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“The Sails of Two Cities” was damaged following a collision at Kercheval and Wayburn Nov. 27.

## ‘Sails’ to be replaced following collision

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested after fleeing the scene of an accident at Kercheval and Wayburn, which damaged the landmark sculpture, “The Sails of Two Cities,” installed between Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park. The sculpture’s pedestal remained empty days after the Friday, Nov. 27 accident occurred around 2:30 a.m.

“It will be replaced,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

The artist who designed the sculpture and the donor who

sponsored it were scheduled to discuss the symbol’s repair, Sizeland added.

An iron portion of the “Sails” was damaged, along with other parts of the artwork.

The suspect who struck the sculpture was located in the general area after the accident was captured on surveillance. He had been operating the vehicle without a license.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

## City sets 2021 goals

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Residents in the City of Grosse Pointe now have a roadmap of where the city will be headed over the next year.

Following a council workshop in mid-Octo-

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## Firms chosen to fill city attorney role

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The law firms York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C., and Rosati Schultz Joppich and Amtsbuechler, P.C., are expected to take on the duties of city attorney in 2021.

Current City Attorney Chip Berschback plans to end his service to the Woods at the start of the new year, while the two firms were recommended by the Committee of the Whole in a 5-2 vote Monday, Nov. 23. The

recommendation will be presented before council Monday, Dec. 7. York, Dolan & Tomlinson will manage duties including prosecution, planning and zoning matters and other municipal issues, while

Rosati Schultz Joppich and Amtsbuechler will oversee general city administration, including finance, contract review and zoning board of appeals.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

## Elworthy Field to remain status quo

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — With the 50-year lease agreement between the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the City of Grosse Pointe set to expire March 31, 2021, city council unanimously approved the first extension in the form of a 10-year lease, effective April 1, 2021, of W. George Elworthy Field during its meeting Monday, Nov. 16.

The updated agreement largely was only altered by including an



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

City council recently signed a 10-year extension to the lease agreement with the Grosse Pointe Public School System for Elworthy Field.

increased level of insurance and cleaning up old language. Additionally, the E1 and E2 baseball fields are designated for

Little League use and the tennis courts and baseball field are acknowledged to be regularly used by Grosse Pointe

South High School teams, with an understanding to meet the teams’ needs.

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Ascension St. John Hospital, above, and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, are bracing for increased inpatient numbers due to the spread of COVID-19.

## Ascension, Beaumont admissions rising

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Inpatient numbers have increased twentyfold during the last month at Ascension St. John Hospital, according to President Kevin Grady, M.D., as community

spread of COVID-19 in the area continues to rise.

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, for its part, is licensed for 200 beds, staffed for approximately 160 and had 155 patients as of Tuesday, Nov. 24.

While inpatient numbers at both institutions

have not yet reached the extreme levels seen in April, both have reverted back to their visitor restrictions policies and report being tight on beds.

“One of the things that keeps me up at night is the community’s dealing with kind of a pandemic fatigue and people are

getting tired of being told what to do, but we see from our hospital, if we weren’t aggressive with our mitigation strategies in the spread, we would have been completely overwhelmed,” said Brad Lukas, chief nursing offi-

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# Beaumont Health study shows masks protect against exposure

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

After embarking on one of the country’s largest COVID-19 serological testing studies in April, involving 20,614 employees across the state, Beaumont Health has released its first findings, showing masking can dramatically reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19.

The study took place early in the pandemic, before universal masking was routine within hospitals or elsewhere, and found that those exposed to COVID-19 patients without wearing a mask were 18 percent likely to show evidence of infection, while the percentage dropped to 13 percent for those wearing a surgical mask and even further to 10 percent for those wearing an M-95 mask.

“What this says is universal masking is absolutely the right thing to do, because it shows that the mask will lower the chances of getting COVID,” said Dr. Matthew Sims, director of infectious disease research for Beaumont Health. “If both the person who has COVID and the person who’s being exposed to them are both wearing masks, that’s even more likely to prevent COVID than we saw in our study.”

Additionally, those who wore M-95 masks but contracted the virus were less likely to be symptomatic.

Although those infected while wearing surgical masks were 30 percent likely to be asymptomatic, the statistic correlates with other studies that say around 30 percent of those who get COVID never develop symptoms, Sim said; however, those infected while wearing an M-95 mask became 40 percent likely to be asymptomatic.

“This goes along with what’s called the inoculum theory that the lower the exposure you get,

the more likely you are to be asymptomatic,” Sims explained, “and because M-95s filter so much better, we think that the people who did get exposed got less and thus were more likely to be asymptomatic.”

The study also showed people ages 17 to 29 were around 11 percent likely to develop antibodies, which went down every decade until the 70-plus age range where it was only around 6 percent likely; however, as study participants went up in age, they were more likely to be asymptomatic, which could be due to the amount of exposure and precautions taken, Sims said.

Black people were found to be more likely to contract the virus than other races, but also were more likely to be asymptomatic.

Of the study participants, those who had COVID-like symptoms were only 30 percent likely to actually be infected.

“Which is exactly almost to the exact number the same as the people who came for testing because they had symptoms by PCR,” Sims said. “They were about 30 percent likely to be positive also. ... That tells us the PCR testing is probably pretty accurate and catching most of the people.”

April and May being at the tail end of respiratory virus season could account for those with symptoms similar to COVID-19, Sims said, as well as anxiety over the virus itself even causing symptoms such as trouble breathing.

The study also looked at which job categories in the hospitals have the greatest chance of being exposed and contracting the virus. Phlebotomy, respiratory therapy and nursing were found to have the highest chances, while doctors actually had the lowest since they tend to have the shortest length of exposure.

“(Phlebotomists) actually had

higher conversion rates if they were working with non-COVID patients than if they were working with COVID patients,” Sims reported. “We think that’s because they weren’t universally masking. Sometimes patients ended up in the hospital who had COVID and we didn’t know it because we weren’t universally testing everybody, because we didn’t have that many tests available.”

One limitation of the study is that it is impossible to do a randomized controlled trial of masks — this would essentially expose participants to the virus purposefully — meaning those who were infected while wearing a mask could actually have been infected at a different time.

“You can’t do a randomized controlled trial of masks and say, ‘You wear an M-95, you wear a surgical mask, you wear a cloth mask and you don’t wear anything and everybody go into that COVID room,’” Sims explained. “That’s not ethical to do. What you can do is collect large numbers of data and the larger the amount of data, the more the data is meaningful; the more that you can take from that data. If we showed this in 100 people it would only mean so much, but we showed it in 20,000 people.”

The large-scale study is expected to produce various other results related to COVID-19, such as how long antibodies last in a person, how the virus spreads among people to a certain extent and a number of other topics.

One such publication currently is in its final stages before submission, Sims said.

“It’s a matter of personal responsibility,” he said of the first study’s findings. “If everybody followed all the rules all the time, we wouldn’t be surging the way we are right now. It’s pretty much that simple.”



COURTESY PHOTO

City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak and Grosse Pointe Foundation President John Shook light the tree with city council and foundation board member Maureen Juip and her family.

## Secret ceremony



The City of Grosse Pointe hosted a secret tree-lighting ceremony Nov. 20, which included a visit from Santa Claus. The ceremony was filmed for the City’s web-site.

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cer at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. “We didn’t know where we were on that curve (in April) and if it didn’t flatten out, we

were heading for a disaster.”

At the current rate of spread, he added, reaching April’s inpatient levels is a real possibility.

“I’ve seen it escalate so fast in the spring that I feel like if we don’t do

the things we need to do, especially around the holidays, it definitely could get there,” Lukas said. “That’s what I worry about. With how this thing spreads, it can be like a wildfire, so those mitigation strategies that are in place, that we’ve been preaching, are really going to need to win the day for us to be successful.”

Neither hospital reached the point of running out of beds during the peak in April, only due to finding creative ways to increase capacity by converting the traditional uses of rooms. Ascension St. John more than doubled its ICU bed availability at that time, Grady said.

If the current rate of increase continues, the institutions could once again look at limiting or canceling elective procedures as well, although elective procedures that do not require an inpatient stay are more likely to continue.

At no point will Ascension St. John eliminate urgent and emergent surgical procedures, Grady emphasized.

Emergency rooms across the country experienced a sharp decline in heart attack and stroke admissions during the peak of the first spike, leading to treatable conditions growing far worse or even resulting in death.

“We don’t want that to happen ever again,” Grady said. “We are responsible to our community to make sure we take care of COVID, but we are also responsible

to make sure we maintain good health outside of the COVID world.”

With the assurances that hospitals and emergency rooms are safe, the levels of non-COVID patients have returned to normal, showing a shift from April in the types of admissions. At that time, non-COVID patients were practically nonexistent at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, Lukas said, while now, the institution’s inpatient numbers are similar to that of the spring, but made up less of COVID-19 patients.

Adding to the challenge of increasing admissions, Beaumont, Grosse Pointe also is facing a staff shortage, particularly with nurses. Accounting for this, Lukas said, seems to be staff quarantining due to illness, as well as a movement within the nursing profession of taking travel assignments out of

state.

“It takes two weeks to resign from a position and it takes sometimes three to four months to train somebody, so that math sometimes doesn’t always add up,” he explained, adding the hospital has been asking staff to work extra while compensating them for their efforts.

The community can aid in slowing the spread, therefore keeping the hospitals from being overwhelmed, by adhering to the recommendations that have been proven to work: wearing a mask, social distancing, washing hands and minimizing crowds.

“Things that you used to do, you just can’t do right now,” Grady said, “and if you think you can, then we’re going to live with this for a long time. So be part of the fix, don’t be part of the problem.”

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# Purple along Pemberton promotes prevention

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Herman Wang received devastating news in May, but with the news came a lot of love and support.

Wang learned that what he initially believed were minor health issues had been symptoms of pancreatic cancer. With help from his family and a group of concerned neighbors, he wants to promote awareness throughout the Pointes, to help others learn the signs.

“If I look back on it, I can kind of put some clues together,” he said.

Stomach and digestive problems that began in 2019 grew progressively worse, but at 50, he imagined they were simply signs of aging.

During the early half of this year he began losing weight without making effort. By the time he received the May diagnosis, the pancreatic cancer had progressed to stage four, which is considered incurable.

Cancer of the pancreas has been known to be a more aggressive form of the disease. Despite the recent deaths of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Residents in the 500 block of Pemberton in Grosse Pointe Park put up purple ribbons in November, on almost all of the trees on the block, in support of a neighbor currently fighting pancreatic cancer.**

Ginsberg and longtime “Jeopardy” game show host Alex Trebek, due to the same illness, Wang said the sickness generates less attention from the media and public than it warrants.

