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Adrienne Croket from Visiting Angels receives a membership plaque from Allen Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jim Beri.

By: Jim Jacek

The Allen Park Chamber of Commerce feature member is Visiting Angels. "We want to introduce Visiting Angels Dearborn to you. Home care is a calling for Robert Johnson. He is a former Marine who, along with his wife, Toni, cared for his father (also a former Marine) who was battling cancer. He told his father he was tired of working in finance and wanted to continue to care for

others. His father and wife encouraged him to take a "leap of faith" and follow his dream. Visiting Angels Dearborn opened in 2018. Home care is Robert's passion! as well as being a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus!

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# Allen Park Police Department Weekly Summary

**LARCENY** | Location: APPD  
 Date: 10/17/2022 | Time: N/A

**INCIDENT:** On 10/17/2022, an Officer met with a "Community Art Box" in front of their building, located at 6000 Allen Rd. She discovered the wooden post knocked down and the box containing community art are missing pieces. She was unsure if local business had camera footage or not. She was provided a case number.

**H&R CRASH** | Location: APPD  
 Date: 10/26/2022 | Time: N/A

**Suspect Vehicle:** 07 Dodge Grand Caravan Blue  
**Suspect (driver):** H/M 60's  
**Victim Vehicle:** 2019 Chevrolet Silverado Red PU  
 The victim states that she was driving EB Van Born in the left travel lane. The suspect vehicle pulled out of the Mobil gas station (N/E corner), making a left turn to go EB on Van Born. The suspect vehicle failed to yield the right of way to the victim's vehicle and sideswiped it. The suspect vehicle then fled EB on Van Born turning north on the last street before M39. The victim chased the vehicle to the area of Outer Drive/M39 where the suspect vehicle stopped and the suspect exited his vehicle. The suspect stated that his wife was in the hospital and that there was no damage. When the victim advised the suspect that she was going to call the police, he entered his vehicle and fled again.

**SUSPICIOUS SITUATION** | Location: APPD  
 Date: 10/13/2022 | Time: N/A

**Suspect:** Unknown male stated his name was "Nick" from the U.S. Marshalls  
**Information:** On the above date, an Officer was dispatched to APPD for a walk in fraud complaint. Upon arrival, the Officer met with Complainant. She received a phone call on today's date around 12:00pm from an unknown male suspect stating he worked for the U.S. Marshalls. The suspect said that accounts would be frozen if she did not send the U.S. Marshalls some money. At the suspects request, she withdrew \$17,000 from her Chase bank account. She then contacted the suspect again at which time he advised her to go to a liquor store on Eureka Rd in Taylor to turn it into Bitcoin. She became suspicious and began to question the suspect before deciding not to send the money or turn it into Bitcoin. She is not out any money and did not give out any personal information to the suspect.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO** | Location: 1000 Robinson, ALLEN PARK  
 Date: 10/14/2022 | Time: 5:30 PM

**LFA**  
**Location:** Robinson Vi  
**Vehicle:** -Passenger side front window broken  
 -Steering wheel stolen  
**Details:** An Officer was dispatched to the listed location for a LFA. The victim advised the Officer that the vehicle was parked on 10-14-22 around 1730hrs in the driveway. He advised that he last saw the vehicle around 2000hrs and it was fine, him and his wife went to bed around 2200hrs. He left for work around 0800hrs on 10-15-22 and didn't notice the damage but his wife called him to advise. The passenger side door had been broken to gain entry to the vehicle. Small pry marks were visible. The steering wheel was taken. Some stuff in the center console was rummaged through but nothing else was stolen. He advised he nor any neighbors in the direct area have cameras. He also contacted several neighbors and no one saw or heard anything.

**MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** | Location: 3320 FAIRLANE DR  
 Date: 10/14/2022 | Time: 11:55 PM

**22-9720**  
**Motor Vehicle Theft**  
**Suspect:** Unknown  
**Victim Vehicle:** Gold 2017 Kia Sportage w/ Ml plate  
**Possible damage** to front driver side window  
 On 10/14/2022 at approx 2155hrs, an Officer was dispatched to 3320 Fairlane Dr (TJ MAXX) for a Motor Vehicle Theft. Upon arrival, the Officer made contact with the victim. She stated she arrived at work at approx 1100hrs on 10/14/2022. She stated she parked her 2017 Kia in the TJ Maxx parking lot and last observed her vehicle in her parking spot at 1600hrs. She stated when she left work at approx 2145hrs, she observed her vehicle to be missing with broken glass in the parking spot she parked in. She stated she was up to date on her payments, had her key, and her mother has her spare key. The above listed vehicle was entered into SOS/LEIN as stolen.

