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Pictured is painting upgrade at Allen Park Fire Department by Mike the Painter. Photos Courtesy of Mike Potter.

Upgrades Happening in City of Allen Park thanks to Mike the Painter

By Charla Hamilton
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If you've been out and about in Allen Park recently you may have noticed a few places receiving some much needed upgrades, mainly in the form of new paint. The Allen Park Fire Department and the Allen Park Community Center (hockey arena)

received new paint jobs thanks to Allen Park's local Mike the Painter. Allen Park Guardian recently had the pleasure of speaking with Mike Potter, the man behind Mike the Painter to learn more about him and his business.

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APHS Celebrates Class of 2023



Story and more photos on page 5.
 Photos By Jim Jacek

Congrats to Cabrini High School Graduating Class of 2023



More photos on page 6.
 Photos Courtesy of Cabrini High School.

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Allen Park Police Department Weekly Summary

LARCENY

Date: 6/3/2023

Location: 7100 PARK AVE,
ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: N/A

06-03-2023
LARCENY
LOCATION:
7101 Park Ave (Allen
Park Presbyterian
Church), Allen Park
48101
VICTIM:
Allen Park Presbyte-
rian Church
STOLEN:
Catalytic Convert-
er from church bus
parked in lot
2014 Ford Bus

DETAILS:
An Officer was dis-
patched to 7101 Park
Ave regarding a Larce-
ny Report. Caller stat-
ed someone stolen the
Catalytic Converter
from the church bus
sometime between
last Sunday May 28th
and today June 3rd.
The bus was parked
last Sunday and hasn't
moved since then and
caller was going to get

some fuel for the bus
and noticed the Cata-
lytic Converter gone.
A few ring doorbell
cameras near where
the bus was parked
but no church cam-
era's in the area on the
bus. The vehicle was
parked in a driveway
on church property
behind the church.
Nothing further at
this time.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - ATTEMPT

Date: 6/4/2023

Location: 3400 FAIRLANE,
ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: 7:00 PM

06/04/2023 1900 HRS
Motor Vehicle Theft -
ATTEMPT
*NO SUSPECT
INFO*
Victim Vehicle-
VYR: 2016 VMA:
HONDA
VIN:
LIC:
Source-
VMO: ACCORD Blk
An Officer was dis-
patched to 3428
Fairlane (Deluxe
Nails Spa & Lash) on
an attempted vehicle
theft complaint.
Circumstances-

The Officer arrived
on scene and spoke
with the Victim) who
stated he arrived at
work on 6/4/2023 at
11am. He stated he
was working inside
all day and did not
return to his vehicle
until 7pm. He stated
when he entered his
vehicle he put his keys
in the ignition and the
keys would not turn,
also stated that the
steering wheel would
not move. He stated
he observed that the
steering wheel col-

umn had been dam-
aged. The Officer
asked if he had locked
his vehicle when he
arrived at work and
he stated he could not
remember. He stated
that there a no cam-
eras that overlook the
parking lot and he did
not see anyone suspi-
cious near his vehicle
during that day.
The Officer provid-
ed him a complaint
number and advised
him to contact his in-
surance company.

RETAIL FRAUD

Date: 6/4/2023

Location: 3100 FAIRLANE DR,
ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: 1:00 PM

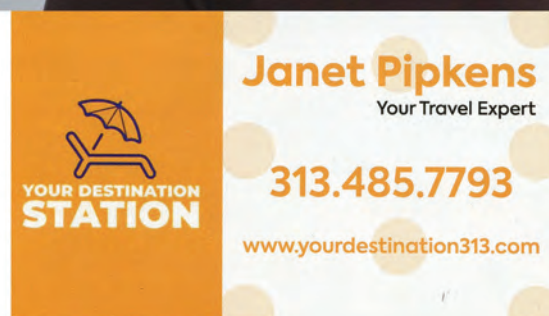
June 4th, 2023
Retail Fraud
An Officer responded
to the Target store lo-
cated at 3100 Fairlane
Drive for a retail fraud
complaint. Dispatch
advised there was one
female being detained
by Target loss preven-
tion. When the Officer
arrived he spoke with
complainant, a Target
loss prevention offi-
cer. He states the sus-
pect entered the store
at approximately 1215
hours and shopped
the store until 1300
hours. She proceed-
ed to the check out
and paid for a few
small items however
she failed to pay for
\$228.96 worth of mer-
chandise. She pro-
ceeded past all other
points of purchase
failing to pay for the
items and was con-
fronted in the parking
lot by Target loss pre-
vention, was advised

to return the mer-
chandise to the loss
preventions officers
and she complied. She
was instructed not to
return to the store and
at that time the loss
prevention officers
decided not to contact
police releasing her.
A few hours later at
approximately 1445
hours the suspect,
returned to the tar-
get store and be-
gan shopping. Once
again proceeded to
the check out paying
for a few small items
but failed to pay for
\$349.16 worth of mer-
chandise. She again
passed all points of
purchase failing to
pay for the items. She
was confronted in the

parking lot by Target
loss prevention and
they requested she
follow them to the
loss prevention office.
She complied and re-
mained there until
APPD arrived. Target
loss prevention stated
both floor and video
surveillance was used
to make observations.
They provided two
receipts for the stolen
merchandise which
was placed in the DB
mailbox. All of the
stolen merchandise
was returned to the
store. She had valid
ID and no warrants.
The Officer issued her
a violation for retail
fraud and release her
at the scene.



