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Quick Hits

We'll be the first to admit that we can't wait for this election year to be over. And it will be over come Tuesday, which is Election Day. Although we are all being bombarded with political ads — and maybe even turned off by them — it's important that we all go out and vote.

This is a very special election year, one that will determine which course this country will take.

There are also six state ballot proposals and a slew of judges to pick from. If you haven't done so already, be sure to do some homework on the issues and candidates before heading out to vote.

For those who won't be able to vote on Tuesday, you can go to city hall on Saturday (Nov. 3), from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and vote absentee.

No matter what, be sure to exercise your right to vote.

Quote of the week ...

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

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From soup to polkas, it's a Hamtramck party

By Charles Sercombe

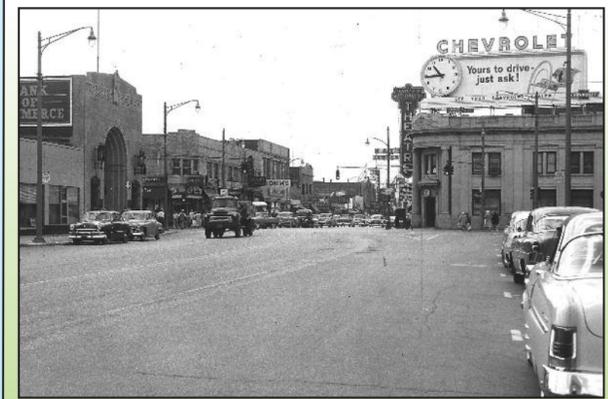
turned out for the all-day event.

Throw together cold, rainy weather, eight different kinds of soup, Polish folk dancers and a rockin' polka band and what do you get? It doesn't matter what kind of weather it is, it's a Hamtramck party.

St. Florian's first-ever Polish Soup Festival was smashing success last Sunday. Hundreds of parishioners and party lovers

Besides hearty soups, the parish dished up Polish favorites. Looks like this festival will be a bookend to St. Florian's spring Strawberry Festival.

Hundreds of people came out to St. Florian's Polish Soup Festival last Sunday. The festival, the first of its kind, appeared to be a hit.



Main business district receives 'historic' designation

By Ian Perrotta

Once again, Hamtramck has made history.

The downtown district on Jos. Campau — from Lehman (one street south of Holbrook) to Pulaski (four streets north of Caniff) — was officially placed on the National Register of Historic Places last week.

Eighty out of 130 total buildings in the 14-block strip were determined to have enough historic significance to contribute to the district's designation. It is the city's second designation of this type, with the

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Financial meltdown looms for city

By Charles Sercombe

As if it were even possible, Hamtramck's financial picture looks a lot worse than it did a month ago.

It was previously thought that the city will go broke by January. Now, however, it looks like the city could miss an employee payroll before then, said Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag.

"It's worse than we thought," Tertzag told the city council. "I don't like being the bearer of bad news."

Tertzag gave the city council a heads-up at the last council meeting. He told the council that the city has a little over \$200,000 on hand and that \$500,000 in state revenue is coming in.

Tertzag told The Review that he initially believed the city would have to pay back \$500,000 it borrowed from a state road repair fund.

That money was used to meet a previous payroll. Tertzag said the city, technically, isn't allowed to borrow from the road repair fund. Now, however, Tertzag said state officials said it was OK to use the \$500,000 to meet payroll — at least for now.

The cost of payroll is about \$400,000 every two weeks.

If the city does miss a payroll, that would likely trigger state intervention. Given the city's grim financial outlook, it's likely that the state will appoint an emergency financial manager.

Just what kind of powers the emergency manager will have depends on what voters

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Financial meltdown looms for city

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decide on a controversial law that was passed several months ago. Next Tuesday voters will be asked to uphold the new law, called Act 4.

If voters give it their thumbs up, the emergency manager will have the authority to rip up union contracts. If the law is rejected, the manager will have limited powers, and it's likely the city would have to seek bankruptcy to tear up contracts.

At press time on Thursday, Tertzag called for a special meeting that evening to discuss the city's financial situation. He said that unbeknownst to him, the city has twice skipped paying into

the pension fund.

The city owes over \$600,000 to the fund, Tertzag said. He said the city has until June 30 to make up the payment.

But that seems nearly impossible since the city is spending \$3 million more than it expects to bring in.