While advocacy organizations formally observe pancreatic cancer awareness initiatives in November, Wang and his circle of supporters plan to continue promoting

knowledge throughout the holiday season “to say to other people, ‘If you have any symptoms, don’t mess around,’” Wang added.

Among several pancreatic cancer symptoms are abdominal pain that extends into back discomfort, loss of appetite, yellowing of the eyes or skin and blood clots.

Splashes of the color purple along Pemberton

have kept Wang encouraged, despite the greatest health challenge of his life. In early November he returned from his daughter’s swimming meet at Grosse Pointe South, finding his house decorated in the color that symbolizes pancreatic awareness. Purple ribbons also have adorned the block.

“It was a complete surprise and shock after we

drove home from the swim meet,” Wang said.

The plot to give Wang and his family such a pleasant homecoming was hatched after Wang’s sister posted a Facebook request that porch lighting be bathed in purple, said Beverly Bennert, Wang’s neighbor of 12 years.

“We said, ‘Why don’t we put out purple ribbons to show Herman how

much we love him?’” she recalled.

Around 25 children and adults joined the effort to decorate Wang’s house while he was away.

“It was a wonderful afternoon,” Bennert said. Residents in the 700 block of Berkshire replicated a similar effort.

The close-knit group of Pemberton residents, who regularly hold block parties and other events, already is planning to participate in a locally held “Pan CAN” awareness event scheduled for May.

Meanwhile, Wang said he intends to surpass the relatively small survival rate of patients. He was encouraged to learn that Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman George McMullen resumed his position with the city this year, after resigning to devote energy to overcoming pancreatic cancer.

A purple haze of support from Wang’s neighbors adds even more determination.

“I think that’s the beauty of living in this type of community,” he said.

“I’m a firm believer that I’m going to be one that’ll beat the odds.”

## Shores sees budget surplus, remains underfunded in OPEB liability

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — While retaining its AAA bond rating, the Shores also achieved a fund balance surplus of \$64,567, according to the city’s audit financial statements for year end June 30, 2020.

Although total revenue for the fiscal year was \$5.9 million, a 1.5 percent decrease from 2019, total expenditures saw a larger decrease of 10 percent, at \$6 million. This could be due to park improvements being wrapped up in 2019, creating \$860,000 in recreation and culture expenditures in 2019 compared to \$448,000 in 2020.

The surplus also can be

attributed to the city not filling certain staff positions for several months, as well as to decreased pool operations amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have to be conscious when the department heads report their needs in January that these savings will not most likely happen again,” said Sandra Cavataio, councilwoman and chair of the finance committee, “so we have to be very careful about how we budget ourselves and what our needs really are, because otherwise we would be very short on the budget.”

The Government Finance Officers Association recommends cities maintain a minimum general fund bal-

ance that is equal to two months of normal operations. With two out of 12 months equating to approximately 17 percent, the Shores’ general fund is in sound financial condition with the total unrestricted fund balance representing approximately 29 percent of the annual expenditures.

However, the Shores’ governmental activities saw a negative unrestricted net position as of June 30, 2020, which can largely be attributed to the city’s legacy costs: the net pension liability and the net other post-employment benefits, or retiree healthcare, liability.

The negative unrestricted net position for governmental activities is

at \$16.2 million, made up of a just more than \$10 million net pension liability and \$8.4 million net OPEB liability.

“If you didn’t have those legacy costs, you would have about \$2.3 million worth of positive unrestricted net position, but you do have those liabilities, (so) you have to record those,” said Aaron Stevens, of Maner Costerisan. “You have to recognize that you made promises to the employees for these benefits and that is the recognition of those promises.”

Due to Public Act 202 passed in 2017, municipalities are required to have minimum funding levels of 60 percent for

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, DEC. 7

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 8

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 a.m. via Zoom.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Harbor Committee meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Sustainability Committee meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Park virtual Santa visits, 5 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. Cost is \$10 per child. Call 313-822-2812, Ext. 300.



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### Outdoor entertainment

The Festival Flutes have played at nursing homes 25 years, but this year performances were put on hold, so the group decided to give free concerts. They perform in the parking garage at Kercheval and Notre Dame from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. They also recently played for Kroger shoppers in the field at Maire Elementary School. Pictured are, from left, Kelly Boll, Olga Stathis, Laurie Stracham, Linnaea Licavoli, Margaret Ackerman, Joan Odorowski, Anne Bouret and Ruth Louwsma.

## GOALS:

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ber, city council unanimously adopted a series of council goals through 2021 during the meeting Monday, Nov. 16.

Adopted were implementing the adjusted parking system with new equipment; initiating and completing the rezoning of Mack Avenue consistent with the Phase 2 plan; achieving a redevelop-

opment ready community certification; and aligning council and Main Street Grosse Pointe goals to make sure the two are in sync and moving forward together.

An additional goal is to create and begin the implementation of the historic district plan and standards process.

“I want to state clearly that that has not yet been decided or approved,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak

said. “We’re still in the beginning stages on that. This is no guarantee that that’s going to go forward.”

The next steps will include City Manager Pete Dame identifying key objectives to be accomplished in each goal area, as well as identifying timelines to complete the objectives and goals when possible.

“My original plan had been to try to define more long-term strategic goals,

but COVID kind of got in the way of that as it’s doing with just about everything these days,” Tomkowiak explained, “so we focused on more immediate initiatives that can be completed within the next 12 months or so.

“Once we get a better picture of where we stand going forward and things start to settle down a little bit, we’ll be in a position to work on those longer-term strategies.”



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Real estate developer is Detroit-dedicated

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

Brad Foster has fond memories of growing up in Grosse Pointe and traveling into Detroit to enjoy the city’s attractions. So he didn’t take it well when he attended The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and sat in business courses where his stomping grounds were used for unflattering lessons.

“They always used to use Detroit as an example of a bad market,” said Foster. “I always got offended because it was my hometown, so that drove me to come back and invest.”

At 28, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident heads Foster Financial Co., and uses his education and instincts to

prove his former instructors wrong. Foster Financial’s growing portfolio includes about a dozen office buildings in the metro area. The company recently acquired its largest property, the 28-story 211 Tower in downtown Detroit, a building developed in 1961 in which Foster will invest \$10 million toward renovating. Housing government employees including the federal bankruptcy court, the prestigious location on Fort Street will expand to include dining venues and coffee shops, Foster said.

The company is looking for investors with similar interests in supporting Detroit’s ongoing revitalization.

“I never imagined the company would come

this far, this fast, but we always joke that we don’t have time to celebrate the wins,” Foster said.

Despite his youth as the founder and managing partner of a company that has grown to include construction management and additional services, Foster said the path to finding his niche wasn’t so direct. The company explored hospitality — including tossing its hat into the ring of developers for a proposed Grosse Pointe hotel — and apartments before creating a real estate strategy around office buildings.

“It sounds simple, but it took us a long time to find out what we were good at,” he said.

Brendan George, who will assist Foster in mar-

keting and leasing, praised the company for acquiring “a high-profile asset” in downtown Detroit.

“The iconic nature of the building, along with the coming renovations, will make the 211 Tower a must-see for prospective tenants in the area,” George said.

Fortune 500 companies will be invited to call the building their home, along with a mix of other public and private tenants of various sizes, in line with Foster Financial’s vision. The challenges of such a huge project are significant, but also motivating, Foster said.

“We joke that we have a day to celebrate, because there’s a whole new set of problems,” he added. “But it’s exciting.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Foster Financial Co., led by Brad Foster of Grosse Pointe Farms, plans to invest \$10 million toward renovating 211 Tower in downtown Detroit.



Sworn in

Above, Grosse Pointe Park City Clerk Jane Blahut, left, swears in new Park councilwoman, Darci McConnell. Right, Blahut watches as McConnell signs her oath of office.



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Out for a trot

Grosse Pointe Park Councilwoman Michele Hodges ran eight miles on Thanksgiving during the Grosse Pointe Park Virtual Turkey Trot. Here, she trots along the boardwalk at Patterson Park with what she called her turkey family. People were encouraged to get outside on Thanksgiving for the virtual event.

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“Fifty years ago, the school district and the city entered into an agreement to develop a park where the Neighborhood Club used to be and that the city would maintain it,” City Manager Pete

Dame said. “It’s run successfully for 50 years and just seems like yesterday and now it’s time to extend it.”

Under the agreement, the City leases the property from the school district for \$1 a year; however, operational costs come in around \$40,000 annually, not

including capital expenses for any major repairs or replacements to the facilities. The only exception is if any major repair or replacement to the tennis courts is needed, the cost will be shared 50 percent each

with approval from both parties.

“We’re paying \$1 a year for the privilege of paying \$40,000 a year to maintain it and we’re happy to do that,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

While the city administers the field-use policy and operates the park, any build on the property would require an agreement from both parties.

“We’re effectively leasing it, so when you have a leasehold, you control the property subject to the terms of the lease,” City Attorney Charles Berschback explained. “If either side wanted to do capital improvements, they’d both have to agree.”

A deed restriction on the property dictates it must be for community use as a park.

“The Neighborhood Club sold this property 50-some years ago to the school district with a provision that continues today that the property shall be used for the benefit of the people in the Grosse Pointe school district,” Dame explained. “So that’s all the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, for the purposes of recreation.”

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**Can-Am violations**

After being pulled over on Lakeshore Road in a Can-Am because its plate was expired out of South Dakota, a 25-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving while license expired at 12:22 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

**Racking up charges**

A traffic stop at Mack Avenue and Shelborne Road because of swerving and a junked plate on the car at 5:47 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, led to a Detroit man and woman in their 30s being arrested for multiple charges each.  
The man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and a CPL violation after a preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol content was .21 percent and a search of the vehicle found a stolen gun under the seat, while the woman was arrested when 25 debit cards in other people's names were found on her person.

**Suspended license**

A 19-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with her second suspended license at 8:50 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, after being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Lafontaine Street for driving without headlights.

**Animal cruelty**

Officers are pursuing a warrant for animal cruelty after a 26-year-old resident left his dog chained in the backyard of a house in the 400 block of Moran Road all day Sunday, Nov. 22, without food or water.

**Stolen vehicle**

A white 2018 Dodge Charger was stolen from

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a driveway in the 400 block of Lexington Road at 6:10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25. A broken passenger window was left in the driveway.

**Wrong priorities**

After being pulled over on Mack Avenue for driving with her cellphone on the steering wheel at 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, a 22-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested for driving while license suspended. Suspected cocaine was found when the car was impounded.