**LARCENY OF VEHICLE PARTS** | Location: 9000 ENTERPRISE DR  
 Date: 10/15/2022 | Time: 2:51 AM

**Larceny Of Vehicle Parts**  
 10-15-22  
**Occurred:** At 2:51am on 10-15-22  
**Location:** 9000 Enterprise Dr (Holiday Inn Express east parking lot)  
**Complainant:** Vehicle: 2022 Chevy Malibu 4dr, black NJ Plate:  
**Vehicle owner:** Avis Rental out of Cincinnati OH  
**Stolen:** Steering wheel column assembly  
**Damaged:** Driver-side rear window broke out, and driver's window/frame pried on  
**Suspects:** Person dressed in all black with face mask on, and a person with a red hoody and mask on.  
**Suspect vehicle:** Black 2 door small car  
**Information:** An Officer was dispatched to 9000 Enterprise Dr (Holiday Inn Express) on a larceny of a vehicle steering wheel. The Officer arrived and spoke to the victim. He is in town for the weekend and will be traveling to another hotel in the US on Monday. He advised that he parked his Avis vehicle rental on the east side of the hotel at 8pm on 10-14-22. He was then notified by hotel management that his vehicle window was found to be broke out at 8am/10-15-22. The Officer spoke to hotel staff and was shown video of the a black two door car entering the lot at 2:48am on 10-15-22. The vehicle drove behind the Hampton Hotel. The vehicle reappeared at 2:51am and stopped behind the victim's vehicle. Two people exited the black two door vehicle and attempted to break out the driver's window. They were unsuccessful, so they broke out the driver-side rear window. The person wearing a red hoody and mask was seen enter the vehicle thru the back window. He was in the vehicle for approximately two minutes then crawled out the back window. The two suspects then fled in the black two door car.





# ALLEN PARK ATHLETICS

## ON THE SIDELINE: CAR ACCIDENTS, PARKING STRUCTURES AND PERFECT WEDDINGS



By Don Richter  
drichter101@comcast.net

It has been one heckuva month for yours truly.

Some good, some bad.

First off, it had been close to 30 years, but I was in a car accident last month. It wasn't my fault, but that didn't matter, I still had to deal with the aftermath.

A University of Michigan college student swerved into my lane without looking and smashed my left front driver's side fender late one evening in Ann Arbor near campus. Everybody was fine, but it was still annoying and a hassle to repair the damage. Thankfully, the young college student was a good kid and cooperated with me and stayed calm. We exchanged information and I called the police

so a report could be made out. The police arrived (after about 20 minutes), a report was made and we were both eventually on our way.

I could still drive my vehicle and seeing I had a full night's work still ahead of me, I was just happy to get back on the road and start my job. During my first break of the night at work I filed a claim with my car insurance company. The next day I took my vehicle to a local collision/body shop approved by my insurance company. Sadly, I was told they wouldn't be able to even start repairing my car until January 8 of next year. I had my nephew's wedding to attend in three weeks and wanted my vehicle repaired before that time.

I took my car to a second local collision shop that was approved by my insurance, told them my story, and was informed they could take my vehicle in right away. Finally, some good news.

Long story short, the collision shop went the extra mile

for me and was able to repair my car two days earlier than I expected and I was able to attend my nephew's wedding at a gorgeous downtown Detroit venue in my shiny, looking brand new, perfectly repaired vehicle.

Also during this past month, I had to have my vehicle's thermostat replaced. I was without a car for a few days. During that time, I had to walk everywhere, including different properties and buildings associated with my job. For one excursion, I had to walk a full hour and a half — one way — in the wind and rain. I then had to complete the work I was scheduled to do, then walk back another hour and a half to another job site. And, yes, it was still windy and raining. Though walking was a bother, I did lose about seven pounds during those few days of walking everywhere. I always try to find a bright spot in every difficulty.

My nephew's wedding was perfect. The venue, near

the Fox Theatre, was an elegant, beautiful 1920s era five-story brick building, that I was later told was Detroit's first-ever women's club. The place was stunning inside and out. The only issue I had was parking in the structure next door to the building. When did parking structures stop having a human attendant? It used to be so easy to simply be given a ticket when you drove in and then on your way out give the ticket back to the attendant and pay the person for your time spent parked in the structure.

Why change everything?

