resulted in many forms of Instagram-worthy animal sightings in unexpected places, rodents have become an especially unintended after-effect.

Instances of rat problems occurring in or around residences have significantly increased in the past few weeks, leading to speculation that the lack of dumpster waste, which normally would be generated from fully operating restaurants and businesses, is causing rats to desperately venture elsewhere in search of

food. “Our local office in southeastern Michigan has a 38 percent increase in rodent-related calls compared to March/April of 2019,” said Todd Johnson, associate certified entomologist and technical services manager of Ehrlich Pest Control, via email.

While the issue certainly is not unique to any one city, the Farms public services department has received several complaints about increased rat activity in recent weeks.

“We have always had a very aggressive and active stance toward pest control, especially in The Hill, and so we already had a

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Michelle Boggess-Nunley
 Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
 Artist, author, maze maker
 looks to break Guinness World Record



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The effects of COVID-19 on local real estate

By the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors
Guest Writer

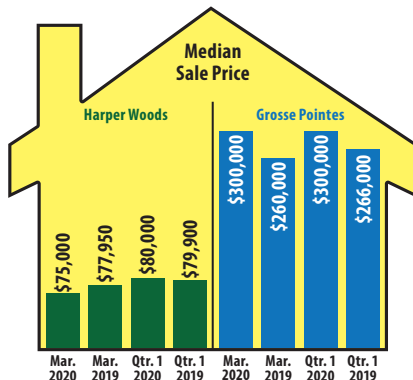
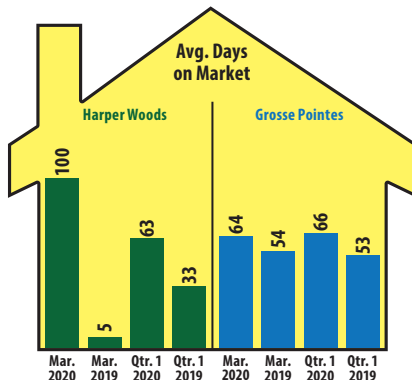
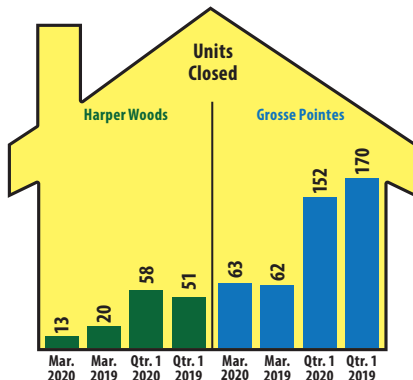
The housing data for March and the first quarter of 2020 recently were released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. Compared to 2019, all indicators are demonstrating some distress because of the COVID-19 quarantine.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order is allowing support services for selling a home — title insurance, appraisals, home inspections, etc. However, leaving one's home to show or physically inspect a property is a misdemeanor. This has kept agents and buyers at home.

Looking forward, it should be noted that

some homes are being listed and sold. Sellers, buyers and their agents are finding ways to remain compliant while still fulfilling the need to buy or sell a home. The numbers are significantly lower than would be expected through this time in April. This is expected to continue through the end of the month.

The state government is creating a task force comprised primarily of industrial- and health-care-related individuals. We expect certain protocols as it relates to real estate transactions will be required. We anticipate that as we get closer to reopening the state's economy, more information will become available, which we will pass along.



While we are waiting, here are some proactive steps you can take if you need to buy or sell a home:

1. Figure out who among the GPBR membership can best assist you.

2. Buyers:
a. Work with your agent virtually to get an idea of what is available for you.

b. Contact your pre-

ferred mortgage lender to determine what may be required as the mortgage market adjusts to changes in the economy.

c. Work as diligently as possible while observing the state's executive order to narrow your choices.

d. Be prepared to be decisive as you assemble all that is needed to buy.

3. Sellers:
a. Give your agent a

virtual tour of your home and ask for feedback on how to best present the home.

b. Take time to follow through on recommendations on how to prepare the home both inside and out.

c. Agree on a price at which the home would likely sell. Communicate with your agent frequently as circumstances can change

quickly.

d. Establish a checklist of actions that can be taken to immediately get the home on the market once the executive order is lifted or relaxed.

Finally, we want to assure you that in less than a year this period will be a distant memory. When referenced, an asterisk next to market data from this period will be appropriate.

Lakeshore garage catches fire

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A neighbor walking by a home in the 200 block of Lakeshore discovered fire coming from the garage at approximately 8 p.m. Friday, April 24.

No one was injured by the fire, which appeared to be electrical in nature, according to Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen.

"The owners weren't home at the time," he reported.

While the flames did reach one wall of the attached garage that bordered the bathroom and kitchen of the home, public safety responded before it breached.

"It did not break through, so (in) the house itself, the most damage could be attributed to smoke," Jensen



said.

Grosse Pointe Shores and the City of Grosse Pointe also responded to the three-alarm fire.

"It was a great job by all the crews," Jensen said.

— Laurel Kraus



PHOTOS BY TOM GRAVES

Fire in an attached garage on Lakeshore was extinguished before flames could breach the house.

Woods issues caution after coyote sighting

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents in the 1000 block of Hollywood might have glimpsed an unusual visitor lurking in the area when a coyote appeared in the neighborhood one recent weekend.

Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety confirms that home surveillance captured the animal roaming a backyard. The city later issued an email bulletin telling families to avoid feeding the wild creatures and to accompany small pets outdoors to discourage a coyote's approach.

While the coyote presence is common, appearances are rare and can be alarming, but the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recommends

care and common sense. "Coyotes are plentiful throughout Michigan, even in urban and suburban areas where sightings can come as a

surprise," said Holly Vaughn, a spokeswoman for the DNR's Wildlife Division. "They are very adaptable and live all over the state."

"In April, coyotes begin to have their pups, so keeping those young mouths fed becomes a full-time job. In springtime, it's not uncommon to see coyotes during the day as they hunt for small mammals like mice, rats, voles and rabbits to feed their young."

While coyotes have a natural fear of humans, neighborhoods with evidence of a coyote should eliminate outdoor sources of food, such as partially filled pet dishes or trash, according to the DNR. Trash should be placed for pickup the morning of trash routes, not the previous night.

Coyotes are carnivores, so gardens don't draw their attention, but the small animals that visit gardens, or even bird feeders that attract

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In accordance with Executive Order 2020-15 and subsequent Orders from Governor Whitmer, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan will hold an electronic Zoom Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020 on the proposed 2020/21 city budgets, including property tax millage rates, T.I.F.A and DDA budgets along with all proposed fees to support the accompanying budgets will be the subject of this meeting. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection on the Grosse Pointe Park website beginning May 8, 2020 or by request via email on or after that date.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed city budget in accordance with the public comment procedures associated with electronic public meetings, which are published on the Grosse Pointe Park website. To submit a written public comment please send to clerk@grossepointepark.org by 5pm on Sunday May 10, 2020.

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related patients and in my hospital, and in all of the hospitals quite honestly, we have developed a duel track where we have an area where somebody that has COVID-related illness is going to be kept separate from those that present with other non-COVID-related presentations," Takla explained.

The Ascension system is urging the community to not delay treatment of serious conditions.

"It's a public health emergency both ways," Takla said. "Clearly, COVID presents its

unique set of challenges; however, other emergencies continue to occur, whether it's cardiovascular, strokes, serious abdominal pain, trauma (or) the need for urgent surgeries.

"Waiting is oftentimes more risky and ignoring the symptoms is definitely dangerous and so we're going to have a public health emergency in a different capacity if patients do not seek the care and therapeutic interventions that they need," he continued.

Especially with strokes and cardiovascular dis-

ease, Takla emphasized, it is critical to get treatment in a timely manner to avoid long-term effects.

"I don't think this is going away," Takla said. "I think honestly 'business as usual' is no longer. But truly ... the hallmark of all emergency departments is the ability for us to adapt to ever-evolving situations and that's exactly what we've done and that's exactly what we'll continue to do in order to maximize the safety and care of patients in our community."

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installed the first week of May.

"The system has been tested and certified at a platinum level by the Army Corps of Engineers," Hardenbrook said. "The Tiger Dam system is reusable, easy to store, easy to install and has the possibility of being sold once the need is no longer."

The sandbags currently in place at Neff Park will stay as well.

"The sandbags would remain as a barrier from the wave action and then the Tiger Dams would keep the flood waters back ideally," Hardenbrook said. "... Last season while the sandbags kept the wave action back, we did have flood water that came into the park."

The Tiger Dam system will cost the City \$17,721. While it is not a

budgeted expense, Hardenbrook said, there are sufficient funds in the capital improvement fund.

"My firm is working on that project of deploying the Tiger Dams in the city of Detroit ... and it is incredible what they've been able to accomplish at the cost," Councilman Terence Thomas said. "The deployment's really easy and as you can tell, for the level of security, the cost is really light."

Boat Club efforts support restaurants, frontline workers

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Grosse Pointe Boat Club is on track to provide more than 400 meals to those on the frontline in Grosse Pointe during COVID-19 using local restaurants to provide the food.

“It’s a tough situation for everyone and those folks working on the frontlines, particularly in the hospitals dealing directly with the COVID-19 patients, they are truly heroes and the club is just happy to have a part in making their days a little better once in a while,” Commodore Dale Cox said.

The club has delivered meals to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety and Public Works departments, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage.

“We selected Cottage because it seems to have been forgotten,” City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak explained via email. “Many people do not realize that it is an emergency room that has been seeing a ton of action and no one has been stepping



COURTESY PHOTO

Rear Commodore Liz Natter delivering meals to City Public Safety officers.

up for those folks the way they have for St. John and Beaumont.”

Unique from many similar efforts to provide meals to frontline workers, the boat club also is delivering to CVS and Notre Dame pharmacies, Kroger and Trader Joe’s.

“Unfortunately, the grocery stores are right in the thick of it,” Cox said. “They’re with the public all the time and hopefully they stay safe.”

The purchased meals have supported local restaurants including SideStreet Diner, The Village Grill and City Kitchen.

“We are focusing on restaurants kind of in the heart of Grosse Pointe City, because the boat club has a very distinct relationship with the City of Grosse Pointe, using Neff Park and the marina and we just try to be good citizens in the city,” Cox said.

The efforts have been supported through donations from boat club members, as well as sizeable donations from the Grosse Pointe Optimists group, of which many members overlap with the boat club, and most recently from the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation.

“Now that the governor has extended the stay-at-home order, we are delighted to have the funding to keep this program going,” Tomkowiak said.

The club plans to continue with the effort until the donated funds run out. Those interested in donating can do so at gofundme.com/f/gpbc-challenge.

“It’s been a whole thrill of enthusiasm for the club,” Cox said. “Usually at this time of year we’re getting ready to start events and doing fun boat club stuff, so everybody’s cooped up and



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUZZ YOUNG

Henry Ford staff members with GPBC Commodore Dale Cox and Rear Commodore Liz Natter during a meal delivery Saturday, April 18.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHEILA TOMKOWIAK

The Boat Club delivers meals to Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage Saturday, April 18.

just wishing we could do something and this is what we did and it’s been wonderful. It’s been fun to do something for the community.”

Volunteers gift Beaumont doctors with pantry

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

Betsy Schulte’s team of volunteers is growing restless. In the seven weeks since Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe began restricting non-essential staff and other regular visitors from its campus as numbers of infected patients inflated, around 300 helpers felt less helpful.

“They have such a spirit of giving that this has been devastating to them, to not be able to give,” said Schulte, Beaumont’s director of volunteer services.

Even the elder members of the corps, those among groups considered most susceptible to infection, expressed frustration.

“They would call me and say, ‘Why can’t I go there?’ or ‘What do you mean you won’t let me work at the front desk?’” Schulte recalled.