**Driving without a license**

During a traffic stop for improper lane usage on Mack Avenue at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, a 20-year-old East Lansing woman was ticketed for driving without a license.  
— *Laurel Kraus*  
*Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.*

**Grosse Pointe Shores**

**Striking the curb**

After striking the curb several times at 9:57 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, a 25-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over for improper lane use at Vernier Road and Morningside Drive and subsequently arrested for driving while license suspended and without insurance.  
— *Laurel Kraus*  
*Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.*

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

**Unlocked entry**

Work tools were disturbed in a vehicle in the 1700 block of Anita and the owner of the parked

vehicle discovered its doors open after it had been entered between 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, and 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30.  
A flag had been removed from a flag holder at the home and left nearby on the ground. Several of the items from the vehicle had been left on a neighbor's lawn.  
The vehicle had been left unlocked.  
— *Eddie B. Allen Jr.*  
*Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.*

**Grosse Pointe Park**

**Foiled after fleeing**

A 56-year-old Southfield man was arrested around 2:20 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, after fleeing police at Mack and Beaconsfield when police tried to detain the vehicle for speeding.  
The driver fled and stop sticks were used to disable the vehicle before the suspect was taken into custody after police discovered open intoxicants, a knife and outstanding arrest warrants.

**Aggressive inmate**

A 23-year-old Harper Woods man added malicious destruction of police property to a charge of operating under the influence of drugs after he was arrested around 8:20 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24.  
The suspect had been seen committing several traffic infractions at Jefferson and Beaconsfield before he was taken into custody. While at the jail, he ripped a telephone from the wall.  
— *Eddie B. Allen Jr.*  
*Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.*

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pension liabilities and 40 percent for retiree healthcare.  
The Shores' pension liability is 68 percent funded as of June 30, 2020 — Mayor Ted Kedzierski stated it is 90.3 percent when using the city's internal rate of return — but its retiree healthcare was 18 percent funded, failing to meet the minimum requirement.  
“You're required to make your contributions to the pension plan,” Stevens explained. “You are not required to legally fund the OPEB plan and as a result, your OPEB plan is about 18 percent funded. You're not alone with that. A lot of my clients don't fund the OPEB plan. They pay as you go. They pay the invoices as they come in, but that's not a true reflection of the promises that have been made and the liability that has to be recognized.”  
Of the city's two enterprise funds, the water and sewer fund saw an

increase in net position of \$249,000, while the marina fund has more debt than the net book value of the capital assets; however, the trend is con-

tinuing to improve as in recent years.  
“It challenges us (on) how we can generate more revenue,” Kedzierski said.



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OUR VIEW

The exodus

A survey of families leaving the Grosse Pointe schools provides some pretty substantial proof that parents of younger children prize face-to-face learning. Elementary students were the biggest group to depart the Grosse Pointe Public School System, according to the exit survey; a majority across all grades transferred to private schools that promised in-classroom teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other districts have had exoduses, too, although an affluent district like Grosse Pointe may have a bigger exit because more families can afford it.

Some families objected to the district’s reconfiguration, which took effect in September. But on the whole, the departures seem to reflect the unfortunate way families spent most of the summer in the dark. A remote start was announced abruptly in late August, with a hybrid plan for elementary students taking effect weeks later; that was shut down again last month.

Part of the erratic schedule is due to health department guidelines — something private schools may more easily ignore. But, as disease numbers soared, the district ran out of substitute teachers in November even before the health department acted.

Grosse Pointe is not alone in its problems. Yes, the district could and should have been more transparent, but ultimately its track record differs little from other districts: Face-to-face plans have largely ended, at least in metro Detroit, after only short stints. And remote learning remains deeply flawed.

The enemy here, as others often stress, is not a political party or, in this case, a school administration. It’s a worldwide pandemic.

Yes, the youngest students and those in special education need to be in classrooms whenever possible. But until whole communities follow mask and distancing protocols — and rapid testing and contact tracing become the norm — having schools open remains untenable. That suggests a long winter of ongoing discontent, until vaccinations become routine and the disease is contained.

OUR VIEW

Stop the threats

In a community as split as the Grosse Pointes over more than one issue, the name of Monica Palmer can arouse strong passions. But even those who detest what she’s done should unite in condemning the threats she’s gotten.

Ms. Palmer, of Grosse Pointe Woods, described the threats to the Michigan Board of Canvassers on Nov. 23. They don’t bear repeating; suffice it to say that they included physical violence and were of a type often hurled online at women who dare to take a controversial stand.

Controversy seems to follow in Ms. Palmer’s wake. She is the registered agent of Taxpayers for GP Schools, a group that bought ads naming three candidates in the Nov. 3 Board of Education contest. Although the ads did not directly solicit votes, the preference was clear.

Add her representation of this group, with its interest in election results, to her official post — chairperson of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers, which certifies the results — and it’s understandable that an ethics complaint was filed against her. The county Ethics Board, which received the complaint, will investigate.

And in her canvassing duties, Ms. Palmer caused a wider stir. First, she and her fellow Republican on the board voted against certification, creating a deadlock. Then, after taking heated comments and negotiating with a Democratic member, she voted yes. After the meeting, she tried to rescind her vote but was told there was no way to do so — all adding to discord set off by supporters of President Donald Trump as they tried to void votes here.

A hero to some, a villain to others, Ms. Palmer may or may not remain in the spotlight. Either way, she ought to be able to believe that her fellow Grosse Pointers deplore the threats she’s endured.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

The sunset in The Village last week created soft pastel colors as the Christmas lights came on giving a peaceful feeling in the air. Be sure to visit The Village — and The Hill and the Park and Mack Avenue — during this holiday season and remember to “shop local”!

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.

Slap in the face

To the Editor:

I have been proud to reside in Grosse Pointe Shores for nearly 30 years. I have attended numerous city council meetings, and have participated in discussions on many topics.

Occasionally, these discussions have been difficult, as one would expect during these unusual times. But almost always, our elected officials have been respectful and understanding of residents’ positions — even when they differ from their own.

At least that was the case until our most recent meeting, held over Zoom, on Nov. 17.

One of our recently elected councilmen chose to use the public meeting to display a backdrop that stated that the “SUPREME COURT VOTED IT’S FAIR FOR RETIREES TO \$HARE IN HEALTH CARE COSTS.”

This was a direct slap in the face to a group of our current public safety, public works and administrative retirees who are challenging a recent council decision that changed the terms of health care benefits that were agreed upon by all parties years ago.

I am not an attorney, nor am I in any position to challenge the “legality” of what our council has done. But I do know that I was raised to believe that when you shake hands and agree on a deal with someone, that there is more involved than contractual legality.

There is something called INTEGRITY. There is something called RESPECT for your word. There is something called HONOR.

Treating retirees who worked on our behalf and who currently depend on benefits that are even more important in the COVID era in this manner is simply not

right.

We live in a community that has truly been blessed in so many ways and the efforts of our current and retired employees certainly has been one of those.

If an elected official believes otherwise, perhaps he could have taken the time to sit down with our retirees to explain his beliefs and to listen to theirs.

Maybe that might have led to a better understanding and perhaps even to an agreement that everyone could accept — rather than posting a backdrop during a Zoom meeting that did nothing but make reaching that understanding and agreement only more difficult.

That would have been the honorable thing to do. And that might have been something we could have all been proud of and thankful for on this most unusual Thanksgiving.

RAYMOND RAHI, MD  
Grosse Pointe Shores

Black Lives Matter rebut

To the Editor:

I would like to point out that the Letter to the Editor titled, “Black Lives Matter ... but,” in the Thursday, Nov. 26, edition of the Grosse Pointe News, did not represent the “Black Lives Matter” philosophy and, in fact, did not cite the Black Lives Matter website.

The site the writer referenced is, in fact, a blog. This is the site referenced: blog.acton.org/archives/116471-explainer-what-does-black-lives-matter-believe.html?

This blog, an opinion, was published by an organization calling itself Acton Institute.

The official BLM website is: blacklivesmatter.com.

There is a lot of information (and misinformation) out there and I can understand how the

writer mistook one site for another. But before writing or speaking or claiming anything as important as to what an organization stands for, I implore everyone to check and double-check their sources.

NANCY SOLAK  
Grosse Pointe Farms

Annoyed

To the Editor:

I am a freshman who attends Grosse Pointe South (sort of). I have not met my teachers in person. I have not seen their classrooms. I have not seen my locker.

Middle and high school students have not stepped foot in school since March, nine months ago. G.P. was one of the few districts who never attempted to get us in-person this fall despite COVID numbers being low in September and October.

Something needs to be done. Evidence suggests that being on screens for extended periods of time affects young brains in negative ways. The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that strict time limits should be set up for screen time.

Why did the school board not push for return to school when numbers were low? Why did administrators/teachers not seek face to face?

I hope it was not because of money savings or selfishness. I have had several teachers tell my class they can’t come to school because they need to take care of their kids.

I wrote this because I was feeling sad, alone and frustrated. I am annoyed that I have not been in school. I am annoyed by the teachers agreeing to leave us out of school.

If we do not act soon, the light at the end of the tunnel will go out for many people. The consequences of this forced containment will affect us for a lifetime. Also, Dr. Fauci wants us in school.

JACK WEBBER,  
Grosse Pointe Farms

BLM, 2

To the Editor:

Residents of the Pointes, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores all received anonymous letters that specifically targeted them for their “Black Lives Matter” signs.

The letters contained numerous and repeated

falsehoods, which can easily be disproved using a Google machine.

Why, after so many years, have people failed to learn about the goals of the movement? The answer is simple: they choose not to do so.

Calling attention to the systemic racism (which exists, and has been proven to exist, so asserting it does not is not a valid point) makes people feel badly about themselves and while ignoring the problem serves their purpose, it does not serve our collective purpose.

The words we use to describe our country, and the ideals to which we ascribe, must be matched by our actions. All lives do matter, but all lives cannot matter until Black Lives Matter.

Calling this a “Soros-inspired, Marxist attack” weakens your argument.

It is our responsibility to bring forth a just and lasting peace, not just for the people who look like us, but for ourselves, and all nations.

PETE SMITH  
Grosse Pointe Farms

BLM, 3

To the Editor:

In response to the contributor who empathized with the anonymous letter to neighbors with BLM lawn signs, it seems a bit patronizing to assume that people expressing support for an idea (or ideal) don’t have as much knowledge as you, or as you think they should have.

And receiving an anonymous letter in which part of the declaration is that “there never has been racism in America” seems a far more frustrating (and frightening) stance to take than those supporting racial justice by putting a sign on their lawn.

Signs of all types have been appearing during this time of COVID and extraordinary political divisiveness. Have those displaying political endorsement signs ever read the Democratic or Republican platforms?

