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Lighted Christmas Parade in AP



Photos By Diane Jacek



By: Jim Jacek

Allen Park held their lighted Christmas

parade on November 19th. The parade came down Park Avenue

to Philomene Street and ended at the Civic Center.

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New Council Member Sworn In



From: City of Allen Park Government

At the November 23 City Council Meeting, Dennis Marcos was appointed to the Allen Park City Council. He was sworn into office by City Clerk Michael Mizzi.

Councilman Marcos will fill the remaining term of Councilwoman Pamela Sych, who passed away a few weeks ago.

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Festival of Trees



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The Festival of Trees was held at the Performing Arts Center in Dearborn during Thanksgiving week. Trees were designed and sold at this event to help raise funds for Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. One of the trees was designed by Dr. Sue Cabadas, who has her dentist office in Allen Park.



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Allen Park Police Department Weekly Summary

NON-AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
Date: 11/20/2021

Location: 18713 VAN BORN RD,
ALLEN PARK
Time: 10:14 PM

2021-08713
11/20/2021 @ 2214 hours
Non-Aggravated Assault
EVIDENCE SEIZED:
- Allen Park PD victim statement forms from Offender and Victim
INFORMATION:
On 11/20/2021 at 2214 hours, an Officer was dispatched to 18713 Van Born Road (3 Nicks Scoreboard) on a report of an assault. Downriver Central Dispatch advised that the caller was assaulted by a known suspect that had fled south from the location onto Pelham Road in a white Dodge Ram pickup truck, and that the caller would be waiting for officers at 19350 Ecorse Road (Shell Gas).
INTERVIEW WITH VICTIM:
Upon arrival, the Officer made contact with Victim - He and his ex-girlfriend stated that at approximately 2130 hours on 11/20/2021, he drove to 3 Nicks Scoreboard to confront Offender over alleged rumors that he had molested a child. He also drove to 3 Nicks Scoreboard to confront her current boyfriend over alleged infidelity in their relationship. They have been in a dating relationship for two years and have no children in common, while she had formerly dated him for 7 years and have one child in common. They do not live together at the same residence. He stated that when he arrived to 3 Nicks Scoreboard, he ob-

served him standing outside on the south side of the building smoking a cigarette. then confronted him and the two began to verbally argue before he alleged that he grabbed him by the neck of his sweatshirt and began to punch him several times. He stated that he punched him in the right side of his face using his left closed fist approximately 3 or 4 times. The victim never struck but merely attempted to stop the attack. He stated that he then got into a white 2015 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck (Ml plate) and fled the location after he advised that he was going to call police. The Officer observed no visible injuries to person and he refused medical attention on scene. He advised that he wished to prosecute in the matter and completed an Allen Park PD victim statement form on scene. An Allen Park PD report number was issued on scene.
INTERVIEW WITH OFFENDER:
On 11/20/2021 at approximately 2230 hours, he arrived in the lobby of Allen Park PD and advised that he wished to file an assault report regarding the incident. He stated that at approximately 2130 hours on 11/20/2021, he was smoking a cigarette at the rear of 3 Nicks Scoreboard while using his cellular phone. According to him, he suddenly had his cellular phone taken out of his hand was yelled at regard-

ing infidelity issues in their relationship, the boyfriend also approached him and began to confront him about his treatment of the woman and allegations regarding child molestation. At this point, he stated that he advanced toward him in a hostile manner and pushed him back with two fists. In response, he grabbed his sweatshirt to keep distance between the two and prevent further altercation. He stated that at no point did he strike, and that he left the location in his vehicle shortly after. The Officer observed no injuries to person and he declined medical treatment. He completed an Allen Park PD victim statement form. This was completed and placed into the Allen Park PD DB tray. An Allen Park PD report number was issued on scene. He stated that he did not wish to seek prosecution in the matter, but wanted the issues to diffuse.
NOTES:
The woman declined to complete a witness statement form and stated that she did not want involvement in the case other than to be a witness. There are surveillance cameras on both the south and west sides of 3 Nicks Scoreboard where the incident allegedly occurred. The Officer was not able to retrieve surveillance footage at the time of my report.

