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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Funds allotted

GROSSE POINTE PARK Funds the Grosse

Pointes have been waiting on since the American Rescue Plan Act's implementation March 11 have arrived in the Park. Council allocated 50 percent of the funds at a meeting Monday,

The Park is slated to receive \$1,156,588 from the implementation of the act, with 50 percent hitting the banks in 2021 and the remaining in 2022. The money may be allocated to anything dating from March 3, 2021 on, falling under certain categories.

The cities are able to use funding on responding to public health emergencies; providing essential workers with premium pay; providing government services: and investing in necessary improvements of water, sewer or broad-

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It was a community effort to bring the trolleys back to service. From left are Michele Hodges; Chris Walsh; CH Crane; Fred Rinke; Tom Caulfield; Alicia Carlisle with Elliot "Captain America" and Simon "The Hulk" Stepanski; Max Wiener and his daughter, Marion, and son, Julius; Leonard Beard; Trenton Chamberlain; Joe Hebeka; and Christine Gallagher and her son, Franklin.

ne makes a comeback

By Kate Vanderstelt

- The K-Line Trolley re-Pointes after a two-year

service for the 2020 sum-GROSSE POINTE PARK mer season due to COVID- auction. 19. In 2021, unexpected Americans

The trolleys were shut Disabilities Act. The city sense of community down after five years of ultimately decided to put they've reinforced, the the beloved trolleys up for

turns to Kercheval Friday, mechanical issues arose riding the trolleys for nesses along Kercheval. Aug. 27, to deliver San and the city faced poten-many reasons," a state- Each summer, over 10,000 band infrastructure. The Francisco charm to the tial concerns regarding ment by Grosse Pointe riders made use of the compliance with the Park Business Association with board members said. "The

ease of hopping on and off and the ability to shop and "Families have loved eat at a variety of busi-

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Disconnect your downspouts | Hazard mitigation

By Kate Vanderstelt Staff Writer

The disconnection of downspouts has become Howlett said. a hot topic as the Grosse Monday, Aug. 23.

'The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the city will be sending the sudden inflow of rainwater into the sanitary sewer system, the overflow of the drainage system and the resulting

GROSSE POINTE PARK statement prepared by City Attorney Jake

Though there already Pointes try to mitigate ur- was an ordinance on the ban flooding. The Park is books requiring the discracking down on an up-dated ordinance enforc-spouts, the city "did not ing the disconnection of do a very good job of downspouts, as approved enforcing that ordiat a council meeting nance," City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

With a grace period, notices to homes that have known connected downspouts, making them aware of the See FLOODING, page 5A threaten life and proper-

pollution of Lake St. Clair updated ordinance and and the reduction of giving them a chance to basement flooding," a disconnect their downspout before enforce ment grows.

"We do want to give a grace period, because we know this is a financial burden for some residents to consider disconnection from the system," Sizeland said.

The city plans to put out informational guides on disconnecting downspouts with the help of the city engineering firm OHM Advisors.

"Our first approach is

plan passed in G.P.

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus

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an updated plan, which makes each meeting Sept. 13. city eligible to receive Federal aiming to minimize im- see hazardous events. pacts of hazards that may

ty. The City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Park and Shores have passed the update. The plan currently is be-—The Grosse Pointes are ing reviewed by the in the process of passing Farms city attorney, with an updated Wayne the intent for council to County hazard mitigation vote on it during the

The plan, last updated Emergency in 2013, is a multi-step Management Agency program in effect in funding for programs areas that consistently

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Census shows increase in Pointes

By Laurel Kraus and Kate Vanderstelt

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- The Grosse Pointes, with the exception of the Shores, all saw an increase in population over the last decade, according to the recently released results of the 2020 Census.

The data follows predictions by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, U.S. Census Bureau and other experts on population study that all the Grosse Pointes would see a 3 to 4 percent population decline between 2010 and 2020, City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame reported.

'It's important that we didn't (decrease) and we recognize the reason why," he said, "because we pay attention to making sure our communities are lively and reinvested in and well taken care of, so that people continue to want to live here. ... Especially when Wayne County (as a whole) did actually decline in population and the city of Detroit adjacent to us declined in population, it says a lot for us and what we're doing as a community to keep a stable population.'

In what is the most significant increase in population among the Pointes, the Farms saw population growth of 7.1 percent over the last

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MLK marker dedication is Aug. 30 at South

the addition of a historic marker at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, at the school, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Representatives from the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, in 2018 on the 50th anniversary

"The Other America," which he online with the Michigan Association of Realtors." delivered at the school March 14, 1968.

Grosse Pointe Public School of the Rev. Dr. King's visit to ical marker was mentioned at a

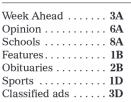
System, Grosse Pointe News Grosse Pointe High School, it Grosse Pointe News Advisory Historical Commission and found there was an application a grant and the Grosse Pointe "When we were doing stories process and associated costs.

"When getting an MLK histor-

and Michigan Historical became clear what an amazing Board meeting, Grosse Pointe Commission invite the commu- historical event it was," Grosse Board of Realtors CEO Bob The final step in formalizing nity to attend the dedication cer- Pointe News Publisher John Taylor said he thought his board emony of the marker, which Minnis recalled. "We thought it would be willing to take part on the grounds of Grosse Pointe commemorates Dr. Martin certainly deserved an historic and he thought he could get a South High School takes place Luther King Jr.'s historic speech, marker of its own. We checked grant from the National

The national board approved board, with help from GPPSS,

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Samantha Buchanan Home: Grosse Pointe Park Pointe Acupuncture founder brings California perspective to Grosse Pointe



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