Some of the positions in those documents would make your hair curl and they certainly do not have “clear, concise, measurable goals” to support all claims, which are so numerous I gave up counting. Not to mention one of the parties has been actively

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

# Historic elections then and now



Early the morning of Nov. 8, 2000, my 9-year-old daughter bounded down the basement steps to where I was folding laundry at the dryer. “Who won?” she asked. “Bush or Gore?” Her urgency wasn’t because we discussed politics at the dinner table each night or she was concerned about the country’s future in the hands of one or the other

presidential candidate. She was inquiring because in her fourth-grade music class she was learning “The Presidents Song,” in which she sang the presidents in order from George Washington to the present, and she wanted to know how to complete the lyrics. “Neither,” I replied. “Or at least we don’t know yet.” I explained this was a historic moment for our nation and then I finished folding the laundry, she got ready for school and our day went on. We gave little thought to how the events unfolding over the next 45 days would impact our lives going forward.

Flash forward to a very different picture in 2020. Twenty years ago, headlines came to us in the morning paper and evening network news shows. My husband and I didn’t have cable TV at the time, nor did we carry the internet in our pockets. Today, not only did news about this historic election arrive 24/7, but technology allowed us to experience events live and in real time. In the three weeks since the election, I watched events unfold, heard people speak, witnessed voting in action and later watched or read recaps in national news I could compare to my own observations. This made me feel like I was a participant in history in the making.

And while I didn’t in reality help shape any of these events, I know people — friends, community members, business people and local politicians — who did play a role, from working to get out the vote and volunteering at the polls to speaking up publicly about the importance of protecting the democratic process. My husband’s colleague, who served as a poll watcher at the TCF Center in Detroit on election day, described working with a partner from the other party as “very collegial” and the experience in general as “actually kind of boring,” according to his wife. The excitement came

the next day during the counting of absentee ballots when more poll watchers showed up than the rules allowed. Some were there to challenge the counting process taking place. Others were there to protect it. I witnessed the clashing of the two sides in a live stream of protests outside the TCF Center. One group was chanting: “Stop the count!” while others cried out: “Count every vote!” More drama followed during a lengthy Wayne County Board of Canvassers meeting. I logged in early enough to gain access. Meanwhile, proceedings were delayed nearly two hours to accommodate the many people who wanted to attend and as more paperwork — affidavits describing experiences at the TCF Center, from what I gathered — poured in.

Public comments followed for several hours after the two Republican members of the board voted against certifying the votes, resulting in a split decision. Later they reversed course in a controversial sequence of events. The Board of State Canvassers meeting nearly a week later was live-streamed. This time I was among more than 20,000 people observing the proceedings. Approximately 500 people signed up to make public comments, including a friend of mine who waited six hours and 47

minutes to have her voice heard. The meeting began at 1 p.m., but the vote didn’t take place until 4:24 p.m. What typically was a routine process — certifying votes across Michigan’s 83 counties — turned into a nail-biter where democracy was on the line and one under-the-radar politician put principles above party in a rare show of courage typically reserved for TV dramas. What did I learn in the process? That election clerks across the state, regardless of party affiliation, take their jobs seriously. That while election reform may be overdue, there’s a difference between human error and fraud. That affidavits aren’t considered evidence unless a court

deems them so. That people care deeply about their votes. That our democracy rests on elected and appointed government officials fulfilling their sworn duties and not overstepping their essential functions. That moment the Board of State Canvassers certified Michigan’s votes with three ayes and one abstention marked a tipping point in history, as it was followed within hours by the announcement the president-elect’s formal transition process would commence. For fourth graders learning “The Presidents Song” in 2020, at least now they have their answer and can move forward — as can the rest of us.

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undermining confidence in the integrity of the American election process (hint: our current president is leader of this party). This hasn’t stopped people from supporting him, perhaps because they subscribe to other positions and actions they think offset this and are worthwhile. It’s called compromise and adults do it all the time. In fact, it’s a fair statement that of the 154 million of them who chose one or the other of these visions in this past election cycle, there were more than a few who did not agree with everything

in their party’s platform. When we start from a position of assuming that others are aware of the choices (and compromises) they’ve made, our interactions are likely to go better than when we presume we have to educate others about their own choices. So go ahead and put that sign expressing your beliefs out on your lawn — we’ll not only respect your right to do it, we’ll also assume that, despite the foibles and limitations of whatever philosophy you’re subscribing to, maybe you’re aspiring to an ideal that speaks to you in creating a better America.

B. CHIAPELLA  
Grosse Pointe Park

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# Parcells holiday bazaar goes virtual

Parcells Middle School’s PTO is hosting its annual holiday bazaar online this year. The annual event, now in its 45th year, features all handmade holiday arts and crafts and is the longest-running and largest arts and craft show in the Grosse Pointes.

The tradition continues but, due to safety concerns, community members may shop online at [parcells-bazaar.com](http://parcells-bazaar.com) from the comfort of their homes through Thursday, Dec. 31. Virtual booths offer free ongoing shopper access from local artisans and crafters.

“Like many businesses and charity events, changes have had to be made and we acknowledge this will not feel, look or operate exactly like it has in the past,” said committee chairperson Donna Miller. “One thing that hasn’t changed is our ability to support local crafters.”

Proceeds from the school’s largest annual fundraiser will help provide classroom grants to meet student and teacher needs during the pandemic.

“While the Parcells holiday bazaar may look different this year, we still hope that our community will take the opportunity to shop, find unique gifts and, most importantly, support our school,” said Parcells Principal Dan Hartley. “Money raised through the bazaar supports our instrumental and vocal music programs and is used for special projects each year. This year we will also use these funds to purchase technology and resources to support both teachers and students, in-person and with remote learning while we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.”

An online silent auction featuring the “Best of the Bazaar” baskets kicked off Friday, Nov. 27, and concludes 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Winners will be contacted at the end of the day to coordinate basket pickup or drop-off.



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### GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVERTISEMENT

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System (“Owner” or “School District”) will receive sealed Bid Proposals for:

**PROJECT - SUMMER 2021 WORK PROGRAM – NORTH HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION**

Bid Proposals will be received by Amanda Matheson, Deputy Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, at 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, on or before 2:00 p.m. (local time) on December 22, 2020 (“Due Date”). The Board of Education will not consider or accept a Bid Proposal received after the Due Date, the date and time specified for Bid Proposal submission. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the Due Date at the same location. Due to COVID restrictions attendance is not required for the opening and will be restricted to (1) representative from each company. Additionally, for those who wish to attend the opening virtually, please dial-in using 636.373.8636, Conference ID 811 104 278#

A Pre-Bid Proposal meeting will be held on the following date:

December 8th, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m. at North High School located at 707 Vernier Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236. All persons attending the Pre-Bid will be required to meet at the main parking lot located behind the school. This is an active school so face masks will be mandatory and temperature scans will be required in order to enter the building.

Each Bid Proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Each Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

Each Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount no less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount(s).

The Grosse Pointe Public School System’s Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, or to award the contract to other than the contractor(s) submitting the best financial Bid Proposal (low bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

Bid documents, including Bidders Information Manual, scopes of work, Drawing and Specifications will be made available Tuesday, December 01, 2020 at the following website:

<https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/54f0e584a238df0800778ee6/> (Search for Grosse Pointe Summer 2021 Work Program North High School Renovation)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Kuelske at (313) 596-0520 or email at [nkuelske@tcco.com](mailto:nkuelske@tcco.com), and Luke Augspurger at (313) 402-7014 or email at [LAugspurger@tcco.com](mailto:LAugspurger@tcco.com).

**GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**  
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**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2020**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 5:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

**MOTIONS PASSED**

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on October 5, 2020 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on October 12, 2020
- Remove item CM 10-155-20 Resolution in Support of Transformative and Restorative Justice from Tabled and Pending Items and place under Old Business 1 to be discussed following the completion of New Business items.
- To open the public hearing on the 2021 Budget.
- To close the public hearing on the 2021 Budget.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**RESOLUTION PASSED**

- to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 120359 through 120472 in the amount of \$242,302.59 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 SafeBuilt, Inc. In the amount of \$34,802.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of September 2020. (3) approve payment to Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$5,735.74 for the purchase of an additional tabulator with funds from the CTCL grant being used. (4) approve payment in the amount of \$3,100.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with a watermain break at a residential location. (5) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,717.20 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes. (6) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,925.57 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the months of August and September and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of a hard drive and cables. (7) to approve payment to Cynergy Products in the amount of \$7,113.03 with Ford reimbursing the City the entire amount. (8) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$21,136.11 for professional services during the month of September 2020 for the following projects: 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-239; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-231; 2020 Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-233; Stormwater Asset Management, #180-202; Signal Modernization, #180-228; Aerial Install on Beaconsfield, #180-242; City Hall Roof Replacement, #180-236; Extenet Fiber, #180-220 and Everstream GPW Connector, #180-237.
- to adopt the Tax Levy Resolution set forth on page 1 of the budget document hereby establishing the following tax rate for 2021.General 19.8661;General (P.A. 359) .2000; Refuse 2.5345; Library 1.9106; Debt 1.3750; TOTAL 25.8862
- approve the Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution found on Page 2 of the budget document, thereby adopting the 2021 Budget as presented.
- that a rate of \$210.00 per residential equivalent unit will continue and is hereby established for the storm water utility charge to be billed December 1, 2020.
- to adopt the Resolution in Support of Transformative and Restorative Justice. (Attachment 1)

**Valerie Kindle, Mayor**

**Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk**

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# Librarian offers curbside checkout

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

If the students will not come to the library, then the library must go to the students.

That's the philosophy behind elementary school librarian Amy Hermon's curbside checkout for students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System — and others in the community, too.

"Putting books in the hands of our kids is our highest calling," she said.

It's also "the greatest fun I have all day," she added. "... Watching my students walk away with armfuls of books has been one of the most gratifying experiences of this pandemic."

Hermon is the designated librarian for Defer, Maire and Monteith elementary schools and the One GP Virtual program. Between Defer and One GP Virtual, she supports the most elementary students in the district.

Ever since the school year began remotely, educators have had to find innovative ways to support their students.

"School librarians have also become incredibly adept at finding ways to make sure that our students have the resources — not only taking advantage of our amazing digital resources, but also being able to circulate our print resources in a way that is safe and responsible," Hermon said.

Three afternoons a week, from 3 to 5 p.m., with the help of assistants from each library, Hermon assembles books on carts for students to stop by and browse at one of her three buildings. Offering choice is important, so Hermon makes sure the "mini-collection on wheels" includes a variety from the library's offerings to appeal to all interests, from fiction and graphic novels to non-fiction.

A welcome respite dur-



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Hermon captures a selfie outside of Monteith Elementary School.

ing the pandemic, the outdoor library has become a community gathering place with "an open house feel to it because you have families coming from all over," Hermon said.

"So many of our students are coming with their families, walking or riding their bikes and staying a little while. Sitting on the grass and reading and having an opportunity to socially distance and see their friends. One GP Virtual students who only have an opportunity to see each other virtually now have an opportunity to see their friends standing in line checking out books."