While still receiving calls and emails from volunteers inquiring about when they could return, Schulte was excited, but not surprised, when volunteer Jennifer Steinhebel donated \$1,000 to open a pantry for Beaumont’s resident physicians. Staff access to food at local hospitals, where limited cafeteria hours and extended work shifts have created challenges, sparked various efforts throughout the Pointes. Steinhebel’s gift, suggested by a Beaumont supervisor, helped stock the pantry with easily prepared meals and snacks including granola bars, tuna, ramen and micro-



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Top left: Dr. Eman Bazzi, Dr. Devan Dykstra and Dr. Shruti Ramakrishna; top right: Dr. Chris Keller; and bottom right: Dr. Chris Keller, Dr. Ali Mahmood and Dr. Devan Dykstra.

wave-ready sides like macaroni and cheese.

Village Market co-owner Jacob Garmo matched Steinhebel’s donation and other donations that followed, even delivering the pantry goods meant to feed residents who work “brutal hours,” Steinhebel said.

“They gave us the food at cost and they did match every single dollar,” she added.

Individual Beaumont volunteers are continuing to support residents from a distance, with some sponsoring meals for entire departments, Schulte said. Others have

baked cookies, contributed cash and written letters of appreciation.

Village Market patrons who’d like to support the resident pantry may do so by asking to donate when visiting the store on Mack.

Faculty health psychologist and Beaumont resident Dr. Jennifer Kowalkowski thanked Steinhebel and expressed gratitude to the volunteers for their support and thoughtfulness.

“To ease one person’s mind around possibly infecting vulnerable members of the community when they stop for groceries; to ease another per-

son’s mind around driving to grab dinner after a shift, tired and mentally exhausted; to ease the stress of the long hospital hours with a little treat or pick-me-up” are significant gestures, said Kowalkowski, director of behavioral medicine.

“I hope the smiles on the faces of our hospital team show you just a glimpse of our gratitude,” she added.

Steinhebel is glad to give her support.

“This is our turn to step up and help them because they’re always there,” she said, “every day of the year.”

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distancing’ from one another.”

The visual, she said, features staff members

working as a team encouraging the need to stay close while keeping physically distant, “because, as our principal, Moussa Hamka, frequently says, ‘We are stronger together.’”



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Maze maker attempts world record

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since she was a child, Michelle Bogges-Nunley has found comfort in creating mazes.

It was an outlet, she said, for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and Tourette's Syndrome.

"It calmed me down," she said. "I did it every day, up to this day."

The creator of Wizard World, a series of maze books, Bogges-Nunley is taking her outlet to the next level when she attempts to break the world record for biggest hand-drawn maze. She was inspired to make the attempt after following Eric Eckert, who set the current record in 2018, and noticed he raised a lot of money for charity by doing so. With another maze book on the way, the record attempt was front of mind when Bogges-Nunley was looking for ways to help struggling artists.

She contacted Guinness World Records and inquired about guidelines, which are



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHELLE BOGGESS-NUNLEY

Michelle Bogges-Nunley and a sample of her mazes.

strict, she learned.

"It has to be a live performance," she said, adding the entire process must be videotaped and there need to be two independent witnesses, which, considering COVID-19 distancing rules, might be difficult, Bogges-Nunley said.

The current record measures 1,072 square feet. Bogges-Nunley

plans to create her maze on 2,000 square feet of paper.

"The maze paths cannot be any bigger than 1 centimeter and the area of the maze itself will determine measurements, not by the size paper it's drawn on," she explained.

Eckert completed his maze in 160 hours, but he took off long periods of time, so it took him around eight months to complete, Bogges-Nunley said.

"The projected duration for this project is roughly 200 hours and it will be live-streamed and recorded over the period of about two months," she said. "I'd like to do it in one month, but I've got children."

The puzzle must be solvable and the attempt must occur in a public place or venue that is open to public inspection, she added.

"I want people to be able to walk by and view it being done," she said. "I want to make it fun, an enjoyable experience."

An open storefront next to The Posterity Gallery will host the attempt, Bogges-Nunley said.

"People will be able to walk by and witness the whole thing, as well as 'sponsor' square footage

of the maze if they wish," she added, noting she'd be happy to incorporate sponsors' names into the maze.

Proceeds from sponsorships will be donated to the Living Arts Organization in Detroit.

"As a teaching artist and owner of a traveling studio, I foresee the effects of this pandemic hitting youth art programs and teachers very hard, with funding spread so thin for other things," she said. "My mission is to try to help through whatever means I can. All of the information will be updated on my website at boggesart.com."

According to its website, Living Arts "ignites creativity in the lives of Detroit youth through the performing, visual and media arts," with help from a team of 40 professional teaching artists who reach an average of 3,000 Detroit area youth each year.

"The organization has been hit hard by the ripple effects of the pandemic," Bogges-Nunley said. "They have had to cancel their largest fundraising event of the year and have lost significant program income due to school closures. In response, Living Arts has launched a \$200,000

crowdfunding campaign to ensure that they can continue to serve Detroit youth throughout this crisis — and hit the ground running once programs can resume."

Bogges-Nunley plans to add a link to her website for donations and so people can see where their contributions are going and learn more about the organization.

A self-taught artist, Bogges-Nunley was raised in Roseville and moved to Grosse Pointe Woods a few years ago when she and her husband were looking for a family-oriented area to raise their children, ages 3 and 8. She worked as a court reporter, casino dealer and fine dining server at Country Club of Detroit before leaving it all behind to pursue her first love.

"I quit it all a couple years ago and started selling art," she said, noting her work currently is on display at Art Revolution Taiwan and has been shown at ArtExpo NY and in galleries such as the Jackson Junge Gallery in Chicago. "It kind of sprouted every year and gets a little bigger. ... I started as a fine artist, then evolved into an author-illustrator and now I'm a maze maker. Every year it turns into something else."

Bogges-Nunley's online gallery includes original paintings, printable greeting cards, mazes and books. Her internationally acclaimed

work often highlights diversity with a strong statement that there is strength in differences.

"I do a lot of freelance work," she said, noting she's received a lot of support from the Boll family; 65 of her original works recently were displayed at the Boll Family YMCA.

Bogges-Nunley's love of children and children's books led her to become an author. Her book, "I am a Lenny," is a children's picture book that celebrates differences.

Last year she created the traveling studio, On the Gogh, to bring art to area seniors. Her painting, maze-making, clay and storybook-creating classes are offered at Sunrise Assisted Living facilities, as well as The Helm at the Boll Life Center and other venues.

Bogges-Nunley often volunteers at The War Memorial, serves on the board of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and is accredited through STEM for her maze-making course.

With plenty to keep her busy, she's excitedly awaiting the start of her record attempt. While she had initially planned to begin May 1, Bogges-Nunley recently altered her plans.

"The project will begin just as soon as the social distancing order is lifted," she said.



The roll of paper she'll use is 1,000 feet long by two feet wide.



Bogges-Nunley also in an accomplished international artist.

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system in place to deal with it," Director of Public Services Matt Baka explained. "Now because of this, people are staying home more, there's more food waste coming out of

homes than usual (and less from the restaurants. So we have been in contact with our contractor and made sure that they're checking them more often, more regularly, to make sure that all of our baits and traps are being monitored and being updated as needed."

Farms resident Ryan Lally already has dealt with multiple instances of rats appearing inside his home within the past

weeks of the stay-at-home order, which he said is unprecedented.

"I'm at the corner of Ridge and McMillan, so pretty close to the Richard Elementary School garage dumpsters and then also near the dumpsters behind The Hill restaurants and businesses, and I've never had a rat problem in the two and a half years I've lived here," he said. "My neighbor has lived in his house for 20 years and has

never had issues and in the past few weeks, he and I both experienced issues."

Beyond the enticement of increased residential food waste, other factors resulting from the quarantine measures could be drawing rats as well, Johnson said.

"Stay-at-home could play a part in this with people being at home more and working on home projects (clearing shrubbery or flower beds, cleaning out garages/attics/sheds, etc.) disturbing harborage," he said. "Also, people are at home more so it does increase the chances of seeing rodent activity they have not noticed before."

In an effort to prevent these issues, Johnson recommended residents keep overgrown grass and bushes trimmed; organize and reduce clutter around basements, attics, garages and sheds; seal gaps and holes around the home; and use pest control services to evaluate pest pressures around the home.

"I can just say from a nationwide perspective, we're seeing (this) everywhere," said Erin Kelly, director of public relations for Ehrlich Pest Control.

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020 SINGLE LOT ASSESSMENT ROLL

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, 313-885-5800, will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020 at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, or as a virtual meeting in accordance with State of Michigan Executive Order No. 2020-15, on the proposed 2020 City Single Lot Assessment Roll. Copies of the Single Lot Assessment Roll will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Public Safety Building (17145 Maumee) beginning May 15, 2020.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed Single Lot Assessment Roll. Public comments for a virtual meeting may be made in accordance with the Instructions for Public Comment that will be posted online with the Meeting Agenda and Single Lot Assessment Roll beginning on May 15, 2020.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

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City approves streetlight project and waives billing late fees

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Recently elected Councilwoman Maureen Juip took part in her first meeting virtually, Monday, April 20, in which council approved city-wide streetlight upgrades and voted to waive fees for late payments on water billing.

Council also awarded the bid for the 2020 road program and Neff Park parking lot resurfacing, with Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramps, to Florence Cement Co., for just more than \$1.4 million.

The project includes the reconstruction of Goethe from University to Washington; reconstruction of University at Goethe; reconstruction of Rivard between Kercheval and St. Paul; resurfacing of Grosse Pointe Court; and resurfacing the Neff Park parking lot.

Road work may begin mid-summer, while work at Neff Park will be completed after Labor Day.

Streetlight Project

Following a streetlight audit by DTE earlier in the year, council unanimously voted to upgrade 419 lights city-wide to LED.

“By upgrading to LED streetlights, the city would be saving approximately 31 percent annually using less energy and creating optimal light coverage throughout the community, creating an enhanced feeling of security,” Public Services Director Pete Randazzo said before the vote.

While the upgrade will cost the city \$106,311, it is expected to save the city \$49,299 annually.

Grosse Pointe Woods recently completed the same project and experienced immediate savings, Randazzo reported.

“If you go in Grosse Pointe Woods at night, that’s exactly the same lights that we’ll be getting,” he said.

Additionally, after a similar project in the city parking structure earlier this year, the

City already has saved 52 percent compared to last March.

“The project will be the first project DTE tackles once this order is lifted for essential work, but only after their projects that were already started are completed,” Randazzo said.

The streetlights along Mack Avenue are not included in this project, but may be considered at a later date.

“It was not economically feasible at this time, because they don’t carry those lights in stock, so once they carry those lights in stock, then we’ll have to revisit that,” Randazzo said.

Utility billing

For the remainder of the COVID-19 crisis, the City is returning to three-month billing for water. Council also unanimously voted to waive any late fees on these bills.

“Basically out of deference to the fact that everyone is going through a financial crisis at this point, we’re giving people a break,” City Manager Pete Dame said, “and if they can’t pay their water bill on time, then we’re not going to penalize them for that.”

Water bills were supposed to go out at the beginning of April, but the City currently is not doing any water meter reading.

“This is related to the fact that right now we are in a state of national emergency and suffering from the impacts of the COVID virus both health-wise and financially-wise,” Dame explained. “As a city, the City has taken precautions even before the stay-at-home order to only operate on an essential services basis.”

The next round of water bills will be sent to residents in early May.

“It’s obviously our hope that we’ll get back to relatively normal as soon as possible and we won’t have to delay water bills ... but we are asking for the authority to allow for delayed water bills at least through 2020,” Dame said before the vote.

animals outdoors and use leashes, or keep small pets indoors.

Anyone encountering a coyote should use hand-clapping or make other loud noise, which typically causes the animal to retreat, but never approach it.

“Having a coyote neighbor is nothing to be alarmed about,” Vaughn said. “They are generally shy and retiring. Enjoy the sighting of these elusive mammals from a distance.”



At work

Orange barrels are lined up on Mack Avenue beginning at Moross and ending at Vernier. The barrels block the left lane and no parking on the right side of the street is allowed. Wayne County is doing repairs to the seams along Mack, according to Grosse Pointe Woods City Manager Bruce Smith.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Live show

The Chamber Music Society presents its next CameraMusic livestream concert, featuring pianist Aaron Diehl, at 8 p.m. Friday, May 1. As a preteen, Diehl attended Interlochen Arts Camp and, more recently, he has made several recordings for Grosse Pointe-based Mack Avenue Records. The performance will be streamed to chambermusicdetroit.org and may also be viewed on YouTube and Facebook.

