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	Cases	Deaths	
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Harper Woods	713 (+11)	42 (+0)	

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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

## In-person learning plans moving forward

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Grosse Pointe Public School System students will soon return full time to classroom education,

March 1 for students through fourth grade and March 15 for all older students.

The plan was unanimously approved by the school board during its Feb. 8 meeting.

The board voted after hearing two hours of comments submitted by parents, students and staff. Those opposed to face-to-face learning expressed concerns about whether students

can maintain safe social distancing and also questioned whether the district has a viable plan for the process. Several questioned maintaining the air quality in the district's older schools.

"We all want to go back to normal, but our children have to be safe," one parent wrote.

Those who favored students returning to school full time questioned the quality of

remote learning, often citing other schools, including local private and parochial schools, that have successfully maintained in-classroom

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IMAGE COURTESY OF SEAN COTTON

## Winter wonderland

Walter L. Palmer's "Snow Scene with Stream Watercolor" certainly is fitting following the recent snowfall in southeast Michigan — with undoubtedly more winter weather to come.

## A guide to vaccination availability

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES & DETROIT** — While eligible Wayne County residents have multiple sources from which to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, a fairly specific system of responsibility has

been put in place. Those 65 or older can expect to receive the vaccine via local hospitals, while public safety, school staff and other essential workers under priority level 1B can expect to be routed

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## Pointe officers receive first vaccination dose

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS & WOODS** — Grosse Pointe officers now have the ability to get the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine if they so choose, as Wayne County's availability has reached the priority level of officers.

they had the vaccine that people didn't show up for or had to cancel for whatever reason, then we would get a call rather than having those shots go to waste, so that's how we got in when we did." Alcorn himself experienced a moderately sore,

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## Home invasions have suspected connection to FBI-investigated national theft ring

By Laurel Kraus  
and Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writers

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**

**AND SHORES** — Though the investigation is still ongoing, Grosse Pointe Park detectives suspect the Feb. 1 inva-

sions of one home in the Park and one in the Shores could be related to a South American organized crime crew based in

Los Angeles, according to a weekly public safety report.

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## Applications for PS chief accepted

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Lt. Jim Bostock has been serving as interim chief of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department since Stephen Poloni left the position at the end of January.

The City of Grosse Pointe named John Alcorn as a replacement for Poloni Monday, Jan. 25, the same day

Poloni left the Park and the City to become city manager of the Shores.

The search for a new chief in the Park is still ongoing. City Manager Nick Sizeland gave an update on the process at a city council meeting Monday, Feb. 8.

The position for chief of public safety has been posted online and applications will be accepted until

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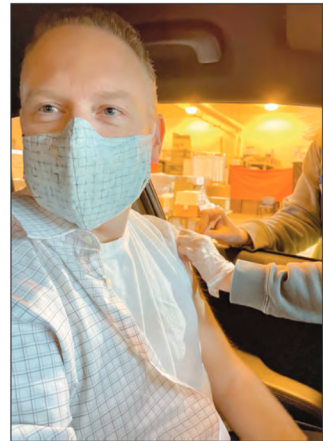


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**City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director John Alcorn received the first dose of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine at a Wayne County facility Jan. 22.**

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