Thankfully, my nephew had already prepaid for parking and I had a code to punch into the computer screen at the entrance to the structure. Once entering my code, the machine then spit out a receipt with a bar code at the bottom. Upon leaving the structure later that night, I scanned the bar code on another computer at the garage's exit and the gate then lifted allowing me to leave. The car in front of me took forever trying to properly scan their bar code. Eventually,

after many unsuccessful attempts, the driver got out of his car and physically went up to the machine and closely and slowly scanned the bar code which thankfully lifted the gate so he could leave the parking structure. What a bother. Paying a human attendant was always so much easier and stress-free.

But what do I know?

It's been one heckuva month.

I lost seven pounds.

But gained a few more wrinkles...

## Obituaries Tina Grabowski



March 25, 1952 – November 2, 2022. (Doug) McCormick, Joe (Linda) Toth, Jeni November 2, 2022. Age 70 of Allen Park. Beloved wife of Tom Grabowski. Loving mother of Amber (Joey) Vasquez. Dear sister of Tom (Karen) Toth, Karen (Mike) Lenart, Louis (Bena) Toth, Cheryl



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# CABRINI ATHLETICS

## CABRINI CROSS COUNTRY & SOCCER

### CABRINI CROSS COUNTRY & SOCCER RESULTS

From: Sara Forystek

#### Boys Soccer:

Boys soccer finished the season strong with an 11-5 record. They won their first district game, but ended up losing to Plym-

outh Christian.

#### Cross Country:

Chris Russelburg, Ava Teed, and Madisyn Smith all qualified for states. Ava teed finished 5th and was awarded All-State. Chris Rus-

selburg finished 10th and was awarded All-State. Madisyn Smith finished 114.

Looking forward to the winter season!

# Dearborn Heights Police urge safety during Holiday activities



With the holiday preparations and New Year's celebration plans beginning to take shape, residents will once again be getting busy with shopping, and family & work gatherings. The Dearborn Heights Police Department reminds residents to exercise some caution and common sense this holiday season.

"It's a busy time of year for everyone, but it's particularly important to stay safe as they go about their holiday activities" suggests Police Chief Jerrod Hart. "This is a great time of year with all the get-togethers with family and friends. But it's still important to keep personal safety in mind."

"One of the most important issues we want to remind residents of, particularly during this time of year," he stressed, "is that alcohol consumption and driving simply do not mix. If your holiday or New Year's celebration plans include alcohol, please give your keys to a des-

ignated driver who hasn't been drinking. Alcohol in even small quantities will impair your driving ability. It's not worth the risk of endangering yourself, a loved one, or an innocent stranger by driving impaired." Hart reminds residents that the Dearborn Heights Police Department, like

State, County and other local law enforcement agencies will have plenty of officers out there over the holidays enforcing the area's zero-tolerance policy toward alcohol consumption and driving. "And not only are you endangering peoples' lives, but you are putting yourself at risk for some serious fines, possible jail time, the potential for the temporary loss of your drivers' license, and almost certainly some hefty increases in your vehicle insurance rates for a long time to come. It's just not worth it."

Residents should also exercise caution during their holiday shopping. Hart recommends that "even though you are rushed and thinking about a hundred different things, stay alert to your surroundings. Pay attention to what's going on around you. This is prime-time for pickpockets, purse

snatchers, and con artists - particularly in malls and shopping centers." He suggests a few common-sense steps that will help reduce your likelihood of becoming a target:

- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- If possible, avoid carrying large purses or wallets. If you do carry one, be extra careful. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit. Keep them fastened, and stored in a front seat pocket if you are traveling in any type of public transportation.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash, and keep the cash you do carry in your front pocket. When paying, keep your cash out-of-sight from others as much as possible.
- When possible, pay for purchases with a check or credit card.
- Notify your credit card issuer immediately if your card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important

to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.

- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, con-artists may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- Shop with a friend - particularly during the evening hours.
- Park in well-lit spaces where there is plenty of traffic and activity. If something doesn't look just right (like people loitering in the parking lot), trust your judgment and park somewhere else. Keep your vehicle's windows shut and doors locked at all times.
- Store packages or other valuables (GPS devices, Ipods, tablets, etc.) in your vehicle's trunk or out-of-sight. Articles left in plain sight on seats are an inviting target for thieves.
- When you return to your vehicle, have your keys in hand and ready (so you don't have to fumble for them). Also, take a moment to check the interior of the car before you get in.
- If you are shopping with small children, make sure

they understand to seek a security guard or store clerk if you become separated.

