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Central library plans addition

By Laurel Kraus

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — With the completion of Grosse Pointe Public Library's phase one improvement plans in 2020, the organization now is ready to move onto the second and final phase of recommendations borne from com-prehensive community feedback.

While this phase includes enhanced outdoor and indoor spaces a makerspace for music, culinary arts, crafts and more is planned — at the Woods branch, extensive planning also is going toward a 7,500-square-foot, two-story addition to the south portion of the Central branch building.

The addition will allow the library to nearly double the children's space, add a second program room, incorporate an elevator and create additional restrooms with better accessibility. Also included in the plans is a reversal of the current direction of traffic to accommodate a drive-up transaction window on the south side of the building, the addition of ing, the loss of three parking spaces and relocating the loading dock to the west facade.

In keeping with the Central branch's recent National Register of



ummer sun & sailing

Maurice Prendergast's "The Balloon," circa 1901, helps us usher in summer with a brilliant, bustling beach scene reminiscent of Grosse Pointe's beautiful parks and the sailboats that dot Lake St. Clair this time of year.

Discharging into lake spares much of the Shores

By Laurel Kraus

GROSSE Shores experienced a ments. significantly different Farms and Park amid the the Shores' sewage heavy rainfall June 25 to

Recording about five inches of rain in a threehour period, approxi-POINTE mately 150 homes in the SHORES — Because the 1,100-home city saw city's sewage infrastruc- anywhere from a couple ture uniquely does not inches to four feet of connect to the Conner either sewage or storm-Creek Pump Station, the water back up into base-

With a separated sysevent from the City, tem throughout the city,

See SPARED, page 10A

Park looks to outfall as flooding solution

By Kate Vanderstelt

city council members desiring to address resident concerns regarding the flood event of June 25 to from residents: What is 26, Grosse Pointe Park the city going to do? hosted a virtual town hall Thursday, July 8, giving event logged 5 inches of residents a chance to ask city administrators ques- Park, causing flooding of tions. Roughly 400 residents logged onto Zoom and Facebook to hear the

Park's response to the flooding event. City offipresented a GROSSE POINTE PARK PowerPoint and a fre-Due to a push from quently asked questions sheet before the public voiced their concerns.

A common thread

In 2016, a massive rain rain in 12 hours in the many homes' base-

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a fire-suppression system to the entire building, the loss of three

By Jody McVeigh

 Industrial fans continue to dry out sections of See PLANS, page 3A | The War Memorial following late June storms and amplify that goodthat caused severe water ness and impact our comdamage at the institution, munity." as well as to basements across the Grosse cially launched its and construction set- veterans who experibacks, The War Memorial enced losses from storm is pressing forward with damage June 24 to 27. its mission of serving U.S.

"People are hurting; we're hurting," said or widowers and current Charles Burke, president and CEO of The War Memorial. "But it's the

responsibility of this institution to take that step forward and ... put THE GROSSE POINTES our mission first. We're blessed as an organization. It's our responsibility to take that blessing

> The War Memorial offi-The \$50,000 comes from its Patriot Initiative Fund.

> Veterans, their widows service member house-

> > See GRANT, page 3A and Homeland Security joint preliminary dam-

The War Memorial | Potential federal relief coming

THE GROSSE POINTES

 At a press conference Monday, June 28, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said, "The big issue for flooding is that you really need help from the federal government."

Now, help from the federal government may be on its way to relieve Grosse Pointers of their backup June 25 to 26.

toward the state request- in Grosse Pointe Park. ing a federal disaster

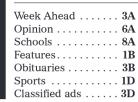


Pointes. Despite facing Veterans Storm Relief economic burdens Two FEMA representatives, a representative from the multi-million-dollar Fund on Monday, offer-caused by severe rain, the U.S. Small Business Administration and two loss of its Patriot Theater ing 100 \$500 grants to flooding and sewage state police officers with the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division talk As one of the first steps with a homeowner on the 1000 block of Nottingham

> declaration, the Federal and the U.S. Small age assessment. Emergency Management Business Administration Michigan State Police Friday, June 9, and damage to collect disas-Emergency Management Saturday, June 10, for a

By visiting a sample of Agency, or FEMA, visited all five Pointes the homes reporting

See RELIEF, page 4A







Jane Schmidt Home: City of Grosse Pointe

Long time Grosse Pointe South High School staffer reflects on her career as she enters



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