

**COVID-19 CASES UPDATE - 7/20**

	Cases	Deaths
All Pointes	3,455 (+16)	65 (+0)
Harper Woods	1,320 (+4)	52 (+0)

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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Redlin suit settled

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS** — Lips are zipped and everyone's mum about a district lawsuit that is resolved and cloaked in confidentiality.

Settlement ends the case's journey up and down the judicial hierarchy, starting with a district ruling in favor of the Grosse Pointe Public School System followed by reversal at the appel-

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Setting sail

Michael J. Whitehand's "His Majesty's Yacht Britannia" racing the victorious American J-class yacht Yankee off Cowes during the Round the Island Race of 1935, helps us celebrate the start of the Bayview Mackinac Race, which sets sail Saturday, July 24, and runs through Tuesday, July 27. The race begins in Port Huron and ends at Mackinac Island, and draws spectators and sailors from around the world.

COURTESY PHOTO

Pointes battle flooding again

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus
Staff Writers**THE GROSSE POINTES** — More rain seeped into the Pointes Friday, July 16, as the Shores reported 4 inches of rainfall, according to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, or EGLE. The second heavy storm in three weeks left streets and basements flooded, again.

The Pointes said all of their pump stations were operating during the July 16 storm. The Great Lakes Water Authority released the following statement regarding Friday's storm.

"The current rain event began with an intense early rain fall," the state-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The 1000 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park was one among many streets flooded due to rainfall Friday, July 16.

ment read. "There are some reports of flooding in localized, isolated areas and particularly on the freeways. Since the beginning of the rain today, GLWA's Water Resource Recovery

Facility is operating as designed. The Connors Creek and Freud Pump Stations continue to operate as designed and with available capacity. Water levels at both pump stations have

remained well below the levels that would result in basement flooding."

Though no Pointe system reportedly malfunctioned when rain hit

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Biden approves MI disaster declaration

Federal assistance available for home and business ownersBy Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer**WAYNE COUNTY** — President Joe Biden approved a Michigan disaster declaration for Wayne and Washtenaw counties Thursday, July 15, opening federal funds for home and business owners affected by the June 25-26 rain event.

There is not a maximum dollar amount for the disaster or the number of people who can be assisted, according to Sandra Jasmund, an external affairs officer with the Federal Emergency Management

Agency. Instead, the amount of funding coming from the Disaster Relief Fund will simply be determined by how many people end up being eligible.

Federal funding options include grants for temporary housing and home repairs and low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, while eligibility is determined by requirements listed in the Stafford Act.

"We want to make sure that the home is put back to a safe and sanitary condition," Jasmund

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Woods hosts town hall regarding flooding

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Woods officials came to the screen Thursday, July 15, to conduct a town hall via Zoom in efforts to provide transparency and continued open communication between the city and its residents. The city updated residents on the June 25-26 rain

event, which resulted in flooding in many residents' homes.

Unlike some of the other Pointes, the Woods has a combined sewer system, meaning all sewage and stormwater flows through the same pipes. According to City Engineer Scott Lockwood, this proves difficult in a storm event.

"The difficulty with that is, sanitary is very predictable," he

said. "Every person uses roughly 100 gallons per day, that's usually what the designed parameter is, which is predictable and you don't have to worry about anything else other than what people are using. With a storm system, obviously it's much more unpredictable because it all just depends on what falls out of the sky and whatever Mother Nature brings.

"So, from that perspective," Lockwood added, "the system is significantly more complex than a separated system."

Lockwood said most older communities use combined systems.

The Woods does have an outfall, however. At a point near the Milk River, in the case of extreme weather conditions, the Woods is permitted to treat the combined sewage with chlorine,

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Growing up with three adopted siblings and emphasizing the importance of being kind and compassionate in life.

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