DAMAGED PROPERTY
Date: 11/19/2021

Location: 7100 WINONA AVE,
ALLEN PARK
Time: 8:50 AM

2021-08642
11/19/2021
Officer MDOP
SOURCE: Dispatch
DAMAGED PROPERTY:
2021 Jeep Wrangler UNL Gry in color
CIRCUMSTANCE:
On 11/19/21, at approximately 0850 hours, an Officer responded to 7100 Winona Ave on a report of a attempted UDAA.
OFFICERS INVESTIGATION:
The Officer responded

to 7100 Winona. Upon arrival, the Officer spoke with the victim, who stated that the above listed vehicle was damaged. He stated that he parked the vehicle in his driveway on 11/18/21, at approximately 2030 hours. When he returned to the vehicle on 11/19/21, at approximately 0835 hours, he observed the rear drivers side passenger window had been broken out. There was no damaged

done to the inside of the vehicle and nothing was taking from inside the vehicle. The officer did observe where the window was broken out on the above listed vehicle. The Officer advised him a report would be made. The vehicle is insured by Citizens Insurance company. There were no witnesses to this crime.

FRAUD
Date: 11/17/2021

Location: N/A
Time: N/A

2021-8592
Fraud
Officer
11/17/2021
INFORMATION:
An Officer was dispatched to the lobby of APPD for a fraud complaint. The Officer spoke with the victim who stated she has been searching for a house online for her mother to move into. Using Rent.com she found a house at Lindbergh Wyandotte

Ml, 48192. She made contact with the owner, She used her email address. She stated she provided him her mothers full name, date of birth, phone number, and address. She also included a picture of her mothers Tennessee drivers license. She stated the interaction felt strange so she checked the property on Zillow.com and found the actual

owner. She contacted the actual owner who stated he did not list the property on Rent.com. She stated that she did not give her mother's social security number, account information, or money to the impostor. But she is still concerned identity theft may occur. She was advised to have her mother contact a credit bureau to file fraud alert status.

FRAUD
Date: 11/15/2021

Location: N/A
Time: N/A

2021-00008513
FRAUD
11/15/2021
FRAUDULENT USE:
COMERICA BANK ACCOUNT INCIDENT:
On 11/15/2021, an Officer met with the victim at APPD regarding a fraud complaint. She states someone used her Comerica checking account to purchase items from a Dix Sporting goods in

New Jersey. She further stated the items were delivered to 6719 North 6th, Philadelphia PA under her name. She knows no one in that city

and has never given anyone permission to use her name or bank accounts. She was advised to have all of her accounts flagged.



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By Don Richter
drichter101@comcast.net

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.

I hope that everyone stuffed themselves with turkey and pumpkin pie, the two most important foods at every Thanksgiving dinner. And, of course, I hope that everyone enjoyed the delicious leftovers for the next few days.

I prepared myself for this year's Thanksgiving bounty by creating a new hole near the tip of my belt. I definitely need the extra room this holiday season.

One of these years I'm going to wear my pajama bottoms and slippers to Thanksgiving dinner with my family. I would be so much more comfortable. Heck, I'm even thinking of bringing my own pillow and blanket for the certain after-meal "turkey sleep coma" on the living room couch.

I love Thanksgiving.

I love being with family.

I love putting my

hand on my stuffed belly and saying "I can't have any more food" and then "forcing" myself to a second helping.

I love watching football on Thanksgiving. Even though my beloved Lions always seem to lose in their traditional Turkey Day tussle — especially during this winless season — I still tune in every year with hopeful eyes.

Speaking of the Lions, one of my favorite Thanksgiving Day memories was covering the annual game for Heritage Newspapers in the early 2010s.

Detroit was playing the Green Bay Packers. Besides the Lions, the Packers are my favorite team. I can't even adequately describe how excited I was to be attending the nationally televised NFL contest and covering the game as a member of the press.

The day of the game certainly didn't start out well.

My fellow sports writing colleague Dave Merchant and I were both assigned to cover the game for Heritage Newspapers. There were a couple guys from our local coverage area who were playing for the Packers and it was our job to cover the contest and interview both play-

ers post game in the locker room.

