

COVID-19 CASES AS OF 11/22			
	Since tracking began in March 2020		
	Cases	Deaths	
All Pointes	4,625 (+158)	72 (+0)	
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	(Increase 11/16-11/22)		

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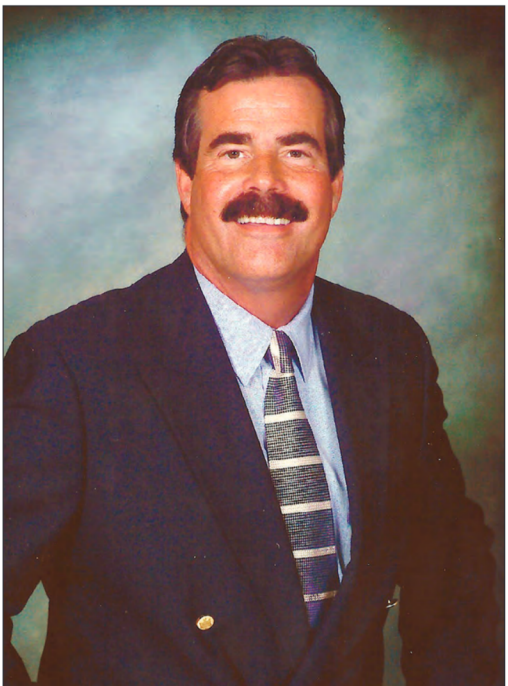
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Dan Jensen will retire at the end of 2021.

## One in 338

Director Jensen to retire from 44-year law enforcement career

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Starting as a lifeguard in 1971, who worked his way up to assistant park director, Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen has worked for the city, not only for 50 consecutive years, but for his entire career.

Following 15 years as director, he will retire Friday, Dec. 31.

"I always wanted to be a cop, always, but I figured since I got a business degree that I would try the private sector," he said of his brief stint as a paper salesman right out of college. "From August 1977 to January '78, I'd be out there, working, training, making calls

and Detroit PD would go flying by me ... and I just wanted to drop in behind them. So I couldn't shake it."

Although he at first was skeptical about being an officer in the Pointes because the crime rate is so low, he put in for the position in 1978, after reading about the Farms conducting interviews.

Jensen joined 337 other applicants for testing in the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium. The group was whittled down to 10, then three, before he emerged as the finalist.

Graduating in the Detroit Police Academy '78 J Class, Jensen was a patrolman until 1986,

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## Schulte named city administrator

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — With current City Administrator Bruce Smith set to retire at the close of the year, city council approved a succession plan Monday, Nov. 8, which names current Department of Public Services Director Frank Schulte the new city administrator.

"I really appreciate the city administrator and city council having support and belief in my abilities and I believe that I can do the job," Schulte said. "... I'm very honored and humbled by having this position."

Schulte has worked with the Woods six years and served with the City of Grosse Pointe 35 years before that. He started his career picking up rubbish for the City and slowly worked his way up, becoming a truck driver, then a crew leader and a supervisor before his position as director of public services in the Woods.

"It'd be a great conclusion to my career to finish

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Frank Schulte



## Sparkle for the season

The City of Grosse Pointe Foundation and the City of Grosse Pointe Parks and Recreation Department held the annual tree-lighting ceremony Nov. 19, on Kercheval in The Village. The event included s'mores, hot chocolate, reindeer and the Grosse Pointe South choir singing carols. The tree was lit with 2,000 new red and green lights. For more photos, see page 2A or visit [grossepointe.com](http://grossepointe.com).

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Score deals during Small Business Saturday

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Kicking off the holiday shopping season, The Village will celebrate Small Business Saturday Nov. 27.

"It's an opportunity to showcase the availability of items in The Village," Grosse Pointe Main Street Director Cindy Willcock said, "as well as highlight that these are small business owners who have been through a lot this last year, especially here with not only the pandemic and those impacts on all our businesses, but the flood.

"They're so resilient and they're so dedicated," she continued, "not just to their businesses, but to this town and this community. So it's an opportunity to say, 'Hey, we can give for the holidays and give back at the same time.'"

A Shop Small Welcome Station will be located at Kercheval and St. Clair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and offer a list of participating businesses and their specials, as well as a #shopsmall canvas tote, while supplies last,

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## New public safety gym debuts

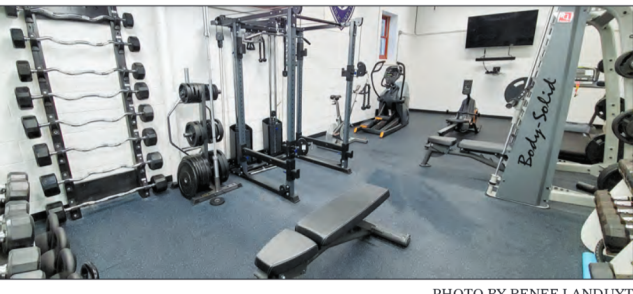
By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — After city council approved a donation from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Sept. 27, the public safety department finished the revitalization of its gym and celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, Nov. 18.

Lena Carlile, president of the foundation, said it wanted to donate money for the public safety department's gym because their job requires them to be physically fit and they deserve a good facility to allow them to stay in shape.

"Most police and fire departments around the country have

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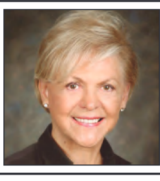


The new gym includes a stationary bike, elliptical machine, rowing machine, treadmill, Smith machine, power rack and more.

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**Mary Matuja**  
Home: Grosse Pointe Shores  
Chair of Shores planning commission remembers childhood in Czechoslovakia amid WWII



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