Curbside checkout is weather dependent, but unless it's raining, sleeting or snowing, Hermon said patrons can count on her to be there, even as temperatures drop in the coming days and weeks. She recommends dressing "as if you're tailgating in late November."

Hermon offered hall-

way checkout for students during the four weeks of in-person hybrid learning in the elementary school buildings before the school district pivoted back to fully remote learning Nov. 9.

Inside or out, school librarians abide by the same American Library Association guidelines and safety protocols for quarantining and handling books between patron use as the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Hermon said.

The school district also is networked with the GPPL.

"We are simply another branch of the public library system," Hermon said. "... If a community member looks at the Grosse Pointe Public Library website, they would see all the books we have on the school shelves."

Anyone from the community "can come out and check out books," she added, including grandparents and students



Three afternoons a week, librarian Amy Hermon offers curbside pickup for students at Defer, Maire and Monteith elementary schools and enrolled in the One GP Virtual program.

from private schools.

Librarians also ensure students have access to digital resources, from audiobooks and ebooks to online magazines, all downloadable to a mobile device or computer.

However, in Hermon's opinion, "the physical experience of turning the pages of a book can't be replaced with the digital experience. Especially with our

youngest readers."

Print materials give students of all ages an opportunity to "break away from that screen time and ... delve into a book."

Making these resources available would not have been possible without the support of building and central administration, Hermon noted.

"We are extremely fortunate to have that con-

tinued support," she said.

"They have always made it possible for us to do the things we need to do to support our students."

Without that support, resources would have sat on the library shelves unused — which is "a terrible thought," Hermon said. "It is truly a missed opportunity if, day in and day out, these books don't get used and enjoyed and loved by students."



## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 90 KERBY ROAD, DECEMBER 14, 2020, 7:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. virtually through an online Zoom meeting to consider an application from the owner of the property located at 115 Lakeshore. The applicant requests the following variances;

- Approve a dimensional variance to provide less than the minimum required front yard setback;
- Approve a dimensional variance to provide less than the minimum required rear yard setback.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearings. Public comments will be received during the Public Hearing, orally. If you are unable to be present at the Public Hearing, please submit your written comments to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, by December 11, 2020. For detailed instructions on how to observe or participate in the meeting please contact the City Clerk's office at 313 885-6600 or visit the City website.

For further information regarding the application please contact Matthew Baka, Public Services Director, at (313) 885-4285. Plans are available at City Hall for review.

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- Approve a dimensional variance to provide less than the required 15' side yard setback for one side;
- Approve a dimensional variance to provide less than the required 30' side yard setback for both sides combined.

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# ULS completes eight-year fundraising campaign

Despite economic uncertainty, University Liggett School announced the successful completion of its largest fundraising campaign in school history. When ULS launched its \$50 million Sure Foundations campaign in 2012, the country still was in a measured recovery from the Great Recession.

The campaign concluded eight years later in the midst of a pandemic, exceeding its goal and raising \$51 million. In total, 2,722 people from 46 states and five countries donated, according to a news release. “No matter how



FILE PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**The John and Marlene Boll Campus Center was made possible with a \$4.25 million lead campaign gift from John and Marlene Boll. One of its main attractions is the Fruehauf Gymnasium, named for donors Dick and Janet Fruehauf.**

tumultuous times are, something we can count on is our community of endlessly supportive and giving friends, fam-

ily, alumni, faculty and staff,” said ULS Chief Executive Officer Kelley Hamilton, who oversaw the campaign. “When we launched this campaign eight years ago, we could never have predicted under what circumstances it would conclude, but we finished strong with donors continuing to give generously, despite the pandemic.”

Major initiatives of the campaign included:

- ◆ Scholarships, including the Liggett Merit Scholarship, the school’s only merit-based scholarship, which has offered more than 80 students full or partial tuition for all four years of upper school.
- ◆ Increasing the endowment to further secure the school’s financial stability for

academic programming and professional development. The Clyde and Helen Wu Family Fund issued a \$500,000 match challenge, which ultimately raised a combined \$1 million for the campaign’s “Faculty of Excellence” initiative.

- ◆ Improved capacity, including an expansion of outdoor athletic facilities, enabling the largest simultaneous, contiguous installation of turf fields of any high school in the country. Adjacent to the fields was constructed the John and Marlene Boll Campus Center, a 30,200-square-foot community gathering space. This building was made possible with a \$4.25

million lead campaign gift, which also was the single largest donation in school history, from John and Marlene Boll.

“University Liggett School would not be able to facilitate its mission if not for the resounding graciousness and generosity of our community,” ULS Head of School Bart Bronk said. “Every dollar raised for this campaign goes toward fulfilling our mission to effect profound growth and understanding in our students. The impact of this campaign on our school and our students will be remarkable, both in the present and the future.”

— Mary Anne Brush

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## District band and orchestra students named all-state

Eight Grosse Pointe Public School System students were chosen for the 2020-21 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association All-State bands and orchestra. Nearly 1,500 students across the state auditioned remotely for a panel of 25 instrument-specific All-State adjudicators.

Brownell Middle School’s Lilliana Wodzisz, violin and viola; Parcels Middle School’s Tejas Shastri-Deonkar, trombone; and

Pierce Middle School’s Daniel Gross, cello, were selected into the MSBOA Middle School All-State Band and Orchestra.

Selected for the MSBOA High School All-State Band and Orchestra were Grosse Pointe North High School’s Stephen Barstys, alto sax; Ben Graham, viola; and Sophia Graham, oboe, along with Grosse Pointe South High School’s Charlotte Parent, viola and Igor Trifunovic, violin.



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2005 Chevy Impala	2G1WF52E759312725
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2010 Ford Escape	1FMC40C70AKA13293
2003 Pontiac Grand Am	1G2NF52E43M734006
2006 Mazda 5	JM1CR293X60114222
2008 Pontiac G6	1G2ZH57N284293472
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Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth  
Traffic Safety Section

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A year of thanksgiving  
Family celebrates first anniversary of living organ donation

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mark Dybis heard his brother-in-law, Dave Galbenski, needed a new liver, he and his wife immediately signed up to donate.

“It wasn’t much of a decision,” the 51-year-old said. “This has to be done; we have to find this guy a liver. My wife and I put ourselves on the list.”

It was a move they kept from Galbenski, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident, throughout the months-long wait.

“That’s nothing you want to tease someone with when you might fall off that list,” Dybis said. “I had to keep my silence and move forward until we got the thumbs up.”

Following months of blood work, that approval finally came and Dybis was quick to share the news.

As Galbenski recalls, “That was one of the most emotional days I’ve ever had in my life. ... He said, ‘Dave, I’ve got good news. I’m going to be your liver donor.’ You can only imagine the emotions I felt at that point. Certainly there were lots of tears, lots of joy, lots of relief and, in pre-COVID time, lots of hugs to thank him for an amazing gift that he was giving me, because I view it as clearly the gift of life, but moreover I kind of looked at it as the gift of moments — moments that I’ll be able to have in the future

that, but for his generosity, I would not have been able to experience.”

It’s been a decade since Galbenski, 51, experienced the first signs of liver trouble; then, in 2013, he was diagnosed with primary sclerosing cholangitis, or PSC, which causes bile backup, liver scarring and, eventually, cessation of liver function altogether.

Among his symptoms, he said, were fatigue, weight loss, jaundiced skin and itching.

There’s no treatment for PSC, he added. Galbenski, an otherwise healthy marathon runner, was told he would die without a transplant.

“At that point, I just leaned on my faith,” he recalled. “I know it’s in God’s hands at this point.”

Galbenski was put on the transplant list Feb. 14, 2019 — Valentine’s Day, but also National Organ Donor Day.

“I had a lot of faith,” he said. “I tried to control what I could control, which was to stay positive, to really be patient in waiting on the waiting list and hope for the best.”

Added Dybis, “Dave is the ultimate optimist. He is definitely on the black side of the ledger sheet in the positives and negatives of the world. He’s a difficult read and I hadn’t realized how dark the hole he was in waiting on the transplant list. It’s a terrible place to be.



Mark Dybis, right, donated a portion of his liver to his brother-in-law, Dave Galbenski, just before Thanksgiving last year.

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“All the way through you’re thinking, ‘What’s the end game here?’” he continued. “This is a human life on the line. Whatever we’ve got to do to get this done, let’s get this done.”

As soon as Dybis was confirmed as a donor, they set a transplant date. The Monday before last Thanksgiving, Nov. 25, 2019, Dybis donated 65 percent of his liver to Galbenski in a surgery performed at Henry Ford Hospital by Dr. Marwan Abouljoud, head of the Henry Ford Transplant Institute, and Dr. Atsushi Yoshida, surgical director of abdominal and liver transplantation.

Dybis said his part of the transplant was simple.

“I was just there to drop off a package and take the longest nap of my life,” he said.

Dybis’s minimally invasive surgery lasted around six hours and was completed through a 4-inch incision.

From start to finish, Galbenski’s surgery also lasted six hours.

“Dr. Abouljoud took out the left side of Mark’s liver, then I put in Dave’s new liver from Mark,” Yoshida said. “The interesting part about the liver is it grows back, but it doesn’t grow back like starfishes’ arms, which grow completely back.

Like a tree that you cut a big branch off of, the tree grows back to normal size afterward, but the stump is still there. (The liver) grows back to 98 percent of its original size in a very short period of time, six to eight weeks. Function comes back in a week or two.”

“I have nothing but great things to say about Henry Ford Health System, from the surgical team to the pre- and post-transplant coordinators, everyone in the ICU and transplant floor,” Galbenski said. “It was amazing care I was given.

“Recovery, like life, is not linear,” he added. “You have to have patience and you have to have perseverance and know that with that great gift of the liver, you’re going to get back to living a normal lifestyle.”

One year after his transplant, Galbenski said he plans to continue running marathons and even stepped back into his running shoes in October for the virtual Detroit Free Press Half Marathon, for which he ran through the Grosse Pointes.

He said having a positive mindset helped him on the road to recovery.

“Looking at a year in the rearview mirror, knowing that for a lot of people this particular year that we just have so

much to be thankful for, the gift of life is amazing for me,” he said. “To think, Mark was willing to do what he was able to do, which was to give me a piece of him to allow me to live and experience another Thanksgiving and hopefully lots more in the future.

“As I’ve indicated to Mark, he’s clearly an angel on earth that’s given me and my family tremendous hope for the future and a great year since the last Thanksgiving,” he continued. “I’m really excited about what the future can be. And hopefully Mark’s courageous act inspires other people to give life. At the end of the

day, what Mark did was not only save my life, but he freed up an organ for another individual to come off the transplant list.”

Yoshida, associate director of transplantation at Henry Ford and a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, said a living donation is something that benefits the community at large.