In the meantime, city officials are waiting to hear back from state officials about their request for an emergency state loan for up to \$3 million.

City officials concede that all the loan does is delay the city's total financial meltdown.

Main business district receives 'historic' designation

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area surrounding St. Florian Church being the other.

Along with the block's new status also comes new opportunities. Properties considered historic under the designation are now eligible for a 20 percent tax credit that can be used for building rehabilitation.

The project was initiated by Community & Economic Development Director Jason Friedmann and was pursued by the Downtown Development Authority. Re-

becca Binno Savage served as the historic preservation lead, using the writing and research of city historian Greg Kowalski throughout much of the process.

"The National Register does not put any kind of burden for restoration on property owners and does not add requirements for historic review," said Binno Savage. "Hamtramck has many historic buildings that should be designated."

Obituaries

COMSTOCK



On Thursday, October 25, 2012 Dickinson West second grade teacher Denise Comstock passed away from natural causes.

Miss Comstock began her career as a Child Development Specialist for the Districts Head Start Program in 1991. Miss Comstock taught at Holbrook School and Dickinson East School in addition to Dickinson West. A veteran teacher with

21 years of service Miss Comstock was respected and loved by students, parents, and staff. Miss Comstock just turned 50 years old.

She was a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa teachers' sorority. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Madonna College and her Master's degree from Wayne State University.

Miss Comstock is survived by her mother, Janet and her brother, Michael. Hamtramck Public Schools has lost an excellent teacher. The community has lost a caring individual.

ROY



Dominick Roy, 78, died October 30, 2012.

Known by his nickname "Campau Roy,"

Mr. Roy was a fixture on Jos. Campau where he would move from spot to spot, unfold his portable chair and sit for awhile before moving on.

He was a Hamtramck resident and retired from the Chrysler Corp.

Mr. Roy has no survivors. Funeral arrangements

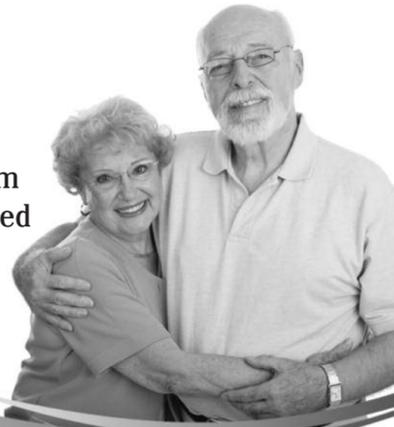
were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, and visitation will be November 3, 3-8 p.m. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit.



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Coming events

NOVEMBER 14, Wed., 11 a.m. – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will meet at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, entrance on Harold, fenced parking.

NOVEMBER 18, Sun., noon – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will take part in a Corporate Communion Memorial Mass at Queen of Apostles Church, with lunch to follow Mass.

Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition meets every second Thursday of the month (next meeting: Nov. 8), 11 a.m. at The Piast Institute, 11633 Jos. Campau.

This week at the library...

Story Time for Children - Saturday, November 3, at 11 a.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of "A Bad Case of Stripes" by David Shannon.

ESL Class with Christine Templin - Saturday, November 3 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

Math Kangaroo Club - Tuesday, November 6 at 3:30 p.m. Learn math in a fun way, and prepare for the annual international math contest while improving your grades in school.

Financial Activist Club - Tuesday, November 6 at 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents of all ages are invited to join the financial workshops designed to expand your knowledge at budgeting and investing. Registration is required.

ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, November 6 at 4 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

Make'nTake Crafts - Tuesday, November 6, at 4 p.m. All children are invited for this Election Day arts and crafts workshop.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Wednesday, November 7 at 11 a.m. Learn basic computer skill and how to navigate the Internet or use email. Registration is required, space is limited.

Movie Night - Thursday, November 8 at 4 p.m. All children are invited for a movie and popcorn. This week's feature to be announced.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, November 8 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Li-

brary Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, November 8 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

ESL Class with Latisha Edge - Friday, November 9 at 3 p.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha Edge, free to the public.

Family Game Night - Thursday, November 15 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in games and contests during family night. This week it is bingo night.

