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DPW breaks ground

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Contractors broke ground Wednesday, Oct. 27, on the new department of public works building to be built between Maryland and Wayburn on Mack Avenue.

For a department that has never worked out of a space built specifically for it, City Manager Nick Sizeland said smiles ran wide when the workers saw plans for their own place.

"It's been a long time coming," Sizeland said at the ceremony. "It's going to be the best public works building

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Vote your voice

We hope everyone took the time to vote this Election Day, Nov. 2. Edward L. Henry's "Election Day 1844," painted in 1913, looks at the divisive presidential election that pitted Henry Clay against James K. Polk. They clashed over the annexation of Texas from Mexico and the expansion of slavery into newly established territories. Henry signifies the country's deep divisions and hints at the Civil War to come by using a road to split the crowd in two.

Off to the races!

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus
Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — Election day in the Grosse Pointes was off to a smooth start as of presstime Tuesday, Nov. 2.

With a highly contested election in the Park, voter turnout reportedly was high Tuesday, according to Clerk Jane Blahut. Out of 2,618 issued, absentee ballots returned reached 2,211 and 1,171 voters had shown up to the polls by 2:30 p.m.

The City had 208 in-person voters by 2 p.m., while 799 absentee ballots had been returned.

Election day voter turnout in the Farms also was light as expected, Assistant Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki reported, because it is a local election with only one contested race.

"The lighter turnout at the polling places is due to the increase in absentee voting," he added.

For example, the precinct at Grosse Pointe South High School saw only 96 voters by noon. However, 82 percent of 1,964 absentee ballots sent had been returned.

The Shores saw similarly low voter turnout with approximately 65 in-person voters by early afternoon, compared to



Hillary Brass inserts her ballot into the voting machine to be scanned while her children, Celeste Brass-Beers and Levin Brass-Beers watch the process. Brass voted at Defer Elementary in Grosse Pointe Park.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

374 absentee ballots returned.

With two charter amendments on the ballot, the Woods saw a slow election day. Out of 14,387 registered voters, 189 ballots were cast in

person and 2,755 absentee ballots were returned as of 2 p.m.

The results of the Farms/Shores municipal judge race will be available on the Wayne County Clerk webpage, because

the votes from the two Pointes will be combined.

Find election result coverage on all contested races in the Grosse Pointes online at grossepointenews.com.

Chase Bank leaving Jefferson building

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The two-story, white building at 17449 Jefferson — known today as a Chase Bank branch — has served the needs of Grosse Pointe residents since before World War I, according to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Its uses have varied over the years and include doctors' offices, a hardware store, a drug-store named Schettler's from 1918 to 1947, a barber shop, a beauty shop, Board of Health offices and multiple banks: Grosse Pointe Savings Bank, Grosse Pointe Bank, National Bank of Detroit and Chase Bank.

"As a child, my dad had taken me there to get my

Initial plans presented for Chene-Trombly

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Chene-Trombly Park, located just off Mack Avenue on Ridgmont Road, is undergoing an anticipated makeover, headed by developers Stucky Vitale Architects. Initial design

plans were presented at a committee of the whole meeting Monday, Oct. 18.

According to John Vitale, CEO and president of Stucky Vitale Architects, the park will be redesigned to focus mostly on tots and be more prominent in a developing area.

"I think this is a great, great improvement for

this city and community," Vitale said. "That whole block changed quite a bit.

... There's so many new developments in that area, I think the park would be really a nice addition to that whole area that's improving there."

Adjacent to the park on Mack Avenue is a block growing in development

with businesses, namely Starbucks and Estia, a Greek street food business. With Licavoli's Market near the park as well, Vitale believes the update could welcome parents looking to grab coffee or food and sit while their children play.

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