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In memoriam: **Robert Novitl**

By Kate Vanderstelt Staff Writer

GROSSE **POINTE WOODS** — Robert E. Novitke, Grosse Pointe Woods mayor, passed away Sunday, March 14.

Novitke was a resident city council 13 years before serving as mayor more than 30 years, since

November 1990.

The Woods city hall was renamed as the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, with Novitke and family pres-

city council The acknowledged the missof the Woods more than ing presence of Novitke 40 years. He served on with a minute of silence to start their council meeting

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Historic district talk is history

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

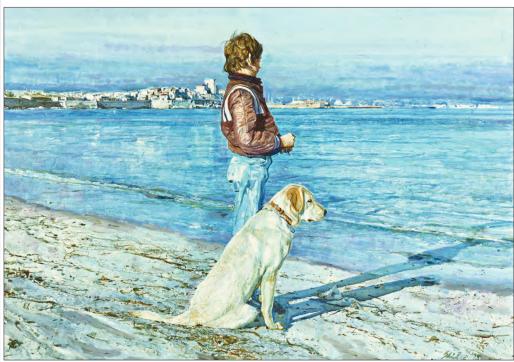
mous decision during the July 2020, lifted.

Monday, March 15 coundistrict study was discon-OF GROSSE tinued, with the moratorial ready had gained 135 POINTE — Residents um on demolition and have overwhelmingly new construction within idents age 18 and older spoken and city council the Estate Residential and in opposition to the think I've received one has listened. In a unani- District, in place since creation of a historic dis-

A petition circulating cil meeting, the historic for about a week, and not council, I've never been yet submitted to council, signatures from City res-

"In my years on city involved in such unanimous non-support on an issue," Councilman John Stempfle said. "I don't

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COURTESY PHOTO

Winter waning

Shirl Goedike's oil on canvas painting, "Winter Beach, Antibes, 1975," is all of us right now, waiting for the chill to leave the air and spring to arrive so we take off our jackets and go for a dip in the lake.

Local elections soon underway

Filing deadlines approach

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES - With filing deadlines for local government approaching, voters may be what seats will be open this upcoming election and perhaps even how

they can file as a candi-

In the Farms and Park, open seats will appear on the Aug. 3 non-partisan primary election ballot, unless there are not enough candidates to warrant a primary elecinterested in learning tion, in which case the candidates will be on the ballot Nov. 2.

Departments attend implicit bias training

By Kate Vanderstelt

Staff Writer

 Something initially set up for the Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department, a training departments," Interim

Bias

public safety department and it grew into all city sented. See ELECTION, page 2A entitled "Understanding Chief Lt. James Bostock training by bringing in

Law tion, court personnel, Enforcement" grew into a public works, parks and Michigan Commission GROSSE POINTE PARK citywide educational tool. recreation, the water on Law Enforcement "Initially it was for the department — every Standards for 16 years. department was repre- MCOLES is nationally

Bostock organized the

the Effects of Implicit said. "City administra- Darnell Z. Blackburn, who has worked for the recognized as a leader in

All Michigan adults eligible for vaccination April 5

Ford Field federally selected Friday. It likely will as mass vaccination site

By Laurel Kraus

MICHIGAN — With the

cination as of Monday, noted. April 5, Gov. Gretchen

goal of vaccinating 70 Whitmer and the of the safe and effective are pleased to lay out our cines are the way we are percent of Michiganders Michigan Department of COVID vaccines have plan for when every going to end this panolder than age 16, all Health and Human been administered in Michigander age 16 and Michigan adults ages 16 Services announced Michigan and we are up will be able to get a

well on our way to vac- vaccine. We will con-It likely will take sev- cinating 70 percent of tinue to focus our efforts eral weeks beyond then Michiganders age 16 and on removing barriers to for everyone interested up," said Dr. Joneigh access for our most vuland up will be eligible to to be able to schedule an Khaldun, chief medical nerable to exposure and receive a COVID-19 vac- appointment, officials executive and chief dep- those at highest risk of uty for health at MDHHS, severe illness due to "Over 2.7 million doses in a press release. "We COVID-19. These vac-

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Lisa Thams Home: Grosse Pointe Farms Organizer of local charity branch bringing Christmas gifts and Jesus' love to the children of incarcerated parents.



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