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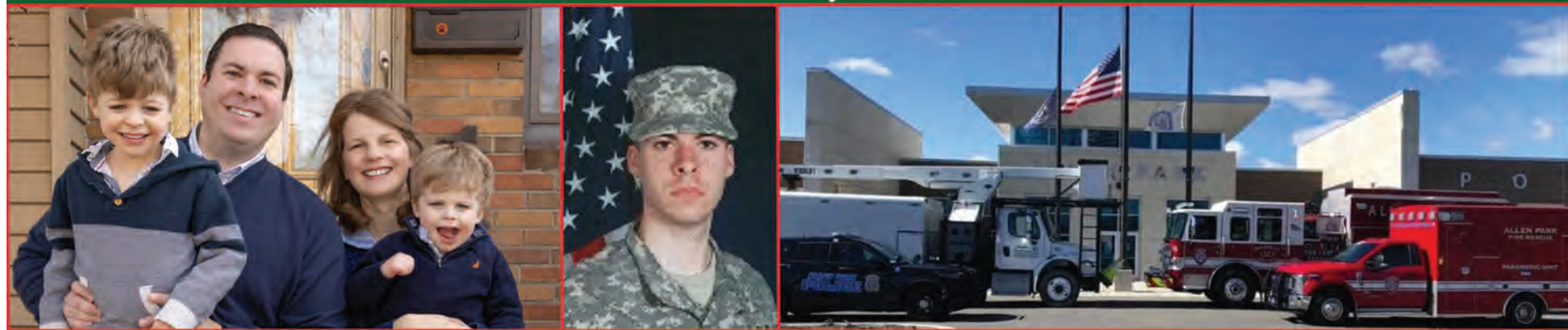
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- ✓ Expended weekly trash and recycling collection!
- ✓ World-class Public Safety building, revamped our parks, and community center!
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- ✓ Led community during Covid-19 pandemic!
- ✓ Attended over 100 community events!
- ✓ Hosted office hours and community conversations!
- ✓ Attended government relations conferences and brought fresh ideas to city council!
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Allen Park Police Department Weekly Summary

DAMAGED PROPERTY
Date: 9/14/2023
Location: 1000 CHAMPAIGN RD, ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: N/A

2023-9140
 09/14/2023
Location: 1000 Champaign Rd
Victim Vehicle: 2023 Red Kia Forte
Insurance: State Farm
Damaged property: On 09/14/2023 an Officer was dispatched to 1000 Champaign Rd for the report of a vehicle that was damaged sometime over the night. Upon arrival the Officer met with the listed victim at her vehicle, she stated she came out to her car this morning and noticed the back passenger side window was shattered. Upon the Officer's further observation he noticed the steering column was torn apart as well. Nothing was taken from the vehicle according to the victim. There are no suspects at this time. There are no cameras in the area.

LARCENY
Date: 9/11/2023
Location: 1000 PARK, ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: 6:00 PM

9-11-23
 Larceny
Location: 1000 Park Vi:
Property stolen: Black Haro Shredder with white lettering-BMX style bike
Details: An Officer was dispatched to the listed location for a stolen bike. When the Officer arrived he spoke to the victim who advised that around 1800hrs on 9-11-23 that his bike was stolen from the front yard. It is unknown who took the bike, they do not have cameras on the house. He could not provide the serial number at this time.

RECOVERED STOLEN
Date: 9/12/2023
Location: 3000 ENTERPRISE, ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: N/A

09-12-2023
 Recovered Stolen
Location: 3700 Enterprise, Allen Park
Victim: Penske
Details: On 09-12-2023, an Officer was dispatched by DCD to 3000 Enterprise for a recovered stolen compliant. Upon arrival, the Officer spoke with the Manager. They informed that the recovered vehicle was stolen out Harper Woods and returned to the nearest location after recovery (Allen Park location). DCD informed Harper Woods that vehicle was recovered and to remove from LEIN.

APFD Says Happy Retirement to Chief Ed Cann



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From: Allen Park Fire Department
 "It's a bittersweet day as we celebrate Allen Park Fire Department Chief Ed Cann's official retirement. Chief Cann served 18 faithful years to the City of Allen Park - Government and its Citizens. He was a great Chief, loved by all and we wish him well in his retirement!
 Thank you to Mayor Gail Vitali McLeod, City Administrator Mark Kibby, Councilman Gary Schlack, HR Tanya White, and all the retirees and people that came to give Chief Cann an amazing send off." Happy Retirement Ed!