Annual Library Dinner Program - Thursday, November 15, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in the annual library dinner program, organized by the Friends of Hamtramck Library in the PNA Hall on Conant Street, corner of Belmont. During the program new members will be inducted to the Hall of Honor. Family style, all you can eat dinner, will be served by Polonia Restaurant. Donation is \$25 per person. Door prize drawing will be held at the end of the program (top prize is a flat screen HDTV set). Reservation is required by no later than Monday, November 12. Please call the Library at (313) 365-7050, or George Gorday at (313) 365-5310.

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday, November 26 at 11 a.m. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access our online catalog.

Second Front Page

For these honeymooners, it's a trip back home

By Ian Perrotta

One of these days, I'm going to send you straight to... Hamtramck?

That was the gist of what former resident Antoinette Galloway (nee Horeski) told now-husband Woody Galloway about their post-wedding destination. And it's exactly what she did.

After getting married on Oct. 18 at "7,000-foot high in the sky, on a mountaintop," in New Mexico, the couple hopped a plane and headed to Hamtramck for a week of honeymoon bliss.

Antoinette Galloway was born in Hamtramck and lived here for 27 years before moving to Maui in 1982 and then

eventually Sante Fe, New Mexico, where she met Woody. During her time in Hamtramck she lived at various locations, including in houses on Norwalk, Doremus and Comstock.

Her mother stayed in the city and lived in the Holbrook Senior Plaza until moving to an assisted-living facility last year at the age of 94. And though Antoinette and Woody visited her every six months or so while she lived here, the city still had a special pull that brought them back for their honeymoon.

"We could have gone anywhere," said Antoinette, a lead concierge for the Four Seasons in Sante Fe. "But we

chose to come here. There's just something special about Hamtramck."

Her husband Woody, a nature photographer, whole-

heartedly agrees.

"I've never seen so many beautiful buildings in one area," he said. "St. Florian Church is just amazing."



Former Hamtramck resident Antoinette Galloway came back to the city with her husband, Woody Galloway, for their honeymoon. The Review caught up with the couple at the Polish Art Center.

Hurricane Sandy causes wind gusts but little damage

By Charles Sercombe

The remnants of Hurricane Sandy blew into town on Sunday and Monday, but there was little cause for alarm.

While the east coast suffered huge damages from the mammoth storm, by the time its winds arrived in the Detroit area it was pretty much spent.

But there were gusts of wind that clocked in at any-

where from 40 to 50 miles per hour, weather experts reported.

In Hamtramck, a few trees came crashing down and two power lines snapped. Firefighters had to guard the lines from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. until DTE work crews arrived.

The storm did produce rainy weather for most of the week, which took the fun out of trick or treating on Halloween.

City rolls out the 'welcome' mat

By Ian Perrotta

It's no big secret that the city of Hamtramck is a welcoming place. But now, it's official.

Last Tuesday (Oct. 23) the city council passed the "Hamtramck Welcoming Resolution" with a unanimous 6-0 vote. The resolution affirms that the city is a welcoming community and respects the dignity of all people.

The local Welcoming Michigan leadership committee - which is comprised of Hamtramck residents and representatives from Acts 29, Friendship House, Piast Institute, ACCESS, Hamtramck Community Initiative, Peoples Community Services and the Hamtramck Police Department - has been crafting and building support for the resolution for the past eight months.

Since the committee's inception in May, the group has worked to strengthen ties between United States-born residents and their immigrant neighbors. This has been done in a variety of ways, including through film screenings, discussions and citizen workshops, as well as other events like Kite Day and a Public Safety Day festival.

Officially, the resolution states that "the Hamtramck community is affirmed as a place where all foreign-born and native-born Americans can live, work, and play together; share in each other's customs and ideals; and appreciate and promote cultural diversity."

The hope is that the resolution's passing will foster an even greater amount of interac-

tion between the city's numerous cultures.

"We encourage everyone to start by talking to their neighbor," says Christine Sauvé of Welcoming Michigan. "Then share your personal story with us and join the conversation on our Facebook page."

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School Bell

Open house ... GEE White Elementary School opened its doors to the public on Tuesday evening.

This is the second year that school, located on Charles St. just outside of Hamtramck, has been operating.

The School is one of 11 run by Global Education Excellence. The charter academy stresses cultural diversity but also specializes in Arabic programming.

At Tuesday's open house, students put on several programs, including an Indian folk dance that we caught.

