

COVID-19 CASES AS OF 9/14
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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Cities advocate for homeowners

By Laurel Kraus and Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — While approximately 20 homes in the Grosse Pointes are being added to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's coastal flood plain map along Lake St. Clair, many more would have been

included if not for preventive action taken by the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park. The updated map has nothing to do with recent flooding occurrences in the area, as the process began in 2018. Instead, the expansion is reflective of modified methodology in the way FEMA calculates a flood

plain on Lake St. Clair. Although the base flood plain was lowered, the new calculations include data for wave surge and wind-generated flooding, which weren't considered previously. Because FEMA uses satellite data to estimate how high ground levels are, the City was able to verify if its elevations of

the land were correct, submitting data from a registered surveying company and making the case that five proposed homes should not have been included according to FEMA's own criteria. "Our city engineer went to every home on the lakefront ... that was potentially affected by their original draft and

we measured ourselves what the elevation was, at the city's cost," City Manager Pete Dame said. Thanks to the City's efforts, two addresses on Alger Place and one each on Lakeland, Cameron Place and Dodge Place were not included in the final FEMA flood plain map.

In the Park, the proposed flood plain map would have added approximately three-quarters of the homes south of Jefferson to the final map. According to City Manager Nick Sizeland, the former city manager along with FEMA and Stantec Inc. See *ADVOCATE*, page 3A



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To the dogs

The dog days of summer soon will turn to fall — cuddle weather — as we're reminded by Valentine T. Garland's "Young Companions."

Coach Martin cases going to final jury pretrial

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff writer

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — The 16 misdemeanor counts, including one for liquor law violations, against Grosse Pointe North High School head varsity baseball coach David Martin have been sent to final jury pretrial by an Oakland County circuit judge.

Along with the liquor law violation, Martin is accused of 15 building and fire code violations in a building his company leased in downtown Birmingham. No Grosse Pointe residents or minors were involved, according to Martin's defense attorney, Robert



David Martin

Morad. "They have 100-and-something people on that witness list, which is ridiculous," Mary Kucharek, Birmingham city attorney, told 48th

See *MARTIN*, page 3A

Beginning to feel a lot like fall

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — The end of September signifies the beginning of

fall, with Wednesday, Sept. 22, being the official recognized first day. Fall in the Pointes means crisp air, the prettiest color-changing foliage and, of course, all the events residents could want, including everything from pony rides to cider and doughnuts to trick-or-treating. Check out what each Pointe has to offer in the coming months below. For more information, be sure to check each Pointe's city website and social media.

City of Grosse Pointe
15th annual Fall Harvest
 As the leaves begin to turn colorful, the 15th annual Fall Harvest will

be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Neff Park. Featuring a fall craft for children, strolling magician, pony rides, petting farm, bungee run and candy hunt, attendees also will be offered a hot dog roast and a large assortment of fall-favorite foods from a local cider mill. Open to City residents, tickets are \$5 per person and children younger than 4 are free. Food is included in the price of admission.
Grosse Pointe Farms
Shake by the Lake
 Get ready for a night of jamming to music by Detroit's top musicians

and dancing in the moonlight. Featuring the Chris Canas Band and other celebrated artists from southeast Michigan, the third annual Shake by the Lake R&B/Rock and Roll Jam Session will run 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Pier Park Community Center. Admission and food, sponsored by local Farms businesses, are free. Hosted by the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, a cash bar featuring Atwater beverages and a 50/50 raffle also will be among the festivities.
Concours d' Elegance
 Car enthusiasts should

See *FALL*, page 2A

Woods welcomes new public safety officer

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The newest public safety officer in the Woods was sworn in Wednesday, Sept. 8. PSO Douglas Copple, after seven years with the Taylor police department, officially started with the Woods department Sunday, Sept. 5. His seven years in Taylor started with working inside the jail, where he booked prisoners and watched over the jail system. Copple attended the police academy in 2017,

and transitioned into a policing role with Taylor. After working years in what he described as a position running from call to call in Taylor, Copple decided he was looking for a different community to serve. "I wanted a better community to work with," he said, "where you do more community policing." Joseph Adams, Copple's cousin and a sergeant in the City of Grosse Pointe, told him of openings in the Pointes' public safety. See *OFFICER*, page 3A

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