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	Cases	Deaths	
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Harper Woods	718 (+5)	42 (+0)	

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Beware of fake vaccine offers

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — In today's rapidly evolving technology world, with every new situation come creative new scams. Nearly every week without fail there is at least one Grosse Pointer who files a police report as the victim of unemployment fraud.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Food and Drug Administration and Federal Trade Commission now are warning the COVID-19 vaccination process is at risk of exploitation, as reports of scammers attempting to steal personal information or asking for a fee through fake vaccine offers slowly are beginning to surface.

With only four reports of scams offering the vaccine for a fee in Michigan as of last week, according to the Michigan Attorney General's office, the focus currently is on proactive education to prevent a widespread issue.

"People should be extremely vigilant and wary of vaccination offers that don't come from trusted sources like their doctor, healthcare provider or local health department," said Bob Riney, president of healthcare operations and chief operating officer of Henry Ford Health

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New agreement considered for seawall

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS & SHORES — A Hubbell, Roth and Clark engineering study, involving boring samples and a topographical survey, on the three-mile stretch of Lakeshore seawall between Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

concluded in September and led to the recommendation to drive metal sheet piling in front of the current existing seawall and tie it back, along with raising certain sections in anticipation of rising lake levels, as an approximately \$25 million fix to the chronic deterioration.

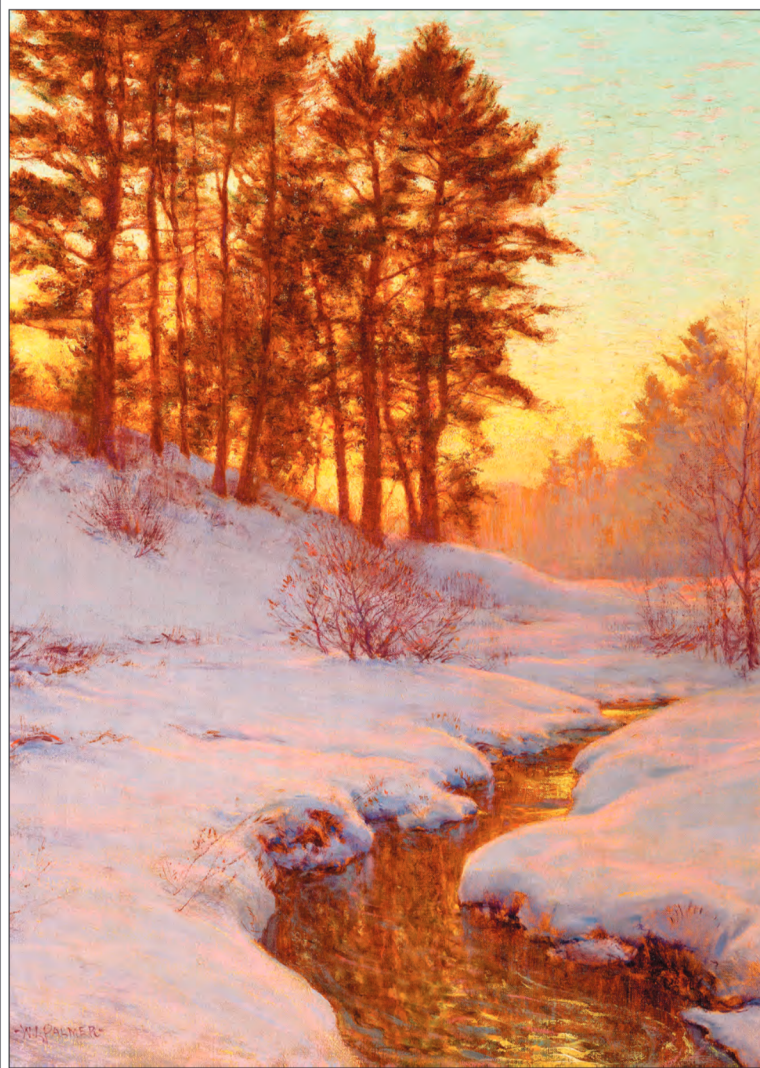
The \$72,000 work was funded through an intergovernmental

agreement where Wayne County covered half the cost and the Farms and Shores equally split the other half.

Following a Thursday, Feb. 4, conference call meeting — which included Farms and Shores officials, HRC representatives, Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, engineers from the Wayne

County Public Services department and the county federal lobbyist, as well as representatives from Sen. Debbie Stabenow's, Sen. Gary Peters' and Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence's offices — to discuss HRC's recommendations and the opportunities for federal

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Walter L. Palmer's "The Golden West" fills us with warmth during this cold spell and reminds us to dream of warmer days ahead.

IMAGE COURTESY OF SEAN COTTON

Arts center plans progress

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery has been a project in the works since 2012. The long-pondered vision is soon to become a reality as the project team aims to break ground in fall 2021.

The center will be placed in the Park on Jefferson, in front of St. Ambrose Catholic Church and next to the public safety and city hall buildings.

The Schaap Center for the Performing Arts is set to include a 424-seat theater, an orchestra pit with

a lift, state-of-the-art lighting and world-class acoustics.

The theater is more than just functional. The project team has crafted the ceiling of the theater to appear as the night sky.

"The top space is not a ceiling," said Theresa Selvaggio, Grosse Pointe Theatre's director of development. "We refer to it as a sky. ... The starry night is art-inspired, concealing lights, rigging, cables, catwalks and all of the dense equipment."

The Schaap Center will be home to the Detroit Concert Choir, Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, Grosse Pointe

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Residents get involved in master plan update

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park is in the process of updating its master plan and in doing so hopes to emphasize the importance of resident engagement. Tuesday, Feb. 9, the city held a master plan virtual visioning session via Zoom for residents, to initiate a project of engagement the city hopes will continue until the master plan is finalized. The master plan project is estimated to take one year to complete.

The current master plan was reviewed and

adopted in 2012. The plan discussed things like housing, recreation and the business district.

As the city renews the master plan, it looks to improve the same types of things.

At the visioning session, residents were given the opportunity to express feedback to members of the planning commission and a representative from MKSK, a planning organization with which the Park has chosen to collaborate in the update process.

The visioning session

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City purchases new rubbish truck

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Among other matters discussed during the City's second council meeting of the year Monday, Feb. 8, were the needs for a new rubbish truck and an upgraded surveillance system in Lots 2 and 3, as well as

the over-budget reconstruction project on the Neff Park parking lot.

The motions on all passed unanimously.

Lot reconstruction over budget

Final construction costs for the fall 2020 Neff Park parking lot reconstruction, bid out as part of the 2020 street

resurfacing project, have come in \$47,602.94 over budget.

"Basically in a nutshell what happened in the Neff Park parking lot," Director of Public Services Pete Randazzo explained, "... there were areas that were over-paved through the years.

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