I picked Dave up a couple hours before kickoff. We traveled up from Downriver (Detroit's southern suburbs) and made our way downtown and instantly got stuck in a massive Thanksgiving Day traffic jam. We needed to get press passes at the Will Call booth at Ford Field so that we could park in a designated area and take a shuttle to the stadium. We needed to be at the designated area at a certain time and because of the stand still traffic jam, we were running late. We could see Ford Field — we just couldn't get there. With time getting tight, Dave decided to jump out of my SUV and like Barry Sanders run and weave his way around multiple traffic-jam-stalled vehicles all the way to Ford Field far in the distance.

Thinking back, we had no plan. I was just going to drive around in the slow traffic jam and hopefully find Dave in the now swelling mass of people and vehicles near Ford Field after he got our shuttle passes from Will Call.

As I got close to Ford Field and was about to be swept away with the traffic, I strained my eyes

looking for Dave in the crowd of people walking toward the stadium. Then, in a scene straight out of "Chariots of Fire," I saw Dave emerge from the crowd, shuttle passes in hand, jogging at a quick pace, toward my barely moving vehicle. We met eyes. I swear I heard the "Chariots of Fire" movie theme song in the distance as he neared my SUV. I threw open my passenger door and he jumped in. In a moment of providence, as soon as Dave hopped in my vehicle, traffic eased up and I was able to "Steve McQueen" my way through the downtown Detroit streets to our designated parking garage and our waiting shuttle.

The rest of the day went pretty smoothly. The shuttle got us to Ford Field with no trouble dropping us off near the stadium's press entrance. With official press passes in hand, we got through each checkpoint and security area before taking the stadium elevator to the top level of Ford Field and the press box area.

It was fun hobnobbing and rubbing shoulders with local and national sport writers and TV personalities in the large press box area. It was

cool having a pre-game Thanksgiving meal with everyone and sitting at a table and talking shop with people I had either watched on TV or read in the local newspapers for years.

The game went as everyone predicted with a Lions blowout loss to the Packers. After covering the game, Dave and I took the elevator down to the locker room area of Ford Field. We waited with other sports writers, reporters and TV crews to enter the Packers locker room. After a few minutes, the locker room door flung open and the press was allowed in. It was pretty cool walking by quarterback Aaron Rodgers as he was being interviewed by a mob of reporters at his locker. I remember linebacker Clay Matthews also nearby being swamped by the press at his locker.

Dave found his interviewee, defensive tackle Cullen Jenkins (Belleville, CMU) and proceeded to get down to business asking his questions. As Dave conducted his interview, I surveyed the crowded and noisy locker room looking for my "target" — rookie offensive guard T.J. Lang (Birmingham Brother Rice, EMU). I final-

ly found him in a far corner of the room. He was quietly taking off his shoulder pads. No one was around him. I introduced myself and started my interview. He was so laid back and friendly. Just a young guy, and recent EMU graduate, living his dream of playing in the NFL. By the end of our interview, I glanced over my shoulder and noticed multiple other sports writers and reporters now standing behind me taking notes and reaching their tape recorders closer to hear Lang's answers to my questions. Of course, Lang would go on to become an All-Pro guard and longtime fixture on the Green Bay offensive line and later end his stellar career with his home state Lions. I always joke to myself that I was probably his first interview as an NFL player.

After our interviews were over, Dave and I headed out of the stadium to the waiting shuttle. Later that night, we would write our stories.

It was a Thanksgiving Day I'll never forget.

Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.

Now pass me some pumpkin pie...

Cabrini High School Students attend Legislative Forum



Photo By Dave Gorgon

By: Jim Jacek
 Students from Cabrini High School were part of the Legislative Forum put on by the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce. The speaker was Political Commentator Bill Ballenger, with an in-depth analysis and forecast of what's ahead for Michigan's political scene. Bill Ballenger is sitting in the center.