COURTESY PHOTO



City of Grosse Pointe

Death of a statue

An unknown suspect pushed over a large cement statue, breaking it in half, on the porch of a residence in the 600 block of St. Clair at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 21.

Identity theft

A Grosse Pointe resident discovered an unknown suspect had ordered two hard drives from Dell using the resident’s credit card information Friday, April 24.

Fence fire

While on patrol Sunday, April 26, an officer observed fire on an exterior wood fence near Mack Avenue and Grosse Pointe Court. Officers were able to contain the fire to the fence and no damage to any structures was reported.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

No crimes to report per dispatch.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Operating while intoxicated

A 33-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated after an officer spotted his vehicle traveling approximately 60 mph on Lakeshore Road at 3:44 a.m. Saturday, April 25. The man’s preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content at .13 percent.

Driving while license suspended

After being pulled over for driving 48 mph on Lakeshore Road at North Edgewood, a 67-year-old Park man was arrested for driving while license suspended and not having insurance at 2:08 a.m.

Sunday, April 26.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Operating while intoxicated

A 25-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated around 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, at Kercheval and Balfour after reportedly driving across Balfour yards.

The suspect was arrested near Kercheval when a tree branch was found stuck to her vehicle, police said.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Public safety reports were not available.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Report information about crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

COYOTE:

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winged creatures, can make yards more attractive to a hungry predator. Brush piles and other yard waste or debris where small mammals might hide should be cleared, according to the DNR.

As Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety recommended, the DNR also suggests pet owners accompany their

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OUR VIEW

MI Safe Start begins in state

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer continues to chart a strong course in hauling Michigan out of the depths of the coronavirus infestation here.

And this stage may well feel like the hardest, slowest part of fighting COVID-19 — with very little immediate relief yet an urgency to get it right, especially here in Wayne County.

It's important to remember that Michigan, for still unknown reasons, got hit exceptionally hard by the pandemic. Outside of the New York City metro area, deaths in southeast Michigan appear to have run up the next highest toll nationwide. On a regular Washington Post list, Wayne County deaths have generally put it among the top five counties in the country.

But finding whatever went haywire still matters less than facing up to the slow, serious steps needed to bring down the infection rate. It's a sign not yet visible at this writing: As the week began, intensive care units remained full in several area hospitals; infection statistics appeared to have reached a plateau, not a turning point.

Still, the next phase has begun: Gov. Whitmer's MI Safe Start, which she launched Monday. That follows her order of last week that relaxed a few of the most recent and severe restrictions, on boating and landscaping services for example.

She hinted that by week's end various other jobs, including construction, may be allowed to resume. That's an area of particular interest here in the Grosse Pointes, where the school board has awarded many contracts for summer work under the bond issue voters approved in 2018.

The governor has asked the Legislature for, and hopefully will receive, another extension of her emergency powers. Meanwhile, she has various advisory groups preparing guidelines for best workplace practices, from farms to factory floors. She is studying how much to do regionally, as opposed to statewide.

She also has already ordered face masking for everyone who enters a public enclosed space, such as a grocery store. And, to be clear, what happens among everyday citizens who are out and about still matters.

It is customers who, by wearing face masks, can make store employees glad to be back at work and not fearful for their lives. It is neighbors who, by keeping a wide berth, can make it more welcoming for everyone to enjoy a spring walk or relax as they watch the water from a shoreline park.

Unfortunately, many areas remain open for abuse. Boating, a wonderful family activity, can turn into a party all too easily out on Lake St. Clair. There's also some danger in people moving back and forth too frequently between downstate residences and summer homes, especially if they inadvertently carry disease into parts of the state without strong hospital systems. Responsible behavior remains a must.

Big questions still loom over everything from schools to crowded events such as professional sports and concerts. Employers and employees alike are mulling whether there's a new balance to be found in onsite vs. remote office work. Swirling around, not always within Michigan's control, are questions about supply chains, coronavirus testing protocols, vaccines, regional cooperation and federal aid.

Meantime, hospital workers still need support, especially those within the embrace of the Pointes and still in the thick of the action in Wayne County. Numerous projects exist to help make sure they get meals brought to them as well as other expressions of gratitude, such as the first responders' salute to Beaumont Grosse Pointe last week.

It also helps to remember that, despite Michigan's seemingly huge fatality numbers, there are survivors. That includes bilateral lung transplant patient Jamie McGarvah, whose wife, Becky, told his miracle story of coronavirus recovery in the April 23 edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

Mr. McGarvah's story is a day-brightener — and day brighteners will remain in demand for quite a while.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

The iconic Adirondack chairs in front of the Krueger family home on Lakeshore are a familiar sight to walkers, bikers, joggers and motorists. However, the observant passersby will notice two things about the chairs: 1) they are properly "socially distanced" and 2) the family has grown to five children, the youngest almost a year old already!

GUEST VIEW by Peggy Hayes

Don't forget elderly neighbors

When I was growing up, it seemed my family knew every neighbor in every house on our block — maybe even two or three blocks up and down and all around. Today, it seems as if we hardly know our neighbors. Perhaps with people walking around neighborhoods more during this pandemic, we will return to those days. But there is a whole segment of our population that while practicing social distancing is becoming socially isolated.

Many of the elderly in this community rely on our community's assets — the library, each city's parks and community center, Neighborhood Club, The War Memorial, Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate, Grosse Pointe Theatre, the private clubs and The Helm — for social interaction and even meals. With these facilities closed or providing limited essential services, the seniors in our community risk social isolation.

If you have older neighbors or know someone who lives alone, please check on them. A knock on the door (following social distancing rules, of course) or a phone call is all it takes. If you know there are elderly people

in your neighborhood, but don't know them very well, perhaps leave a note to say you want to be sure they are OK and ask if they need anything. (Don't forget to include your phone number!) Adding a few more items to your own shopping list or even helping them order goods delivered to their doorstep could make a world of difference for your neighbor.

If you are concerned about elderly neighbors and aren't sure what to do, please call us here at The Helm, (313) 882-9600. We're staffing the phones from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, but if you miss us, leave a message and we'll get back to you within one business day. Our staff is available to make wellness phone calls and trained to identify additional concerns or issues. If you don't know how to help that elderly neighbor who needs assistance, chances are we do.

While we all do our part to socially distance ourselves, let's not socially isolate those most in need of knowing someone cares.

Peggy Hayes is executive director of The Helm at the Boll Life Center (formerly Services for Older Citizens) in Grosse Pointe Farms.

LETTERS

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

Reconfiguration letter rebuttal

Dear Members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Community:

First, let me express my sincere hope that you and your family are well during these difficult times. While all of us are experiencing hardships, I have been heartened, but not surprised, by the demonstration of support and love from within our community that I have observed for our children, our health care heroes and all our essential workers. I chose to raise my family in this community because of the strong social fabric that keeps us unified.

During the past six weeks I have been overwhelmed by the professionalism of our teachers and staff as they have deftly shifted to remote learning. While we certainly have not perfected remote learning, we continue to learn each day and improve opportunities for all of our kids. In particular, I am proud of our administrators and staff who have delivered over 16,000 meals and 1,050 technology devices so that our families and students can be supported while we continue to follow directions

from the governor.

Unfortunately, last week another school board member wrote a letter to the Grosse Pointe News and other negative voices in our community sent a misleading and untruthful postcard to your home. While I would prefer we focus on the positive work of our staff and families, I feel compelled to provide you the truth regarding some of the unfounded accusations provided in these communications:

◆ Our staff is consistently rated No. 1 by Niche's annual rankings of educators in Michigan. Our Educational Programs Leadership Council, which is comprised of teachers, parents, students and administrators, recently met and by a vote of over 90 percent supported the proposed changes to our schools that would add a much needed advisory period and other mental health supports to our middle schools. I know they made this decision with the best interests of our children in mind.

◆ This Board of Education engaged with the community throughout the first six months of 2019 via the Blue Ribbon Committee pro-

cess. After public deliberations, including community meetings in each school, this Board of Education made the decisions to close Poupard and Trombly, keep all three middle schools open, as well as reconfigure our schools into a K-4 and 5-8 format. This was a difficult decision, but after careful review of all of the facts, it was the right decision. We have 7,500 students and our schools were built to hold 12,000. This board continues to support that decision.

◆ Throughout the 2019-20 school year our administrators, teachers, parents and students have been making plans to implement these changes for the 2020-21 school year. At numerous times this year information has been presented to every member of the Board of Education regarding these changes. At our twice monthly business meetings, every agenda item has the opportunity for robust discussion by board members.

◆ Staff planning for summer school, addressing learning gaps and social distancing practices this fall, ways to celebrate our senior class, progress on the Safe Routes to School Program and construction updates have all been shared with the board.

◆ Our board has been a leader in moving to virtual meetings during this pandemic with opportunity for public comment, fully in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

◆ Administration has been actively partnering with our teachers and our leaders in Lansing regarding how we can

educate all of our kids in September 2020 when we hope schools can reopen. They are meeting as administrative teams, reviewing articles of schools reopening around the globe, and sharing ideas and best practices with educational experts around the state and country. I don't know exactly what school will look like then, but we will be prepared whether students are learning in buildings or remotely. I know of no better people to continue to create that vision than Superintendent Dr. Gary Niehaus, our administrators, our teachers and the rest of our outstanding staff.

Democracy thrives in the light. This Board of Education listens and engages with our community. If anyone — including any unidentified group of people that chooses to send things to your home — wishes to meet with Dr. Niehaus or communicate with this board, they are encouraged to attend our meetings (virtually for the time being), make public comment at our meetings or email school board@gpschools.org.

We cannot please everyone and we do not dismiss the feelings of those grieving the closure of their schools. But we continue to actively listen and make difficult decisions to protect our school district and the community we love.

Grosse Pointe is my home. I'm happy and proud to live my life near each of you.

MARGARET WEERTZ
Board President
Grosse Pointe Public
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I SAY By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

I left my heart in Georgia



How I miss Atlanta. It's so strange. I have zero desire for sightseeing and I don't have friends or family there to visit. No, the Atlanta for which I'm longing is long gone, seemingly never to return.

Childhood memories transport me back to the joy of rising in the dark of morning, stuffing myself into a rear seat, eager to

enjoy the half day's travel from Michigan across the Georgia state line.

The aroma of fried chicken in aluminum foil promised a treat along the way, while soda cans chilled in a cooler.

Atlanta seemed to me then a faraway place, one of sunshine and warmth. But warmth of this variety wasn't only experienced outdoors.

The main source of my attraction to Atlanta was a big, burly southern man named Samuel "Rickey" Rowe.

"Cousin Rickey," as I knew him — he was my parents' age and I was taught addressing him without the title "cousin" wasn't respectful —

shared a bond with me. I think he sensed my painful shyness and his boisterous, folksy ways must have found some way to penetrate it. I was his "favorite cousin," he told everyone, which made me feel exceptionally proud.

Born in Birmingham, he was my first living example of a self-made man.

Against the odds, he'd scraped his way up from nothing since long before I was born into a career as the owner of a prominent drilling and testing company.

I saw a few photos of him as a young man wearing cowboy hats and plaid shirts, but he didn't

dress that way anymore.

Now Cousin Rickey was nearly always in tailored suits with colorful handkerchiefs in their pockets. Even at 6 foot, 3 inches and eventually tipping the scale at 300-plus pounds, he seemed to walk on air. His confidence was like nothing I'd ever seen.

I grew grateful that my parents — he was my mother's first cousin — bonded closely with him and his wife. It meant that shooting pool in his basement, hearty, southern-cooked meals, relaxing in his sprawling home or occasionally meeting celebrities or pro athletes he'd gotten to know were something

like a seasonal entitlement.

But even with his flashy style and hilarious habit of swearing, no matter the age of the audience in the room, Cousin Rickey had great substance. He became one of my first mentors before I knew what the word meant.

There were talks we had, words he shared that I clearly remember decades later. He had a daughter my age, a special-needs child, in fact, but in some ways, he made me feel more like a son than a cousin.

