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Newly elected Boyne City commissioners take oaths

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The new members of Boyne City’s city commission were sworn in on Tuesday, Nov. 11 and a new mayor and mayor pro-tem were chosen.

In the Nov. 4 election, the now-former Mayor Tim Nemecek placed fourth on the ballot and Brian Kennedy placed last. Former Mayor Pro-Tem George La-

sater and commissioner Marty Moody chose not to run for reelection.

Bridget Foltz, Rebecca L. Houser and Jennifer Beano Hampton were elected to the commission. Foltz finished with the most votes at 766 followed by Houser and Beano Hampton.

The Boyne City City Commission is made up of five elected officials: mayor, mayor pro-tem and three commissioners. The other two city commissioners, Bob Farrell and Sandy Pritchard, have

two years remaining on their terms.

The new commission chose Farrell to be the new mayor and Houser to be mayor pro-tem.

The election was followed by controversy when the commission approved the appointment of the new city manager, Sam Demel, two days after the new commissioners were elected, but before they could be sworn in.

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A new evergreen tree is seen in Petoskey’s Pennsylvania Park on Nov. 13. The tree replaces a much older and larger tree that served as the city’s Christmas tree for years. JILLIAN FELLOWS/NEWS-REVIEW

Petoskey’s Pennsylvania Park Christmas tree is replaced

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PETOSKEY — It was out with the old and in with the new in Pennsylvania Park this week as the city swapped out a well-known evergreen tree.

The tree, which has been decorated and celebrated as Petoskey’s Christmas tree for many years, was removed on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

“It was diseased, it was dying. So we decided this is the time,” said Mayor John Murphy. “Conifers are dormant

this time of year, so this is the ideal time to transplant one.”

Murphy added that the old tree was in very poor health.

“The top third of the tree was missing,” he said. “We lost that actually not in the ice storm but in the wind storms of about three or four years ago when it knocked down multiple trees in the park.”

The new tree was donated by Louis A. Hoffman Nursery in Harbor Springs. Matthews Nursery, Inc. in Harbor Springs also donated labor to help plant the new tree.

Murphy said the two nurseries helped save the city several thousands of dollars each with their generosity.

“This (tree) is not as tall as the other one, but this gives us some time to grow into it,” Murphy said. “City staff is looking forward to putting lights on it. It will be ready for the open house (on Dec. 5).”

The Downtown Petoskey Holiday Open House is set to take place from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 5 where there will be a traditional tree lighting led by Santa.

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Check out these local craft shows for holiday shopping

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If you just can’t seem to find that perfect gift this holiday season, you should try shopping at a local arts and crafts show.

These seasonal markets feature products made by Northern Michigan artisans, from jewelry to baked goods to quilts.

Here are some craft shows happening this year around the region:

Pickford Christmas Craft Show

The Pickford Christmas Craft Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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