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	Since tracking began in March 2020		
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## Park honors outgoing council

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Grosse Pointe Park City Council honored outgoing Mayor Robert Denner and council members James Robson, Lauri Read, Aimee Fluit and Darci McConnell via five resolutions passed at a council meeting Monday, Dec. 13.

A Park resident 39 years, Denner has served on council since 2003, adding the designation of mayor in 2015. Throughout his tenure, he was a trustee of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation for 29 years and a member of the personnel committee, ordinance review committee, public service committee, planning commission, Downtown Development Authority and real estate committee. The resolution noted his role in working through the 2008 recession; improving Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack business districts; and assisting in transitioning the public works garage to Mack and Wayburn, allowing space for the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery.

"I'm really grateful that I had the opportunity to work with a lot of very talented and dedicated public servants, both elected and the adminis-

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## Welcome, St. Nick!

Edmund C. Coates' "Arrival of St. Nicholas" helps us get excited for Christmas and all the warmth and joy it has to offer. From our homes to yours, we wish you all the best this holiday season.

## Mayfield donations collected

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Following the tragic tornado outbreak Friday, Dec. 10, that took dozens of lives and leveled the city of Mayfield, Ky., Grosse Pointe Shores is encouraging community members to come together and lend aid to those who lost everything two weeks before Christmas.

"We're partnering with the Pryorsburg Community Fellowship in supporting the Kenlake Shelter where they have residents from Wingo and Mayfield," Shores City Manager Stephen Poloni said.

Between now and Christmas Day, nonperishable food items, bedding, cleaning supplies, batteries, flashlights and diapers size four and up will be collected at the police desk at Shores city hall.

Those who would prefer to donate a tax-deductible check can make it out to the "MI FOP Foundation," which stands for the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, an organization which is partnering with the Shores for the effort. The checks may be placed in an envelope

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## Public safety gives gun locks

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Public safety departments in the Grosse Pointes are encouraging gun owners to come to the departments and receive free cable gun locks to secure their firearms in light of the shooting at Oxford High School, which was followed by threats at Grosse Pointe public schools and around metro Detroit.

"We all want gun owners to be responsible," Park Deputy Director James Bostock said. "A gun lock is a means of securing a firearm. It's not a foolproof way, but it is a start."

The Park posted on its Facebook page Monday, Dec. 13, and Director Bryan Jarrell echoed the message at a council meeting that night, saying cable gun locks are available not just to residents.

"Anybody who wants to secure a gun, I'll give them a gun lock," Jarrell said. "I don't care where they're from. They can come up from Toledo, I don't care."

According to Bostock, the locks online cost around \$10 a piece. The Park has dolled out 25 to 30 locks to gun owners since putting out the message.

Bostock said along with getting a lock, firearms owners should

remember the gun safety rules: "Treat all guns as if they're loaded; ... never point a gun at anything that you're not willing to shoot; you want to be sure of your target and what's behind it; and lastly, keep your finger off the trigger until you've made the decision to shoot."

"The responsibility starts and ends with the gun owner," Bostock

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## Fisher will be tackled next year

City schedules 2022 road improvements

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Entering the eighth year of the City of Grosse Pointe's Road Improvement Program, and made possible by a 2.5 mill road improvement levy, plans to fix Fisher Road have been ad-

vanced by six years. During its meeting Monday, Dec. 13, city council unanimously approved 2022 road improvements for Cranford from Cadieux to Notre Dame and Fisher from Waterloo to Mack for a 3.5 mill and resurface. Design work for the



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**Fisher Road repairs between Waterloo and Mack will occur six years ahead of originally planned.**

Cranford project potentially also could be in conjunction with a water main replacement.

The Fisher Road project previously was scheduled to take place in six years, as the City

and Farms were denied grants through the

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