He treated me like a child he truly loved, then like a man he grew proud of. He believed in me, in

my gifts and ambitions, in a way that mattered greatly from someone who'd achieved his level of success.

I loved him for it until the day he passed 16 years ago this month.

Much later in our relationship, after he'd amassed more wealth and professional influence, I learned that Cousin Rickey was investigated for some alleged improper business dealings he died before addressing.

It didn't diminish my image of him one bit. In fact, it made him more human.

The Cousin Rickey I knew still haunts me in a good way. He creeps into my thoughts and I remember him pouring drinks, talking trash or howling with laughter.

How I miss Atlanta.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1945

75 years ago this week

ROWDY V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS TABOO:

No rowdy or raucous celebrations of "V-E" Day will be tolerated in the Pointe area. This was decided at a recent meeting called by George Elworthy, coordinator of the Grosse Pointe Council of Defense, and attended by all police chiefs of the Pointe.

CHRIST CHURCH IS 100: Christ Church parish will be 100 years old on May 26. The clergy and parishioners will celebrate the hundredth anniversary with four special events at the church, the beloved old

landmark standing on East Jefferson Avenue between Hastings and Rivard.

1970

50 years ago this week

WIDENING OF VERNIER PRODUCES PROTESTS:

The Woods Vernier Road highway improvement project, launched little more than a week ago, is proceeding smoothly, despite a mild uproar by several residents last week over the removal of a number of maple trees from the roadside. Subcontractors were forced to remove 22 trees from the right-of-way in order to begin the drainage portion of the project.

GOLF COURSE HIT BY VANDALS:

A vandal, or vandals, invaded the golf course of the Country Club of Detroit and as is customary for persons of this ilk, inflicted senseless damage to the 15th green, besides uprooting two trees in other areas of the golf course.

Obituaries: Sarah Harris Snyder, Sarah B. Judge, Marion J. Henritz, Mary C. Lassiter, Virgil W. Parker, John M. Bloom

1995

25 years ago this week

COUNCIL APPROVES CONDO PROJECT:

Despite extremely strong neighborhood opposition from residents, the Grosse Pointe Woods

City Council approved in a 6-1 vote a rezoning request that will permit developer Richard Russell to build 11 condominium units at the corner of Vernier and Morningside.

PARK CHOOSES SEPARATE SEWERS:

After several years of study and controversy, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council has decided that a separated sewer system is the best way to handle the problem of combined sewer overflows, or CSOs. The Park's permit to discharge into Fox Creek in Detroit expired last fall. The city has been ordered by the state Department of Natural Resources to find an alternate method of handling CSOs.

Obituaries: Marjorie Kuenzli Bankerd, Hedwig Jacoby, Bernard L. Kilbride Jr., Philip Baker Hopkins II, Dr. Clifford D.

Benson, Joan Elisabeth Newman, Harry B. Leonard, Catherine R. Purvis, Charles Robert Strehler

2010

10 years ago this week

RECALL FAILS:

Mayor Dr. James Cooper and two members of the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council won their recall election May 4. Out of 1,326 votes cast in Cooper's contest, he came out ahead by 40 votes, 683 to 643. Also victorious were Councilwoman Victoria Boyce and Councilman Robert Graziani in what recall critics hope ends political contentiousness in the 1.5-square-mile city.

CHIEF QUILTS OVER RECALL: Steve Poloni's

not the kind of guy to wait and see. He'd heard rumors his job might be in jeopardy, so he got a new one. Poloni, the public safety director in Grosse Pointe Shores since 2004, took a job Monday night as public safety chief in Ecorse. He'll divide his time between the Shores and Ecorse until leaving for good Aug. 6.

ADMINISTRATOR WILL STAY AS CONSULTANT:

Reports of Mark Wollenweber's retirement may have been a little exaggerated. Though he still plans to give up the title of Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator June 30, he will become a consultant July 1 with a 90-day contract.

Obituaries: Mark Robert Andzelewski, George Peter Coutilish, Judy A. DeCosmo, Mary Ficarra, Raymond A. Fisher Jr.

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Seely, Shetler & Operation Gridlock

To the Editor:

I cannot ignore the moral imperative to defend the reputations of Matt Seely and Rich Shetler, who were accused of "bringing shame" to our beautiful cities by participating and promoting Operation Gridlock in Lansing on April 15.

Here are the facts:

1) The assembly was peaceful.

2) 95 percent of attendees stayed in their car, respecting the practice of social distancing.

3) Other groups, not connected with Operation Gridlock, were present, as was their right under our Constitution.

4) Nobody waved swastika flags. The lone swastika was painted on a poster accusing the governor herself of behaving like a Fascist. While ill advised, it did NOT promote Nazism.

5) No ambulances were impeded or blocked and no hospital driveways were blocked, according to Lansing State Journal, April 15.

6) No arrests were made.

Those of us supporting Operation Gridlock do not dispute the strategies deemed necessary by our federal government to "flatten the curve," includ-

ing social distancing, wearing masks and gloves, as well as staying away from vulnerable individuals. We do not discount the pain and sorrow endured by those who have lost a loved one to COVID-19. We are deeply grateful to those who continue to serve on the frontlines of this pandemic in so many varied capacities.

On the other hand, we also support a responsible, safe and graduated return to work. We stand in solidarity with those who are experiencing the harsh and frightening economic reality of not getting a paycheck.

I know Matt and Rich.

They wish only to serve our community.

I long for that time, not so long ago, when Americans could disagree with each other while remaining respectful and civilized. This letter is a small attempt to bring those times back.

ANNETTE
FELDPAUSCH
Grosse Pointe Woods

Praise for Star

To the Editor:

We want to give a shout out to all of the teachers at Our Lady Star of the Sea Elementary and Middle School.

We have a daughter in the eighth grade at Star

and the ongoing online class instruction has been exceptional.

The middle school teachers have gone above and beyond to engage the students and to ensure they continue to learn at a similar pace as if they were in actual class. They have used Zoom, FaceTime and other online services on a regular basis. The teachers have remained hands-on and are always accessible to the students.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020 CITY PROPERTY TAXES AND 2020/2021 BUDGET

The Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City will hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2020 using Open-Voice Conference calling; call in #1-866-951-1151. When prompted, enter Conference Room #537-556-819 to access, for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget.

The subject of this hearing is the property tax millage rate of 16.7072 proposed to be levied on July 1, 2020 to support the proposed General Fund Budget. If adopted, the proposed millage will generate \$4,968,928 in operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes for the general fund, which is a \$148,421 or 3.08% increase compared to the 2019-2020 total tax collection of \$4,820,507.

The 2020 total tax rate will remain the same as the 2019 total tax rate of 17.7031.

The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approve the aforementioned budget at the Council meeting immediately following the public hearing. The taxing unit publishing this notice, identified above, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Administrative Offices, 795 Lake Shore Road on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 and will also be available for viewing on the City's website (www.gpshoresmi.gov).

Oral or written public comments on the proposed millage rate and the proposed City budget are welcome at the public hearing.

Bruce Nichols, Clerk

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City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020 CITY PROPERTY TAXES AND 2020-2021 BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, 313-885-5800, will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020 at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, or as a virtual meeting in accordance with State of Michigan Executive Order No. 2020-15, on the proposed 2020 City tax levy and on the proposed 2020-2021 City Budget. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk (or, if a virtual meeting is to be held will be posted online) beginning May 8, 2020.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed City budget. Public comments for a virtual meeting may be made in accordance with the Instructions for Public Comment that will be posted online with the Meeting Agenda and City Budget beginning on May 8, 2020.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

GPN: 4/30/20

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May 1 registration locks in placement

The deadline to enroll kindergarten students to guarantee placement in their designated neighborhood school for the 2020-21 school year is May 1. Students registered after this date may be placed at another school for kindergarten only, with the option of returning to their neighborhood school the following year.

Due to COVID-19, the process to complete the online pre-enrollment is shortened. To pre-enroll, go to gpschools.org and click on the "Enroll" button on the left under "District News." Residency will be established once normal business operations resume.

No additional action is required for currently enrolled Young 5 students.

REJECT:

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fifth-grade students to their respective middle schools for the entirety of the 2020-21 school year."

Among reasons for the delay was real estate consultants Plante Moran Cresa "cannot guarantee completion of (summer construction) work due to tight schedule and unanticipated COVID-related delays."

According to Community Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon, "The vast majority of summer construction projects do not impact reconfiguration. Most of the physical changes at the middle school level are changing computer labs back into classrooms, which does not require construction."

Regarding bond projects, GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus said the timeline hinged on the governor lifting restrictions on outdoor construction.

"We do have asbestos abatement and we have roofing contracts that are ready to go," he said.

Also ready, but exempt from the executive order, is the moving management crew, he added.

Another claim was the

Grosse Pointe Education Association advised the board and administration "through its representatives at board meetings that they have not been properly prepared to make the planned reconfiguration changes for the 2020-21 school year."

At the March 9 Board of Education meeting, GPEA representatives delivered a statement sharing teachers' concerns about the new grades 6-8 advisory period taking time from core academic content; the content, value and expectations of these classes; and the sense the Educational Program Leadership Council curriculum process was rushed and teacher voices were not heard.

"We did have teachers from the GPEA come to us and share some concerns," Secretary Christopher Profeta said. "I'm glad that they did. My understanding is following that meeting through the committee process they were able to work through some of the concerns they had. Some are still being negotiated. ... To me, that is the process working."

According to GPEA President Michael Rennell, in response to a query from the Grosse Pointe News, "While the

issue was curriculum being rushed, what was presented at the EPLC meeting was professional and appropriate. The committee passed the curriculum 20-2. As for the middle school program of studies, which included fifth grade moving and advisory, it passed 22-0. The length of the advisory is still being negotiated. EPLC is made up of teachers, admin, parents and students."

Another claim of the resolution was any social distancing required due to COVID-19 would be "exponentially more difficult" with the loss of square footage at Poupard and Trombly and "GPPSS will not be able to seamlessly make the transition of Poupard and Trombly K-4 students to a new school and all grade 5 students to their respective middle school without creating unnecessary mental anguish and confusion to the affected students."

Board members acknowledged uncertainty regarding whether school buildings would reopen in September or teachers would continue with remote learning as guided by the district's Wayne RESA-approved continuity-of-learning plan.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Keagan Mulcahy of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List at Curry College for the fall 2019 semester.

The following students graduated from Central Michigan University in December 2019: Alexis Kerr and Anna

Raptoulis from the City of Grosse Pointe; Dwayne Dobine, Mackenzie McMahon and Suzanne Zainea from Grosse Pointe Farms; Ian Sutherland from Grosse Pointe Park; and Hope Haynes, Olivia Ritchie and William Schaber from Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Whatever happens in September, I know our administration is going to be ready to deal with it," Trustee Chris Lee said. "We are so far down the line with this reconfiguration, it would be way more disruptive to turn back."

President Margaret Weertz said reversing course on 10 months of work would create chaos.

"We'd have to hire a new principal for Poupard," she said. "We'd have to reverse our curriculum decision that we made tonight. We'd have to cancel the moving company. What would we do about the construction bids that we've already approved? Would we cancel those? Would we be refunded those monies?"

Trustee Joseph Herd pointed to the need for stability in difficult times, adding teachers already have received school and grade assignments for next year.

"Then to have that change, that causes the chaos that people who say they are against the reconfiguration" are trying to avoid, he said.

"I think most of us recognize we're not going to be in school in September," Treasurer Judy Gafa said. "... I think you're going to see

a hybrid of education, half online, half in the classroom. Is it going to be half days? Half and half? Every other day? That comes from the governor and the Michigan Department of Education. That doesn't come from our administrators. They have to wait for direction. So they're planning the best they can for how this is going to look."

Prior to discussing Pangborn's resolution, board members voted 6-1 to approve the district reconfiguration curriculum, with Pangborn opposing it.

"This is a redo of fifth grade including a class that parents didn't realize would even be a part of that, which is the advisory," Pangborn said. "... I don't believe it has the backing from the teachers. I think it's giving them undue stress. ... I just think it's the wrong thing at the wrong time."

