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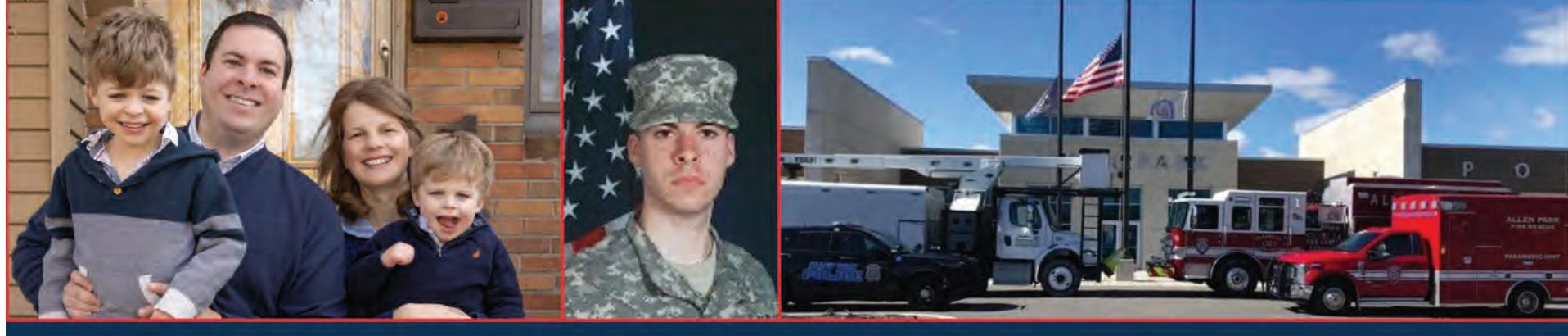
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# Allen Park Police Department Weekly Summary

## MDOP/VANDALISM

Date: 10/3/2023

MDOP/Vandalism  
10/03/2023  
Location:  
3420 Fairlane Dr  
(Jimmy John's)  
Victim Vehicle:  
2016 Silver Ford  
Fiesta  
Damaged Property:  
-Alternator belt cut  
-Anti-freeze line cut  
Circumstance:  
On 10/03/2023 an Officer was dispatched to 3420 Fairlane Dr (Jimmy John's) for the

Location: 3000 FAIRLANE DR,  
ALLEN PARK, MI  
Time: N/A

report of an MDOP of a vehicle. Upon arrival the Officer met with the listed victim. She stated that her vehicle was parked in the front lot during the day and came out to see that she had fluid leaking on the ground and also observed a belt that was cut that was hanging out from underneath the car. The Officer asked her if she knew of anyone who would want to do this and she stated a name of who used to work with her at Jimmy John's. She stated there has been arguments regarding another male in her life and that is possibly why it was cut. There are no cameras facing the parking lot but business will check.

## MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Date: 10/2/2023

Location: APPD,  
ALLEN PARK, MI  
Time: N/A

Malicious Destruction Of Property  
10-2-23

Date/Time: Between  
10pm/10-1-23 and  
12am/10-2-23

Location: 1000 Belmont Ave

Damaged: Approximately 50 inch X 50 inch double pane window (1st pane broke)

Suspect(s): None  
Information:

An Officer was dispatched to the APPD lobby on a malicious destruction report. The Officer met with the victim. He advised me that when he was home last night between 10pm and 12am, he heard a loud noise. He looked out the window, but didn't see anything. This morning, his neighbor advised him

that the front window of residence had a window break out. He advised me that he had no enemies, nor does he have any cameras that would have caught the incident. The Officer provided with a report number and advised him to contact his State Farm house insurance.

