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## Quick Hits

Hey dads, need to spend a little more time with your daughters?

The Hamtramck Recreation Department has the ticket for you. Get your best duds on and dress up your little sweetheart and head over the HHS Community Center on Saturday night (Feb. 9).

That's when the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held, starting at 6 p.m.

There will be food, crafts, goody bags and, of course, music and dancing. Tickets are \$5 per couple and just \$1 extra for each additional young lady. The event is open to girls 12 years old and under.



## 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.

**"There's no red flag I see preventing us from getting that loan."**



Paczki Day. All the Tourists Come Hamtramck's Way

## Polish Muslims Performance

**Fat Tuesday • February 12th:**  
10:30am - 12:30 pm - The New Dodge Bar on Jos. Campau (south of Holbrook)  
2:30pm - 5:00pm - Whiskey in a Jar (bar) on Yemans street west of Jos. Campau  
6:30pm - 8:00pm - P.L.A.V. Post 10 Hall on Jos. Campau north of Caniff

## Paczki Day is Hamtramck's version of Mardi Gras

By Charles Sercombe

On Thursday as we were getting ready to go to press, you could almost smell it in the air. Paczki Day.

Yes, it's that time of the year again, when we can sniff the sweet smell of sugar and booze, consumed while getting your ya-ya's out to the beat of a polka band.

As you read this a gazil-

lion paczki are being fried up, packaged and put into the hands of thousands of "dough-eyed" — pardon the pun — paczki lovers.

Hamtramck is gearing up for next Tuesday's Paczki Day (Feb. 12). Before the big event, a "Countdown to Paczki Day" party will be held on Saturday under a

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New Palace Bakery will be frying up paczki around the clock this coming week in order to get ready for next Tuesday's Paczki Day.

## Start off Paczki Day early and take a tour of the city



By Ian Perrotta

With so much to do and just a few hours to get it all done, here is our Paczki Day activity guide.

At 7 a.m., start the day off right with breakfast at the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #1670 (9421 Conant). The "little lodge with a big heart" will be serving egg sausage

soufflé and fresh, homemade kielbasa, and all proceeds will be donated to the Hamtramck Goodfellow.

When you're finished head over to the 13th Annual Paczki Palooza at New Dodge Lounge (8850 Jos. Campau), where the party also starts at 7 a.m. but

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## Paczki Day February 12

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## ZBA rejects mosque design

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She said her customers are complaining that they cannot find parking spaces.

"For me it's dangerous," Cieslawska said. "If I can't pay taxes my business will be done."

Abdo Hussain of Andrus St. said he found Cieslawska's claim "sad" because the afternoon prayer is for only 30 minutes.

He also said the community should be complaining about bars that "bring bad people" and crime.

Bill Meyer of Trowbridge St. said the zoning board and the community should realize that Hamtramck's population is now 60 percent Muslim.

"It's something we have to recognize," he said.

He said that opposition to the design of the mosque is really about being "anti-Muslim." He blamed The Review for fanning the flames of anti-Muslim bias.

Meyer also credited the Muslim community for "re-populating" the city.

Joan Barrios of Holbrook St. said she has nothing against Muslims but questioned the need for so many mosques.

(Editor's note: There are nine mosques in Hamtramck and the neighboring areas.)

"Now every time we turn around there's a new mosque," Barrios said.

She also said that the city's commercial district should be reserved for business.

"This bothers me because it's the biggest intersection in the city," Barrios said.

During the zoning board's

discussion, Chairman Steve Cherry said he was trying to find a "hardship" angle that

comparison between the two because the city does not prohibit art murals from being

the windows.

In the vote to allow the design variance, the board de-



The Zoning Board of Appeals rejected this design for a proposed mosque at the northwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff.

would allow a variance, but he said he couldn't think of one.

He said the center's applicant essentially "just doesn't want to comply" with the city's zoning requirements.

Boardmember Nasr Hussain took exception with that, saying since the city allowed murals to be painted on the sides of some buildings, the board should allow this request.

Cherry said that there is no

created on commercial buildings.