Director of Secondary Instruction Maureen Bur clarified that advisory classes are for sixth through eighth grade, not fifth grade, adding that for the first time since she joined the school district in 1997, "advisory will now have a research-based curriculum that has been created by professionals

with the focus on social-emotional learning. It's a change to the advisory program, but I would say with everything that we have heard pre-COVID-19 and definitely post-COVID-19, the more social-emotional learning support we can give our students and resources for our teachers is in our best interests."

In his closing comments, Niehaus thanked Pangborn for bringing the resolution to the board and inviting a discussion on the issue.

"Dealing with the COVID situation, I understand the need for a plan and we'll work on that," he said, adding Deputy Superintendent for Human Resources and Educational Services Jon Dean and Director of Business Operations Amanda Matheson have created a task force on returning to work and reopening schools and will bring recommendations to the next board meeting May 11.

Niehaus said he is continuing his open-door policy by hosting Zoom and Google Hangout meetings with groups of parents and invited anyone with concerns about the fall to contact him.

"We learn from one another," he said.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2020**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 1:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 16, 2020 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held on March 11, 2020.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

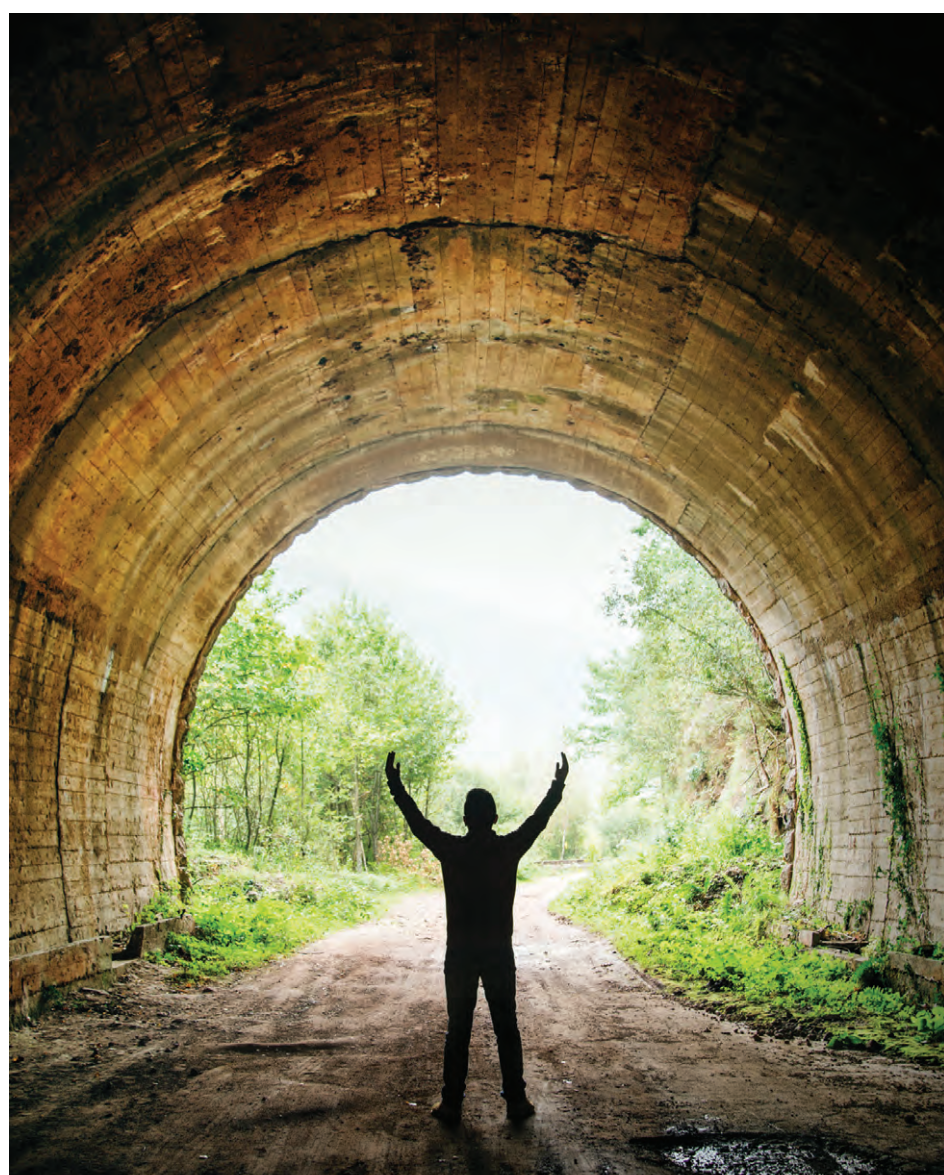
RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 119028 through 119112 in the amount of \$248,826.87 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,257.25 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of April 2020. (3) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$39,360.67 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of March 2020. (4) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$19,742.55 for professional services during the month of February 2020 for the following projects: Stormwater Asset Mgmt Plan, #180-202; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; 2020 Pavement Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-226; Emergency Sewer Repair, #180-229; Christian Financial Parking Lot, #180-216; Extenet Fiber, #180-220; Federal Call for Projects, #180-227; Signal Modification, #180-228 and Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231.(5) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$6,740.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2019 audit.(6) approve payment to Optimum Contracting Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$24,775.00 for the renovations and repair work at 19960 Lancaster as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (7) approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$25,560.00 for the purchase of new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meters. (8) approve payment to BB&T Governmental Finance in the amount of \$66,660.00 for the interest payment on the Capital Improvement Bond. (9) to approve payment to Applied Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$9,095.00; CDW Government in the amount of \$9,593.95; and Dell in the amount of \$14,450.90, with Ford reimbursing the City the entire amount (\$33,139.85) after we take delivery of the new vehicles.
- 2) to schedule a public hearing on April 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the continuation of a Special Assessment District and further to schedule a second public hearing on May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the effect of the Special Assessment on the tax roll, and further that in the event the Governor of Michigan extends Executive Order No. 2020-21 that either one or both of these Public Hearings will be held at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom Virtual Meeting which will be posted promptly, and further that the City Clerk publish a notice of these in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 3) approve the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Harper Woods for the installation of a High Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon (HAWK) along Kelly Road north of Cushing Street, including concrete sidewalk and ramp, concrete curb and gutter, permanent signing, and pavement marking work and all other necessary related work in the amount of \$168,200, of which \$151,400 are federal funds and \$16,800 are required city matching funds; MDOT Contract No. 20-5081, Control Section HSP1 82000, Job Number 207453CON and Project Number 20A0(474), and further to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 4) approve the purchase of a used 2016 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper from Bell Equipment Company in the amount of \$175,000, with a trade-in amount of \$5,000 for our current sweeper and further that competitive bidding be waived as this purchase is for used equipment.
- 5) to approve the proposal from Pro Quality Flooring for the purchase of carpet and for installation in an amount not to exceed \$39,127.00 for various areas of City Hall.
- 6) Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Harper Woods Fire Fighter's Association Local 1188 for the contract term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Up for a challenge? Quarantine quiz game tests general knowledge

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Instead of spending hours glued to the television or pacing the living room out of boredom, one Grosse Pointe Woods resident is challenging self-isolating individuals to test their trivia skills.

Justin Hawley recently created a Zoom-hosted general knowledge trivia game that promotes social interaction while staying apart, as well as bolsters brain power.

“Reverend Doctor Hawley’s Big Quarantine Quiz” officially launched four weeks ago.

“My friends and I used to play in a trivia league at a bar,” Hawley said, explaining that after “Stay Home, Stay Safe” took effect, the pals decided they wouldn’t mind carrying on their trivia tradition.

Hawley, who spends six to eight hours a week researching then writing the questions, turned to the Zoom app to host a few games with friends. As participation grew, family members joined. Now he hosts four or five games a week for family,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JUSTIN HAWLEY

Quizmaster Justin Hawley

friends and strangers. “For every game, people I know bring other people, but then those people come back, too,” he said. “I push toward teams; it’s general knowledge trivia — and it’s really general.”

For example, categories can range from college sports and Best

Picture Oscar winners to the U.S. military and infectious diseases. Categories like “The Mitten” focus on Michigan, whereas the “Lawn Seats” category focuses on concerts and music festivals.

Each game includes six rounds based on a particular category. Two bonus



Justin Hawley hosts his trivia game on the Zoom app.

rounds, featuring photographs, also are included. Hawley may post photos of television sidekicks and ask contestants to name their hero partner or photos of famous scientists and ask for their names.

The Zoom app allows Hawley, the host, to mute selected participants so teams can discuss questions before providing an answer.

While some games are public — anyone can sign up — Hawley also may be hired for private games. He recently hosted a trivia night among high school and middle school students featuring academic categories like science and social studies. Custom-themed trivia rounds can be created for special events upon

request. “I’m doing private games made for specific groups,” he said. “I can cater games for organizations that want something like that.”

Theme nights also are planned. A recent Hollywood-themed game also was among the best attended with 24 people in 13 locations in six different states.

Games generally are hosted Thursday through Sunday, Hawley said. A schedule of games is posted on the Big Quarantine Quiz Facebook page.

“Find a game that works for your schedule and RSVP to the event,” Hawley explained.

Hawley asks for a small fee to participate — \$3 per person or \$10 for a

team of four, payable via Venmo or PayPal.

“This is really fun for me,” he said. “I love playing trivia. It’s an excuse for me to spout information at people. I charge a little bit to play, but I don’t hound people to pay. It’s fun for me to host.”

Hawley said he’d like to figure out how to implement a prize system for winners, but because the game took off so quickly, he hasn’t put anything in place yet.

He said he’ll offer the Big Quarantine Quiz “as long as we’re stuck inside, for sure,” and perhaps even longer.

“Two groups who played online want to do in-person events when all this ends, for fundraisers,” he said.

Manufacturer adds hand sanitizer to catalog

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The National Association of Manufacturers put out the call; Allied PhotoChemical answered.

A few weeks ago, the Macomb Township-based producer of UV coatings began extending its scope to include hand sanitizers.

“When it came down to it, the National Association of Manufacturers — which is the fourth largest lobby group in D.C. — the state of Michigan and the federal government reached out to us through their respective programs,” said Michael Kelly, chief custom officer at Allied.

“We are deemed



Representatives from MedStar and the Macomb Township Fire Department recently picked up five-gallon buckets of hand sanitizer produced by Allied PhotoChemical.

essential/critical because our technology is used on every fireman oxygen tank, diabetes medical strips, structural materials, etc.,” he added. “In the past three weeks, we have scaled

up and are also producing hand sanitizer at our Macomb facility. NAM represents manufacturing, so we’re ... targeting local Macomb, Michigan and U.S. manufacturing companies — it is critical to provide the workers a safe environment — and also donating to police, fire and food banks.”

Adding hand sanitizer to its repertoire was easy and similar to making coatings, said Kelly, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

“It falls nicely in alignment to the way we produce it, measure it, package it, ship it,” he said.

While most of the hand sanitizer produced will be sold to Allied customers, 3 to 4 percent of its production, which amounts to hundreds of gallons, is being donated.

“We got a hold of our

biggest customers to sell to and asked for their local charities,” Kelly explained. “We’re looking for places, looking for ways to donate.”

So far, hand sanitizer donations have been dropped off with public safety departments in Grosse Pointe Farms, Shores, Woods and City, as well as at Fresh Farms Market and Village Market, Gleaners Food Bank and other locations.

Allied also recently announced it has committed to sponsor Gleaners Food Bank for all of its hand sanitizer needs for the rest of 2020. Allied will deliver, on average, 50 gallons per month to support Gleaners’ immediate needs.

“We have committed to supply Gleaners with our 80 percent alcohol formulation,” Kelly said, “five-gallon packages

and other small packages when needed.”

Kelly has had help making deliveries from his son, Alex, who is a “willful driver,” he said.

“It’s sort of in line with their responsibilities with school to be a good corporate citizen,” Kelly said, noting the

school, University of Detroit Jesuit High School, was among the first to receive a hand sanitizer donation.

“It’s the right thing to do in these times and in

all times,” Kelly said.

“We never had anything to donate before; we can be that good corporate citizen. It’s different when you can show up with a product that’s helpful during these times.”