“... By donating a piece of a kidney or liver to the recipient, you have the benefit of, one, getting the transplant, but you don’t really think about the secondary consequences,” he said. “That liver you would have taken from the pipeline would no longer be gifted to you, but to somebody else.”

Yoshida said the true gift is those who donate, but also those who register with the Secretary of State to join the deceased donor organ donation registry.

He noted the importance of signing up for the donor registry, “so people will know ahead of time that that’s your wish,” he said. “... Signing up for the donor registry is the best way to let your family know, before something unfortunate happens, that you are interested in organ donation.”

Henry Ford Health System created the Henry Ford Center for Living Donation a couple of years ago to focus specialized care on the donor — as well as the recipient — in these crucial procedures.

“Without them, these lifesaving procedures cannot take place,” Yoshida said. “As the leading liver transplant center in Michigan, we see this happen over and over with great results. It is a true modern medical miracle.”



Galbenski returned to running this fall, taking part in the Detroit Free Press Half Marathon by running through the streets of Grosse Pointe.



Galbenski’s race bib, thanking his brother-in-law for the gift of life and encouraging others to become donors.

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# Motor City Mitten Mission supports Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

In an act of solidarity, Motor City Mitten Mission staff and volunteers camped out with unhoused people throughout metro Detroit in observance of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Nov. 15 to 22.

The effort was meant to highlight obstacles faced by homeless people during winter months and the daily services MCOMM provides to them, as well as share the stories of homeless and formerly homeless people who now work with MCOMM giving back to others.

Throughout the week, MCMM brought attention to the issue of homelessness across metro Detroit through a series of Facebook Live events highlighting its outreach programs, volunteers and those who receive its services.

Each day, a different aspect of its mission was noted, from its clothing and supply pantry to its transitional housing support and street outreach program.

Through its outreach program, for example, MCOMM serves hundreds each week with meals, clothing, supplies and resources to help end their homelessness. Every night of the week



From left, Nancy Grandillo, board member; Executive Director Gail Marlow and her dog, Milo; and volunteer Betty Lord stand by the tents they slept in. Lord and Grandillo each rotated nights spent outdoors; Marlow camped out every night of the week.

for 52 weeks each year, Executive Director Gail Marlow and her team of volunteers hit the streets to find people who are unhoused and provide them with resources and care.

MCMM also provides comfort through its mats and pillows project in which recycled plastic is crocheted into mats and pillows that are ideal for harsh Michigan weather, creating a barrier from the ground and helping the body retain heat while sleeping.

Marlow used such a mat and pillow each night during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness

Week, as she camped in front of MCMM offices in St. Clair Shores.

The week culminated in a virtual Campout for Compassion on Saturday, Nov. 20, during which friends and supporters were asked to camp in their backyards to raise money for MCMC outreach efforts.

In addition to bringing awareness to homelessness, MCMM also continued its daily outreach and delivered more than 800 meals and other basic necessities to the unsheltered homeless, dropped off groceries to more than 30 housebound food- and housing-insecure fami-

lies, provided move-in assistance and furnishings for three newly housed families and helped facilitate a number

of crucial services for clients — just during that one week.

The efforts were sponsored by Chicken Shack,



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# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Healthy G.P.H.W.

The Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods coalition offers free NARCAN opioid overdose rescue training 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, via Zoom. All attendees can receive a free NARCAN kit. To register, email

mharris@careofsem.  
com.

The coalition offers virtual suicide prevention training 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15. To register, email [mharris@careofsem.com](mailto:mharris@careofsem.com).

## Library

## The Grosse Pointe

Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ Family Yoga, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

◆ Mother Daughter Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade  
Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 8.

◆ Science Fiction Book Discussion Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9. The group will discuss "The Calculating Stars" by Mary Robinette Kowal.

Register on [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org) or call (313) 640-4775.

## Gilda's Club Lake House

Gilda's Club's Lake House location, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 3,  
Bereavement: Finding  
Your Way.

◆ 1:30 to 3 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 9,  
Breast Cancer Support  
Group.

◆ 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 10,  
Bereavement: Finding  
Your Way.

Register at [gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar](http://gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar).

## Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9. Rotarian Roger Hull will discuss future fundraising for the club. Visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org) for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

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# Holiday Lights Contest brings cheer to challenging year

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods coalition seeks entries for its 2020 Holiday Lights Contest — and the more creative, the better. “Our coalition members began noticing all the holiday décor and trees going up a little early and realized as a community we are looking for something to lift our spirits,” said Suzy Berschback, the coalition’s project manager. “Our traditions are comforting, so for the Holiday Lights Contest, we want to recognize and celebrate those who are going the extra mile to lift their spirits and their neighbors.”

Nominations will be judged on originality, creativity and the use of the holiday theme. Organizers hope to see homes sporting special lighting, musical effects and live actors, or “something special for 2020 that makes us laugh,” Berschback said.

“We are looking for colorful, beautiful, creative, traditional — all of it,” she added. “I think with the cold weather coming and people staying at home more, we can help people see more of what is in the communities. Though I encourage you to get in your car and take a drive to get some fresh air and take some photos of your own. You can also be part of the nominating crew; you can nominate the ones you enjoy.”

Nominations should be sent as Facebook messages on the Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods Facebook page and should include a photo and address of each nominated display.

All entries must be received by 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Judging takes place anonymously from 6 to 10 p.m. that evening. Of all entries, 10 finalists will be selected, but only the top three will be awarded.

“Right now we have a small group of judges that will be driving to the addresses to vote on Dec. 13,” Berschback said, noting photos will be posted on Facebook with permission; addresses are for judging purposes only. “We are very happy to take into consideration the number of likes a photo



on our Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods Facebook page receives.”

The top three displays will receive a commemorative trophy, cash prize and “bragging rights,” as well as be highlighted on the coalition’s Facebook page. Winners will be announced Monday, Dec. 14.

Like the decorations that inspired it, the contest is meant to instill comfort and joy in a usually cheerful time of year.

“In May, the U.S. Census Bureau released data revealing that one-third of Americans reported showing signs of clinical anxiety or depression,” Berschback said. “2020 has been challenging for all of us and it’s natural for some to experience symptoms such as sleeplessness, anxiety, depressed mood and feeling overwhelmed. The key is to find healthy coping techniques. Creativity is a great coping skill.”

“Right now we need to be checking in with ourselves on a daily basis and asking, ‘How am I feeling? Am I getting enough sleep? Am I feeling overwhelmed?’” she added. “If there is an area that needs to be addressed, identify the people or resources you can turn to.”

Berschback encouraged people to find positive outlets and ways to

unwind, like watching funny movies, cooking, reading, exercising, listening to music or other fulfilling hobbies.

“Get outside in nature,” she added, “eat to boost your immune system, practice mindfulness and get adequate sleep. If you are struggling, there are resources. The National Center for PTSD has a free app called ‘COVID Coach’ that includes mindfulness exercises, mood trackers and other tools.”

As part of its call for participants in the Holiday Lights Contest, the coalition encouraged community members to participate in the J.O.Y. Challenge, or Just One Year, at [healthygphw.org/the-joy-challenge](http://healthygphw.org/the-joy-challenge).

“Begin to put the joy back in the journey by using this free, science-based toolkit to help create a happier and healthier life,” Berschback said. “You can take the journey on your own, with your family or a friend and you may want to start an Action for Happiness group and try the practices together.”

Berschback also recommended people follow the Society of Joy Spreaders at [societyofjoyspreaders.com](http://societyofjoyspreaders.com).

“And visit our website at [healthygphw.org](http://healthygphw.org) to learn about local resources,” she added, including:

◆ The Detroit Wayne Network’s 24-hour Integrated Health helpline at (800) 241-

4949.

◆ MyStrength.com, where users can address depression, anxiety, stress, substance use, chronic pain and sleep challenges, while also supporting the physical and spiritual aspects of whole-person health.

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, which hosts a list of local therapists at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).

◆ Kevin’s Song for suicide prevention and resources at [kevinssong.org](http://kevinssong.org).

◆ The National Suicide Prevention Hotline at (800) 273-8255 or text “GO” to 741741.


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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.

### Timothy Sullivan

Grosse Pointe Park resident Timothy “Sully” Sullivan, 77, passed away Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, in Troy. He was born June 25, 1943, in Detroit, to Matthew and LaVerne (nee Dowey) Sullivan, both now deceased.

Timothy’s home was his business at Eastern Market and hockey was his passion.

He is survived by his children, Lisa Wlodeck (Buzz), Steven Sullivan (Ronda) and Michelle McPherson (Russ); daughter-in-law, Laurie Sullivan; partner, Cindy; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and brothers, Terry Sullivan (Kathy) and Todd Sullivan (Sheryl).

Timothy was predeceased by his wife, Sandra Sullivan, and their son, Bill Sullivan.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions in Timothy’s honor may be made to the East Side Youth Sports Foundation at ESYS Foundation, 26333 Jefferson, Suite 102, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

### Elaine K. Christensen

St. Clair Shores resident Elaine K. Christensen passed away peacefully Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, in Mason, surrounded by her family. Born in South Bend, Ind., to Geraldine and Verne Christensen, she was 75.

A graduate of Dowagiac Union Senior High School, Elaine earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Western Michigan University and a master’s degree in dispute resolution from Wayne State University.

She taught civics, history and social studies classes in the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 36 years. An educational activist, she believed in lifelong learning.

Elaine was a member of Grosse Pointe Prime Timers, Michigan Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Niagara-on-the-Lake Shaw Festival Group, Tuesday Musicale of Detroit and AM Swingers golf league.

In addition to education, she enjoyed politics, world travel, gardening, music, stage plays, movies and golf.

Elaine was predeceased by her husband, Victor, and brother, Verne. She is survived by her children, Christine (Ryan) and Victor (Jennifer); grandchild, Dante; and brother, Chris “Lynn” (Phillis).

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Elaine Christensen Memorial Education Fund, [gofundme.com/f/elaine-christensen-memorial-educational-fund/share](https://gofundme.com/f/elaine-christensen-memorial-educational-fund/share).

### Tom Youngblood

Tom Youngblood, 56, passed away Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020.

He was the loving son of Thomas P. and Sandy Youngblood of Grosse Pointe Shores; dear brother of Paul, Lori Huguenin (Gerald) and Kathy; nephew of Cindy Kerber (Lynn) and Sue Michon (Ron); uncle of Joseph (Karri), Molly, Maddy, Emily, Alex, Daniel and Ben; and dear friend of the Lyons family.

A memorial service for Tom takes place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., #125, Southfield, MI 48075.

Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](https://ahpeters.com).

### Salvatore Urso

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Salvatore Urso, 72, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020.

The owner of a car dealership on Detroit’s east side, Salvatore also owned Traxx Nightclub in Detroit.