## MDOP/VANDALISM

Date: 10/9/2023

MDOP/Vandalism  
10/09/2023  
Location:  
500 Allen Rd  
Damaged:  
-Side glass door had two rocks thrown into it. No entry was made. Just damage to the property  
Circumstance:  
On 10/09/2023 An was dispatched to 500 Allen Rd for an MDOP report. DCD

Location: 500 ALLEN RD,  
ALLEN PARK, MI  
Time: N/A

advised that rocks had been thrown through the glass door. Upon arrival I met with the listed caller/owner: She stated that her lawn company has notified her on 10/04/2023 there the side glass door was broken and rocks were thrown through the door. She was on vacation at this time and arrived home to day to make a report. A friend of hers had already came to the location and boarded the door up. She stated that no entry was made into the business and nothing was taken. There are no cameras at the location and it is unknown on suspects at this time.

## 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 Ad-

ministrator Mark Kirby, 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!

## Obituaries

### Kerry Pulcifer



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.

## Philharmonic "Phright Night" returns to Northville Marquis Theatre to host annual spooky October concert

The Michigan Philharmonic will make its return to downtown Northville this month for the annual "Phright Night" concert, blending hauntingly good music from movies and more.

The performance is planned for Saturday, Oct. 21 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the music of Danny Elfman, John Williams, Hans Zimmer and J.S. Bach as well as a "time warp" from movies like "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Jaws," and the "Corpse Bride."

Geff Philips, a well-known performer and vocalist, will provide narration and vocals during the evening, and expect a sing-along during "Monster Mash."

Some of the selections will include "Toccata in D Minor" by Bach, "Witch's Ride" (from "Hanzel and Gretel"), "Danse Macabre" by Camille Saint-Saens, "The Witches of Eastwick" and the theme from "Jaws" by Williams and "Kernkraft 400 Zombie Nation" by

Florian Senfter.

Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes, and fans will want to watch for what new costume Phil conductor Nan Washburn will unveil – a tradition she began many years ago at the Phil's first Halloween concert. There will be a cash bar and concessions – including popcorn for sale.

Tickets for the opening night are available at the Philharmonic's website: michiganphil.org. For information, contact (734) 451-2112. But hurry, tickets are selling fast.

As one of Michigan's finest orchestras, the Plymouth-based Philharmonic celebrates a wide range of classical and pops music that connects, engages, and creates unique experiences. This year, the symphony is also celebrating the 25th year being led by Washburn.

About the Michigan Philharmonic: Now in its 78th season, the Michigan Philharmonic – (or "Michigan Phil") – is one of the most in-

novative and dynamic professional orchestras in Southeast Michigan. Nan Washburn, Music Director & Conductor since 1999, has won 19 ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music from the League of American Orchestras. In 2019 the Michigan Philharmonic was awarded Second Place in the American Prize for Professional Orchestras. The orchestra performs in an ever-expanding roster of Michigan communities; including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia, Brighton, Downtown Detroit, and many others.

The Michigan Phil is committed to reaching out to a broad and diverse array of audiences and providing enjoyable cultural and social experiences, while encouraging anyone who loves live music events to "Spend the night with Michigan Phil."

For tickets and more information, please visit [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org) or call (734) 451-2112.

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

# AP ALLEN PARK ATHLETICS

## ON THE SIDELINE: TAYLOR SWIFT, LIONS, TIGERS AND A LEFT FIELDER



By Don Richter  
drichter101@comcast.net

It was a "Cruel Summer," indeed.

First off, where the heck did my summer go? It seemed like I blinked and it went from 75 degrees to 45 degrees. I guess I shouldn't be surprised. It's Michigan, am I right?

Someone please, pretty please, with a cherry on top, tell me why I care about Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's budding romance. I really, really, really, really hate myself for even being aware of said romance.

Why should I care

about what two young, good-looking millionaires (billionaire for Swift?) do outside of their day jobs as singer/songwriter for Swift and NFL player for Kelce? Who cares about their social lives? What is the fascination for me?

I read that Kelce is 34-years-old and Swift is 33. When I was their age, I had quite the social life myself. I had adoring fans (females, that is, yes I did, I'm not kidding), money in the bank, a good career, a tight midsection (no beer belly) and still only one chin. I was stylin'.