Hussain then questioned if Cherry would prefer to keep the building as it is. Cherry said the decision has to be based on what's allowed.

Hussain said that the board should consider the possibility that requiring at least 70 percent of the building's front to be windows a risk. He said there could be someone who is anti-Muslim who will break

nied the request, with boardmembers Cherry, Andrew Biscaglio, Mark Hausner and Alan Ferszt voting for the denial and boardmembers Hussain and Mohammed Rahman voting in opposition.

(Boardmember John Gray Kales was absent and boardmember Mohamed Delawar Hussain abstained because he has been helping the Islamic center set up its new location.)

## There's more to do in Hamtramck throughout the year

By Ian Perrotta

If you're visiting this city for the first time – or if you only come down once a year for Paczki Day – you're not seeing the whole picture. Here are a few reasons to visit Hamtramck the rest of the year:

For the past 15 years, Hamtramck has been the go-to destination for music lovers of all kinds for the Metro Times Blowout, usually held during the first week of March. Though the event itself has expanded and the date has been pushed back to the last week of April, this

unique, city-sized music festival is something every music fan should experience at least once.

In the first week of May, St. Florian Church unofficially kicks off the warm season when it hosts The Strawberry Festival. A tradition for over four decades, the event features Polish food, dancing, arts & crafts, and music from local favorites like Polish Muslims.

At some point over the course of the summer – usually in June – the Bengali community hosts the annual North American Bangladesh

Festival. Held on Conant Street over the course of a weekend, this celebration is a cultural smorgasbord of sight, sound and taste.

Of course, it wouldn't be Hamtramck without the Labor Day Festival, and 2013 should be no different. In addition to the music, parade, games and food, the weekend has grown to include a 5-K run and has resurrected the traditional "Campau Canoe Race" – something you have to see to believe.

Even if you can't make it to town for a special event,

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## This week at the library...

**Story Time for Children** - Saturday, February 9, at 11 a.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a story for children. This week we will celebrate the Chinese New Year.

**ESL Class with Christine Templin** - Saturday, February 9 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

**Math Kangaroo Club** - Tuesday, February 12 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, February 12 at 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents of all ages are invited to join our financial workshops, designed to expand your knowledge of budgeting and investing. Registration required.

**ESL Conversation Class** - Tuesday, February 12 at 4 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Wednesday, February 13 at 11 a.m. Learn basic computer skill and how to navigate the Internet or use email. Registration is required and space is limited.

**Citizenship & Naturalization Program Session #6/8** - Wednesday, February 13 at 5 p.m. In cooperation with the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, attorneys will help Hamtramck residents in preparing to pass the Naturalization Test and assist with the N-400 and filing of application forms for U.S. citizenship. To sign up for the assistance program call the library at (313) 365-7050.

**Free Income Tax Service** - Friday, February 8 at 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will provide this service free to Hamtramck residents who have earned less than \$50,000. To make an appointment call 734-284-6999. Walk-ins will be accepted, but appointments will be served first.

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**Toddler Time at the Library** - Monday, February 11 at 11 a.m. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and Valentine Day festivities. This week we will celebrate Snowman Day. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

**After School Story Time** - Tuesday, February 12, at 4 p.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a story book.

**Valentine's Day at the Library** - Thursday, February 14 at 4 p.m. Celebrate Valentine's Day around the world.

**Meeting of the Library Board** - Thursday, February 14 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

**Free Income Tax Service** - Friday, February 15 at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will provide this service free to Hamtramck residents who have earned less than \$50,000. To make an appointment, call 734-284-6999. Walk-ins will be accepted, but appointments will be served first.

**Make'n'Take Crafts** - Tuesday, February 19, at 4 p.m. All children are invited to our arts and crafts workshop celebrating Black History Month. We will explore African Music.

**Movie Night** - Thursday, February 21 at 4 p.m. All children are invited for a movie and popcorn. This week is Black History Movie Night.