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5th from 4-6PM a very
special Irish Music
Cafe show ~ Broad-
casting LIVE was held
at Dunleavy's in Allen
Park. The show was a

tribute to the legend-
ary Tommy O'Hal-
loran, musician and
owner of the Tipperary
Pub, who passed away
just a year ago. Host
Patrick Johnson played

the world premiere of
a special tribute song
"Don't Let The Mu-
sic Die" for Tommy
written by: Scott Ka-
avanaugh & John Free-
man. They also talked
about the Motor City
Irish Fest and played
music from MCIF arti-
sts. While the special
broadcast was being
held, a special sur-
prise announcement
was made that Tommy
O'Halloran was being
inducted into the Irish
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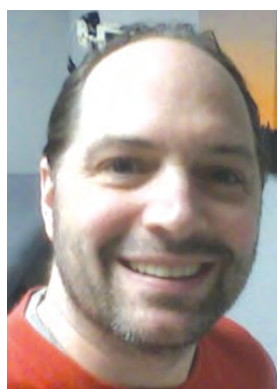
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ALLEN PARK ATHLETICS

ON THE SIDELINE: WASP'S NESTS, ANT HILLS, STUFFY NOSES AND SUMMER



By Don Richter
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It's officially summer.

Big whoop.

I remember when I used to be so excited summer was finally here. Of course, I was still in school and

summer meant three months or so of vacation. Woo hoo. Three months without school. Three months without homework. Three months of sleeping in.

Those were the days, huh?

Now the beginning of summer is just, well, it's just a Wednesday.

The beginning of summer for me now is simply a day of the week. Nothing more, nothing less. Did we even have spring? Hello, spring? Where'd you go? I hardly knew ya.

Summer used to be cause for celebra-

tion. Now it means my air conditioning bill is sky high. Now it means my allergies are in full swing, along with long, sleepless nights with a stuffed up nose and burning eyes.

I'm a mess in the summertime.

Hot, sweaty and tired — so always tired.

Anybody else?

The heat of summer used to energize me. Now the heat drains me. Now the high temperatures and humidity of summer zaps all my energy. I always feel like I'm moving in slow motion in the hot of sum-

mer.

You too?

Though I must admit, when conditions are right and I'm outside and a warm breeze softly brushes across my face, I smile and sigh — "Ahhhhh, thank you, summer."

And then I inhale and swallow a few hundred flying gnats.

Double ugh.

Summer nowadays for me is always a contradiction.

Warm temperatures are nice, but a fresh wasp's nest on the back of my shed is not.

Getting exercise

cutting my grass is nice, but finding an ant hill colony the size of Manhattan Island on my lawn is not.

Finally getting my driveway repaved and a new porch and walkway installed this summer is nice, but having to take out a second mortgage and work seven days a week to pay for it is not.

Watching the Detroit Tigers, my favorite baseball team, used to be a highlight of summer for me. Nowadays, I'd rather slam my barefoot into the hard, wooden leg of my coffee table (it happened

last week) than tune in for another boring Tigers loss. Is it asking too much to have a competitive team in arguably the worst division in baseball?

Though I guess I should be sort of excited. I do have a couple weeks of vacation coming up soon. Not that I'll be going anywhere. I'm paying for that new driveway remember?

It's officially summer.

Big whoop.

Is it winter yet...?

ALLEN PARK TRACK AND FIELD

ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL'S ABBY RUSSELL STATE CHAMPION IN DISCUS!



Photos Courtesy of Allen Park Public Schools



Abby Russell places third in the state for Shot put and becomes STATE CHAMPION in the discus!! She is now a back to back State Champion! Congrats to Abby! GO JAGS!

Upgrades Happening in City of Allen Park thanks to Mike the Painter



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tion on yourself, how you started in this field and how long have you been painting?

Mike Potter: I'm from Norwood, Ohio (basically Cincinnati), and have been painting for over 20 years. I started painting with my dad on Spring

Break when I was fourteen.

APG: What draws you to work in the Allen Park area?

MP: Allen Park is a great place to work in with great people. I also live in Allen park.

APG: What are some of your favorite things about Allen Park and the commu-

nity?

