

COVID-19 CASES UPDATE - 6/22

	Cases	Deaths
All Pointes	3,426 (+11)	65 (+1)
Harper Woods	1,314 (+4)	51 (+1)

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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Martin cited for running 'nightclub'

By John Minnis
Publisher

Grosse Pointe North head baseball coach David Harrison Martin faces 16 misdemeanor counts for allegedly operating an unlicensed entertainment venue, Willits Records, in downtown Birmingham catering to young people, with alcohol present and without a special land use permit.

According to a police report obtained by the Grosse Pointe News through the Freedom of Information Act, Birmingham Police Chief Mark Clemence and officer Kyle McCanham,

dressed in plain clothes, entered the premises at 237 Willits Alley at around 12:30 a.m. March 28.

They were met by a middle-aged white male who welcomed them and said there was a \$50 cover charge, which Clemence paid. The man also asked for the officer's ID to confirm his age. When asked if there was a mask requirement, the host said there wasn't.

The police chief and officer then observed a band playing to a crowd of 40 to 50 people. Throughout the night, they observed patrons

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State champs!

The University Liggett School Knights baseball team defeated Traverse City St. Francis last weekend 12-0 to become the MHSAA Division 3 state champions. This is the sixth state title in Liggett's program history and the third in Division 3. Read more about the game on page 1D.

Schroder takes seat on council

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — As the first order of business at the Shores June council meeting, Donn Schroder was appointed to fill the vacant seat left by Doug Kucyk's resignation, until the November election.

Schroder, who has lived in the Shores with his wife, Laura, since 1991, was appointed in a 6-0 vote, with Councilwoman Sandra Cavataio absent.



Donn Schroder

As chairman of the harbor committee the last two years, he will

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Muck invades Farms beach

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The parks and recreation department is doing all it can, but seems to be fighting an uphill battle against a thick, spongy, smelly muck that has settled along the beach shoreline at Pier Park.

"I've been on council for 20 years (and) I've never heard of this problem with black sludge and bubbles coming up," Mayor Louis Theros said. "It sounds like a whole new experience."

The occurrence, happening along the Lake St. Clair shoreline from St. Clair Shores to Harrison Township according to the Michigan Department

of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, is formed by dead and dying filamentous cyanobacteria, *Lyngbya wollei*, which first was noticed in the Great Lakes in the early 2000s.

The non-toxic *Lyngbya* forms marble-sized, dark green, woolly orbs that pile up in sheltered, shallow areas as they die off, effectively trapping other plant material, dead fish and trash amid their fibery material.

The cause of the problem, reported EGLE Aquatic Biology Specialist Kevin Goodwin, is a combination of new nutrient inputs driven by invasive species and increased

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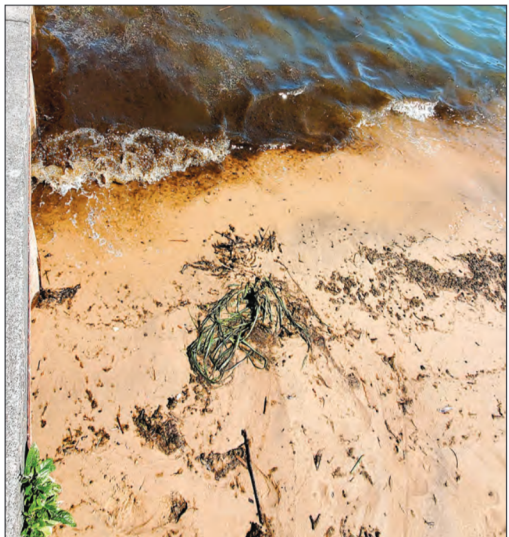


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The organic muck, better on some days and worse on others, has become a persistent problem along the Pier Park beach shoreline this summer.

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Public safety department bay doors overhauled

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Woods city buildings have undergone many improvements lately and the public safety department is no different. With the installation of a new roof and the acquiring of a state-of-the-art firetruck, the department has been on an upgrad-

ing roll. Most recently the department saw the installation of four new apparatus bay doors, replacing ones used more than 30 years.

"It was something that I had considered doing in the future and the DPW had money in their budget, so we decided to go ahead and do the project now," Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. "It's just

like maintaining your home — you look around the building and see what needs to be updated or upgraded and just try to make things as relevant as possible instead of waiting for many more years to get that done."

Malfunction in the old doors' sensors, as well as poor insulative properties, spurred the department to purchase

new doors.

"It just came to the point that they needed to be updated as well as upgraded," Kosanke said.

The new doors are better equipped to regulate temperature in the apparatus bays and are energy efficient, which will save money in the long

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