

City of Grosse Pointe Park

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Message From Mayor Bob Denner - July 2, 2021

As all are well aware, Grosse Pointe Park residents and businesses are being challenged with the recovery from a catastrophic amount of rainfall Friday night and Saturday, as are most communities in Wayne County. Grosse Pointe Park was hit exceptionally hard. The vast majority experienced significant basement flooding. Grosse Pointe Park recorded approximately 8" of rain. This is viewed as a 500-1000 year event. Our sanitary flow is handled by the Conner Creek Station in Detroit, operated by the Great Lakes Water Authority, and this station experienced facility issues during the storm. Both Patterson Park and the City Hall station operated the entire time during the storm with no disruption. Many residents also experienced tree damage and power outages due to high winds. City Hall has been without phone service as AT&T addresses their equipment issue serving our buildings.

At the request of municipal, county and state officials, Governor Whitmer declared a State of Emergency for Wayne County. The State is currently pursuing a federal declaration which would open a path to FEMA assistance. Grosse Pointe Park continues to work to assist residents in the recovery process and is working with Federal, State and County officials. Expanded removal of debris continues as additional resources from many sources are added to increase removal capacity. Please check the city communications for daily updates on trash pickup. Please complete the PA 222 Damage Assessment form available through a link in the city's communications through email and Facebook, on our web site, and at city hall and our parks.

This is an important step to register for potential financial reimbursement or assistance. All should also contact their insurance carriers to file claims.

Official communications will continue from the City through emails, Facebook and on the web site. Please note that the official City Facebook page is titled 'City of Grosse Pointe Park'. Other pages may be well meaning but are not official City Communications.

I also want to thank our residents for working together in recovery efforts. Helping each other deal with recovery efforts brings out our sense of community in sticking together to work through this difficult time. Rest assured, the city and its staff will continue to work until the city is cleaned up from this storm. We will move forward looking for impactful solutions and working with our regional partners to ensure accountability.

