

**COVID-19 CASES AS OF 10/12**  
 Since tracking began in March 2020

	Cases	Deaths
All Pointes	4,067 (+53)	72 (+2)
Harper Woods	1,541 (+29)	54 (+0)

(Increase 10/5-10/12)

**ED RINKE** CHEVROLET BUICK GMC CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

26125 Van Dyke • Center Line  
 (Just south of 696 on Van Dyke)  
 (586) 754-7000 • www.edrinke.com

**\$189\*** per mo. 36 Months \$999\* Down

**2022 Trax AWD LS**

**FIND NEW ROADS™**

\*Pricing is priced on 36 month lease, 10,000 miles per year, plus tax, title, plate, 1st payment waived. See Salesperson for details. Expires 10/31/21

Purchase a 2022 for **\$22,319** Stock #2KZRWS

# Grosse Pointe News

VOL. 82, NO. 41, 28 PAGES  
 ONE DOLLAR (DELIVERY 86¢)

Your community newspaper since 1940

OCTOBER 14, 2021  
 GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN

Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

## Ballots recalled

By Kate Vanderstelt  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Park city administration arrived to work Tuesday, Oct. 12, with notice that all absentee ballots for the November election needed to be recalled.

A resident identified the problem — the judicial election is listed as “non-incumbent,” where Carl Jarboe should be listed as an incumbent candidate — and reported it to the county, who in turn called the Park.

“When the proofing was being done,” City Clerk Jane Blahut said, “the municipal judge, who’s our incumbent, it should have said, ‘incum-

bent,’ under his name and it didn’t. So we missed it, the county missed it and the state missed it. It wasn’t (caught) until a resident called the county and informed them and they informed us.

“All I can say is we’re working with the state and the county on proceeding,” she added. “Replacement ballots will be sent to all those residents who applied for an absentee ballot and we are taking the directions from the state (and) county on how to proceed so every vote counts.”

Before the mislabel was pointed out, around 700 of 2,300 ballots had been

See **BALLOTS**, page 5A



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fisher Road between Kercheval and Mack remains in poor condition.

## Fisher denied MDOT grant

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE CITY AND FARMS** — The third time was not the charm for the City and Farms, which recently found out they were not awarded a Michigan Department of

Transportation grant to resurface Fisher Road between Mack and Kercheval for the third year in a row.

Applying for the grant in May, the Pointes attempted to better their chances by offering to split 60 percent of the

cost of the work and requesting only 40 percent of the \$812,200 needed.

So where did it go wrong? In the 139 application requests for more than \$41.9 million MDOT received, only \$3 million in funding was available.

“We thought we had a better chance, obviously, because this was a multi-year application ... and (it) gets special consideration if it’s a joint jurisdiction, which obviously this was with Grosse

See **FISHER**, page 4A

## New patches for Park public safety

By Kate Vanderstelt  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — After more than a century since its inception, the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety is slated to install patches onto its uniforms by the turn of the year.

Tradition kept the department from making big changes in this creative direction in the past, according to Public Safety Officer Matt Reyes. Reyes remembers toying with the idea of getting patches for the department since he started six years ago. An involved resident’s per-



**The Park Department of Public Safety will debut its first patches, designed by Public Safety Officer Matt Reyes, by Jan. 1.**

sistence ultimately prompted Reyes to draft a patch.

“I’ve always (been) a creative person,” Reyes said. “... I always thought that we needed to have patches. I think having a patch is a good way to separate yourselves from other departments and just show pride in where you work. I’ve always kind of floated it around, but we’ve never had them.”

When Reyes was out to dinner with his wife one night, the resident, Jeffrey Powers, sent him several patch renderings. Reyes decided he’d bring the idea to Deputy Director Jim Bostock and Director Bryan Jarrell.

“They said, ‘You know what? I think it’s time we get patches, but let’s take a vote,’” Reyes said. “... (Overwhelmingly) the guys voted ‘yes’ for patches.”

Reyes merged several of Powers’ drafts into the final patch design, which depicts a rendering of the Michigan state seal; the Star of Life, the symbol of emergency medical services; a fire department symbol; and the outline of a police badge.

“I think it’s going to look sharp,” Reyes said.

Residents may expect to see all officers donning the new patches by Jan. 1, 2022, at the latest.

## Farewell to Farquhar

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — With the election already underway through absentee voting, Monday marked the last city council meeting for councilman and former mayor James Farquhar, who is stepping down from his seat.

“I just want to say thank you to all the residents,” he said. “It’s been a pleasure to be on the council. ... I’d say about 98 percent of it has been pure pleasure.”

Holding the title of the city’s longest-serving mayor, Farquhar led the Farms 14 years before spending another six on city council, two of them as mayor pro tem.

Even prior to those two decades, he helped form the city’s beautification committee and has been heavily active with the parks and harbor committee since 1985.

“He’s always been a cheerleader for the city



James Farquhar

and for administration,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “There’s times when some of us would be discouraged or felt down and Jim’s always been there to pick us all up and (has) been the voice of optimism.”

In honor of Farquhar’s last meeting after 20 years of service, Mayor Louis Theros set aside time at the beginning of the meeting for city officials to each have a chance to say a few

See **FAREWELL**, page 3A

**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!**  
**CALL (313) 343-5578**  
**GROSSEPOINTENEWS.COM**

## Masquerade for the Stacks is Oct. 23

By Jody McVeigh  
 Editor

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation presents Masquerade for the Stacks, a benefit for the Grosse Pointe Public Library, from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Country Club of Detroit,

220 Country Club, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The black-tie-optional event features cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, dancing and a live auction with auctioneer Lori Stefek.

“Guests are encouraged to don masquerade masks and embrace the celebratory spirit of the

event,” said Beth Vernon, executive director of the GPLF. “Gabriel Brass Band will lead our sponsors to the main event and the Paxton Spangler Quintet will provide entertainment during dinner and after for dancing.”

See **STACKS**, page 4A

Week Ahead ..... 3A  
 Opinion ..... 6A  
 Schools ..... 9A  
 Features ..... 1B  
 Obituaries ..... 4B  
 Sports ..... 1D  
 Classified ads ..... 5D

**Pointer of INTEREST**

See story, page 4A

**Dr. Alexander Bill, D.O.**  
 Home: Grosse Pointe Park  
 Physician sees surgeries as an art form



PHONE: (313) 882-6900 ♦ FAX: (313) 882-1585 ♦ MAIL: 16980 Kercheval Ave., 48230 ♦ ON THE WEB: grossepointenews.com ♦ E-MAIL: editor@grossepointenews.com

**Backer LANDSCAPING INC.**  
 Michigan's Premier Landscape Company  
 586-774-0090  
 www.backerlandscaping.com

**ED RINKE** BUICK GMC CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

26125 Van Dyke • Center Line  
 (Just south of 696 on Van Dyke)  
 (586) 754-7000 • www.edrinke.com

**\$239\*** per month, 39 months \$999\* Down

**2021 Buick Encore GX Select**

\*39 month lease, 10,000 miles per year, plus tax, title, plate. See Salesperson for details. Expires 10/31/21

Purchase a 2021 for **\$25,399** Stock #1517893