Sheila's Coffee Barista



Photos By Jim Jacek

By: Jim Jacek
 The Allen Park Chamber of Commerce member of the week is Sheila Wignal with Sheila's Coffee

Barista, featuring Java Momma Coffee. Java Momma Coffee has unique flavors such as Jamaica Me Crazy,

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 Friday, December 17th**

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Yard waste includes: Garden waste, leaves, lawn cuttings, shrubs & tree trimmings/pruning waste. Yard waste will be collected in up to 32-35 gallon plastics or metal carts marked "yard waste" and/or brown, yard waste paper bags. Please keep in the mind the weight restrictions on carts, 60 pounds, container and contents.

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'Ready to Serve' charges will be adjusted accordingly for 2 months or 1 month.

Below are the 3 water billing cycles and how the timing changes will be rolled out.

Cycle 2:

Customer Accounts being billed currently and due 11/15. They will have 1 more quarterly bill that will go out for February 1st and current charges apply. They will also be billed again on April 1st.

Cycle 3:

They will be billed on December 1st. This will be their last quarterly bill. And the cycle will be split based on their account numbers:

- Account numbers that begin with 710 to 850 will be added to Cycle 1 and billed again in January 2022.
- This will be a 1 month billing for them. The minimum bill for this will be at \$44.78.
- Account numbers that begin with 600 to 700 will be added to Cycle 2 and billed again in February 2022.
- This will be their 1st bi-monthly billing.

Cycle 1:

- They will be billed January 1st. This will be their last quarterly bill with the current charges. They will begin bi-monthly billing March 1st.

The minimum charges currently are at 0-5 units (billed @ 5 units) and will change to 0-4 units (billed @ 4 units).

Current minimum bills are \$69.05. Bi-monthly minimum bills will be \$52.24.

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Fall Hours Begin

As summer ends the Allen Park Public Library is expanding the hours the building is open as well as curbside appointments.

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

Curbside hours will run all day during our open hours and end 15 minutes before we close

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday the library curbside is from 10:00am until 7:45pm

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday the library curbside is from 10:00am until 2:45pm

Library Building Open with Restrictions

July 1, 2021

- Masks are required*
- Current Summer Hours of operation will continue
- Computers are available for up to four 60-minute sessions per day for users with a valid library card
- Visitors may use the computer for 30-minutes at no charge.
- No charge for printing up to twenty black & white pages
- Curbside services are still available (by appointment)
- Meetings, events, group gathering/study prohibited
- Materials can be returned to either the inside or outside Dropboxes
- Late fines for Allen Park materials are not assessed
- Donations are accepted. Please limit donations to one box or bag and bring donations to the the Circulation Desk. Donations left outside will be discarded.
- Please do not enter the Library if you are not feeling well. We will be happy to provide library materials to you via Curbside Delivery.

*Individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (two weeks past the date they received their final vaccine dose) may enter the Library without a mask. For those who are not vaccinated, a mask covering the nose and mouth is required while in the Library. Patrons who do not have a mask will be offered one. Patrons who cannot wear a mask will be able to access library materials via no-contact Curbside Delivery but must leave the building.



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Holiday season comes alive with live music during Michigan Philharmonic concerts

Performances planned in Plymouth, Brighton and Troy

Live holiday music will be enjoyed by young and old alike in several local communities thanks to Michigan's largest regional symphony orchestra, the Michigan Philharmonic.

Led by longtime conductor Nan Washburn, the Philharmonic will perform in Plymouth, Canton, and Brighton during the month of December, offering a wide array of holiday pops, classical and other celebratory seasonal music that also includes a special night of "Bollywood" music to be performed in Troy.

A longtime community tradition, the Michigan Phil's annual "Holiday Pops with the Phil" concert will include two performances at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9 in Plymouth's historic Penn Theatre. Limited tickets are still available at michiganphil.org.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 11, the Philharmonic will travel to Brighton High School for two holiday pops concerts at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Lastly, a "Bollywood" performance is planned for Sunday,

Dec. 12 at the Troy Marriot beginning at 7:30 p.m.