Score! ... And speaking of the GEE charter system, Frontier International Academy's

soccer team recently defeated Genesee Christian Academy, 2-0, which means the team now heads off to

play in the state finals on Saturday (Nov. 3).

Good luck guys!



Students at GEE White Elementary School perform an Indian folk dance during the school's recent open house.

Friendship House looks to 'connect' entrepreneurs to opportunities

By Ian Perrotta

If you're a resident with a business idea, then you've got a friend at Friendship House.

Last Wednesday (Oct. 24) the local non-profit launched the CONNECT resource center. CONNECT provides a variety of opportunities to help entrepreneurs advance and develop their business idea.

Among its many services, CONNECT offers planning assistance and support, local mentorship, referrals for other business services and small loans of up to

\$1,000. Funding for the loans comes from Comerica Bank.

"We're at the bottom of the ladder," says CONNECT coordinator Sam Young. "But hopefully we can help people climb a few rungs."

One way CONNECT does this is by redirecting clients to business services that are better-suited to handle their needs, such as the Detroit Micro-Enterprise Fund (DM-EF).

At CONNECT's launch party, the DM-EF was represented Kory Scheiber, who

outlined the program's guidelines. Though similar to CONNECT, the DM-EF has greater funding capability but requires a more detailed business plan.

According to Scheiber, new businesses are eligible for up to \$10,000 in funding, with existing businesses eligible for up to \$35,000. Both loans have an interest rate of prime-plus-two with a maximum of 7%.

"We've never had anyone default on a loan," said Scheiber. "We don't fund and forget."

HATCH opens its doors to a variety of art classes

Hamtramck's art collective, HATCH, is about to birth art classes for teens and adults.

The classes will be held in HATCH's newly renovated headquarters: The city's old police station, which is next to city hall.

Classes, which begin next week, are \$40 for five sessions, although a sewing class is pay what you can.

The classes include: puppetry (on Tuesdays for 3rd-5th graders), multimedia (on Tuesdays for 6th-8th graders), DIY gifts (on Wednesdays for 6th-12th graders), ESL puppetry (on Thursdays for 6th-8th graders who do not speak English as a first language), teen drawing (on Saturdays for high schoolers) and "Stitch-n-B*#@!" – a sewing circle for adults on Tuesdays.

HATCH is also looking for teen assistants to help with the kids' classes, prepare materials and write for the program's blog.

For more information, call Shoshanna at (773) 647-8024, or email her at Shoshanna@interstatearts.com.



City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the scoop and the highlights – as well as the lowlights – of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Oct. 23, and all members were present. The meeting ran for about three hours.

Councilmember Robert Zwolak proposed removing four items from the agenda, including the rebidding of three contracts and the submission of an application to the state asking for an emergency loan.

Zwolak said he doesn't want to apply for the loan because he first needs up-to-date financial information about the city.

Mayor Karen Majewski was about to say something when Zwolak objected to her interrupting him and he began to yell over her.

Majewski called for a five-minute recess.

After the break, Zwolak withdrew his proposal to eliminate the emergency loan application from the agenda. He did not explain why he changed his mind.

As for the proposals to rebid three service contracts, he said the council should first have a "thorough" discussion on the proposals. Mayor Majewski then asked why remove the items from the agenda. She said the council could discuss the proposals at that time.

Councilmember Cathie Gordon argued in favor of removing the items about rebidding contracts on the basis that at a previous council meeting the council rejected a request by Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag to rebid the same contracts.

(Tertzag put the most recent proposals to rebid the contracts on the agenda.)

Councilmember Tom Jankowski pointed out that the previous request by Tertzag was just to get the council's "blessing for something he already had the authority to do."

Gordon said that if Tertzag has the authority to rebid the contracts he should just go ahead and do it.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said there is no point to rebid the contracts since the FBI is investigating their invoic-

ing to the city.

In the vote to remove the items from the agenda, it was a split vote, with Councilmembers Gordon, Hassan and Zwolak voting in favor. That meant Mayor Karen Majewski was required to vote, and she did by voting to keep the items on the agenda.

In the public comment section, Chuck Smith, of C.P.I., a company that provides street and water line repairs for the city and is one of the companies that Tertzag proposed having its contract rebid, said his company has not done anything wrong or illegal.