Salvatore was the beloved husband of Cynthia; dearest father of Justine Rinehart (Brandon), Shaleen DiMercurio (Joe) and Aubree Gill (Raj); proud grandfather of Justine, A.J., Chelise, Jack and Paulie Salvatore; and dear brother of Antonette Salvador (John), Gaetano Urso and the late Lucy Zelena (Victor).

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 30, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Detroit. Entombment took place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to GBS/CIDP Foundation International, [gbs-cidp.org](https://gbs-cidp.org).

Share a memory with the family at [guestbook.wujekcalcaterra.com](https://guestbook.wujekcalcaterra.com).

### Gloria Anton

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Gloria Anton, 86, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020. She was born May 5, 1934, in Detroit, to Pando and Stefka Anton.

Gloria first made her career at WXYZ radio, where she worked eight years. She then molded young minds as a fifth-grade teacher for 30 years.

Gloria was a giver of love in the form of needlepoint and many gifts. She treasured her family and encouraged them to share in her love of reading, especially mysteries and thrillers.

She was the loving aunt of Robert Kitchen, Matthew Kitchen (Jennifer), Stephanie Listman (Bill), Scott Anton (Lauri) and Tom Anton (Sandy). She was predeceased by her sister, Joanie Kitchen



Timothy Sullivan



Elaine K. Christensen



Tom Youngblood



Salvatore Urso



Gloria Anton



Mary Boyer Taylor

(Dallas); brother, Thomas Anton; nephew, Thomas Kitchen; niece, Gloria Kitchen; and her “baby girl,” Lucy, a German shepherd.

Gloria will be laid to rest at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

### Mary Boyer Taylor

City of Grosse Pointe resident Mary Boyer Taylor died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020, Thanksgiving Day, which was her favorite family holiday that she hosted more than 50 years. A former resident of Metamora, she was 89.

Born Feb. 20, 1931, in Detroit, to Frances and Harold R. Boyer, Mary grew up in Grosse Pointe and attended the Grosse Pointe Country Day School. She graduated high school from The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. and from Vassar College in 1949. Class president at The Masters School and captain of the field hockey team at Vassar, Mary excelled in academics and athletics.

Mary and her husband, Victor “Bud” Taylor, raised their three children in Metamora, where they lived 50 years, and returned to Grosse Pointe in 2009. It was in idyllic Metamora that Mary spent the summers of her youth, showing horses and fox hunting at the Metamora Hunt Club, together with her parents; siblings, Frances, twin brother Harold and Alger; and cousins, Fredrick and Suzette Alger. Mary held several state championship titles showing horses.

Mary was a proud and dedicated patriot. She also was a defender and steward of the natural environment. Mary served on the board of a grassroots environmental group that promoted the Michigan bottle bill that was voted into law in 1976. She also served on the Kingsbury school board, where her children attended school. In addition, Mary was a longtime member of the Tau Beta Association.

Her family said all who knew Mary will miss her wit, wisdom and bright smile.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, Victor “Bud” Taylor. She is survived by her children, Pamela Taylor Yates (Eames), Jeffrey Taylor (Maura) and Stephanie Tryba (David); and grandchildren, Irene, Elizabeth and Boyer

Taylor and Caroline and Christopher Tryba.

A private service will be held in the spring of 2021.

Donations to a charity close to Mary’s heart, as she was a descendant of Gen. Russell A. Alger, may be made to The War Memorial, a/k/a the Russell A. Alger Jr. House, at [warmemorial.org/support](https://warmemorial.org/support).

### John Allan MacLeod

John Allan MacLeod of Grosse Pointe Farms and Vero Beach, Fla., passed away Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020. Born Feb. 23, 1936, in Detroit, to Angus Chester and Mary (nee Inglis) MacLeod, he was 84.

John earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and an MBA from the University of Michigan. He obtained a Juris Doctorate degree at the Detroit College of Law and a Master of Laws degree from the New York University School of Law.

In addition to being a CPA, John was a member of the State Bar of Michigan for more than 50 years and specialized his law practice in taxation and estate planning. Most of his professional career was as the sole practitioner at his office on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. Blessed with a naturally analytical mind and strong determination, he was a trusted advisor and advocate for many loyal clients.

John enjoyed participating in sports as a competitive athlete throughout his life. A member of the Detroit Athletic Club, he developed a special camaraderie among his squash friends. For many years, John played at the top levels of the DAC, regional and national tournament events. A competitive golfer after he retired, John won the Men’s Senior Club Championship at Country Club of Detroit, as well as the 2003 Michigan Seniors Golf Association Flight Championship. Many of John’s closest friends were his golf buddies at Country Club of Detroit, Harbour Ridge Golf Community and Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club in Vero Beach.

John also volunteered as head coach for the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association and coached his two sons, John and Andrew. Many Grosse



John Allan MacLeod

Pointe families are forever tied together by fond memories of early morning hockey practices, exciting victories and fellowship throughout the season, including end-of-season hockey parties.

In addition, John was an avid fan of all Detroit sports teams and the U of M football and basketball programs.

While John enjoyed many educational, professional and athletic endeavors, family was the most important part of his life.

John met his wife of 64 years, Lois (nee Louthan), at U of M. John and Lois lived most of their married life in Grosse Pointe Farms and enjoyed many happy summer months Up North on Otsego Lake. In retirement, John and Lois spent most of their time with good friends on Orchid Island. John’s family said he truly was the foundational patriarch of his family and always provided steadfast love and support. He was the family’s moral compass and gave his time endlessly to offer wisdom and guidance to his children and all of his grandchildren, his family said.

John is survived by his wife, Lois MacLeod; children, John MacLeod (Shauna) of Louisville, Ky., Andrew MacLeod (Melissa) of Grosse Pointe Park, Terri MacLeod of Morristown, N.J. and Lesley Williams MacLeod (Andrew) of Old Greenwich, Conn.; and grandchildren, Brittany, Andrew, Kaley, Allison, Cameron, Kelsey and Tanner. He was predeceased by his parents.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John’s honor may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, [gpmchurch.org](https://gpmchurch.org); or the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, [my.clevelandclinic.org](https://my.clevelandclinic.org).

### Margaret Hoffmann Kushner

In memory of Margaret Hoffmann Kushner of Bloomfield Hills and Grosse Pointe Farms who died with dignity and grace on November 17, 2020. Born November 23, 1925, she was the eldest daughter of Louise O. Savard and Reynhold M. Hoffmann.

Margaret was a woman who lived her life fully, as the gift it was meant to be. She was loving, thoughtful, and kind. She possessed a strong will, high intellect, and the innate ability to see into one’s heart. She married the love of her life, John M. Kushner, Jr. in 1951, sharing the next fifty years together with their three children. She was exceptionally devoted to her family, and a host of lifelong friends. A deep faith and trust in God afforded her strength and peace throughout her entire life.

Margaret’s greatest joy was derived from the simplest things in life. She was an avid golfer, and a gourmet cook. She always enjoyed a good read or a challenging cross-

word puzzle. She loved music and the joy of dancing. She devoted many industrious



years to charitable work, on behalf of children, through her affiliation with Bon Secours Hospital. Yet, it was every moment she spent in the company of her family that she cherished above all else.

Margaret’s children noted that although their mother was a demure, soft spoken lady, it would be a revelation to many, to know that she was awarded a Manhattan Project Certificate of Appreciation in 1945, from the Secretary of War, for her effective service

in work essential to the successful conclusion to World War II.

Margaret H. Kushner’s legacy of family, friendship and faith will endure in the hearts and lives of those she leaves behind, including her children, Carolyn K. Arnold (Mark S.) of Michigan, John M. Kushner III of Virginia and Margaret K. Quigley (Peter J.) of Connecticut; grandchildren, John M. Kushner of Washington, D.C., John O. Quigley of Illinois, Marc S. Arnold of Michigan and Scott A. Arnold of Colorado; great-grandchild, Finn J. Quigley of Illinois; and siblings, Raymond Hoffmann of New York and Judith Halsey of California.

A mass will be held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, in the Spring of 2021.

May God rest her soul and afford her the promise of eternity.

View obituary and sign tribute wall at [desmondfuneralhome.com](https://desmondfuneralhome.com).



## OBITS:

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## Dr. M. Roy Spezia

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dr. M. Roy Spezia passed away suddenly Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, at home, in the loving arms of his youngest son, Tom. A proud American son of northern Italian emigrants, Manuel and Antonietta "Nettie" Spezia, he was 93.

Roy was a 1945 graduate of St. Anthony High School, where he was class president. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and served honorably as a meteorologist until he was discharged at the rank of sergeant.

After military service, Roy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at the University of Detroit. He began post-graduate studies at the University of Detroit Dental School, where he graduated fourth in his class in 1955. His scholarship and strong work ethic led to the building of his successful east side dental practice, where he worked until he retired in 1991. Roy's dental work, from simple fillings to complex crowns and bridges, was recognized as outstanding among his peers. His patients, some of whom were generational, often said he was one of the best – a gentle dentist whose work was still intact after 30 years. Because he recognized the importance of a welcoming smile to a person's health, well-being and future aspirations, he donated his dental services to the underserved and religious communities.

Roy was a self-made man, his family said. The family trailblazer among his siblings, he was the first to graduate university, including professional school. This achievement served as an inspirational example to his children and many nieces and nephews who went on to higher education and successful careers.

Roy and his future wife, Delores Vogler, met at a Catholic dance. Wed in 1955, Roy and Delores were married 65 years, having celebrated their anniversary Oct. 1. Together they raised five



Dr. M. Roy Spezia

children.

Roy instilled in his children the importance of education, hard work, self-reliance and doing their best. He took time to teach his children, whether daughter or son, to cut the grass and bushes, paint a room, plant a garden or refinish a desk. Passing down family traditions also was important to Roy. From making spaghetti and ravioli to Italian sausage at holidays, Roy taught his children how it was done, which is a tradition they carry on today. Roy found sheer pleasure sitting down to a home-made Bolognese spaghetti dinner with a glass of wine shared among family and friends.

Roy was not all work and no play. He often flooded the backyard in winter to create an ice pond on which his kids and neighborhood kids skated. He enjoyed taking his children to Tigers baseball games, vacationing together and attending church on Sunday as a family. He loved bowling and carried an average in the 200s. In keeping with his modest and reserved nature, the simple things in life gave him pleasure, his family said.

Roy was not only proud of his children, but also relished his role as a grandfather. Blessed with a long life, he was present for all sorts of events, including school plays, sports, graduations and awards of professional degrees. But most important to Roy were family gatherings, from baptisms of his grandchildren to family dinners at Christmas and Easter. He was proud of his grandchildren and strong, tight-knit extended family.

