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#### Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

## In tribute

Beloved councilman McMullen succumbs to pancreatic cancer

By Kate Vanderstelt

GROSSE **POINTE** WOODS — Grosse Pointe Woods CouncilmanGeorge McMullen, who stepped down from office in March due to a pancreatic cancer diagnosis, died from the disease Tuesday, Dec. 29. City hall's flag was flown at half-staff Friday, Jan. 1, in his honor.

McMullen was extremely involved in the later — and often — in his System board meetings. adult life beginning in

Besides serving as a

By Laurel Kraus

cision to leave amid con-

the retiree healthcare

for the second consecu-

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plan in May.

January

review:

**2020 IN REVIEW** 

Changes abound

SHORES — It was a year Canada, or GFOA,

of the changing of the Distinguished Budget

guard in the Shores as Presentation Award for many long-term depart- its July 1, 2019 through

tention surrounding city Farms councils both

council and its controver- approve an intergovernsial decision to change mental engineering

◆ The city is honored Pointe Yacht Club. To be

ment heads made the de- June 30, 2020 budget.



George R. McMullen Jr.

community, thus becom- councilman for the ing a dear friend to many. Woods, he attended many He was featured in the other communities' coun-Grosse Pointe News as a cil meetings and Grosse little boy in 1970, and Pointe Public School He was a member of

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◆ The Shores and

study, in partnership with

Wayne County, on the

stretch of the Lakeshore

seawall between Warner

Road and the Grosse

conducted by Hubble,

### in 2020 for Shores

#### tive year with the Government Finance Officers Association of Time to hit the slopes POINTE the United States and

This 1931 Georges Arou lithograph poster features a woman skiing the slopes of France. It's among many 1800s and 1900s vintage posters from around the world available at South Pointe Vintage in Grosse Pointe Woods. Check out our special section all about skiing, beginning on page C1.

### Signage dispute going in circles

By Laurel Kraus This is the year in approximately three-mile Staff Writer

> GROSSE **POINTE FARMS** — It has become a matter of Wayne County and the Michigan Moross. See SHORES, page 8A | Department

fingers at each other in states it's following ly 180 signs placed on the required to do so because stretch of Lakeshore from federal funds were used,

The signs were placed

Transportation pointing by the county, which the issue of approximate- MDOT's standards and is Warner to just past at the completion of its

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#### **2020 IN REVIEW**

# **Plans** put in

By Laurel Kraus

GROSSE **POINTE** FARMS — The Pier Park gate yet again did not escape gate crashers, The War Memorial worked with the community to finalize plans for largescale improvements to its campus and efforts were continued toward a fix for the Lakeshore seawall, in 2020.

This is the year in review:

#### January

◆ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial announces plans to improve its campus, including an addition, a terrace off the ballroom, restored Ellen Biddle Shipman gardens and better accessibility.

♦ The Farms and Shores councils both approve an intergovernmental engineering study, in partnership with Wayne County, on the approximately three-mile stretch of the Lakeshore seawall between Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. To be conducted by Hubble, Roth and Clark, the two Pointes will split half the cost of the \$72,000 study, intended to be the first step toward a permanent fix for the deterioration of the seawall.

#### **February**

◆ The War Memorial receives preliminary site plan approval for its planned improvements, although community concern is raised over

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### Brown water leaves residents seeing red communication of Great Lakes Water Authority to the Park," City

By Kate Vanderstelt

GROSSE POINTE PARK -Many Grosse Pointe Park residents experienced discolored water in their homes Tuesday, Dec.

to see their water turn brown.

Grosse Pointe Park told residents hours. the discolored water was safe to The Great Lakes Water use. The Park instructed resi-Authority had been doing routine dents to turn on faucets and, if

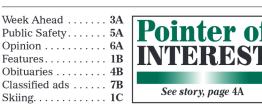
maintenance on valves in the the water is brown, run the faucet area of Kercheval and Alter when on cold at the lowest point in the Wayburn and Nottingham began If after 20 minutes the water is A Facebook post by the city of instructed to try again in two

Residents expressed unease ended up having some cases of with the situation.

"Unfortunately, it was a mis-

Manager Nick Sizeland said. "They did not communicate to the city that they were flushing residents near Kercheval between home until the water runs clear. hydrants and checking valves. Typically, you might see a street not clear, residents were or two that could have some discolored water. It spidered into our (entire) water system. We

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Terry Ayrault Home: Grosse Pointe Park Award-winning children's book author



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