**Friends of the Library Meeting** - Thursday, February 21 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

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

## Paczki Day-themed race will have no losers

By Ian Perrotta

How do you add a five-kilometer race to a holiday known primarily for eating and drinking? Just keep the beer and paczki involved. That's exactly what's hap-

pening on Saturday (Feb. 9) when Tour de Troit hosts Hamtramck's first annual Paczki Run. Each participant will receive a hard-earned paczek and beer after crossing the finish line.

"We're extremely pleased with the response so far - about 1,200 people have registered," said Vittoria Katanski, co-director of Tour de Troit. "It will be a great way for people to experience Hamtramck."

The experience starts at 10 a.m. at the corner of Holbrook and Jos. Campau, where the race begins. From there it's north to Yemens, then east to Gallagher and north again to Commor. After snaking south on Mitchell, west on Caniff, south on Lumpkin, west on Yemens, then south on Dequindre, the route heads home on Holbrook.

But it doesn't end there. In addition to the booze (the beer) and the ooze (the paczek), runners will have the opportunity to cash in on exclusive business deals. Organizers worked closely with the local business community to create incentives for runners to stick around afterwards.

Among the incentives to choose from, those with a race bib can get \$1 beers at Whiskey in the Jar and New Dodge Lounge, 35 percent off the regular retail price of clothing at Chiipss, and 10 percent all items at Detroit Threads.

Runners can also receive free samples at Srodek's Campau Quality Sausage, a

free Prince Polish candy bar at Polish Art Center, \$1 off records at Record Graveyard and \$5 off any purchase of \$15 or more at Amicci's Pizza.

Perhaps the best part of the whole event is its purpose. As Tour de Troit is a bike ride-turned non-profit with the purpose of promoting biking and bicycle education, any profits made will go toward the implementation of the City of Hamtramck's Non-Motorized plan. The Non-Motorized plan is a proposed pathway of bike and pedestrian lanes.

For anyone who participates, the Paczki Run will be timed and prizes awarded to the top male and female overall, as well as the top finisher in each of the seven age categories. Additionally, walkers and people with strollers and leashed dogs are also encouraged to participate.

"I expect that people who are not familiar with Hamtramck will leave with an appreciation for the city," says Hamtramck resident and Detroit Threads Running Team member Dan Omans. "I hope to see a lot of city residents cheering on the runners."

It's not too late to participate in the Paczki Run. Race-day registration starts at 7 a.m. and costs \$35.



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# Start off Paczki Day early and take a tour of the city

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goes much later. Drink a Bloody Mary and take shots of Jezy on live TV before most people are out of bed, and stick around for live entertainment by Polish Muslims, Jo-Town, The Party, and DJ Blayde.

Throughout the day the bar will feature Miller and Miller Lite specials, Jagermeister specials on "sluts" and "bombs," special appearances by The Miller Girls, and something advertised simply as "beads galore" - whatever

that means. There will also be a men's "Hot Legs" contest and an acoustic after party with Tony Paris.

At 8 a.m., 7 Brothers Bar (11831 Jos. Campau) opens up and invites you to join in the celebration. As their Facebook page says, "the tradition of feasting and indulging in true decadence is one that cannot be ignored, so whether you're making a stop on your long day of bar hopping or saving your paczek just for us, we want to be a part of your Paczki Day.

"Enjoy paczki in your shots of Jezy! Wear a Mardi Gras mask! Flirt with strangers! Dance like you're giving it up for lent! No matter what, enjoy yourself for one of Hamtramck's best celebrations of the year."

An hour later at 9 a.m. Polish Sea League (2601 Edwin) opens for a complimentary breakfast and paczki, and throughout the day there will be drink specials and performances by Jo-Town and DJ Escalade.

From there head on over to Whiskey in the Jar (2741 Yemans), where "debauchery begins at 10am-ish, so get your lives in order, call in sick both Tuesday AND Wednesday, and get your babysitters lined up and your Designated Drivers on speed dial, because it's gonna be a day you won't want to forget - if you can remember it."

The mayhem that is also known as "The Polish St. Patrick's Day" kicks into high gear in the afternoon when The Kielbasa Kings and Polish

Muslims take the stage in the tent behind the bar. To quote the Facebook page, "As your OFFICIAL Paczki Day BarTenders, Miss Amy Baldiga and The Mikey will be in fine form throwing boozees at your face and helping to cure your sobriety though the use of 'The Shot-Ski' and other mildly inappropriate tactics."

