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Pointe's Art Festival set for August

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The community may finally be approaching the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, with news of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's first Pointe's Art Festival planned from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 8.

Held in The Hill municipal lot at 41 Kercheval, the open-air festival will feature a variety of local artists and their work, which will be available for sale, as well as live music and food trucks. Michigan Humane & Midwest Rescue and GP Zoology with Lou's Pet Shop are among additional attractions.

"Like our local businesses, restaurants and organizations, artists have been impacted tremendously by COVID-19, for they have not been able to attend art fairs to sell their work," Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher said via email, "so partnering with Posterity Art Gallery, we decided to support our local artists ... by bringing the community together for a fun weekend of art, music, great food and more."

The event is open to the

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Shoreside

Thomas Hill's "Waiting for Dad" puts us in the perfect mood for summer, sailing and shoreline fishing. Don't you agree? Be sure to check out our special boating and fishing pages, which can be found in Section C.

Dog park construction begins

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The long-awaited dog park at Patterson Park broke ground Friday, April 30. Cement for the entrance area to the park was poured Monday, May 4.

Though initially city administrators hoped to see dogs actively playing in the park by May or early June, Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig said a delay has come up that likely will set the opening date back until early July.

"The biggest challenge we're facing right now is a delay with the fencing," Craig said in an email. "The pandemic has put a lot of things behind schedule or increased the cost significantly. Our problem is a delay with the manufacturers."

Once the delay regarding fencing is overcome, Craig believes it should be smooth sailing.

"As for the landscaping, water source and camera installation, all should be completed rather quickly," Craig said.

— Kate Vanderstelt



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The cement was poured for the entrance of the dog park.



A close up of the paw prints stamped in the cement marking the entrance of the dog park.

Public works open house slated May 22

By Laurel Kraus
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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following the completion of its new public works building in October, the City will host an open house at the facility off Maumee from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22.

The event coincides with city council naming the week of May 16 Public Works Week, in conjunction with National Public Works Week, to honor the hard work displayed by DPW staff.

"It's really to honor our public works (employees), our essential workers who help keep our community clean and

looking the way we want it to," City Manager Pete Dame said, "and also (for) the opportunity to thank the community for investing in a permanent enclosed facility."

With largely child-oriented activities, the free event will display public works vehicles to climb, as well as show them in action, including the front-end loader loading salt into a dump truck.

The first 100 kids to attend receive a coloring book and hard hat, as well as stickers featuring PW. Paws, the mascot for the National Public Works Association. Kids also receive free snacks.

"This will give resi-

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Village to focus on experience-based retail economy

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A bookstore, brewery, pub/restaurant and shoe store were the top responses for what types of businesses the community would like to see in The Village, according to a recent survey conducted by Main Street Grosse Pointe with approximately 300 respondents.

The survey results, presented to the community via a Zoom meeting Tuesday, May 4, were categorized under Main Street's four-point approach — economic vitality, design, promotion and organization — and included The Village's strengths, such as its historic identity and close-knit community, as well as areas for improvement.

After gathering feedback and conducting a market analysis, Main

Street recommends pivoting The Village's trajectory to focus on an experience-based retail economy, essentially concentrating on the experience of the shopper by adding personalization and activities that enhance the time customers spend in the business, as the transformation strategy going forward.

Suggested programming focuses under the strategy, although not all-inclusive, are entrepreneurship ecosystem building; working with property owners to create a win-win for startups and independent businesses; bridging retail and the large remote residential workforce through co-working spaces, breweries and cafes; diversifying downtown's use/function; and building an e-commerce platform.

What could this look

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