RECOVERED STOLEN
Date: 9/11/2023
Location: 1000 GODDARD, ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: N/A

9-11-23
 Stolen Vehicle
Location: 1000 Goddard
Stolen vehicle: -2007 Ford F450 Dump truck, tan in color, no lettering/plate on the vehicle
Details: An Officer was dispatched to the listed location for a stolen vehicle. They advised that the listed vehicle was parked on the South side of the building, backed in, facing south. The vehicle was last seen 9-9-23 at 1700hrs. The vehicle was locked and did not have keys. He advised that he asked several businesses in the area if they had cameras and that he could not find a place with cameras facing this location. DCD entered the vehicle as stolen and statefarm insurance but didn't have the policy #.

"Art of Music 2" fundraiser returns in support of Michigan Philharmonic's 78th season

For those who missed it last year, the Michigan Philharmonic's "Art of Music 2" fundraiser returns in October to take guests inside one of Plymouth's most unique homes owned by an art collector and local philanthropist. Planned for Saturday, Oct. 14 from 6-9 p.m. at the home of Walt Menard, a local philanthropist, art collector and music lover, the evening will help support the Philharmonic's 78th season that kicked off in September. The special evening includes a strolling experience inside Menard's custom-built home on Deer Street with live music by the Philharmonic, wine, drinks (including a "signature" Tito's cocktail) and a selection of light food. This is a wonderful way to celebrate art and music while exploring the exceptional home of Plymouth's "most eligible bachelor." Menard's home is a Plymouth original that includes a theater, wine cellar, lounge deck, and a raised "bridge" connecting the front and back of the home, as well as his personal art collection. Part of Menard's impressive art collection will be for sale that evening with 10% of the proceeds going to support the Philharmonic. Because this event is so unique, there are only 100 tickets available. Tickets are \$78 per person (in honor of the 78th season) or \$130 for a couple. To purchase tickets, go to michiganphil.org or call (734) 673-7220.

Obituaries Kerry Pulcifer



December 5, 1973 – September 30, 2023
 Kerry Pulcifer, of Allen Park, passed away September 30, 2023. Loving wife of Sheldon Pulcifer. Dear mother of Taylor, Kaylie, Brianna, Donald (Carol), and Cody. Proud Gigi of Alaina, Logahn, Aliyah, Carolann, Nylah, Noah, and on the way, D.J. Beloved daughter of Douglas (Barbara) Wilson and Deborah Sheick. Cherished sister of Sarah (Patrick), Brian (Jessica), Beth (John), the late Paul, William (Riane), and Jacob (Elyse). She is survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many other loving family members and friends. Kerry was such a generous person, since her birthday was in December, she never wanted birthday presents, but she would rather everyone donate to Toys for Tots so the children could celebrate Christmas by opening presents. She loved traveling and was a very outgoing person, she made friends anywhere and everywhere she went. She cherished the time spent with family and friends. A memorial gathering will be held at The Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Kerry to Toys for Tots.



CABRINI ATHLETICS

CABRINI SPORTS

CABRINI SPORTS RESULTS

From: Sara Bardelli Varsity boys soccer won against Frankel Jewish Academy 6-1 on October 5th.

Varsity girls cross country won first place at the Wayne County Championships for the 3/4 division. Ava teed broke the school record for cross country again with a time of 18:40.6.

AP Member of the Week: Jim Jacek



The Allen Park Chamber member of the week is Jim Jacek. He has been taking pictures for the Allen Park Guardian since the first issue came out 5 years ago in September 2018. He also delivers the papers to the businesses in Allen Park for the customers to take. Jim does a lot of photography, including reunions, sports, weddings, homecomings, proms, and parties. He does have the ability to print pictures on site, including 5 x 7 and 8 x 10 prints. In addition to photography, he also has his own DJ Service, if you need music for your events. You can reach him at 313-949-1518, or by email at jimjacek@gmail.com.

Top Shelf Liquor Hosts Kendall Jenner



From: Jim Jacek Kendall Jenner was at Top Shelf in Allen Park promoting her 818 Tequila. Fans were on hand to meet and greet her, and had a chance to be in a photo with her.



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Dunleavy's AOH Golf Outing 2023



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By Charla Hamilton
charlacheaseguardian@gmail.com

On Saturday September 23, Dunleavy's held their annual AOH

Golf Outing at Inkster Valley. Around 160 golfers participated in

the event that benefits Father Kohler's Kids with Cancer charity organization. \$15,000 was raised for the charity and the outing was a huge success. A wonderful time was had by all at the outing and everyone enjoyed the beautiful day.