During both of the second concerts in Plymouth and Brighton, Philharmonic oboist Chris Wheeler will be featured performing Georg Philipp Telemann's "Oboe Concerto in E-Flat: Allegro." Other pieces will include "A Festive Fanfare" by Brian Balmages, "German Carol Festival" arranged by James Christensen, "Gabriel's Oboe" by Ennio Morricone, "Faith, A Kwanzaa Celebration" by Sean O'Loughlin and "Sounds of Hanukkah" arranged by Bill Holcombe.

A sing-along of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" will not be a part of the Plymouth show this year but two choirs will join the Philharmonic in Brighton. The Penn Theatre sing-along will be replaced with another special Christmas carol medley.

Tickets for the Brighton shows are available at <https://www.brightonperformingarts.com/event-details/holiday-pops-with-the-phil>.

The Bollywood per-

formance is being held in conjunction with the Geetmala Foundation of Michigan and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin.

All of the Philharmonic's concerts are subject to time and date changes as well as health restrictions already in place at the venues listed. To protect everyone involved in their performances the Philharmonic is asking patrons to wear masks during the performances.

About the Michigan Philharmonic: Celebrating its 76th season, the Michigan Philharmonic - (or "Michigan Phil") - is one of the most innovative 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 ev-

er-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 or call (734) 451-2112.

ALLEN PARK HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Proceeds will fund the restoration of the Allen Park Historical Museum.

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Ends at: Roll Models Bike Shop (6641 Park Ave)

- ❖ Dress up your fury friends and come walk with Team Wade and her Chief of Staff. There will be hot chocolate and prizes to win at the end of the walk. Wade is trying to double her walking friends this year. Please share this event!
- ❖ Dog food donations are optional but will be gladly accepted at Roll Models Bike Shop the day of the event.

Hope to see you there!



Please Contact Pat Clemens with any questions at (313) 319-4715
Or on Facebook at Wade and her 4 Legged Friends
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Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra presents special winter concert in Canton

Performance features nearly 100 youth musicians in 5 groups

Nearly 100 musicians from the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (MPYO) will take to the stage in Canton at the Village Theatre offering a special "Winter Concert" full of classical, pop and holiday music.

Led by Hector Qyteti since 2017, and supported by Dennis Carter conducting flutes and

winds, the MPYO provides a unique, enriching and exciting musical experience for young musicians throughout Southeast Michigan. The full program for students ages 8-18 includes two string ensembles, a flute choir, a wind ensemble and a full youth symphony. Students in this program meet weekly to rehearse and give three concert performances in addition to

The MPYO concert in Canton begins

at 7 p.m. and features five youth ensembles: Strings, made up of elementary school string players; Sinfonia, a middle school strings group; Flute Choir; Wind Ensemble; and the Youth Symphony, a full orchestra of mainly high school musicians.

Among the pieces the String Ensemble will perform include "Billy Tell Overture" by Rossini (arr. Richard Meyer), "Ding-Dong! The Witch is Dead," and "Frosty

the Snow Man" while the Sinfonia group will perform (among others) "March of the Meistersingers" by Wagner (arr. Sandra Dackow) and "Nocturne and Rustic Dance" by Mendelssohn (arr. Francis Biletzky).

Among the songs being performed by the Flute Choir will be "At Christmastide" (traditional) and "We Need a Little Christmas" while the Wind Ensemble will offer (among others) "Mo-

tette Ave Verum Corpus" by Mozart and "Little Fugue in G" by Bach.

The Youth Orchestra, made up mostly of high school performers, will present "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Fifth Symphony, IV" by Felix Mendelssohn and "Radetzky March" by Johann Strauss in a side-by-side with the Sinfonia group.

Tickets for the youth performance are \$15 for adults and

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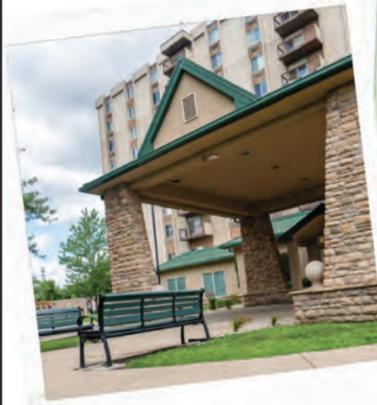
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