Kelly said Allied is searching for other charities looking for donations of hand sanitizer. Those in need may email a request to Kelly at mkelly@alliedphotochemical.com.



Fifty gallons of hand sanitizer recently was delivered to Gleaners Food Bank, courtesy of Allied PhotoChemical.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHAEL KELLY

Alex Kelly, left, drops off a donation to Al Foster, with Gleaners Food Bank.

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OBITUARIES

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

Dorothy Kordich

Dorothy Kordich, 94, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 19, 2020. She was born March 15, 1926, in Akron, Ohio.

A resident of Harper Woods and Thousand Oaks, Calif., Dorothy's children graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. Dorothy also had many friends in the Grosse Pointes.

Dorothy was the beloved wife of the late Donald Kordich; loving mother of Darla Kordich Christensen (Eric) and Dennis Kordich; dear grandmother to Brett Christensen, Reece Christensen, Brian Kordich and Jeff Kordich (Anna); great-grandmother of Samson and Edith Kordich; and loving sister of Sophie Jones.

No service will be held at this time. Burial will take place at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Donations and requests for prayers in Dorothy's name may be made to St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral Ravanica, P.O. Box 99618, Troy, MI 48099.

Sally Brey Honkanen

St. Clair Shores resident Sally Brey Honkanen passed away Friday, April 17, 2020. She was born April 23, 1934, to Floyd and Mabel Sieber.

Sally is the beloved wife of Clarence for 61 years; mother of Stephen, Christian, Mark (Lynley) and Matthew; and grandmother of Samuel, Sophia, Aaron, Jacob, Noah, Grace, Natalie, Kelsey Eby (Eric), Meredith, Paige, Nicholas Honkanen and Katherine Grimes. She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Rachel Grimes; brother, Floyd; and sisters, Ardyce Brewster, Doris and Bette Jean.

Sally was a faithful Christian, passionate nurse, dedicated volunteer and talented artist. She will be missed greatly by family, friends and strangers to whom she gently ministered.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Fond memories and condolences may be offered to Dorothy's fam-

ily at kaulfuneralhome.com. Donations in Sally's memory may be made to the Salvation Army at secure20.salvationarmy.org.

Robert F. Brant

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert F. Brant, 78, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2020. He was born Nov. 9, 1941, in Lincoln Park, to Frank and Ruth Brant.

Robert was a U.S. Navy veteran. A member of the Navy's Steel Band, he played at a White House party attended by former President Lyndon B. Johnson and Robert F. Kennedy. Robert was stationed in Puerto Rico from 1965 to 1968, where he toured the islands and enjoyed playing steel drums, meeting people and experiencing the culture.

When Robert returned from Puerto Rico to Lincoln Park, he took a position at a music store and courted Katherine Derr, a music teacher. The couple married May 3, 1970, in East Lansing. Robert was the beloved husband of Katherine nearly 50 years.

Robert and Katherine opened their music store, Eastside Music, in Roseville, in 1982. Together they took pleasure on the water and boating when not at their music store. Longtime members of Detroit Yacht Club, Robert and Katherine enjoyed meeting new people, spending time with friends and discussing topics other than music.

Memories and thoughts of Robert may be shared with the family at ahpeters.com.

Kathleen Murphy

Longtime St. Clair Shores resident Kathleen Murphy, 81, passed away Monday, April 13, 2020. A daughter of Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas J. Murphy and Marie H. Murphy, she was born Sept. 17, 1939, in Detroit.

Kathy graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1957. She began her career with the Wayne County Clerk's Office and later worked many years with the Wayne County Circuit

Court Assignment Office.

A friend to all animals, especially cats, Kathy also enjoyed gardening and thrift shopping.

Kathy was proud of her Irish heritage; she traveled several times to Ireland to visit friends and relatives. She possessed a fey spirit, recited poetry, performed impromptu dances and sang Irish tunes.

A generous and caring friend, daughter, sister and aunt, Kathy was predeceased by her parents; husband, Hoyt Stewart; and sisters, Nancy Rockwell and Carol Murphy. She is survived by her brother, Robert Murphy (Sharon); sister, Maureen Murphy, and many nieces and nephews.

Matthew A. Swegles

Matthew A. Swegles passed away Thursday, April 23, 2020. He was 44.

Matt brought optimism and balance to every endeavor including his family, clients, church and charities and occasionally, onto the golf course at Lochmoor Club. When Matt talked with someone, he had the remarkable ability to make them feel as if they were the only person in the room. All who knew Matt lost a friend.

Matt was a graduate of Haworth College of Business at Western Michigan University and Joseph M. Katz School of Business at University of Pittsburgh. Matt joined Roney & Co., in 1999, beginning his career in financial management. He later worked with UBS Group AG and the wealth management division of Comerica Bank. He joined Raymond James in 2012; from his Grosse Pointe office, he served clients as wealth management senior vice president.

Matt was actively involved with St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, New Canaan Society and Detroit Athletic Club. He also served as board of director for Feeding the Need Macomb, St. John Guild and Grosse Pointe Library Foundation.

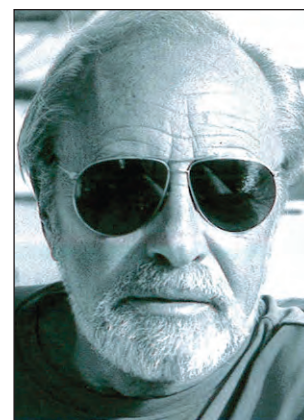
Matt is survived by his wife, Kate; and daughters, Addison, Avery and Alexandra. He also is survived by his father, John



Dorothy Kordich



Sally Brey Honkanen



Robert F. Brant



Kathleen Murphy



Matthew A. Swegles



George H. Bay

E. Swegles III; mother, Nancy Morello; and former wife, Heather Catalo. Matt was predeceased by his beloved uncle, Brad.

Donations to help support Matt's family may be made to GoFundMe at shorturl.at/knS24.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

George H. Bay

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident George Hayes Bay, 87, died peacefully Wednesday, April 22, 2020. He was born April 6, 1933, in Detroit, to Charles and Josephine Bay of Bloomfield Hills.

George is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Rosemary; children, Charles Bay (Nancy) and Andrea Bartone (John); and granddaughters, Clara and Anna. He was predeceased by his brother, James Bay.

George was a member of the U.S. Air Force bomber division stationed in England. He attended Wayne State University in Detroit and Oakland University in California. At Holley Carburetor, he was director of sales and marketing for the company's aviation and automotive divisions.

George's love of the outdoors and sports permeated his life. An early SCUBA diver and longtime member of the Dolphin Club in San Francisco, George competed in ocean swims including Alcatraz and Golden Gate open water competitions. He also was a member of the relay swim team from the Farallon Islands to San Francisco.

A member of Motor City Striders and Belle Isle Runners, George ran marathons and made lifelong friendships with fellow runners. He also coached and managed Little League baseball teams many years. George was actively involved in his children's sports programs and sharing his love of nature. A member of the Scarab Club and always a volunteer, he helped restore and maintain the club's garden.

George also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Police Auxiliary and its Search and Rescue dive team. He began advocating for the Grosse Pointe Community Education swim program in the 1970s and was a highly regarded swimming instructor, lifeguard and

supervisor of the special needs swim program more than 35 years.

George was a self-taught scrimshander and carver in retirement; his numerous awards included Best of Show at the Grosse Pointe Art Center. His work also was shown at the Scarab Club, Anton Art Center, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and Mackinac Island Art Center. One of his works is on permanent display at the Mackinac Island Library. George's childhood summers were spent where his roots ran deep, Mackinac Island. His grandfather, James Reddington Hayes, leased and operated the Grand Hotel from 1890 to 1900.

A private memorial service will take place at Protestant Cemetery, Mackinac Island.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials in George's name be made to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org; Special Olympics Michigan, somi.org; or Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org.

Condolences may be offered to the family at ahpeters.com.

H. Rollin Allen

H. Rollin Allen, former president and officer of Grosse Pointe Hunt Club for 11 years, died Monday, April 20, 2020. He was 92. Rollin was born June 15, 1927, to Herman and Esther Allen.

Rollin earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois and Juris Doctorate and Master of Laws in Taxation and Labor degrees from Wayne State University. A lawyer for 65 years, he was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1952, and to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a partner at Keifer, Allen, Cavanaugh and Toohey. Rollin authored articles for the Michigan School Board Journal and served as school board attorney for East Detroit and Melvindale school districts. Member and former chairman of the Detroit Bar Association and chairman of National Association of School Board Attorneys, Rollin also served on State Bar of Michigan committees for Probate, Trust Law, Taxation, Character and Fitness, and Unauthorized Practice of Law. He was a member of Macomb County Bar



H. Rollin Allen

Association, Board of Arbitrators, National Association of Security Dealers and Engineering Society of Detroit. He also was a member and dean of Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity. Rollin was the 1986 recipient of the Roberts P. Hudson Award for his unselfish rendering of outstanding and unique service to and on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan, the legal profession and public. Rollin was invited by the Chinese government, in 1984, to lecture in Beijing on legal actions and rights of youth in the United States.

Rollin was a member of Circumnavigators. He circled the globe for 83 days aboard the Queen Mary II, which was the first cruise ship to do so in one trip.

Rollin was owner/builder and first president of Burning Tree Golf Club, owner/builder of Sunny Acres Golf Course and owner/developer and president of Rattle Run Golf Club.

A renowned sportsman, Rollin won many awards in golf, tennis, scuba diving, skiing, marathon running, judo, sailing and table tennis. He also was a master bridge player. Rollin was loved and respected by many friends, fellow lawyers and sports enthusiasts.

Rollin is survived by his wife of 35 years, Claire A. Allen; daughter, Tracy Thorpe; stepdaughters, Judy, Michele and Renee Orians; and granddaughters, Jenny and Michaela. Rollin was predeceased by his parents and first wife, Mildred Vidakovic.

The prearranged donation of his body to the University of Michigan for medical research could not be carried out due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A memorial service will be held later this year.

Donations in Rollin's memory may be made to Operation Smile at operationssmile.org; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org or by phone at (800) 805-5856.

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Paul L. Hoffman

Paul L. Hoffman, 64, died Thursday, April 16, 2020, at home in St. Clair Shores. A longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident, Paul also resided in Harbor Springs. He was born June 3, 1955, to Barbara S. Barak and Ralph H. Hoffman.

Paul graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1974. He studied English literature at Michigan State University.

Paul will be remembered for his sense of humor and unique laugh. He had a strong connection to nature and enjoyed camping, hiking, gardening and fishing, as well as bicycling throughout metropolitan Detroit in his later years.

Paul was a prolific writer of poetry. He loved music and often was the first and last person on the dance floor. Paul also was an adventurous cook and enjoyed cooking vegetables grown from his own garden.

Paul is survived by his mother, Barbara Barak; children, Hallie Hoffman (Michael Sochynsky), Billy Hoffman and Charlie Hoffman; and granddaughter, Olive Sochynsky. He also is survived by his brothers, Ralph Hoffman Jr. and Eric Hoffman (Jennifer Nehra Hoffman); many nieces and nephews; and good friend, Frank Bomier. He was predeceased by his father, Ralph.



"I see my light come shining from the west unto the east. Any day now, any day now I shall be released"

- Bob Dylan

Donations in Paul's memory may be made to Little Traverse Conservancy at landtrust.org/memorial-or-honorarium.

OBITS:

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Sophie Stavale Saros

Sophie Stavale Saros, 88, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2020. She was born Feb. 5, 1932, in Detroit, to Gregory and Anastasia Demetriades.

Sophie was a graduate of Cass Technical High School. As a high school student and frequent visitor to a local candy shop, she met Ernest Peter Stavale. Sophie and Ernest married in 1953; together they had five children.

A widow after Ernest's death at an early age, Sophie married Ulysses "Dish" Saros. Together they had a son, Sophie's sixth child. Married 48 years, Sophie and Dish created a wonderful and loving family.