"When you have a bad apple, you don't get rid of the whole bushel, you get rid of the bad apple," Smith said.

Smith did not explain who the "bad apple" was in his reference to city contractors that Tertzag wanted to rebid on.

Smith said he welcomes the FBI investigation.

"We have nothing to hide," he added.

Susan Dunn demanded to know who paid for Mayor Majewski and Councilmember Jankowski to attend a recent Michigan Municipal League meeting in Mackinaw.

Majewski said that since she was president of the League, the League picked up her cost. Jankowski said the city picked up his cost.

Dunn also wanted to know what the city benefited from the meeting.

Jankowski said the an-

swer is "obvious." He said the league helps public officials be better at their job, and he encouraged more councilmembers to attend the League's meetings.

A scheduled hearing on a proposed update on the city's pawn shop law was postponed until the next council meeting.

In the discussion on whether to apply for an emergency state loan, Councilmember Zwolak wanted to specify the exact amount the city is requesting.

Later in the discussion it was explained that the city has already, technically, applied for the loan but needs to clear up a mistake on the budget year it covers.

(The city incorrectly said the date was for the 2011 budget year. State officials asked the city to correct the date to reflect the 2012 budget year.)

In answer to Zwolak's concern, Acting City Manager Tertzag said the city has applied for a loan up to \$3 million, which he said does not mean the city will accept the full amount if the state approves it.

The council split on the vote to update the application for the loan. Councilmembers Zwolak, Algazali and Hassan voted against the loan application. Mayor Majewski had to break the tie vote, and voted in favor of the application.

Next week, we'll present part two of the meeting.

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Review: Opinion Page

Rebidding of contracts would have cleared the air

It's mind-boggling to say the least.

Last week, a majority of city councilmembers refused to seek new bids for work being done by three city contractors whose invoices were recently the subject of a financial review.

The review, performed by a financial auditing company, revealed some problems. One contractor, ADR, which provides IT support, didn't even have a contract with the city.

The results didn't suggest anything illegal going on, but it did raise an issue of whether the city is receiving correct billing.

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag suggested rebidding the work, but in so doing the companies currently hired by the city would also be welcomed to submit their bids.

Tertzag said the rebidding is needed to clear the air and dispel any notions of impropriety.

That was the fair and

prudent thing to do. But not for certain councilmembers. We heard all sorts of excuses, and they all rang hollow.

Hamtramck's taxpayers deserve to get the best bang for their bucks. Our city council has let all of us down.

Instead of erring on the side of caution, the council has shown it doesn't care what kind of services the public pays for.



Tertzag's Two Cents

By Kyle Tertzag
Acting City Manager

Hello Hamtramck! If you have been following Council meetings lately you may have heard me make reference to Act 51 money. I want to take this time today to explain what that is and how it impacts the City of Hamtramck.

Act 51 is a State Act that provides gas tax & vehicle registration money to the City. The City is to use this money for road maintenance and repair. The Act 51 fund is divided into two categories, Major and Local.

For example, in Hamtramck streets like Holbrook, Caniff and Lumpkin are major roads and streets like Evaline and Yemans are Local. Roads like Conant and Joseph Campau are County roads and therefore the County is responsible to

maintain them.

Act 51 dollars are only supposed to be used for maintaining or repairing the roads in Hamtramck with a couple exceptions. First, 10% of the money is supposed to be used for maintaining or repairing non-motorized pathways (ie. sidewalks, bike paths, etc.) that are next to an Act 51 road.

