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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Ethics board declares free speech above decorum

By Brad Lindberg

not Washington crossed the body would serve as Delaware, but the right of some kind of chancellery an elected official to act with respect to speech, out on social media particularly in the conagainst constituents in an text of a political camadmittedly childish fit for paign," said Lawrence attention, otherwise known as a tantrum, is board and an attorney. speech protected by the Founding Fathers and also, as determined last of violating the letter of week by an empathetic Grosse Pointe Park ethics review board, the municipal code of conduct.

ethics board, established page. by city council in 2020, would blunt social discourse by degenerating

itself into an arbiter of every slight and fancy.

"Under no circum-GROSSE POINTE PARK stances did the council why ever envision that this Mann. of the review

The ruling cleared Councilman Vikas Relan the code by calling three residents "losers" and more on the 4,000-member Grosse Pointe Park To rule otherwise, the Community Facebook

Board members found



From the Wayne County Roads Traffic Division, David Wagner, left, and Jerry Maddox, far right, wait while Randall James takes the one-way sign down, before the pole is removed.

Lakeshore one-way signs in the rearview

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

year in the making, the October 2020. Wayne County Roads

one-way signs that have mately 180 road signs explained, it has been been cluttering the added on the back of a hesitant to jeopardize the POINTE stretch between Warner Wayne County repaving funding or assume liabil-FARMS — More than a to just past Moross since

Traffic Division graced immediately got to work federal funds for the See ETHICS, page 2A Lakeshore Monday with at the time fighting the repaving, Farms City

the removal of 60 of the necessity of approxi- Manager Shane Reeside project, progress has ity if it doesn't meet the been slow moving. federal sign standards. Though Farms officials Because the county used

An independent road

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Treat your sweetie



Valentine's Day is right around the corner, so it's time to think about how to say 'I love you.' Check out great gifting ideas from local shops on pages 6-7C, like this delicious red velvet cupcake from Chocolate Bar Cafe. From yummy to romantic, we've got ideas you'll adore



Village Olympics 2022 coming to St. Clair

By Laurel Kraus

Olympics, the opening ceremony of The Village tion post-Christmas." Olympics 2022 kicks off

so behind them," said the festivities. Adam Steiner, owner of February, people are really just looking for

anything to do with their kids. ... Really the main goal is just getting peo-CITY OF GROSSE ple out of their house as **POINTE** — Coinciding a family unit and being the Beijing able to just re-enter the world after the hiberna-

Intended to be equally at noon Saturday, Feb. 12, fun for adults and kids, with fire pits acting as the The Village Olympics Olympic torch and the 2022 is free to particinational anthem sung by pants, runs from noon to 4 p.m. and will see a "The Olympics are so small portion of St. Clair | GROSSE POINTE PARK | dential | improvement exciting and people get at Kercheval closed for

Event stations, offering The Campus Shop and the ability to play by oneevent organizer, "and self or with a group, will being dead of winter in feature box hockey, corn-Michigan, I feel, espe- hole, tug of war, makecially by middle of shift curling and more.

See OLYMPICS, page 3A | Anton and Trenton with a worksheet by cat-

Dispatchers get pay rate hike

By Kate Vanderstelt

GROSSE WOODS Unfortunately, this is the not competitive." case due to a shortage of low wages making it dif- patchers can earn sub-

Public POINTE John Kosanke brought part-time employees was Grosse his problem to the atten- offered a full-time posi-Pointe Woods residents tion of council at recent tion with the department took to Facebook asking meetings, asking them to and said to the director if calling the non-emer- approve an amount of she may rather go somegency public safety line \$16,764.68 in total to where else or stay partwas even an option any- increase the dispatcher time if the wage situation more. After calling the salary. His difficulty does not improve. (313) 343-2400 number, recruiting new talent, they said, they were met Kosanke said, could be lic safety dispatchers, with no response. because "our wages are who also serve dispatch

ficult to recruit new tal- stantially higher pay

than they can in the Safety Woods department. One Department Director of Kosanke's current,

Currently, Woods pubfor Grosse Pointe Just down the street, Shores, are paid a startdispatch workers, with Kosanke noted, dis- ing hourly rate of \$17.84,

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TIFA gets going

By Brad Lindberg

board into 2022. Calling to order the

Chamberlain, endorsed sue." extending Grosse Pointe Park's business and resi- to city council approval - Saying, "Let's roll," grants through April 1, adopt the (municipal) TIFA Chairman John and set a timeline for budget in May or June, Hughes spurred the drafting a budget for the Sizeland said. "TIFA will upcoming fiscal year.

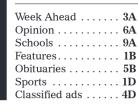
board's first meeting of off that process," Hughes city council will review the year Thursday, Jan. said of the budget. "(City the TIFA budget and 27, Hughes welcomed Manager Nick Sizeland) approve that as well.' new members Christina is going to provide us

egory - short, near, long-term initiatives - of items we want to pur-

The budget is subject

"Council's going to have to approve its bud-"Tonight, we're kicking get beforehand. Then

See TIFA, page 5A







Andreas Browne Home: Harper Woods

From Liberia, Pointer serves the community with photography, shoemaking and clothes-designing



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