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The entrance to Kimberly Park on Nov. 16 in Lansing. PHOTOS BY NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Council delays vote on overnight camping

Effort aimed at giving homeless designated places to stay

Susan Vela Lansing State Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

LANSING — City Council heard from dozens of speakers Monday night who want an end to sweeps of homeless camps but delayed by three weeks two initiatives aimed at addressing homelessness in the city.

Their pleas to council followed the city's Thursday, Nov. 12 enforcement of a no trespassing order for a homeless camp adjacent to the Lansing River Trail near 300 E. Oakland Avenue. Between 15 and 20 people were forced to leave their small camp in a wooded area.

Advocates said the series of killings along the river trail and pending cold weather make it a dangerous time for those living on the streets, and that the city has cleared dozens of camps in the last year.

"There should be no camp sweeps without a viable alternative," Jill Dombrowski, a 41-year-old Lansing resident, told council members during a more than three-hour council session. "It is not our

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Greencroft Park located next to the Ingham County Office of the Public Defender on Nov. 16 in Lansing.

Bullet narrowly missed resident

Shot from hunter struck house near St. Johns

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OLIVE TWP. — A bullet fired by a hunter on the opening day of firearm deer season passed all the way through a house south of St. Johns, narrowly missing one of the homeowners.

Sue Harr, who lives on South DeWitt Road, south of St. Johns, described the event as "alarming."

"The bullet missed my husband by about 3 feet," Harr told the State Journal. "Interesting. The bullet entered the back side of our house and exited in the front side of the house."

Harr said she fears she will lose her stained glass bow window because "we can't find a window company who can replace the panel that was shot." The window cost $5,000 in 2004, and a window expert told them it would now cost

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U.S. loses measles-free status amid outbreaks

Mary Walrath-Holdridge
USA TODAY

The United States has officially lost its measles-free status three decades after eliminating the highly infectious disease from the country.

Defined by the World Health Organization as freedom from the continuous spread of a disease for at least 12 months, the United States achieved measles elimination status in 2000 in what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called a "historic" accomplishment.

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