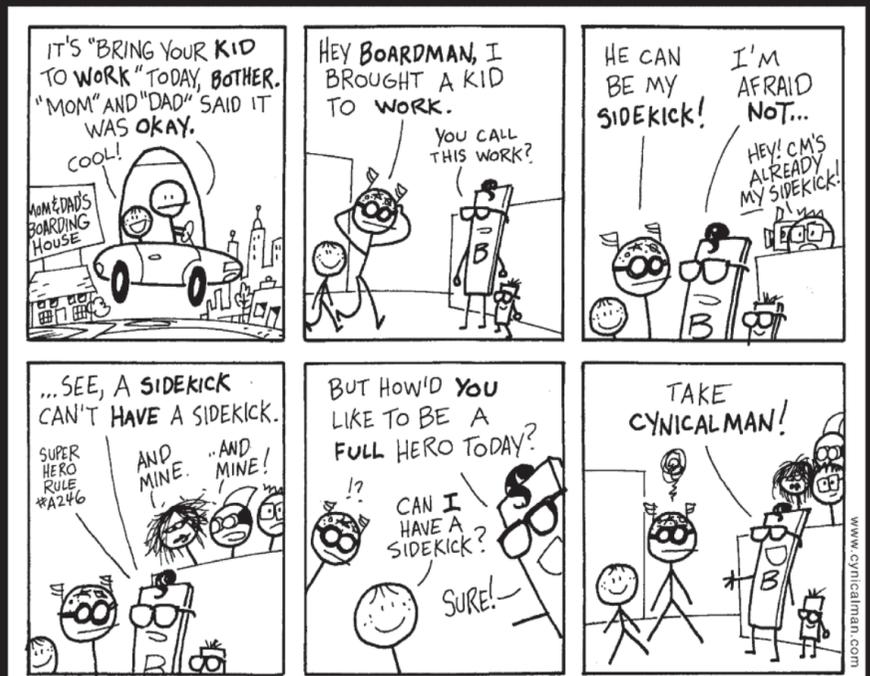
The administrative staff at City Hall is working to develop a sidewalk repair program, to begin in the springtime. This will systematically replace the sidewalks that are in disrepair. Secondly, the City may charge 10% to the fund for administrative costs such as auditing costs for the fund, clerical work associated with fund expenditures, etc.

The City of Hamtramck

takes in approximately \$1.1 million a year in Act 51 funds that are to be used strictly to maintain and repair our roads. Recently, Hewitt Street was repaired and the money for that project is coming out of Act 51 funds. Whalen Street is slated to be repaired in the springtime when the winter weather breaks; and there will be other streets added to the repair list based upon their condition. Act 51 will cover those costs as well.

So the next time you tune into a council meeting and hear me mention Act 51 funds, now you will understand what it is I am talking about and how the City is supposed to use that money. I'm Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag, and that's my two cents!

The Amazing CYNICALMAN by Matt Fezell



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Odds & Ends

Arrested ... The suspect who attempted to yank off a gold necklace from a woman on Jos. Campau and Belmont and then started shooting at two men who came to her rescue has been arrested.

One man was grazed by a bullet but was not seriously injured.

Police aren't releasing the suspect's name until he is charged. Police also say they have arrested all of the suspects connected with the attempted street robbery.

Celebrating ... The Friends of the Hamtramck Public Library is holding its annual Hall of Honor dinner on Thursday, Nov. 15.

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brary at (313) 365-7050, or George Gorday at (313) 365-5310.

Birthday gals ... Two of our favorite bartenders, Suzy, the owner of Suzy's, and, Lulu, over at Jean's Bar celebrated their birthdays this past week.

Suzy and Lulu, here's a toast to you, and as they say around here: Sto Lat!

Grand opening ... Say goodbye to the old Clock Restaurant, a true Hamtramck landmark.

Although a series of owners couldn't make that location work, there's a new game in town.

The restaurant has been renamed L. George's Coney Island and the inside has received a makeover. The family who owns the restau-



Suzy, the owner of Suzy's Bar on Evaline, celebrated her birthday last week with Review Publisher John Ulaj (center) and bartender, Kris.

Fall back ... Don't forget, Daylight Savings time ends this Sunday (Nov. 4) at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clock back one hour.

Yeah, we know, no one likes it when it gets darker earlier in the day when you set the clock back.

rant has a solid reputation, and they have enjoyed a string of successes.

The grand opening is this Monday (Nov. 5), and the restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We can't wait.



By Ian Perrotta

This week's crime log covers Tuesday, October 22 to Wednesday, October 31.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

- At 1:54 a.m. two residents of the 3300 block of Comstock were placed under arrest for domestic violence.

- At 7:54 a.m. a male was arrested for driving without a license after a traffic stop at Gallagher and Jacob.

- At 12:17 a.m. a woman reported someone stole her wheel chair lift controller.

- At 12:49 a.m. a bomb threat was reported to the front desk.

- A crash occurred at Gallagher and Casmere.

- At 6 p.m. a woman reported being assaulted by one of her tenants in the 3900 block of Caniff.

- At 6:54 p.m. officers placed two people under arrest after both assaulted

each other.

