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	Cases	Deaths
All Pointes	2,483 (+97)	54 (+3)
Harper Woods	811 (+41)	42 (+0)

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## Brian Colter honored

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park's urban forester, received the 2020 Honors Award from the Michigan chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture Friday, Feb. 12. The award recognizes one certified arborist a year who exemplifies success in managing forests, educating the public and implementing high-caliber and unique programming.

Colter was awarded for his "dedicated, faithful and honorable service to arboriculture and urban forestry."

Colter's love of arboriculture began years before his certification as an arborist. After graduating high school at 18, Colter traveled to Alaska to work for five years as a field biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. His first summer there,

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## No-anchor zone application resumed

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Picking up where it left off last summer, the Shores council unanimously voted to apply for a six-month temporary local watercraft control through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law

Enforcement Division during its meeting Tuesday, March 16.

The application could create a no-anchor zone 300 feet off the shoreline of Lake St. Clair, with buoys placed approximately every 100 feet from Osius Park to the Macomb County line. The section of lake in Macomb County, Councilman Matt Seely said, is

deeper water where no one anchors.

Swimmers, Jet Skis and even boats passing through still would be allowed in the zone, but would be prevented from anchoring in order to create better visibility and safety for those in the water.

"We just don't want to put the public at risk," Seely said.

"We'd like to make sure that people can enjoy the water, not restrict them from enjoying the water. We, more than anything, want to create a buffer zone between the shoreline and where people start to anchor so it's a safe zone for people to swim in."

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## Hop to it!

Easter is just a hop, skip and a jump around the corner, as we're reminded by this painting, "Rabbits," by Charlotte Schreiber.

## Pointes ponder American Rescue Plan Act allocations

By Laurel Kraus and Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writers

**THE GROSSE POINTES AND HARPER WOODS** — Implemented March 11, American Rescue Plan Act funds will be distributed based on population size and are intended for budget gaps as a result of the pandemic, premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work or necessary infrastructure investment.

The biggest beneficiaries under this act are cities with 50,000 people or greater, known as entitlement communities and labeled as such because they are entitled to direct money from the federal government, unlike smaller communities such as the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, whose funds will be funneled through the state of Michigan.

While official numbers have yet to be determined and relayed to the cities, the allocations currently are estimated at \$508,898 for the City of Grosse Pointe; \$899,902 for Grosse Pointe Farms; \$1,091,060 for Grosse Pointe Park; \$275,875 for Grosse Pointe Shores; \$1,513,858 for Grosse Pointe Woods; and \$1,091,060 for Harper Woods.

"There were some gov-

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## Main Street approaches strategic planning

Community survey available online

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — After hiring Executive Director Cindy Willcock in early March, the Main Street Grosse Pointe initiative to revitalize The Village is taking strides forward, starting with a community survey.

Seeking feedback and input on the strengths and needs of The Village in order to help define strategic steps moving forward, the survey will be live until Wednesday, March 31, and can be

taken at [surveyMonkey.com/r/997N2FY](https://surveyMonkey.com/r/997N2FY).

A five-year agreement, from July 2020 to December 2025, outlining the respective responsibilities of the City and Main Street board, was unanimously passed by city council during its meeting Monday, March 15. The Main Street board now will need to adopt it as well.

From a financial standpoint, the City has committed to support the initiative with \$50,000 per year. However, the amount was reduced to

\$40,000 this first fiscal year, because the project did not begin in July as expected due to the pandemic. It also committed to an additional \$50,000 for three years from the capital project fund for infrastructure projects in The Village, which must be mutually agreed to by both entities.

At this time, it is unclear what form those projects may take, but ideas are expected to come out of the upcoming strategic planning process.

"These were all things that we committed to as part of the application,"

City Manager Pete Dame explained, "and it's what we are formally committing to (by) authorizing releasing the annual funds to Main Street by adopting this agreement."

Under the agreement, the City also commits to provide back-end work for the Main Street organization so it will not need to put community donations toward creating its own accounting system for payroll and accounts payable. Instead, Willcock, as the organization's sole

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