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	Cases	Deaths	
All Pointes	3,397 (+19)	64 (+0)	
Harper Woods	1,295 (+13)	49 (+0)	

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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Neighbors consider 389 St. Clair proposal too dense

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A combination of townhouse-style condos and apartments is planned for the school administration building at 389 St. Clair.

Residents living within 300 feet of the project came away from an early May Zoom meeting with the developer with concerns the plan may be too dense for the area.

However, the devel-

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Ready, set, cast!

Grab your rods and reels! The Grosse Pointe News's first Inshore Fishing Classic starts tonight at 6 p.m. Fish as much or as little as you want for Muskie, pike and bass.

The contest runs until 4 p.m. Thursday, June 24. Weekly prizes for longest catch will be awarded; weekly winners will be announced in our June 3,

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The Michigan Color Guard performed at a past Memorial Day ceremony at The War Memorial.

In memory, with honor

From 1941-45, World War II affected every aspect of life in Grosse Pointe. The Neighborhood Club became a community support center, sending soldiers off to war and providing USO activities. Grosse Pointers assumed demanding positions in wartime industries, government and military.

Women like Alice M. Scheaffler, who was elected to the Board of Education from 1942-54, filled a wider range of jobs than ever before. At the 1950 dedication of Alger House as the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, a

plaque commemorated 120 casualties from among Grosse Pointe's 3,600 men and women who served in the conflict.

A look back

The spacious Italian Renaissance-style home built in 1910 for Russell A. Alger, Jr. and his family was designed by architect Charles A. Platt of New York. Ellen Biddle Shipman was the landscape architect; the house and gardens were designed together as a unit with particular attention to the use of various ground levels to the best

'Freedom Is Not Free'

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That TAPS had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.

— Kelly Strong

Jarrell sets plans

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Director of Public Safety Bryan Jarrell officially began his position with the Park Wednesday, May 19.

The start date comes after an almost four-month interim period where Park public safety was led by interim director Lt. Jim Bostock.

Out of college Jarrell was a Marine and then a member of the Southfield Police Department, where he served as a patrol officer, traffic officer, D.A.R.E. officer, evidence technician, sergeant, lieutenant and deputy chief. Most recently he hails from Prescott Valley, Ariz., where he served the community as chief of police. During his time in Prescott Valley, Jarrell implemented many practices he intends to bring to the Park. He places a large



Director of Public Safety Bryan Jarrell

emphasis on ongoing training and open communication between the community and the public safety force.

"We tend to focus a lot of our training on hands-on stuff like firearms, defensive tactics, Taser, all of those kinds of things," Jarrell said. "Those things are important because they're one of the high liability areas, but it's something that we do a fraction

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Fisher Road between Charlevoix and Mack is among the areas in need of improvements.

Third time the charm? Pointes apply for Fisher Road grant

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY AND FARMS — It's been three years since the state began funding the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program, which is a competitive grant program for resurfacing roads in small communities. For the third year in a row, the City and Farms will submit a joint application for work on Fisher Road between Mack and Kercheval.

To make the application more attractive than in previous years, when the cities offered to split the funds for 50 percent

of the work, they now will commit to a 60 percent match between the City and Farms. The Michigan Department of Transportation would cover 40 percent, if accepted.

This "is still a better deal than getting nothing," Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame said, adding the two Pointes typically split the cost of the entire stretch of Fisher for maintenance and repair activities.

Under the grant proposal, the City and Farms each would pay \$243,660 toward the work, with MDOT covering \$812,200. These esti-

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Video celebration for Memorial Day

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission opted for the second year to cancel its annual Memorial Day observance. Instead of hosting the event, nor-

mally held at the Veterans' Memorial Parkway Circle of Honor outside of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, the city posted a 54-minute video from Memorial Day 1997, its 15th annual observance to honor those who served.

The video features the late Robert E. Novitke —

who was a member of the U.S. Marine Corp, fought in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart — as the keynote speaker.

"Today is a day for reflection, to honor, to give thanks and most of all to remember all of those who have been

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