- At 7:27 p.m. officers recovered a stolen security door that was taken from the 9800 block of Dequindre.

Wednesday, Oct. 24

- A crash occurred at Carpenter and Klingler.

- At 12:46 p.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) damaged his '02 Chevy Silverado in front of a house in the 2600 block of Neibel between 8:00 p.m. on 10/22 and 3:30 p.m. today.

- At 2:25 p.m. Officers placed a man under arrest after he attempted to break into a house in the 2600 block of Holmes.

- At 12:59 p.m. officers placed a man under arrest after he was found to be in possession of a handgun.

- At 1:10 p.m. a woman from the 2600 block of Holmes reported someone broke into her home and

stole two televisions.

- A crash occurred at Caniff and Gallagher.

- At 11:34 p.m. a male was arrested for domestic violence and a Hamtramck warrant during an altercation with his daughter in the 9400 block of Gallagher.

Thursday, Oct. 25

- At 12:10 a.m. a male was arrested for attempted B&E, obstructing justice and a Hamtramck warrant in the 12000 block of Sobieski.

- At 1:26 a.m. a male was arrested for a Hamtramck warrant by officers investigating a loud music complaint in the 12000 block of Lumpkin.

- At 6:10 a.m. officers recovered a brand new pair of Nike Air Force Ones from a man who "admitted" that he found them in the area of Trowbridge/Conant.

- A crash occurred at Buf-

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Two recent fires lead to injuries to firefighters

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck firefighters have had some bad luck in two recent fires.

A few weeks ago while battling a house fire, one firefighter received burns on his ears despite wearing protective gear.

Last Sunday, two firefighters were injured while putting out a house fire on Lumpkin St. One received cuts from glass going through his glove and another firefighter was overcome with smoke inhalation.

All but one of the firefighters have recovered. The firefighter who suffered from smoke inhalation should be back to work soon.

Sunday's blaze started shortly before midnight in a vacant house on the 8000 block of Lumpkin. Fire Chief Paul Wilk said that about an hour before the fire broke out a neighbor had called police because he thought he heard

someone trying to break into the empty house.

Officers checked out the house but found no one.

Because of strong winds, the fire quickly spread to an occupied house next door. Both houses were destroyed, but Firefighters were able to stop the fire from spreading to another house.

Wilk said that he assigned four additional firefighters to be on duty for Angels' Night and Halloween to be on the safe side.

Angels' Night – the night before Halloween – was once commonly called "Devils' Night" in the Detroit area. It

was a night when teens and youngsters would perform harmless pranks on homeowners, such as soaping windows or dressing up trees with toilet paper.

But the tradition grew much more sinister in the 1980s when people started house

and building fires. A campaign then began to change the name of the night to Angels' Night and urge the public to stop the arsons and vandalism.

The campaign paid off, and now the night is one of the safest in the metro area.



A vacant house on Lumpkin St. caught on fire last Sunday night. The fire spread to an occupied house next door.

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• At 4:20 p.m. a man reported someone stole a steel grate from his carwash on Buffalo at Norwalk.

• At 4:49 p.m. a woman from the 3200 block of Lehman reported someone had been tampering with her mail.

• At 5:03 p.m. officers placed three men under arrest after they forced entry into a garage in the 2600 block of Commor and took property from inside.

• At 11:59 p.m. a male was arrested for domestic violence after a woman reported he assaulted her in the 11600 block of Mitchell.

Friday, Oct. 26

• At 1:37 a.m. a male was

arrested for assault and a Hamtramck warrant during an altercation in the 9300 block of Gallagher.

• At 1:39 a.m. a female was arrested for operating while intoxicated (she had a high BAC) during an investigation of PDA at Nagel and Caniff.

• At 8:20 a.m. a woman reported that an unknown person(s) forced open the door to her vehicle causing damage.

• At 10:10 a.m. a man was placed under arrest for an outstanding warrant arrest during a traffic stop.

• At 4:44 p.m. a man was placed under arrest after a traffic stop showed him to be driving without a license.

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Metro news ...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. If you were to rely solely on the local mainstream media, you'd think Detroit is no more than a crime-infested wasteland. Well, we're here to say that isn't so. Our friends over at modeldmedia.com and metromode.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past few years.

