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Park elects first female mayor

All new candidates take council seats
 By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A historic election Tuesday, Nov. 2, led to the official selection of the Park's first female mayor, Michele Hodges. Three new council members Tom Caulfield, Max Wiener and Christine Gallagher also were elected to serve four-year terms.

Out of a possible 10,284 registered voters, 4,753 ballots were cast in

the election. Hodges led Lauri Read 2,545 votes to Read's 2,175, approximately a 7 percent difference in votes. "Empowerment is a gift," Hodges said of her election win. "I feel exceptional about the opportunity to move the community forward together. ...

"I feel like a leader for

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Michele Hodges

Fries, Juip, Walsh fill City council seats

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — With four candidates vying for three council seats in the City of Grosse Pointe Tuesday, Nov. 2, incumbents Maureen Juip and Chris Walsh, along with newcomer David Fries, received the top votes.

In Juip's first election to city council — she previously was appointed by council to fill an empty seat — she earned the most votes with 1,059. Her focuses include the Main Street program to revitalize The Village, ensuring infrastructure is property designed to handle an increase in frequency of weather events and getting the community engaged in



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We pay tribute to all of our veterans who served to preserve our freedoms this Veterans Day with Carl Hirschberg's "Decoration Day."

Berschback elected municipal judge

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — Charles "Chip" Berschback was elected the next Farms/Shores municipal judge Tuesday, Nov. 2, with 59.21 percent, or 1,823 of the 3,079 votes cast.

"Frankly, this is a life-long dream come true for me," Berschback said. "I've had a lot of help and support from a lot of people along the way and I'm just so grateful for all my friends and family, the volunteers that helped me ... and of course all the voters. So I'm looking forward to a new chapter in my life."

Well known in the community for his 19 years as the Grosse Pointe Woods attorney and prosecutor, Berschback's background also includes more than 33 years as a



Charles Berschback

defense attorney. His decades-long experience with the Grosse Pointe courts is among the factors that will make him a good judge, he said, including the ability to see both sides of a case due to experience as both a defense lawyer and prosecutor, good rapport with all groups involved in the

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Jarboe stays judge

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — In an election Tuesday, Nov. 2, Park residents voted to keep Municipal Judge Carl Jarboe on for another term to add to his 27 years of service in the position.

With 1,685 absentee ballots and 1,419 in-person ballots cast in his name, Jarboe gathered a total of 3,104 votes, or 68.7 percent, in the race for municipal court judge. He topped opponent Charissa Potts, who obtained 755 in-person and 655 absentee votes to total 1,410, or 31.21

percent of votes received. "I appreciate all the trust and confidence that the citizens of Grosse Pointe Park have placed in me over these 27 years," Jarboe said. "I'm just going to work hard to keep fulfilling their expectations of me."

Notably, Jarboe did not accept contributions to his campaign, produce literature, involve a campaign website or even post on Facebook. He said he only produced about 125 lawn signs and buttons to publicize his campaign.

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Park public safety put end to car chase

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A police chase originating in Warren came to an end Thursday, Nov. 4, when Park public safety officers used stop sticks to ultimately bring the stolen white Jeep to a halt on Kercheval and Audubon.

According to a Warren Police Department press release, officers were dispatched to the scene

where a white Jeep hit a home at 5 p.m. Thursday. The driver reportedly was "inhaling unknown chemicals from a container," according to the press release.

Upon checking the plates of the Jeep, it was found to be stolen from Hazel Park. Officers attempted to pull over the Jeep and the driver fled, commencing the chase.

The driver, 42-year-old Warren resident Michelle Elaine Steele, entered I-75 heading southbound and hit a Warren police car. As she sped through Warren, Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, more police departments joined the chase and she swerved at patrol cars, sped down residential streets, drove on sidewalks and ran red lights and stop signs.

A Warren police scanner showed Steele entered

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