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	Since tracking began in March 2020	
	Cases	Deaths
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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Aimee Fluitt steps down

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Two years after being elected to the Grosse Pointe Park City Council, Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt announced she would be vacating her seat, leaving open a partial two-year term, effective with her last council meeting Monday, Dec. 13.



Aimee Fluitt

Her announcement came after she ran an opinion piece in the Detroit Free Press Wednesday, Nov. 10, titled “Grosse Pointe Park council members lost election because of racist lies.” The article was posted at 12:41 p.m. and brought to a community page at 1 p.m. by

Fluitt, who said, “Let’s get this out of the way. I didn’t write the headline, but I said what I said. No, I won’t argue with you on Facebook.” The post yielded 180 comments. The opinion piece

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Filling the school administration building at 389 St. Clair will be 18 apartment units, with eight townhomes separately constructed on the property as well.

389 St. Clair rezoning, site plan approved

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — With the conditional rezoning of 389 St. Clair from single family to transition during Monday night’s council meeting, 18 apartment units and eight townhomes now are slated for the property.

After tabling the matter at the August council meeting, the developers, brothers Mark and Craig

Menuck of Curtis Building, returned to the drawing board to incorporate recommendations from city council and community opinion.

Changes made to their original proposal include reducing the number of apartment units from 23 to 18; eliminating and combining the smallest units to create units as large as 1,270 to 1,600 square feet; reducing the size of the building on the Notre Dame side to create

setbacks of 9 feet instead of 5 feet; offering more parking spaces per unit than initially planned; and incorporating additional green space.

Plans include four one-bedroom, 13 two-bedroom and one three-bedroom apartment units, while all the townhouse units are more than 2,000 square feet.

The site plan of the development was deemed

consistent with the City’s master plan, according to City Planner John Jackson.

“While this site may not be identified on the future land use plan as multi-family or transition,” he said, “... (the site plan) talks about some of the goals and objectives that are included in the City’s master plan such as preserving local historic assets like the school

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Park seeks two council members

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park is searching for a resident to fill a two-year partial term on council in the vacant seat of Michele Hodges, who was appointed mayor in the recent election.

City charter mandates the vacated seat be filled within 60 days, meaning the council members must select a colleague by Tuesday, Jan. 4. If council members fail to reach a consensus, a special election will ensue to fill the seat.

“I believe it to be in the

best interest of all to avoid the cost and complication of a special election,” Hodges said at a council meeting Monday, Nov. 8. “We do need to achieve normalcy as soon as possible so that this community can heal and move forward.”

Councilman Vikas Relan expressed concern over rushing the decision, as it is a larger term than what was most recently appointed by council.

“This is for a two-year term, whereas (Dan) Grano’s term was (nine

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Arson is cause of June Koi Nu Asian fire

\$5,000 reward offered for information

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Investigators have determined arson to be the cause of a fire that broke out in the rear of Koi Nu Asian after business hours at 10:42 p.m. Sunday, June 6.

“It’s a very rare crime in Grosse Pointe City,”

Public Safety Director John Alcorn, a more than 20-year veteran of the department, said. “I can’t remember the last arson we had, if I’ve even ever had one before.”

The suspicion was in officers’ minds from the beginning, he said, when

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FILE PHOTO

Arson is the cause of a fire that started in the rear of Koi Nu Asian Sunday, June 6.

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Parking enforcement in City to be automated

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Attempting to skirt parking regulations in the City will be even more of a risk now, as council unanimously approved the purchase of new enforcement equipment during its October

meeting.

While the current system is nearly 15 years old, no longer supported by the manufacturer and running on an old version of Microsoft, the new system will allow the parking agent to use a mobile phone and portable printer to write tickets that are detected

from a car-mounted license plate recognition system.

This system uses parking permit records, the City’s mobile payment application and new pay stations located in municipal lots to determine whether a vehicle has paid.

Additional improve-

ments from the current system include ticket records being immediately synced with the city’s municipal court tracking system, as well as the tracking of parking lot usage from a parking management perspective.

“The intent isn’t actually to write more tick-

ets,” City Manager Pete Dame said. “In fact, we don’t raise a lot of revenue from writing tickets and we don’t intend to change that.”

“The goal of parking renewal enforcement is to ensure that people pay and follow the rules when they park,” he continued, “so the vast majority of revenues that

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Nathan Martin

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
A lifelong creator finds interest in sidewalk astronomy



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