With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

The second Wayne County Tax Foreclosure auction came and went last week, leaving lots of people with new properties to take care of and a lot of statistics.

Model D tapped Jerry Paffendorf, co-founder of Why-DoneWeOwnThis.com, which has been following the auctions closely, for some statistics from this year's auction.

Approximately 22,500 properties in Wayne County went into foreclosure this year for not paying taxes. A vast majority of those properties are inside the city of Detroit. About 2,000 of those were withdrawn from the auction by the county. Normally,

properties are withdrawn because the county has worked out a payment plan with the owners or the owners have repaid the overdue taxes.

Of the 20,000-plus properties that went to auction, nearly 12,000 sold. Another 8,686 properties were not bid on during the county's two foreclosure auctions. Bidding in the first auction in September starts at the amount of back taxes and bidding during the second auction in October for properties left over from the first auction starts at \$500. Last year, Wayne County re-offered similar leftover properties in a third auction. What happens to those leftover properties that no one wants is unclear.

"It's so confusing, so confusing," Paffendorf says.

The Wayne County Tax Foreclosure Auction netted \$49,975,566 in bids this fall. The total sum of overdue taxes in this year's auction stands at \$275,521,615. That leaves a tax collection gap of \$225,546,049 in unpaid property taxes. The lion's share of those taxes are for properties in Detroit.

Writer: Jon Zemke

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Saturday, Oct. 27

- At 10:52 a.m. a male was arrested for a Hamtramck warrant after a TS at Holbrook/Jos Campau.
- At 11:47 a.m. a man reported that a former resident of his house on the 3000 block of Roosevelt damaged the interior when he left.
- A Corunna resident reported the rear window of her 2000 Chevy pick-up truck was broken out while parked in the alley behind the 2400 block of Florian at 5:55 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28

- At 12:34 a.m. a male was arrested for a Hamtramck warrant and violation of an injunctive order by officers investigating a disturbance in the 12000 block of Lumpkin.
- A crash occurred at Carpenter and McDougall.
- At 4:20 a.m. a male was arrested for domestic assault after his girlfriend reported he assaulted her at their residence in the 11600 block of Moran.

Monday, Oct. 29

- At 9:19 a.m. a woman reported that an unknown person(s) damaged her window at 8:00.
- At 9:51 a.m. a man reported that his landlord assaulted him and attempted to stab him in the 2400 block of Hewitt on at 11:38 p.m. on 10/28.
- At 11:07 a.m. a man presented fraudulent insurance during court.
- A crash occurred Holbrook and Dubois.
- A resident of the 2600 block of Pulaski reported to the station that several items have been missing individually over the past few months including kitchen chairs and clothing. She has never observed damage to her doors or windows.
- A resident of the 2600 block of Carpenter reported her digital converter box stolen by former residents.
- A crash occurred at Holbrook and Gallagher at 4:01 p.m.
- A Hanley resident reported his driver's door glass was punched out while he was parked in the 12100 block of Conant at approximately 9:24 p.m. The suspect was described as a white male age 25-30, about 6'3" tall and wearing a dark t-shirt. The suspect was placed under arrest at 10:16 p.m. after he returned to the 12100 block of Lumpkin and attempted to punch out more windows.
- A resident of the 5100 block of Yemans reported his garage was broken into between 6:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Three tool boxes and two floor jacks were stolen.
- At 11:45 p.m. a tree fell over a parked vehicle in the 11600 block of Moran.

Tuesday, Oct. 30

- At 12:29 a woman from the 6700 block of Iowa was placed under arrest by Michigan State Police for a Hamtramck warrant.
- At 8:43 a.m. a man passed fraudulent insurance at court.
- At 10:26 p.m. three people were placed under arrest for carrying concealed weapons and possession after officers were dispatched to a disturbance on Jos. Campau at Casmere.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

- At 1:52 a.m. hrs a man from the 4100 block of Oliver was placed under arrest for driving without a license and having a fraudulent tag after he was stopped on Caniff at Charest.
- At 3:33 a.m. a woman from the 11400 block of Charest reported an unknown person broke out her picture window.
- At 3:38 p.m. an agent of a business in the 12100 block of Conant reported a suspected fraudulent check.
- At 9 p.m. officers brought in seven juvenile males after they were caught throwing eggs at a house on Gallagher. Ordinance violations were issued to their parents.

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