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South principal faces 'admission' test over Tweet

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS — A South High School graduate with a hair trigger for taking screenshots claims proof that her least favorite former principal was on the internet equating Republicans with Nazis.

The former student presented a screenshot of South Principal Moussa Hamka "hearting" the

comparison plus written admission he did it by accident.

"Went through my likes — it was there," Hamka wrote Thursday, April 29, answering the grad confronting him on Instagram. "Must have been an accident like while scrolling. I know folks may not believe that, but it is the truth. Will definitely be more mindful will (sic) scrolling."

"I screen-shotted it the second he sent it to me," said the former high schooler, now in college and requesting anonymity for fear of being canceled (attacked) for defending Republicans.

"He unsent it within two minutes, so I can no longer see it," said the student. "I don't think Hamka knows I have screenshots of him admitting it."

A parent of a current

South student posted the screenshot on Facebook.

"I got a call from Hamka," said John Gelle, the parent. "I said, 'Did you like it accidentally?' He said, 'I don't know.' If he did like it accidentally, he must have deleted it. He goes, 'No, I didn't delete it.' He told one person he liked it and is telling me he never deleted it. Which one is it? Did

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The above tweet has been making the rounds in Grosse Pointe via social media. Moussa Hamka has "unequivocally" denied he liked the post.

City alters Mack zoning

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — In a process that began with the City's 2012 master plan, and more recently picked up traction with the Mack Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan, city council approved changes to the Mack Avenue zoning map and ordinance during its meeting Monday night.

These changes unify the majority of Mack in the City into a single new district, the C-1 commercial district, while increasing its allowed uses, providing more flexible parking standards and unifying development

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Jane McFeely's "Jewels of Detroit" was voted the winner of the inaugural "The Finer Pointes" art contest.

The winner is ...

McFeely wins 'Finer Pointes'

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The bold knife strokes of Jane McFeely's "Jewels of Detroit" caught the eyes of the most Grosse Pointe News subscribers, crowning the City of Grosse Pointe resident winner of the paper's first art contest, "The Finer Pointes."

"I'm pretty thrilled," McFeely said upon learning of the win. "It was such an honor to be chosen as part of the 11

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Master plan open house slated

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park is in the process of routinely updating its master plan and the city has been seeking active engagement throughout the process. After a virtual master plan update visioning session, which was open to the community in February, the Park is inviting interested residents to attend a community open house Tuesday, May 25.

The open house was scheduled for a date in

April, but was postponed to May 25, due to COVID-19.

The strolling open house will take place in two sessions, first from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the second from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both are hosted at the Tompkins Community Center patio at Windmill Pointe Park.

The city, along with its partnering organization MKSK, released a survey engaging residents in their goals and priorities for the Park as the master plan is updated. As the survey has closed, the community open

house aims to provide a summary of the survey results and continue to gather resident feedback.

Park residents are invited to attend and asked to practice social distancing and wear masks, according to the most recent flyer for the event.

"The city is excited to have its first real outdoor community engagement open house," City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "COVID's starting to ramp down and we

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City public safety to seek accreditation

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City's public safety department soon will begin the approximately two-year process toward achieving a mark only 6 percent of Michigan law enforcement agencies have reached to date: certification through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

Its mission, "is all about a better way to do things,"

Public Safety Director John Alcorn said, as it is based on standards reflective of the best practices available in law enforcement.

The process aims to help agencies calculate and improve their overall performances by way of implementation of written directives, policies and procedures. The result is objective outside recognition and approval earned through the internal and external evalua-

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