Hart also urges residents to use care in and around the home during the holidays, and offers a few tips to help reduce the chance your home will be the target of a home invasion:

- Keep doors and windows locked - whether you are outside for just a few minutes, or even while you're in the basement.
- While you're out, leave some lights and a radio or television on. Your house will appear occupied and a less likely target for break-in.
- Keep packages and gifts out of sight from windows and doors as much as possible.
- Be wary of solicitors coming to your door and asking for charitable donations. Instead, help the charitable organizations you are familiar with.
- Keep in touch with your neighbors, and watch out for each other. If something doesn't look right in your neighborhood (such as strangers hanging out near a friend's home), don't hesitate to call the police.
- Keep your vehicle doors locked,



whether parked in the street or in your driveway - and do not leave valuable items in plain sight, especially overnight.

Hart also reminds Dearborn Heights residents who are vacationing over the holidays to take advantage of the Police Department's "Vacation Check" program. "All the resident needs to do is give us a call and give us some basic information" he explained. "All we need is the address, the dates they'll be out of town, and a contact number where someone can be reached if needed. We'll send an officer to the residence periodically for a brief check around the outside for any signs of disturbance." This is a free service offered to residents of Dearborn Heights.

Hart understands that while there is no absolute or fool-proof way to protect yourself, your family, home or your possessions, taking a few common-sense steps will help reduce the risk greatly.

# Pumpkin Patch Annual Halloween Party



continued from page 1  
**From: Jim Jacek**  
 Mark Bailey from McNally Shoes on Park Avenue in Allen Park continued to serve the community on Halloween night. With the help of sponsors and volunteers, Mark was able to have a Halloween Party for special needs children at the Elks Building. Hot dogs and pizza were provided to the guests, at no charge to the guests. A DJ provided the music for the night in the Elks building, and live entertainment was provided by Creepy Clyde and Buddy Keys.





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## Parking Spot at Culver's Dedicated to Veterans



Photo By Jim Jacek

**From: Jim Jacek**  
 Culver's General Manager Caitlyn Twitty (left) and Culver's Marketing Director Jeff Holden (right) installed a new sign dedicating a parking spot for a veteran, such as Tony Lalli (center).

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## Board of Education Vacant Position (1)

The Allen Park Public School District is seeking applications for the current vacant position on the Board of Education due to the resignation of Gordon Miller. An individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position immediately, and serve until the remainder of the position's term which is 12/31/2024.

Interested persons must submit a letter expressing interest, and their qualifications for the position to the district office at the Riley Education Center, 9601 Vine Ave., Allen Park, no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 2022.**

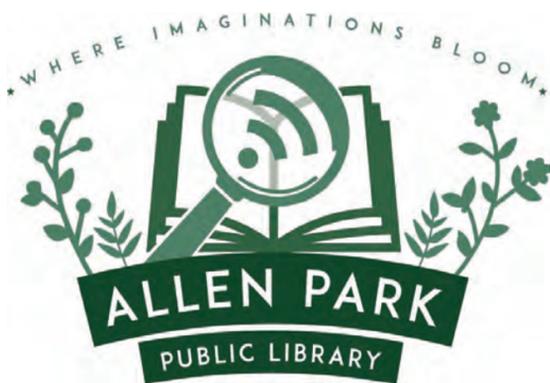
On Monday, November 21, 2022, the Board anticipates meeting in an open session public meeting at 6:00 p.m. to review the letters of interest and to interview all candidates. Candidates should make themselves available for this meeting. The Board's appointment of the candidate to fill the (1) current vacant position will take place at the November 21, 2022 Board meeting after interviews and discussion of candidates.

If you have questions concerning the role of the Board of Education and the responsibilities of a board member, please contact Mr. Michael H. Darga, Superintendent of Schools, at 313.827.2150.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible, a person must be a registered voter in the school district, at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the U.S., a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days, and a resident of the school district.

**Posted: 11/6/2022**



# Allen Park Public Library

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## **Fall Hours Begin**

After Labor Day Weekend, the Allen Park Public Library is going to Fall Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday the library will be open from 10:00am until 8:00pm.  
Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday the library will be open from 10:00am until 3:00pm.

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The library will be closed on Sundays.

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# Taylor Animal Shelter



## Pets of the Week



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**Frank**  
American Staffordshire Terr...  
Male, Young  
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## AP DDA & AP Presbyterian Church Holds Trunk or Treat

continued from page 1 From: Jim Jacek The Allen Park DDA and Allen Park Presbyterian Church on Friday, October 28 on Park Avenue on cars offering treats to the ones who attended.





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**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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**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
- 4 Thursday - \$12.95**  
Meatloaf Dinner
- 5 Friday - \$10.25**  
Fish and chips
- 6 Sunday - \$7.95**  
Steak bites

*Ask About our Soup of the Day*