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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Neighbors consider 389 St. Clair proposal too dense

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki

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.

'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'

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.

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— Kelly Strong

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 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

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

A look back

Renaissance-style home demanding positions in 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 atten-House as the Grosse tion to the use of various Pointe War Memorial, a ground levels to the best

From 1941-45, World plaque commemorated advantage. It was called

For two decades after its completion, The Moorings was the family headquarters for Alger, his wife Marion, and their chil-The spacious Italian dren, Russell III, Fay and Josephine.

After Russell Alger's death in 1930, the family sought a way for the house to be used to improve the quality of life in the community. From 1936 to 1948, the building | By Laurel Kraus became a branch of the Detroit Institute of Arts. In 1949, it was dedicated by

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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 fourmonth interim period where Park public safety was led by interim director Lt. Jim Bostock.

Out of college Jarrell he served as a patrol officer, traffic officer, D.A.R.E. officer, evidence techni-

tices he intends to bring to the Park. He places a large



Director of Public Safety Brvan Jarrell

was a Marine and then a emphasis on ongoing member of the Southfield training and open com-Police Department, where munication between the community and the public safety force

'We tend to focus a lot cian, sergeant, lieutenant of our training on handsand deputy chief. Most on stuff like firearms, recently he hails from defensive tactics, Taser, all Prescott Valley, Ariz., of those kinds of things," where he served the com- Jarrell said. "Those things munity as chief of police. are important because During his time in they're one of the high lia-Prescott Valley, Jarrell bility areas, but it's somethey're one of the high liaimplemented many prac-thing 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

Transportation Economic accepted. Development Fund mit a joint application for and repair activities. work on Fisher Road be-Mack

To make the applicathe second year to cancel to honor those who all to remember all of tion more attractive than MDOT the cities offered to split

of the work, they now will commit to a 60 percent match between the GROSSE POINTE CITY City and Farms. The AND FARMS — It's been Michigan Department of three years since the state Transportation would began funding the cover 40 percent, if

This "is still a better Category B Program, deal than getting nothwhich is a competitive ing," Grosse Pointe City grant program for resur- Manager Pete Dame said, facing roads in small adding the two Pointes communities. For the typically split the cost of Parkway Circle of Honor fought in Vietnam and third year in a row, the the entire stretch of POINTE outside of the Robert E. received the Purple City and Farms will sub- Fisher for maintenance

Under the grant proand posal, the City and Farms each would pay \$243,660 toward the work, with covering in previous years, when \$812,200. These esti-

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Video celebration for Memorial Day

By Kate Vanderstelt

WOODS — Due to con-COVID-19, the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission opted for its annual Memorial Day observance. Instead of hosting the event, nor- late Robert E. Novitke

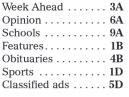
held at the who was a member of Novitke surrounding Center, the city posted a speaker. 54-minute video from Memorial Day 1997, its reflection, to honor, to Kercheval. 15th annual observance served.

The video features the

Memorial the U.S. Marine Corp, Municipal Heart — as the keynote

"Today is a day for give thanks and most of those who have been

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Home: Grosse Pointe Shores Chairman of internal medicine at Ascension St. John Hospital



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