I didn't have cameras following me around snapping photos of my every move.

I also sadly wasn't selling out stadiums for concerts or winning Super Bowls.

Nope, the only "super bowls" I was "winning" were the two or three bowls of Cocoa Krispies I was having

Sunday mornings after a night out with friends. And the only "stadiums" I was selling out were the...well, the, umm, never mind, I wasn't selling out any stadiums. The closest I came to being a part of a sold out stadium was covering

a few high school state championship games in football and basketball or a Lions-Packers Thanksgiving Day contest as a sports writer back in the day.

Otherwise, I got nothin'.

Speaking of the Lions, what in the Honolulu Blue and Silver is going on with that team? Are they really 5-1 overall? Did they just hold an opposing NFL team to six points in their latest victory? Are they actually getting consistent pressure on quarterbacks? Are my eyes deceiving me?

I don't know what has my attention more — Taylor Swift and Tra-

vis Kelce or the Detroit Lions being 5-1 and in first place in the NFC North. I watched a recent national NFL show in which the two studio analysts discussed the Lions being possibly the best team in the NFC. I think the Philadelphia Eagles and San Francisco 49ers might have a say in that at some point this season, but it was amazing hearing the Lions' name with anything associated with

the "NFC's best."

All I know, and I don't know much, is that longtime Detroit Lions fans like myself deserve this recent success. Bring it on. I want more. Go Lions.

By the way, is Miggy really done? Did he actually retire? Without question, Miguel Cabrera is a first ballot Hall of Famer and one of the greatest hitters to ever play the game of baseball.

With Cabrera re-

tiring, I was recently thinking of my all-time Detroit Tigers baseball team. I have one problem with my team — I'm in need of a left fielder. Who should be the Tigers' all-time best left fielder? Anyone? Willie Horton, maybe? Anyway, I'm sure it's somebody obvious that I'm just forgetting about. But here's my all-time Tiger baseball team. Every player is (or will be) a Hall of Famer.

1B-Hank Greenberg

2B-Charlie Gehringer

SS-Alan Trammell

3B-George Kell

RF-Al Kaline

CF-Ty Cobb

LF-???

C-Mickey Cochrane

DH-Miguel Cabrera

P-Hal Newhouser

Batting order —

1. Ty Cobb, CF

2. Alan Trammell, SS

3. Al Kaline, RF

4. Hank Greenberg, 1B

5. Miguel Cabrera, DH

6. George Kell, 3B

7. Mickey Cochrane, C

8. ???, LF  
9. Charlie Gehringer,  
2B

Dang, what a team.  
What a line-up.

Just need a left fielder. I would have no problem putting Willie Horton in that spot. Heck, he was my favorite player growing up. He went to my Mom's high school. He was a power hitter and an excellent all-around player.

Anyhow, enough of my ramblings.

I hear Taylor Swift may show up at Travis Kelce's next game. I hear they were recently seen out in public holding hands. This could actually be happening people.

I hate myself.

I hate myself so very much.

It was a cruel summer.

I need a life.

And a left fielder...

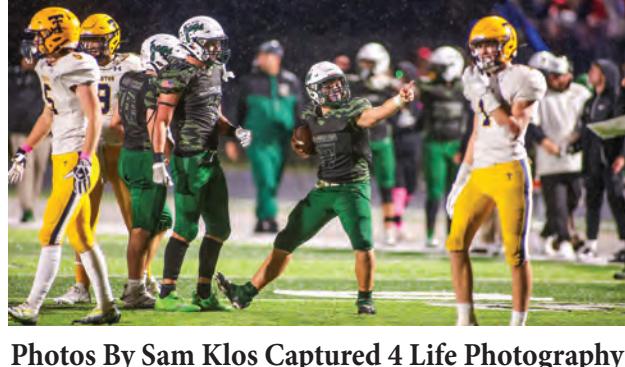
## ALLEN PARK VARSITY FOOTBALL

### 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.



## AP JAGS DEFEAT TRENTON

The Allen Park Jaguars football team won Friday's home conference game against Trenton by a score of 42-14 on Friday October 6.





