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Clock ticking to fill Poloni's shoes

Director search underway in City, Park

By Laurel Kraus and Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writers

GROSSE POINTE CITY AND PARK — With Park and City Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni set to leave his position Monday, Jan. 25, the clock is counting down for a new director — or directors — to be named.

While officials from both cities have yet to confirm whether there will be two separate public safety directors or not, each city is conducting a separate search.

“(The City of Grosse Pointe) city manager and I have talked that Chief Poloni was a very special case,” Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “He had a very unique experience being able to manage both departments. From a public safety standpoint, it was quite amazing that he

was able to handle that duty. We would have to have a very significant candidate to be able to handle both Grosse Pointe City and Park. We are going about an individual process, but that does not leave the option unavailable.”

City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame agreed that a joint director still could

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Round 2 of TIFA grants begins

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Tax Increment Finance Authority approved a second round of the COVID-19 Reopening Assistance Program at a board meeting Tuesday, Jan. 5.

City Manager Nick Sizeland proposed the second round, explaining that, like the first



Dr. Nick Gilpin is the first Beaumont Health employee to receive the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Beaumont rolls out second dose of vaccine

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

As the first Beaumont Health employee to receive the initial dose of the Pfizer vaccine in mid-December, Dr. Nick Gilpin, medical director at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and Beaumont Health director of epidemiology and infection prevention, also became the first to

receive the second dose, as the health system began the first administrations of it Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Similar to the first dose, he reported experiencing very little reaction, with just minor arm soreness.

“I was very fortunate, I think,” he said. “I really had minimal to no side effects. Others that I’ve spoken to have had a lit-

tle bit more exuberant reaction to the second dose, but I have not heard any reports of anyone having such a bad reaction that they had to stay home from work or anything like that, at this point.”

Reactions can be an exaggerated version of what the person experienced with the first dose, he added, and are commonly soreness in the

arm, a low-grade fever or fatigue.

The reaction typically will start around 24 hours after the shot, usually lasting only a few hours and gone by the next day.

While it still is a theory, those who have had COVID-19 seem to have much more significant reactions from the first injection, according to

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Hall resigns after three months

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — In the short period since August 2019, the Shores has experienced the turnover of every department head and now is heading toward a second round.

Hired early October 2020 to fill the city's department head vacancy of finance officer/treasurer, Cathy Hall

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Resident donations cover cost of public safety project

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The \$21,050 purchase of 19 new sidearms and accompanying equipment for the Shores Public Safety Department has been fully funded without use of public safety budget funds, thanks to five generous residents who made donations to the department leading up to the holiday season.

With approximately \$17,000 supplied by the residents, the department was able to cover the rest of the cost through sale of the old sidearms, with city council unanimously approving the purchase during its December meeting.

The Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm semi-automatic pistols are

expected to be implemented in February, and became necessary after the department was informed its current sidearm model no longer would be supported with parts and service.

“This is also a project (that) when completed, will service this department for 10 years beyond, so it’s a complete transition with no hit to the budget,” Director of Public Safety John

Schulte explained, “and not only is it necessary, but this has been an easy path to accomplish this project.”

The donations also allowed the department to purchase advanced sight optics and rail-mounted flashlights, as well as new Safariland Level III security holsters, which the department

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