Roy enjoyed simple pleasures after he retired, including sitting on his backyard patio enjoying blooming flowers and



Kenneth D. Robertson

singing birds, watching a "Turner Classic Movie" and traveling to Ohio, Florida and Texas to visit family and friends.

Roy was the beloved husband of Delores; loving father of Nancy J. Spezia, Esq., Susan M. Klapchar, RDH (Dr. Richard), Roy A. Spezia, Esq. (Karen), Kenneth J. and Thomas J.; dearest grandfather of Dr. Michael T. Klapchar (Dr. Amanda) and Dr. Kimberly S. Klapchar; dearest great-grandfather of smiling Sarah K. Klapchar; and special uncle of Dr. James Vogler (Jill), Dr. Harold Vogler (Tina), Louis DeGennaro Jr., Esq. (Carol), Joseph DeGennaro, CPA (Mary Ann), Dr. Ronald Spezia (Ruth), Kathleen Stevenson, Esq. (the late George Stevenson), Donald Garavaglia, Esq., Dr. Philip Garvalgia, David Garvaglia, Terry Vogler (Margurite), Sharon Vogler, Gretchen Dimmer (William) and Max Vogler (Diane). He was predeceased by his parents; siblings, Rosalie DeGennaro, Anthony J. Spezia and Virginia Garavaglia; nieces, Charlene Klemczak (Jonathan) and Virginia Vogler; and nephew, Robert DeGennaro (Margaret).

Visitation takes place 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Roy's honor may be made to Better Way Detroit, P.O. Box 2923, Detroit, MI 48202, betterwaydetroit.org; or The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207, thecapuchins.org.

## Kenneth David Robertson

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Kenneth David Robertson, 73, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020. The first of David and Grace Robertson's seven children, he was born Jan. 25, 1947, in Detroit, at Henry Ford Hospital.

A 1965 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, Ken studied marketing at Ferris State University and served in the U.S. Navy. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

Ken had a love of cars that he inherited from his father, which he channeled into a 40-year career in the automotive industry. The early days of his career were spent

in parts procurement, before he settled into a long career as a draftsman, designing everything from cars to mobile homes. Ken spent the latter part of his career as a designer at MOPAR Drag Racing at the Fiat Chrysler Automotive Technology Center in Auburn Hills.

A kind, gentle soul with a warm smile and comforting personality, Ken remained positive regardless of life's challenges.

Ken was a frequent visitor at Lochmoor Club, where he was a member since 2015. He most enjoyed time spent with family and friends. As a child, Ken enjoyed playing hockey and baseball, but his true passion was golf. Although he enjoyed the challenges of the game, being on the

course with friends and family brought him the most joy.

Ken was the beloved husband of the late Doreen Loranger; loving father of Timothy Styles (Melissa) and Holly Irvin (Brad); dear brother of William (Deborah), Joan Sargol (Stanley), Lynda Gleason (Michael), James (Kimberly), Donald and Brian (Michelle); dear uncle and great-uncle to many nieces and nephews; cherished companion of Patti; and friend to John, Greg and Jeff. He was predeceased by his parents, David and Grace Robertson.

Kenneth will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

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



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Cars line up during a recent COVID-19 testing day at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

## Christ Church to host series of COVID-19 testing events

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

After two successful COVID-19 testing events, Christ Church Grosse Pointe has lined up a series of additional events, in partnership with Wayne State University, Wayne Health and Ford Motor Co.

Testing will be offered at the church 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 10 and 17, and Fridays, Jan. 8 and 22, as well as 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

To sign up for the December events, visit [christchurchgp.org/covid](http://christchurchgp.org/covid).

"We anticipate having the January events posted and ready for scheduling before the Christmas holidays," said parish nurse Martha A. Bangs, R.N., B.S.N., "and would encourage people interested in those dates to check our website at the same link for updates."

The tests are offered free of charge to members of the public, although confirmed registration is required, Bangs said.

"Nasal swabs using the PCR molecular test for active infection are available for anyone aged 3 years and older; blood draws for antibod-

ies are available for anyone 13 years or older," she noted. "A parent or legal guardian, with ID, needs to be present in order to have minor children tested."

Free onsite HIV testing also is available upon request.

"It should be noted that with any mobile testing program, the ability to obtain a blood sample to perform antibody and HIV testing is dependent on weather," Bangs added. "In extremely cold weather, we may be unable to offer that testing on a particular day."

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6B | FEATURES

ASK THE EXPERTS By Lianne Lyne

# How to build, maintain close relationships virtually

**Q:** I want to keep friends and family safe right now, but I also miss them. What can we do so we don't feel so far apart?

**A:** In this uncertain and challenging time, people of all ages can benefit greatly from staying connected with others virtually while they can't do so in person. Here are some tips for building close relationships online using the senses of seeing, hearing and feeling:

**Seeing**

- ◆ Raise your laptop or lower your webcam so your camera is at eye level.
- ◆ Change your background and decide on a shared one to give a sense of commonality and being in the same place.



◆ Hide the view of your own face to prevent you being distracted by it and enable you to focus on the other person.

**Hearing**

- ◆ Make sure you share your time equally between you and the person you are speaking with. Don't dominate the discussion.
- ◆ Allow silence. This can help us feel close and provide space for the other person to have deeper thoughts.
- ◆ Listen deeply without judgment, paying particular attention to the words they are saying. Then repeat back, summarize or paraphrase what they said for understanding.

**Feeling**

- ◆ We don't have a physical sense of touch virtually, but we can feel the connection with others. Practice empathy by stepping into the other person's shoes.
  - ◆ Create a safe place and ask how the person is feeling before you say anything else. Create the space and time to allow that person to truly share.
  - ◆ Develop a feelings sign language, for example by touching your heart to communicate deep feelings.
- Building and maintaining these close connections now will help with the transition into face-to-face time when circumstances allow. To keep you going, take some time to visualize

what that will look like and how that will feel.

*Lianne Lyne is a Mind Tough executive coach who helps her clients achieve long-term positive shifts in their performance by helping them gain a deep understanding of the way they experience the world and get to the core of their thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Visit [mindtough.coach/](http://mindtough.coach/) for more information.*

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COURTESY PHOTO

An aerial view of Christ Church's recent mobile COVID testing day.

## COVID:

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Once a person has signed up on the Christ Church website and has received an email confirming their appointment, there is an online registration process at a secure, HIPAA-protected, Wayne Health website that is required prior to arrival, Bangs said.

There is a limit of 150 people who can be accommodated each testing day. Masks must be worn at all times.

"If someone has previously been tested through this program, they are welcome to be tested again," Bangs said. "Results are obtained within 72 hours via a text that provides a link to a secured site where results are viewed. By law, any positive results for active

COVID-19 infection are reported to the county health department of residence and the person testing positive can expect to be contacted by their local health department to begin the contact-tracing process."

Like any well-run event, the church seeks volunteers to assist with traffic flow and hospital-ity.

"We are reaching out to the community to ask for volunteers who would be willing to give an hour of their time for this worthy effort," Bangs said. "After all, it takes a village."

To sign up to volunteer for traffic control or provide hospitality for the Wayne Health team, visit [christchurchgp.org/covid](http://christchurchgp.org/covid).

Christ Church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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**Curbside & Carryout Menu**

**NEW! FAMILY DINNERS** *Starting Monday, December 7th*

Feeds 4 to 6 people

-Entree Dinners-

1) **Chicken Breast Dinner:** Sautéed breast of chicken with sauce selection (Marsala, Tomato Mozzarella, or Piccata) Served with mashed potatoes and green beans. **\$50**

2) **Tomato Basil Penne or Alfredo Penne:** Served with green beans. **\$35**

3) **Classic Meatloaf Dinner:** Mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy. **\$60**

4) **Salmon Entree Dinner:** Oven roasted served with organic rice blend, green beans, tomato lemon butter sauce. **\$90**

5) **Meatballs al Forno Penne Bake:** House made meatballs with parmesan, baked with penne pasta and tomato basil sauce. **\$40**

6) **Penne Beef Stroganoff:** Braised sirloin beef tips, penne pasta, classic brown sauce with sour cream. Served with green beans. **\$60**

7) **Turkey Club Wrap:** Oven roasted turkey breast, lettuce, tomato, smoked honey bacon, lavash wrap. Served with house favorite smoked tomato soup. **\$45**

All dinners come with house bread, large garden salad with vinaigrette dressing, tomato, cucumber, red onion, blue cheese crumbles.

-Big Salads for Dinner- Feeds 8-10

1) **Chopped Salad** - Garbanzo beans, smoked bacon, red onion, hard cooked egg, tomato, blue cheese. Dressed with classic Hudson dressing. **\$30**

2) **Vegetable Grain Salad** - Mixed greens, grains, tomato, parsley, roasted cauliflower, garbanzo beans, baby kale, goat cheese, balsamic dressing. **\$30**

3) **Caesar Salad** - Romain greens, house Caesar dressing, parmesan, roasted red peppers, croutons. **\$25**

Add chicken to any large salad **\$20**  
Add Beef Tips to any large salad **\$40** Add Shrimp to any large salad **\$50**

*All for pickup only by 5pm end of day. Cut off for family dinner orders will be 3pm.*

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**Soup/Salads**

Smoked Tomato - \$5.00    Soup du Jour - \$5.00

Caesar Salad - \$9.00

Organic Garden Salad - \$9.00  
Vinaigrette or creamy buttermilk dressing

Chop Salad - \$13.00  
Garbanzo beans, smoked bacon, red onion, cucumber, egg, tomato, bleu cheese, tear drop peppers, Hudson dressing

**Add Protein to Any Salad**  
Add Prime Sirloin - \$10.00    Add Chicken - \$6.00  
Add Salmon - \$12.00    Add Shrimp - \$9.00

**Sandwiches**

Steak Burger - \$12.50  
Served on a brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, onion & French fries

Southern Chicken Sandwich - \$13.50  
Marinated breast, crispy fried, seasoned mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, house sweet and spicy pickles, served on a brioche bun with French fries

Turkey Club Sandwich - \$11.50  
Served with lettuce, tomato, bacon, mayonnaise & French fries

Grilled Cheese Sandwich - \$9.50  
Served on white toast with a cup of tomato soup

Reuben Sandwich - \$12.00  
Served on rye toast with swiss cheese, grandmas sauerkraut & French fries

**Entrees**

All entrees are served with a choice of soup or salad

Salmon Filet - \$22.00  
Served with mixed grains, vegetables & butter sauce

Filet Mignon - \$24.00  
Served with mashed potatoes, vegetables & mushroom gravy

Chicken Marsala - \$22.00  
Served with mashed potatoes, vegetables & marsala mushroom sauce

Penne Pasta - \$11.50  
Served with red or white sauce

Add Prime Sirloin- \$10.00    Add Chicken - \$6.00



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