MP: What I love about Allen Park is that it's a safe community with a lot of parks in walking distance that my wife and I take our two kids to daily. Also, the Farmers Market is pretty cool.

APG: Describe the recent projects you just completed for the

city of Allen Park.

MP: It was an honor and a privilege to paint at the Allen Park Fire Department and give the building a well-deserved and needed make over. Ed Cann and the crew are awesome, they take their job serious but also have a great sense of humor. We're still

working on the hockey area in the community center but so far that place is really cleaning up nice. I think the community will be excited about all the renovations going on there.

APG: What do you love about what you do?

MP: I love my job because I get to meet new people and showcase my painting skills and knowledge. I also really love being my own boss.

APG: What are the areas you service and what do you offer and specialize in?

MP: I service all of downriver (mostly Allen Park) and specialize in painting, staining, drywall in-

stallation, drywall & plaster repair, wallpaper removal, cabinet refinishing & painting, exposed basement ceilings, power washing, and minor carpentry.

APG: Anything else you would like the Allen Park Community to know?

MP: I exclusively use Sherwin Williams paint. I run one crew so I can keep on top of the quality. I'm the guy doing the estimates and the guy doing the painting.

For more information about Mike the Painter you can visit his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mikethepainter>, or give him a call at 313-480-9507.

APHS Celebrates Class of 2023

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From: Jim Jacek
 Congratulations to the Allen Park High School Class of 2023. They held their ceremony at the football stadium on Friday, June 9, 2023.



Motor City Irish Fest 2023



Pictured is Joan O'Halloran being recognized as the 2023 MCIF Honorary Co Chair. Photos Courtesy of miIrish.com



The Motor City Irish Fest was held on June 9-June 11 at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. Joanie O'Halloran was recognized as the 2023 MCIF Honorary Co Chair. As a vital part of the MCIF committee, Joanie does so much to help organize and run a successful festival each year and is a V.I.P. in the Detroit Irish community.

CONGRATS TO APHS CLASS OF 2023!

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CABRINI ATHLETICS

Congrats to Cabrini High School Graduating Class of 2023

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Cabrini holds Second Annual Hall of Fame Day



The Cabrini High School Alumni Association held its second annual Hall of Fame Day on Thursday, June 15. This event honors elite alum athletes who distinguished themselves during their high school and/or post-high school athletic careers. The day included a morning golf outing at Lakes of Taylor and an evening induction banquet at Crystal Park Banquet Center in Allen Park. The banquet will also feature the special presentation of Cabrini's highest honor, the Summa Honore Award.

The alumni association inducted the 1976 Girl's Basketball State Champion team

and four alum athletes, adding to the elite group inducted at last year's inaugural event.

The 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees include:

Joe Lubaway '69 Joe was a standout athlete at Cabrini, excelling in football and track. He was named the 1969 Male Athlete of the Year, was a member of the school's first Championship football team in 1967, and received All Downriver, All Catholic, and All-State honors twice. In addition, he held the school shot put record and was awarded a football scholarship to Eastern Michigan University, where he played in the Pioneer

Bowl in 1971.

Gloria Joseph '70 Gloria excelled in basketball and softball while a student at Cabrini. She was named the 1970 Female Athlete of the Year and, in 2002, was named one of the Catholic High School League's top 50 Female Athletes in league history. In addition, she was a CHSL Hall of Fame inductee in 1989 for officiating. Gloria officiated in 12 CHSL final games in softball and baseball. Also, she participated in five MHSAA state finals assignments in softball and basketball, as well as an NCAA Division 1 Regional Tournament and NCAA Division 3

National Tournaments as an official.

Terry Andrysiak '84 Terry was a highly-recognized football standout while he attended Cabrini and was named the 1984 Male Athlete of the Year. He was football captain his senior year and received All League, All Area, and All Catholic Honors in his sophomore, junior and senior years. He was named to the All-State Dream Team in his junior and senior years and received the Adidas Scholastic All-American award in his senior year. Terry was awarded a football scholarship to Notre Dame University, where he earned the Chevrolet Player of the Game in 1987 after the Notre Dame vs. Michigan game. He played four seasons with the Canadian Football League.

Katie Osburn Eaton '08 Katie was a two-time Cabrini State Champion softball team member. She was named All-State in Softball during her sophomore, junior and senior years and set

a record for allowing only one run the entire season. She holds the state record for 80 consecutive victories in '06 - '08 and was named Miss Softball in 2008 by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association. She played Division 1 softball at Miami University.

After the induction of these outstanding athletes, the 2023 Summa Honore Award will be presented. Tim Kluka has been named the second recipient of this prestigious award that recognizes exceptional personal achievement and service that reflects the core values of Cabrini.