Sophie was a devoted parishioner of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. She was involved in the Greek Orthodox Ladies Society (Philoptochos) most of her adult life. She had amazing skills in the kitchen and was known for delighting family and friends with delicious meals and filling her home with warmth and kindness. When not cooking for her family, Sophie was on her favorite spot on the couch watching Hallmark Channel programs and "Murder, She Wrote."

A proud mother, Sophie devoted her life to each of her children, Michael Stavale (Susan), Paul Stavale (Lisa), Donald Stavale (Jean), Peter Stavale, Marianne Stavale Benkoski (Dave) and Nick Saros (Alison). She was a loving grandmother to Vincent Stavale, Ann Stavale Farago (Brent), Sophie Stavale Perrelli (Matt), Anthony Stavale, Christina Stavale, Michael Stavale, Kimberly Stavale, Brooke Benkoski, Morgan Benkoski, Emerson Benkoski, Zachary Saros and Ashley Saros; and dear great-grandmother to Nora and Elena Farago and Luke Anthony Perrelli.

Sophie's family extends their gratitude and thanks for care Sophie received from staff at ShorePointe Health & Rehabilitation Center and Residential Hospice.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, or goassumption.org.

Share condolences with the family at ahpeters.com.

Frances Georgeson

Frances Georgeson, a 55-year resident of Grosse Pointe, passed away Thursday, April 23, 2020, at The Rivers Grosse Pointe Woods. She was 98. The daughter of Greek-born parents, Frances was born to Olga and Nicholas Andoniades in Constantinople, Turkey.

Frances was 9 months old when she and her parents fled the Turkish genocide in a small boat, at midnight, to Thessaloniki, Greece. Frances was 3 years old when her father died shortly after the birth of

her brother, Anthony. When her mother remarried, they moved to Detroit.

Frances was 12 years old and loved being an American, learned the language quickly and did well in school. Also at age 12, she met her future husband, Agamemnon "Aggie," a family friend. The couple was engaged when Frances was 18. Aggie left Detroit to serve in the U.S. military during World War II. Frances and Aggie married in June 1944, in Bryan, Texas. After the war they returned to Detroit and soon welcomed two children, Alexandra "Sandy" and Adamont "Monty."

Frances graduated from Southeastern High School and began college at Wayne State University, but postponed her education due to the war and starting a family. She returned to WSU when her daughter, Sandy, married in 1969. Frances earned bachelor's and master's degrees in library science. She was a librarian at Warren Woods High School 10 years and substitute taught another 10 years, into her 70s.

Frances was active in the community the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club and Daughters of Penelope. She taught Sunday school at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church when her children were young. She loved reading, playing bridge and golf and continued to do so into her 90s.

Frances is survived by her children, Alexandra Moises (Nicholas) and Adamont Georgeson (Tracy); grandchildren, Thomas Moises, Christos Moises (Ellena) and Alexis Georgeson; great-grandchildren, Isabella, Nicholas, Theo and Malena Moises; cousins, Kriton Tsiminakis and George Tsiminakis (Ann); and nephew, Michael Andoniades (Janice). She was predeceased by her husband, Agamemnon; brother, Anthony Andoniades; and godson, Anthony Andoniades Jr.

The family will hold a private celebration of Frances' life at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. Father Michael Varlamos of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church will officiate. Private interment will take place at Clinton Grove Cemetery, Clinton Township. A public celebration of her life will be held later this summer.

A memorial scholarship is being established for Frances through AHEPA District 10 Educational Foundation, c/o Milton Gust, 1628 Crimson Drive, Troy, MI 48083.

Kathryn A. Zinsmaster

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Kathryn Ann Zinsmaster, 78, passed away Friday, March 27, 2020. A daughter of Alfred and Mildred (nee Campbell) Elliott, she was born May 23, 1941, in Detroit. Kathryn graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. A registered nurse, she cared for patients at Cottage Hospital.

Kathryn enjoyed crocheting, knitting, sewing, acting and gardening.

She is survived by her

son, Craig Boyce; grandchildren, Taylor and Declan Boyce; and sisters, Mary Eliowitz and Janet McKenzie.

Memorial contributions in Kathryn's name may be made to MCA Meals on Wheels, mca.macombgov.org; or United Way for Southeastern Michigan, unitedwaysem.org.

Suzanne Raynal Gijbsers

Suzanne Raynal Gijbsers died peacefully Tuesday, April 21, 2020, after a short hospital stay, from the coronavirus.

Suzanne was born Aug. 1, 1926, in Epernay, France. She was raised in Reims, where her mother owned a small neighborhood dry goods store. An athletic child, Suzanne enjoyed bicycling, playing tennis and basketball and running track. In May 1940, she and her mother evacuated Reims with little notice as the Nazis were just outside the city and advancing quickly. They left with only the few belongings they could carry and squeezed into the last two spots in a cattle car already occupied by 80 people. They traveled three days as the German Luftwaffe strafed the train. Dropped off in Niort, they were offered shelter by volunteer families who came forward and welcomed them. Suzanne and her mother, last off the train, sheltered with the mayor and his family; Suzanne maintained contact with them throughout her life. She and her mother returned to Reims several months later when the Vichy government was formed; they remained in Reims until World War II ended.

Suzanne was 20 when her French uncles and aunt sent for her from the United States. They had left France in the 1920s and began Raynal Bros. Dodge and Plymouth dealership in Detroit, which became the largest family-owned dealership in Michigan. Suzanne's uncles and aunt wanted her to work in the business and supported her through business school.

Suzanne married Harry Gijbsers in September 1949; together they had five children. The family resided in the St. Jude parish neighborhood on Detroit's east side more than 40 years. The children attended Notre Dame, Regina and Denby high schools. Suzanne remained at home, raised her family and enjoyed cheering them on at numerous sporting and school events. She was asked to return to work at Raynal Bros. 17 years later and joined the board of directors when her aunt retired. After so-called retirement, Suzanne was a 20-year volunteer for Capuchin Ministries in Detroit, for which she received the 2015 Distinguished Volunteer award for her thoughtful service.

Suzanne was an expert seamstress and loved knitting, singing and gardening; her French cooking was legendary. She continued exercising, bicycling and singing in the St. Hubert choir into her 80s. A wonderful and loving mother, Suzanne



Sophie Stavale Saros



Frances Georgeson



Kathryn A. Zinsmaster

had a great sense of humor; she will be remembered for selfless devotion to her family as well as countless good deeds for friends and others less fortunate. She loved traveling to France periodically to visit many childhood friends. France always was first and foremost in her heart. Suzanne touched and brightened many lives through her life and her memory always will be treasured.

Suzanne is survived by her children, Gary (Candi), Michele (James), Brian (Sarah) and Thomas (Jane); 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Harry, and son, Mark.

A celebration of Suzanne's life will be held at a later date.

Donations in Suzanne's honor may be made to St. Anne's Mead Memory Care, 16106 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076; or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Dr. Nancy A. Ajemian

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Nancy A. Ajemian, M.D., died Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

She was born April 2, 1960, in Kalamazoo, to Dorothy and Edward Ajemian and graduated



Suzanne Raynal Gijbsers



Dr. Nancy A. Ajemian

in 1978 from Loy Norrix High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern California and a medical degree from the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. She was a board-certified physician in Family Medicine for over 30 years in Grosse Pointe.

Nancy was a well-respected doctor with Beaumont Hospital, where she lovingly served the health needs of children and families. She proudly served in many leadership positions on executive medical boards and committees. She received multiple awards, honors and recognitions over the years. Her legacy is one of commitment and compassion.

Close to Nancy's heart was her childhood cottage at Canadian Lakes, where she found

joy spending time with family and friends. A typical day included her morning coffee in the gazebo, buying baked goods at a local Amish farm, grilling, boating and cooking s'mores on the bonfire. She found comfort when reflecting on the years there with her family laughing, skiing, playing tennis, canoeing and jumping off the rope swing.

Her other passions included going to estate sales, jewelry making, traveling and painting. Nancy took great pride in her Armenian heritage by honoring her ancestors' history and culture through travel, cooking and enjoying the foods of Armenia, especially her dad's baklava, made from an old family recipe.

Nancy is survived by her sisters, Liz Ajemian Poole and Sue Ajemian Merkel.

A celebration of her life will take place when it is safe to travel.

John Carroll Frederick

Birmingham born, Harsen's Island loving, Grosse Pointe Farms resident, John Carroll Frederick died peacefully by his daughter's side on Sunday, April 19th, 2020 from complications of cancer.

John was born in Birmingham, Michigan on May 7th, 1935 to Gregory and Francis Frederick. He was a great athlete and played football, ice hockey when the pond was frozen and golf when the sun was out. He was the first graduating class of Seaholm High School and soon after joined The United States Marines. John served after The Korean War and was a true patriot his whole life. After serving his country, John received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan. Upon graduating, he worked for Ford Motor Company then Booz Allen Hamilton as a consultant. John went on to found his own company in automotive sales to great success. He was always a true believer in Detroit, its sports teams and its people. When the athletes of his Alma Mater, University of Michigan, were playing, all who knew John, knew to dim the lights and deaden the hum. Go Blue or Go Home. Maize and Blue brought him much joy.

Affectionately known to his friends as "Farr," John was an outdoorsman through and through. John's sailboat, "The Streaker", sailed more than 20 Mackinaw races and was filled with the best of friends, all claiming to be the captain. Bayview hummers and salutes on The St Clair River brought on a self title of "the Sailing Elite."

As "The Sailing Elite" hung their retirement flag, they moved to the grasslands of southern Ontario to duck hunt. "Farr" was the co-founder of "The Big Shooters" and "The Lame Duck" clubs on Walpole Island, Canada. Endless hours of early morning shoots, stunning grasslands, and pontificating were what John considered pure happiness. Harsen's Island was his home



for most of his late adult life. This brought big river views, long jutting docks, ferry rides and \$20 bill enticements if his daughter Kate could whack a freighter with a tennis ball. Harsen's Island was the gathering place for John and his daughter Kate's friends for years.

Farr was a man of many nicknames but his favorite by far was Grumps. Grumps' most famous move was "pull my finger." His three grandchildren would scramble, dive, and leap for that finger. He never once referred to them by their given name, Jack was Bruce, Scout was McGee and Wells was Ganaba Bird. His daughter Kate was always Skeedie-did. Grumps leaves behind his daughter Kate Frederick Webber and son-in-law Stephen Webber of Haddonfield, NJ. His wonderful friend and ex, Cecile Frederick. His greatest joy, his grandchildren, Jack, Scout, and Wells Webber. He has joined his parents, his brother, Greg Frederick, his sister, Liz Rassel, and his son, Greg Frederick.

"John Farr was a lifelong friend of many, a true outdoorsman, a dad of all dads, a legendary grandfather, a lover of Detroit."

Grumps Farr was loved by many. It would be remiss not to share his favorite sentiment:

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ANNIVERSARY

Kramer – 50 years

Joe and Gerry (nee DiCicco) Kramer of Grosse Pointe Park are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married May 1, 1970, in Allen Park.

Gerry is retired; Joe is an attorney. The couple have three children — Joe Kramer of Naples, Fla., Jeffrey Kramer of Naples, Fla., and Laura Thiel of Grosse Pointe — and four grandchildren.

A family trip to Florida in celebration of their lasting nuptials was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, their children and grandchildren wish them a happy 50th anniversary and look forward to celebrating with them later this year.

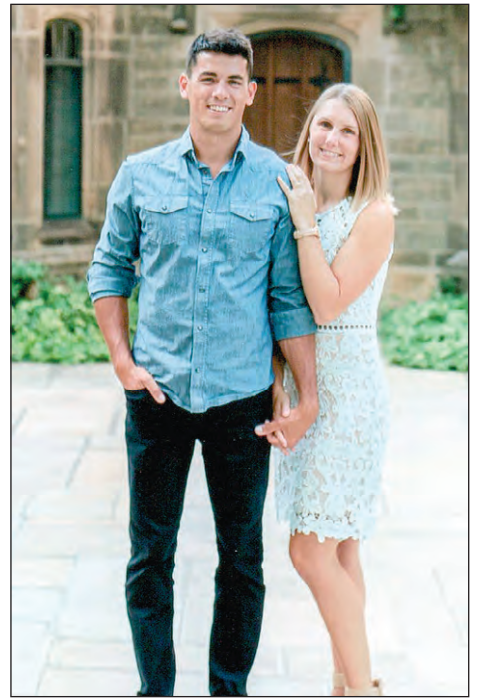


Joe and Gerry Kramer

ENGAGEMENTS



Philip MacKethan and Molly Marrocco



Jacob Archutowski and Elise Cartwright

Marrocco-MacKethan

Molly Marrocco and Philip Pack MacKethan, both of Grosse Pointe Park, have announced their engagement.