Dunleavy's Reveals New Sign!



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- Allen Park Emergency Manager's Advisory Committee, Co-Chair - 2013-2014
- Founding member of the Allen Park Citizens Civic Fund (APCCF) a non-profit helping the City
- APCCF Board Director and Secretary since 2015
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APHS HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME



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From: Jim Jacek

Allen Park High School held their homecoming football game on September 29, 2023. The final score was Allen Park High School 50 Wyandotte 14. During halftime, Ellie Lauth was chosen as the homecoming queen, and Gryphon Alwell was chosen as the homecoming king.

Made in Michigan Festival 2023



From: Jim Jacek

The Allen Park Downtown Development Authority held their Made In Michigan Festival on September 22 and 23 on Allen Road. The festival had vendors, food trucks, live entertainment, and a chance to support the Allen Park businesses.



Fall Fest held at Inter-City Baptist

From: Jim Jacek

Inter-City Baptist Church in Allen Park held a Fall Fest on October 4, 2023 on their church property at 4700 Allen Road in Allen Park. Activities included a hay maze, a hay ride, fowling (throwing a football at bowling pins), wall climbing, tri-cycle riding, face painting, and lots of donuts and cider.





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Allen Park State of the City

From: Gail McLeod
PURPOSE

..., since we have seen an influx of new residents, I am going to give a brief summary of where we were, what we've achieved, and where we are headed.

HISTORY

In the fall of 2012, Allen Park was in financial trouble. A downturn in the economy, decisions made without consideration of budgetary restraints, and an ill-advised buy-in into a highly touted project placed us under State supervision. Unfortunately, staffing was reduced in many departments and everyone's wages were cut. For the next 4-1/2 years, decisions were made for us or had to be approved by the State. On January 27, 2017, we were finally deemed fit to conduct business as a City. There were a lot of hard lessons learned from this experience.

FINANCE

In November of 2005, the City had a bond rating of A with a stable outlook. In 2015, our bond rating hit a low of CCC+, impacting our ability to borrow at reasonable rates.

Other factors which had, and still have, a negative impact on all of us is the decline in revenue received from property taxes and a

change in State revenue sharing.

In 2008, the taxable value of our property was \$1,037,125,624. In 2023, the taxable value of our property is \$939,280,114. ... a steady decline in taxable value starting in 2008; and in 2016, our taxable value hit a low of \$720,219,319. An article in the second quarter Allen Park Today magazine gives an overview about what we collect in property taxes and what we get to keep.

As of June 30, 2008 we had total revenue of over \$23,000,000 and expenses of over \$22,000,000 leaving us with general funds of over \$1,600,000. As of June 30, 2022, our total revenue was over \$24,000,000 and expenditures were over \$23,800,000 leaving us with general funds of \$317,529, more than \$1,295,000 less than 14 years ago. Despite rising costs and the fact that today's dollars do not go as far as they used to, our City has managed to progress and improve.

Allen Park is also fortunate to be served by excellent schools and school districts. Our community is served by the Allen Park, the Melvindale/Northern Allen Park, and the Southgate School districts. Cabrini and Inter-City

Baptist round out the educational institutions which make Allen Park attractive to many homebuyers and, subsequently, to businesses. The newly opened Melvindale High School on the former Baker College campus is a testament to the growth and investment our schools are making in our future leaders.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Safety is very important to all who either live or work in Allen Park. Our police and fire departments are well-trained and highly regarded and, most importantly, strongly supported by our community. We continue to strive to provide both our police and fire personnel with the newest technology and equipment that will make their jobs easier, keep them safe, and position them to provide the highest level of service to our residents and businesses. Every firefighter is required to be a paramedic. And, even though we face the same staffing issues as every community throughout the United States, our Police and Fire Chiefs have continued to pursue and explore creative and innovative ways to attract, hire, and train individuals to fill openings.

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Allen Park has 14 active Boards and Commissions. As Mayor, my key objective is to ensure each Board and Commission has a strong, effective team. I have recruited and continue to personally court volunteers to fill open positions and develop a pool of candidates. ... we continue to encourage residents and businesses to contribute to our growth and development.... I won't mention all the roles and responsibilities of these Boards and Commissions... These Boards and Commissions provide valuable services to the City.

CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

Before I close, I want to make everyone aware of our job requirements, which have changed over time and go beyond two Council meetings a month. There are four Council Committees: Community Affairs, Economic Development, Legal Affairs, and Municipal Complex. Of these, Legal Affairs meets monthly. Every council member is assigned to two of these committees. Members of Community Affairs and Economic Development are liaisons to City Boards and Commissions and should attend those meetings, even though their Council Commit-

tee may not meet. A council member is a voting member of the Planning Commission and one is a voting member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

In addition, there are other organizations' meetings that I or others attend, including meetings of the Downriver Community Conference, Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority and the Downtown Development Authority.

CLOSURE

While there are still many challenges, I'm proud of what we have accomplished, working as a team to make us a better, more stable community.

This Council and the preceding council have worked hard to ensure that we are employing qualified individuals to provide services to our community while equipping them with the tools and technology to provide those services, all while being mindful of the revenue at our disposal. We continue to review equipment and resources every budget year, updating our five-year plan, and planning ahead for major and routine capital improvements.

Allen Park has always been resilient. With good management and the ability to make tough decisions, we can continue to grow

and prosper by working together. It takes teamwork to keep us on the right path. Our team is focused on the needs of our community; realizes our financial limitations and is able to prioritize spending for the benefit of both our employees and our community. It is our responsibility and the responsibility of those who succeed us to understand that, at times, we may need to make some difficult decisions. It is easy to say yes; it is often difficult to say no, but we owe it to our residents, our employees, and our retirees to make the right decisions for the right reasons.

As Mayor and Council we work to ensure Allen Park remains financially stable. We are mindful, however, that this could change. It would not take much to find ourselves in financial distress if we do not continue to be fiscally responsible and live within our means. We have a balanced budget with appropriate reserves. Our current bond rating is A+ - the highest it has ever been.

Moving forward, we will continue to do everything possible to make Allen Park a place where people want to live, work, and play by providing services for the changing needs of the community. With your help and support, we can do just that.



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 For Allen Park City Council



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- ★ Chairman of the Allen Park Planning & Zoning Commission (2021-present)
- ★ Former President of the Southgate School Board (2016-2022)
- ★ Former Chairman of the Allen Park DDA (2010-2016)

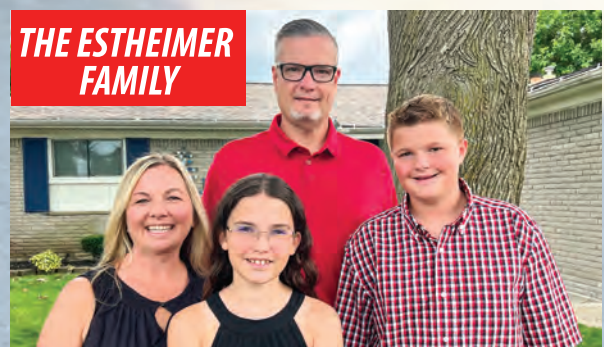
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- ✓ **Emphasize Ordinance Education & Enforcement**
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VOTE ESTHEIMER - NOVEMBER 7

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THE ESTHEIMER FAMILY

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 DUNLEAVY'S
 SNAPBACK
 CAPS \$25

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 NEW APPAREL AND RTIC CUPS
 AND DAILY SPECIALS!!



Dunleavy's apparel

- 1 **RTIC CUPS - \$20.00**
Green RTIC cup to keep your cocktails cold.
- 2 **T-Shirt - \$12**
Short sleeve t-shirts in a variety of colors
- 3 **Long sleeve shirts - \$17**
Our long sleeve shirts in a variety of colors
- 4 **1/3 zip short sleeve - \$35**
Very nice short sleeve 1/3 zip wind breaker
- 5 **1/3 long sleeve pull over - \$55**
1/3 Sweater
- 6 **Jacket - \$65**
Full zip jacket
- 7 **Hats - Sizes XL-XXL \$60**

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 SUNDAY 11:00AM-2:30AM

Daily specials

- 1 **Monday - \$13.95**
Steak Dinner - USDA Choice New York Strip from Mosecheck's
- 2 **Tuesday - \$4.50**
2 tacos with rice hard or soft shell
- 3 **Wednesday - \$6.75**
Chicken Quesadilla
- 5 **Friday - \$10.25**
Fish and chips
- 6 **Sunday - \$7.95**
Steak bites

Ask About Our Soup Of The Day
 Chili Now Available!