

COVID-19 CASES AS OF 9/21
 Since tracking began in March 2020

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City explores preventive flooding measures

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following the June 25-26 flooding and basement backups, the City of Grosse Pointe enlisted its engineers to compile a comprehensive report of its sewer system, along with a variety of preventive measures for consideration.

Out of the report, presented to city council Monday night, city engi-

neers and administration were directed to proceed with further exploration of a number of the initiatives, the most significant of which is redirecting the storm sewers north of Waterloo from the Neff Road Pump Station to Lake St. Clair.

"We have a lot of separate storm pipes already on the streets in that area," City Engineer Stephen Pangori said,

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Olive the dog gets a refreshing drink on a hot day the day the dog park opened.

Park dog park opens at last

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It was a happy day for cooped-up pups in the Park Thursday, Sept. 16, when they finally got their own space to roam and jump and play with the opening of the new Patterson Park dog park. Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig said within

the week, more than 100 passes have been sold.

"Just seeing the number of people that were down there," Craig said, "the number of passes we've already sold, it was clearly something that we've needed and the residents have wanted for some time and I'm just glad to see it finally come through."

Craig estimated around 75 dogs attended

opening day, which featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony and cider and doughnuts for attendees.

"As of right now, I've just heard positive things," Craig said. "Everyone seems to really enjoy it and like it, just happy to finally be using it, I think. I've seen quite a bit of activity and even the gate guards have said it's

been steady with people coming through on a daily basis. There's been some peak times already, but mostly throughout the day people are coming down there."

Also at the opening day were forms for residents to purchase memorial bricks or benches, commemorat-

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Movies in the Park returns

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Starting Friday, Sept. 24, Park residents will be able to make a night out of going to the theater for the first time since the pandemic hit.

The last movies airing in the Windmill Pointe theaters were Disney and Pixar's "ONWARD" and "The Call of the Wild." The final showtimes were Thursday, March 12, 2020, before the theaters shut down Friday, March 13.

Mary Beth Hathaway,

Lavins Activities Center manager, and Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig collaborated to get the theaters back up and running. With a return date of Friday, Sept. 24, the city currently is recommending residents wear masks per CDC guidelines as they attend showings. As it stands, there will not be a limit on ticket sales until the show is sold out per seats in the theater.

"We were only going to reopen with weekends," Craig said, "but if we

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Woods signs off on new public safety training

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Woods city council approved a three-year agreement with a new public safety training program, Vector Solutions, at a meeting Monday, Sept. 20.

The new program comes after the group providing emergency medical services, or

EMS, training to the department stopped its services. All online, Vector Solutions offers a thousand classes training officers in the area of police, fire and EMS.

In years past, the city budgeted around \$3,000 for the year for EMS recertifications and relevant training. With the new program, the city will pay \$3,365 annually — \$99 for each officer —

for all necessary EMS-related training, plus police and fire training.

"Not only do I get the EMS taken care of," Public Safety Director John Kosanke said, "I have the additional police and fire training and it's pretty close to the same cost we were paying for EMS training."

Kosanke said the constant access to training

likely will help the department accomplish all training goals set for years to come.

"With this training being available 24/7," he said, "an officer can log on and even if we haven't assigned certain training, if he wants to go ahead and take it to better himself, then he can go on and he can take as

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Pharmacist indicted for prescription fraud

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Hasna Bashir Iwas, a 60-year-old New Baltimore woman and owner and operator of Beacon Pointe Pharmacy in the Park, was indicted for unlawful distribution of prescription drug controlled substances, conspiracy and unlawfully maintaining

drug-involved premises Thursday, Sept. 16, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office press release.

Iwas is connected through this indictment to previous indictments charging Dr. Otis Crawford and three other defendants as operators of a prescription drug ring, spanning Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park and River Rouge, among others.

Iwas is alleged to have filled hundreds of fraudulent prescriptions under Crawford, including prescriptions for oxycodone, hydrocodone, Xanax and promethazine with codeine syrup, valuing more than \$2 million. She further filled more than 600 forged prescriptions as part of a Detroit forgery ring, demanding cash from patrons to fulfill the prescription.

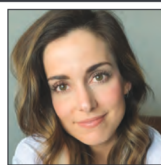
"Pharmacist Iwas insisted that she always required the patient to be present to fill their controlled substance prescription and denied filling multiple prescriptions for a 'runner' presenting a group of forged prescriptions," the press release said. "But one of the forged prescriptions charged in the superseding indictment was filled the day after the 'patient' was murdered."

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