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Harper Woods	1,320 (+4)	52 (+0)	

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Disaster document center opens on Mack

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES AND HARPER WOODS — For those impacted by the June 25-26 rain event, a Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Document Center is settling in the

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety building, 17320 Mack, and is available beginning Tuesday, July 7. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week, the drive-through center is for those who have already completed an application with FEMA

and need to supply further documentation after receiving a denial letter. Walk-up visits are not welcome. The purpose of FEMA grants is to support those who are underinsured, as well as those with no insurance. “Our goal is not to

make you whole,” FEMA Media Relations Specialist La-Tanga Hopes said. “We want to make sure that you have a livable, sanitary and safe environment, so we can help with restoration of that process.” FEMA applications can be completed online

at disasterassistance.gov, on the FEMA app or by calling the FEMA helpline at (800) 621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585). City of Grosse Pointe City Council unanimously approved an agreement, at no cost to FEMA, for the agency’s

use of the public safety building during a special meeting Monday night. As of press time, a FEMA disaster recovery center, where residents can go to complete applications and ask See RECOVER, page 2A

Council, judge primary election is next Tuesday

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus
Staff Writers

GROSSE POINTE PARK, FARMS AND SHORES — Grosse Pointe Park, Farms and Shores residents may vote in an upcoming primary election to select council members and a judge, respectively,

Tuesday, Aug. 3. Candidates for Park city council include Brian Brenner, Tom Caulfield, Christine Gallagher, Jeff Greer, Tim Kolar, Darci McConnell and Max Wiener. The seven candidates are running for three open seats on council, respectively, See PRIMARY, page 5A



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Whether as a spectator or player, Julius LeBlanc Stewart’s “The Tennis Match” reminds us to get out and enjoy the sun while it’s shining.

Ballots set for November election

By Laurel Kraus and Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writers

GROSSE POINTE CITY, SHORES AND WOODS — Following the July 20 filing deadline in the City, Shores and Woods, candidates now are locked in for the Nov. 2 election. With the mayoral seat and three council seats up for election in the City, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak and council members Maureen Juip, Chris Walsh and Daniel

Williams filed for re-election. Resident David Fries also filed to run for a seat on council. Both the Shores and Woods are set for uncontested elections come November, with exactly the number of candidates having filed as there are open seats. In the Shores, three full-term and one partial-term council seat are open. Councilman Donn Schroder, who was See BALLOTS, page 5A

Group aims to educate, engage voters

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — With one of the most highly contested elections in recent years in the Park underway, invested residents began an organization, called GreaterGP, to promote engaged and informed voter turnout. Organization leaders

hope to see the group expand to overall city government awareness beyond election season. Resident engagement seemingly is at an all-time high, as seven candidates filed to run for three open council seats, forcing a primary election in August — the first primary election necessary in the Park since 1987.

GreaterGP board members define the group as “a non-partisan 501(c)(4) that aims to engage, educate and inform the residents on the future of Grosse Pointe Park,” the website reads. “That starts by connecting with you, our neighbors, and reaching out across the community. “Our community is greater and our voice

stronger when everyone is engaged and informed,” it adds. “GreaterGP believes that residents should be up to date on local government issues including protecting our parks, enhancements to our business district, infrastructure improvements, public safety and upcoming See ENGAGE, page 3A

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Assistance options available for flood victims

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

WAYNE COUNTY — To address questions brought forward by victims of the June 25-26 flooding and basement backups, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence hosted a Federal Emergency Management Agency flood assistance town hall last week.

Assistance for this event is moving faster than the 2014 flooding, when the rain event occurred Aug. 11, and a FEMA declaration was not declared until Sept. 25, according to Tadarial Sturdivant, director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for Wayne County. Details regarding available assistance follow:

FEMA
Apply at disasterassistance.gov, on the FEMA app or by calling the FEMA helpline at (800) 621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585). FEMA funds can cover home damages, repair costs and rental assistance to help renters live somewhere else until the owner is able to fix the damage, but are not all-inclusive and instead are intended to ensure homes are

habitable. “You’re going to hear time and time again that FEMA will provide assistance, but to be clear, that’s not insurance,” Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist said. Those who receive a denial from FEMA are encouraged to write a letter of appeal, at which time representatives will again See ASSIST, page 2A

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