

COVID-19 CASES UPDATE - 4/13

	Cases	Deaths
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Harper Woods	1,034 (+96)	46 (+3)

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On-street dining coming to The Hill

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Following lengthy discussion during Monday night's council meeting regarding an outdoor dining scenario unprecedented to the Pointes, Luxe Bar and Grill received approval to construct a deck in the

two Kercheval parking spaces in front of the restaurant to expand its patio outdoor seating. Safety measures will include a two-foot separation from the travel lane on Kercheval, as well as a two-foot buffer from the adjacent parking spaces. The platform will be

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Students returned to face-to-face learning April 12.

District resumes face-to-face instruction

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
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THE GROSSE POINTE — Grosse Pointe high school students are back in school this week, despite the governor's request for high schools to voluntarily go virtual for two weeks due to the seriousness of Michigan's rise in COVID-19 cases and deaths. All Grosse Pointe Public School System schools were out the week of March 29 through April 2, for spring break. After the break, high school students attended school virtually the first week back, April 5 to 9. As a result, the district's high school students already spent two weeks out of school; however, the first week was during spring break, a popular travel time for families and older students. The governor also asked that youth sports be suspended two weeks. The Grosse Pointe district instead elected to

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Woods releases public safety report

By Kate Vanderstelt
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety presented the annual report for 2020, at a council meeting Monday, April 12. Director John Kosanke announced a 24 percent reduction in index and non-index crimes in 2020, a decline from 586 crimes reported in 2019, to 446 in 2020. Kosanke said the pandemic likely was influential. "The overall reduction in crime can be attributed largely due to the coronavirus pandemic, which saw the temporary

closures and reduction of hours in many non-essential businesses," Kosanke said in a statement. "The governor's executive stay-at-home order in the middle of the year changed the way that many people work as they had to adapt to new methods of working from home. As traffic on the roads decreased, so did crime." Larceny continued to be the highest-reported crime in the Woods, with 73 reported incidents. In the prior year, 145 incidents were reported. Malicious damage to property saw a significant increase, from 14

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Residential living a reality in The Village

By Laurel Kraus
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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — With the creation of the first residential space on Kercheval in The Village in decades, a new chapter is beginning for the downtown district. Construction and design were completed last week on the second-floor studio apartment at 16906 Kercheval, above The Village Groom Room and Glitter and Scotch, a women's clothing store set to open as early as May. "What I'm hoping to do ... is to show what can be done with even a 550-square-foot parcel," said Jim Bellanca, manager of Kercheval Company, which owns the building, of his hope for The Village to become a 24/7 location. The studio apartment features an open floor plan and ceiling with an industrial yet finished



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The second-floor apartment includes a full kitchen. look. Creating the first live/work scenario in The

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Park man accused of stealing thousands from charity

By Kate Vanderstelt
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GROSSE POINTE PARK — Fifty-six-year-old Park resident John R. Lynch was arrested Thursday, April 8, in connection with federal criminal complaints of fraud, embezzlement and unlawful use of funds from Clinton-based Holy Cross Services, an organization that receives federal funds. In March 2012, Lynch began working as the CFO of Holy Cross, a human service agency with a mission "to bring hope, promote change and help people live free, healthy and productive lives," according to its website. Lynch became CEO of the organization in January 2015. Holy Cross aims to serve the community through children's services, behavioral health services and homeless services and shelter. It is one of the largest private, nonprofit organizations in Michigan. The organization receives federal funds under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program, as well as under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, which provides assistance for foster care, adoption and guardianship. Holy Cross management noticed financial irregularities clueing them in on potential embezzlement activity in 2017. They brought on an outside accounting firm to audit and released Lynch in April 2017. The organization released a statement in the wake of Lynch's

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