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	Cases	Deaths
All Pointes	3,501 (+30)	66 (+0)
Harper Woods	1,334 (+10)	52 (+0)

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Annexation nears final settlement

GROSSE POINTE WOODS AND FARMS — Following the annexation of seven Provençal homes from the Woods to the Farms in 2019, the two cities may have finally put the matter to rest, contingent upon approval by Farms council. An agreement signed at a Woods council meeting Monday, Aug. 2, settled that the Farms will

pay the Woods \$160,000, to be spread out as payments of \$40,000 over four years. "When the annexation happened," City Administrator Bruce Smith explained, "part of the statute under annexations allowed for payments from the city that's regaining the property to the other city for things that were there, like

long-term debt, pension. There's all kinds of various things that our city had debt on that these people have a responsibility to reimburse us for. So, we worked with the people in the Farms together and came up with that amount (\$160,000) and that will settle any kind of money that the Farms would owe Grosse

Pointe Woods because of the properties that left." "I am extremely disappointed at the way this whole thing shook out," Woods Councilman Todd McConaghy said as the agreement was approved. "This is the best possible result at this point. I accept that. ... But, I think we all wish this hadn't turned out quite this way."

If the agreement is not signed by both parties, further discussions would take place and the matter could eventually be brought to court. The Woods passed the agreement unanimously. The Farms anticipates discussing the matter at a meeting Monday, Aug. 9.

— Kate Vanderstelt

News to launch 'Best of the Best' contest

Vote Aug. 12-26

There's a certain comfort in knowing where to go for a good meal, the perfect outfit or a strong drink — from coffee to cocktails.

Everyone has businesses they love, places they visit where they are known as regulars. Most everyone has suggested to friends their go-to restaurant for a favorite dish, that fail-safe shop for a last-minute gift or a stylish clothing store whose selections never disappoint.

Whatever the reasons for your regular patronage, the Grosse Pointe News wants to know who tops your list. That's why next week the newspaper officially launches its inaugural "Best of the Best" contest, featuring 33 categories that range from Best Martini to Best

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Above, Lisa Sicklesteel inserts her vote into the ballot machine to be counted. At press time, the Farms received approximately 1,500 absentee ballots. Right, as of Aug. 2, the Park received 1,557 of the 2,162 absentee ballots it issued.

To the polls

Votes cast for the Aug. 3 primary election were not counted by press time. Find results online at grossepointenews.com and in next week's paper.



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Forgotten Harvest volunteer Carmen Sluter; Cathy Ireland, a DTE employee volunteering with Forgotten Harvest; and Grosse Pointe Woods Detective Kyle Seidel with one of the donation boxes at the Kroger on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Food drive success

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Forgotten Harvest, a nonprofit organization based out of Oak Park, produced a food drive outside Kroger stores throughout southeast Michigan Saturday, July 31. The Woods public safety team partnered with the nonprofit for a "first responders food drive." Woods Detective Kyle Seidel, along with 99.5 WYCD's Holly Hutton and Forgotten Harvest volunteers, posted outside Kroger on Mack to receive nonperishable donations. As shoppers walked

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Design engineering begins on infrastructure projects

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — During its May meeting, Shores city council adopted a notice of intent to issue bonds, not to exceed \$16,300,000, for major water and sewer infrastructure projects. The city now is moving forward with the next steps in the process, including the development of design engineering plans for replacement or rehabilitation of the Cook Road Pump station; replacement of the Lakeshore water main; and pavement, sewer and wa-

ter main rehabilitation for Oxford Road, as well as citywide smoke testing.

Cook Road Pump Station replacement or rehabilitation

Labeled the biggest portion of these projects, the Cook Road Pump Station is in need of improvements — these could come in the form of rehabilitation or full replacement of the station, depending on the findings of a basis of design report — to keep it within the maximum allowable flow limit of 3.0

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GLWA CEO resigns; firms hired

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

MICHIGAN — After leading the company five years, Great Lakes Water Authority Chief Executive Officer Sue McCormick announced her official resignation Wednesday, July 28, at a board of directors meeting. At the meeting, the board also decided on engineering and law firms to pursue an after-inci-

dent investigation into the company and provide a report on what may have occurred during recent rain events.

McCormick's resignation came in the midst of the organization coping with massive flooding attributed to GLWA-controlled regions.

"For the past year and a half or so, I have been contemplating my retirement."

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