Kluka has a 50-year relationship with the Cabrini community wearing many hats through the years. He has been a Dad's Club/Booster Club member since 1973, a counselor and director of athletics at the grade school, and a Catholic Youth League coach. Between 1992 and 1999, he was the dean of students at the high school and the athletic director from

1999 until his retirement in 2014.

Kluka continues to devote countless hours to Cabrini and remains the face of Cabrini sports. He is a three-time inductee to the Catholic High School League Hall of Fame (CHSL). In addition, he was named the CHSL Athletic Director of the Year in 2006, the Administrator of the Year in 2011, and the Person of the Year in 2014.

Kluka is also a member of the Allen Park Sports Hall of Fame. When not at Cabrini, he can be found as the lead warehouse volunteer at Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry, a client-choice pantry located in Taylor that serves the needs of several downriver communities.

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Alice Prusak welcomes Congressman Shri Tranedar to the Prestige Banquet Hall. Photos By Jim Jacek.



Allen Park Mayor Gail McLeod greets Congressman Shri Tranedar.

From: Jim Jacek 26, 2023. He was the Forum. Shri represents the downriver river cities and much of Wayne County. Congressman Shri Tranedar was at the Prestige Banquet Hall in Allen Park on May 26, 2023. He was the featured speaker for the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Legislative

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The Alliance Catholic Credit Union



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From: Jim Jacek

The Alliance Catholic Credit Union had a ribbon cutting on June 1, 2023, to celebrate the newest location at

7130 Allen Road in Allen Park, MI. Branch Manager Jamie Barbee was the person with the scissors. A prayer was said inside

the credit union by the priest from Cabrini Catholic Church. The guests were invited to a meal on the patio of Mick's Bar afterwards.

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New Equipment at Tot Park



Photos By Jim Jacek



From: Jim Jacek

The equipment at the tot park at the intersection of Harlow and Morris in Allen Park has been totally replaced, with new thick

padding covering the entire playground. Two swings are designed for an adult to place their child in the seat across from them. Come on and check it out!



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Cabrini Festival 2023



From: Jim Jacek

Cabrini held their festival on June 9-11. Featured entertainment included Fifty Amp Fuse on Friday, and Atomic Radio on Saturday. There were plenty of rides, food, games, and activities to do.



DDA EVENT SCHEDULE
*DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- APRIL 21-OCTOBER 27, 2023 (EVERY FRIDAY)
ALLEN PARK FARMERS MARKET FROM 3-7 PM
LOCATED ON PARK AVE BETWEEN HARRISON & CLEVELAND
- JUNE 7, 2023-7:9 PM
MUSIC IN THE STREETS-GREG JAQUA
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- JULY 22, 2022-10 AM-2 PM
TOUCH A TRUCK-BEHIND CULVERS (PHILOMENE AND BOB SEGER BLVD)
- JULY 26, 2023-7:9 PM
MUSIC IN THE STREETS-DETROIT SOCIAL CLUB
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- AUGUST 2, 2023-7:9 PM
MUSIC IN THE STREETS-TAYLOR TUCKY
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- AUGUST 16, 2023-7:9 PM
MUSIC IN THE STREETS-SINJOIN SMITH
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- AUGUST 30, 2023-7:9 PM
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- OCTOBER 13, 2023 -PUMPKIN DECORATING
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- OCTOBER 20, 2023 -TRUNK OR TREAT-RAIN DATE OCTOBER 27, 2023
ALLEN PARK FARMERS MARKET FROM 5-7 PM
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- DECEMBER 1, 2023-HOLIDAY MARKET
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3-7 PM



AP Resident Participates in the Ironman

From: Shannon Bagdonas

Allen Parker, Todd Bagdonas, participated in the Ironman - Chattanooga the weekend of May 21. Not only did he finish, but he landed a quali-

fying spot in the Ironman World Championships in Finland this August 2023!

He is also scheduled for the Full Ironman in Chattanooga in September 2023.

Todd Bagdonas is

a veteran of the United States Marines, was an Allen Park Bulldog Football Coach and served for several years on the Allen Park Bulldog board. Todd also coaches Belle Tire Girls Trav-

el Hockey. Todd is married to Shannon Bagdonas, they have 5 children (Rodney, Makayla, Madison, Lucy and Anna) and 3 grandchildren (Chase, Nick, and Hazel).

Transit Brothers Perform at Crystal Park



Photos By Jim Jacek

From: Jim Jacek

The Transit Brothers performed at Crystal Park in Allen Park

on May 20, 2023. The band featured songs from groups including Chicago and the Blues

Brothers. The show was put on by the Allen Park Chamber of Commerce.

Outdoor Concert Series Begins in AP with Fifty Amp Fuse



Photos By Jim Jacek

From: Jim Jacek

Looks like the outdoor concert scene for the summer has begun. Fifty Amp Fuse performed at Council Park in Allen Park on May 26, 2023.



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