# CABRINI ATHLETICS

## CABRINI SPORTS

### CABRINI SPORTS RESULTS

**From:** Sara Bardelli

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

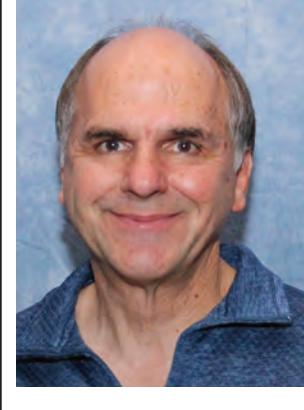
Varsity girls cross country won first place at the Wayne County Championships for the 3/4 division.

Ava teed broke the school record for cross country again with a

time of 18:40.6.

Cabrini Varsity Football won over Our Lady of the Lakes on October 13, 25-7.

Cabrini Varsity Soccer won over Central Academy for their last home game on October 10, 3-0.



## 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](mailto: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



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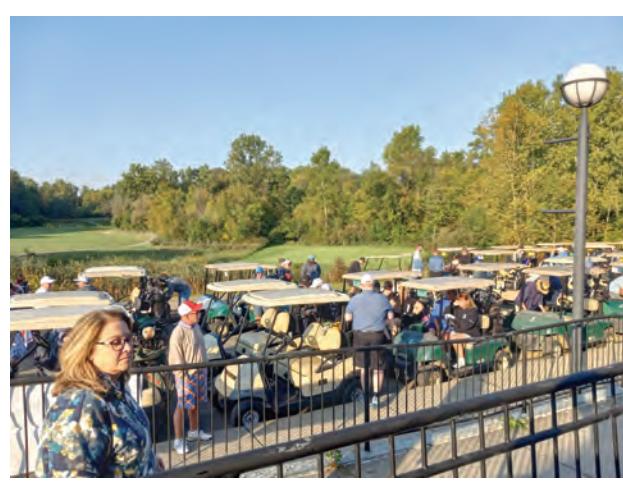
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# Dunleavy's AOH Golf Outing 2023



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By Charla Hamilton

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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.



Pat Dunleavy presenting a check from the Dunleavy's AOH



## Dunleavy's Reveals New Sign!



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# 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.



## Meet the Candidates



From: Jim Jacek

On October 11, 2023, The Allen Park High School Class of

2024 held a meet the candidates night at the school. This gave the public the opportunity

to see what each candidate has to offer. Now that you know a little bit more about them, re-

member to vote on November 7. Here are the candidates that participated at the high school.



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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.

**Timothy Estheimer**  
For Allen Park City Council

**VOTE NOVEMBER 7**

**Respected Business Owner**

**Dedicated Family Man**

**Active & Involved Resident**

## Enhance Allen Park with Estheimer's Experience

★★★★★ Personal History and Community Involvement

- ★ Allen Park Native
- ★ Husband to Nicole & Father to Jacob and Jillian
- ★ Co-Owner of Primo's Pizza & Catering
- ★ Chairman of the Allen Park Compensation Board (2021-present)
- ★ 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)

### TIM'S TOP PRIORITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Maintain Fiscal Integrity</b><br>Balanced Budgets - Live Within Our Income!  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Promote Small Business and Economic Growth</b>                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support Public Safety</b><br>Fund our Police and Fire Departments  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Invest in Infrastructure</b><br>Maintain our Local Roads and Facilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Emphasize Ordinance Education &amp; Enforcement</b><br>Keep Allen Park Clean and Free from Blight - Keep Property Values Strong! |  |

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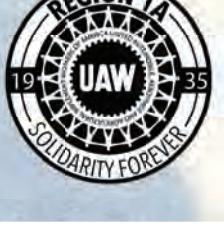
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