Molly is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marrocco, and the mother of Samantha and Cody. She is the founder and owner of Dancetera Dance Studio.

Philip is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. MacKethan III of Grosse Pointe Farms, and the father of Alexander and Benjamin. He is the founder and owner of MacKethan Computer Consulting.

Molly and Philip got engaged on Wednesday, March 25, and a June 2021 wedding is planned.

Cartwright-Archutowski

Kert and Cheri Cartwright of Romeo announce the engagement of their daughter, Elise Marie Cartwright, to Jacob Stanley Archutowski, the son of Cherie Bryant and Mark Schatzle, and Christopher and Debra Archutowski, all of Washington Township and formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A June 2020 wedding is planned. Miss Cartwright earned a Bachelor of Nursing Science degree from Ferris State University. She is a labor and delivery nurse at Ascension St. John Hospital.

Mr. Archutowski earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and currently is a medical student at MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine.



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In memorium

Starting March 21, the Rev. Timothy Pelc and parishioners at St. Ambrose Catholic Church began tying ribbons to trees in the church plaza as a memorial to fellow Michiganders who have lost their lives to COVID-19. It started with six ribbons.

As of April 11, there were 1,392 ribbons tied to the trees. As posted on the Grosse Pointe Park church's Facebook page, "Let us pray for the health care workers and first respond-

ers. Let us pray for all those who selflessly work at essential businesses that keep us safe, fed and healthy. Let us pray for those who are ill with the coronavirus, for their healing and comfort and strength and peace for their families. Let us also pray for those who have died because of the virus."

The church encouraged people to walk or drive by the plaza and say a prayer.



Patrick Jackson and Caroline Hampton

Hampton-Jackson

Tim and Soozie Hampton of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Hampton, to Patrick Jackson, the son of David and Joan Jackson of the City of Grosse Pointe.

A July 2020 wedding is planned. Miss Hampton is a 2014 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, where she met her fiancé their sophomore year, and a 2018 graduate of Hope College, from which she earned a degree in elementary education. She is a third-grade teacher at The Basilica School in Key West, Fla.

Mr. Jackson also is a 2014 graduate of Grosse Pointe South and a 2019 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, from which he earned a degree in international affairs. He is an officer on the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Thetis in Key West.

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Steps in a different direction

Fundraising walk/run moves online

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Last spring's Run, Walk n Roll 5K, a first-attempt fundraiser for the Pediatric Palliative Care Program at Michigan Medicine C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, drew more than 550 participants and raised more than \$46,000.

While organizers hoped for a successful follow-up event, initially slated for April 26, concerns over the spread of COVID-19 have forced a change in plans.

In place of the physical event, the fundraiser has moved online, where supporters are encouraged to make a pledge to Elizabeth's Courage Fund, which helps palliative care patients and families who are dealing with increased financial and emotional stress.

The fund was inspired by Elizabeth Sheeren, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School who has been in and out of C.S. Mott the past eight years, fighting multiple progressive diseases. She was diagnosed with her first autoimmune disease at age 4; she currently is battling seven.

Elizabeth's sister, Claire Sheeren, estab-



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Walkers put their best feet forward at last year's event.

lished the Run, Walk n Roll 5K last year after seeing the difference palliative care made for her family.

"In late 2017, (Elizabeth) started having major disease progression," Sheeren said. "She spent most of her time in the hospital. ... We started planning Run, Walk n Roll in spring 2018. A friend and I ... were feeling lost and sad about everything that was happening to her and all the time she was losing being in the hospital. We wanted to give back. Palliative care was such a big part of her care, so we decided to give back to C.S. Mott because they'd been so good to her there."

While Elizabeth's health has steadily

declined the last two years, Sheeren said she feels blessed her sister currently is able to be at home with their family.

"She has a lot of medical equipment," she said. "Palliative care helped her to be home with all this equipment and she can do everything herself."

Sheeren, a Grosse Pointe South senior, was instrumental in transitioning the event online, but is quick to point out it was a team effort.

"We have a committee who helped make all this happen; it wasn't just me," she said. "Different families have been working alongside me and there's a student committee, too."

The initial online campaign set a fundraising

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goal of \$10,000. Since becoming a virtual fundraiser, all race donations and corporate sponsorships have been added to the online campaign; the goal was raised to \$30,000.

When the decision was made to put the fundraiser online, organizers reached out to each sponsor to see if they'd follow through with their sponsorship.

"Every one of them said yes, because they wanted to support the cause," Sheeren said. "It's awesome to see that from the community. The community has been really great



The Sheeren family at last year's event, from left, Claire, Julie, Chris and Elizabeth.

and supportive.

"We haven't decided how long we'll leave it up," she continued, adding she hopes to keep the page going a few more weeks. "When all this happened with the coronavirus, we decided it was still important to do the campaign."

Palliative care helps patients with complex chronic illness and their families have quality of life, Sheeren said. It may provide for the services of a therapy dog or cover airfare so grandparents can visit a sick grandchild, among other services. The goals of

palliative care specialists include increasing patient comfort, minimizing hospital stays and supporting the emotional needs of children and families.

"Now with this pandemic, so many families have even more financial and emotional stress and some can't get their medical supplies," Sheeren said. "There's definitely still a need there."

For more information or to donate to Elizabeth's Courage Fund, visit charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/run-walk-n-roll-digital-campaign-for-palliative-care

Club makes donations, meets virtually

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Members of the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe recently pooled their resources and donated \$1,000 — \$500 to Gleaners Food Bank and \$500 to the Ascension St. John Foundation — in support of their respective programs.

"We had a Zoom board meeting a couple weeks ago," Men's Club President Ken Mokray said. "I proposed that we send money to Gleaners and asked if anybody had any other ideas. With Gleaners, our \$500 is helping them distribute 2,000 meals. Supporting the hospital workers was proposed by club members, so another \$500 went to St. John to support workers there."

Following suit, the Men's Club Foundation contributed an additional \$1,000, splitting it evenly between the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Beaumont Hospital,

Grosse Pointe.

The donations were made with no strings attached, Mokray said. While Gleaners and the Capuchins likely will use funds for food, money for the hospitals is meant to help healthcare workers.

"It might be meals, it might be their families, maybe equipment," Mokray said. "The idea is to get money into the hands of people working at the hospitals 24/7."

Mokray said he plans to reevaluate the club's efforts at its next virtual board meeting in hopes of raising another \$1,000 for charity.

"We're involved in the community, so let's try to do something quickly and efficiently," he said. "I felt it was the right thing to do, to help where we can."

We're all members of the community. We need to help, if we're in a financial position where we can. ... This organization has been around 60 years; we should be doing some-

thing."

Not only is the club doling out support for the community, it's also looking out for its members. To keep everyone "together" during a time of social distancing and maintain a presence in members' lives, the club has begun hosting its regular meetings online via the Zoom app.

"I sent an email to every member with an email address," Mokray said. "While we can't physically meet, we can do it this way."

The Zoom meetings are short, around 30 minutes, and include a guest speaker. The April 28 meeting featured a spokesperson from Henry Ford Hospital Hospice.

The next meeting takes place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 12.

"We're going to try to keep meetings going as long as we can until we can have real meetings," Mokray said. "We're not going away."

Boy Scouts partner with restaurant to provide lunches to hospital workers

Friday, April 10, Boy Scout Troop 96 of Grosse Pointe Farms partnered with The Corner Kitchen restaurant in St. Clair Shores to provide lunches for hospital workers at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

"The Boy Scout program teaches that a scout is helpful and our scouts wanted to find a way to give back to the hospital workers who are battling the COVID-19 virus every day," said Adam Prokop, Troop 96 scoutmaster.

Troop 96 raised the money to pay for the lunches by soliciting donations from family members and friends. The lunches were provided by The Corner Kitchen.

"We have actually been providing a lot of lunches for hospitals from area groups who want to help," said owner and Chef Shannon



Troop 96 Scoutmaster Adam Prokop, left, and Troop 96 committee chairman Paul Spiteri recently delivered lunches to staff at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. The two did not want to risk bringing scouts near the hospital, Prokop said.

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More than 60 frontline hospital workers, including nurses, doctors and emergency room attendants, benefited from the gift from Troop 96 and The Corner Kitchen.

Founded in 1932, Troop

96 is based at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and is one of the oldest Boy Scout troops in Michigan. The Corner Kitchen, founded in 2019, is offering carryout and curbside service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Special delivery

Gathering items for health care workers at Ascension St. John Hospital began as a Grosse Pointe South High School effort, with a variety of groups, clubs and sports teams signing on to help. It quickly grew into a broader community undertaking, said South's counseling department head Beth Walsh-Sahutske, who helped coordinate the drive.

"As we started talking it through, we realized it was something bigger than just something South could do," Walsh-Sahutske said. "It had to be community-wide."

The idea was to collect practical items health care workers might not have time to purchase for themselves, such as protective equipment and cleaning supplies, along with products "to refresh and rejuvenate, pamper yourself," Walsh-Sahutske said. These included face masks, hand lotion, chapstick, protein bars and Easter treats. Items were arranged in baskets for ease in distributing.

Kevin Grady, M.D., president and CEO of Ascension St. John Hospital, expressed his gratitude in an email.

"The compassion and support demonstrated by the Grosse Pointe Public School System and all of its



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Grosse Pointe South High School counseling department chairwoman Beth Walsh-Sahutske collected supplies for donation.

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V	E	L	C	R	O	C	R	O	C	U	S
O	A	T	D	O	G	I	N	H	A	S	
I	R	O	N	P	A	S	F	O	R	A	
D	Y	N	E	S	M	O	D	E	S	T	Y
E	O	N	R	E	A						
C	U	R	D	L	E	D	A	S	H	E	S
O	N	U	S	W	O	O	T	A	L	E	
A	S	S	P	S	E	U	D	Z	A	G	
C	U	S	T	O	M	T	O	M	A	T	O
T	R	I	A	G	E	A	Z	O	R	E	S
E	A	T	O	N	T	E	N	D	S		

ACROSS

1 Easter treat
4 Wager
7 Retain
11 Metric measure
13 Rowboat need
14 Sleeping
15 Flow like molasses
16 Chum, nowadays
17 Actor Brad
18 Grassland
20 Opening course, often
22 Erstwhile garment
24 Hitchcock classic
28 Spotted insect
32 Radiant
33 Champing at the bit
34 Bathroom fixture
36 Yorkshire river
37 Narc's measures
39 Croquet equipment
41 Catch

43 Second person
44 Related to
46 Use a Brillo pad
50 Ballerina's frill
53 Cauldron
55 Japanese zither
56 Press
57 Flightless bird
58 Calendar
59 Trudge
60 Kenny G's instrument
61 That girl

DOWN

1 Ids' counterparts
2 Get bigger
3 Middle East strip
4 Go up and down
5 Listeners
6 Army unit
7 Carefree
8 Sapporo sash
9 Allow
10 Banned insect

12 Carousel
19 Light touch
21 Portion of N.A.
23 Eviscerate
25 Hint
26 Emcee
27 Hasn't paid yet
28 Michigan, for one
29 Not "fer"
30 Nincompoop
31 Wrigley product
35 Reddish-brown horse
38 Perched
40 — Angeles
42 They're calling Danny Boy
45 Prolonged sleep
47 Fawns' mothers
48 Hexagonal state
49 Induce ennui
50 Gratitude
51 Web address
52 Excessively
54 Monkey suit

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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by Linda Thistle

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4				1					3
	9				7	8			
		6	5				2		
		3			2		6		
		7	3						1
5					9			4	
7		3			5				4
		5		4		9			
4			1					7	2

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