By noon you'll probably be getting hungry again. At PLAV Post 10 (11824 Jos. Campau) the original paczki eating contest is back at 12 p.m., as are

the drink specials and Polish food.

Get your name on the "Paczki Cup" or grab a "Polish Slider" and then stick around for Polka Floyd at 1 p.m., Danny D at 3 p.m. and the Polish Muslims at 6 p.m.

Also starting at noon, Detroit Threads (10238 Jos. Campau) hosts its "Fattin' OUT!" party, featuring several DJs and specials on music and clothes. And it would be a surprise if there wasn't something going on a few doors down at Lo & Behold! (10022 Jos. Campau), too.

Towards the end of the day - when everybody else is getting off work and eager to join the action - head on over to Small's Bar (10339 Conant). Though it is also open at 10 a.m., beginning at 4 p.m. you can check out live music acts including East Side Elvis and Polka Floyd. And don't forget to try a "Paczki Bomb," which are just \$3 while they last.

There are also plenty of other bars to explore throughout the day. The Mars Bar of Detroit (10001 Jos. Campau) is one of the classiest bars in the city, and Celina's Sports Bar (11667 Jos. Campau) is one of the cleanest and will have Club V dancers at 9 p.m.

For a more homey time, check out Tight Fittin' Jeans (12002 Jos. Campau) or Suzy's Bar (2942 Evaline), which are both owned by some of the nicest people on the planet. Head Coach Bar (12001 Conant), Baker Streetcar (9817 Jos. Campau) and Hippo's (11641 Conant) are also great local spots.



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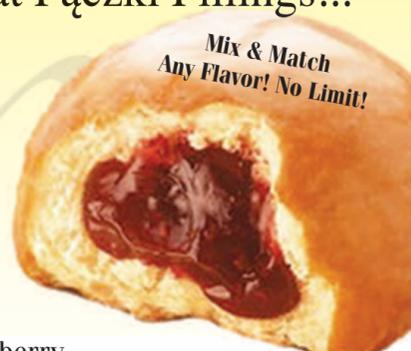
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# Grocery store charged with food stamp fraud

By Charles Sercombe

Normally, grocery stores will handle about \$80,000 worth of food stamps a year.

But according to federal investigators, the Modhubon Grocery, on Jos. Campau near Carpenter, racked up \$1 million of food aid sales in six months.

The owners of the store

are now facing fraud charges. How the scheme usually works is that food stamp recipients are given cash in exchange for allowing the store to swipe extra money from the food card. The store then gets to keep the extra cash.

On Wednesday, the store was closed and the owners could not be reached for comment.

# Paczki Day is Hamtramck's version of Mardi Gras

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heated tent pitched in the strip mall parking lot at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

That party runs from 11

Lodge on Conant near Holbrook where they will be serving up breakfast.

You could then head over

to New Dodge Lounge where the Polish Muslims will be playing an early show.

After getting juiced up on "Jezy," you could then stagger over to Whiskey in the Jar in the afternoon where the Polish Muslims will play another set.

For an early dinner, get yourself over to PLAV Post 10 Hall where you can also enjoy a third and final Polish Muslims set.

If your head isn't spinning yet, be sure to then stop at Small's for more live music and mischief.

All kidding aside, if you plan to party hearty, be sure to take a cab home or coax a friend to be a designated driver.

One thing is for sure, if you want a good time, Hamtramck on Paczki Day is the next best thing to Mardi Gras in the French Quarter.



Want to avoid the long lines at Hamtramck's two main bakeries? Visit Sammy Alghazali (above) of Family Donut at Conant and Caniff or Detroit Donut (below) at the strip mall at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.



a.m. until 3 p.m. and features free paczki, live polka music and Mayor Karen Majewski dressed up in a Polish folk costume and performing some amazing Polish folk dance moves.

We're not kidding. She really can dance.

But back to Paczki Day – Hamtramck's version of Mardi Gras, with maybe a little less of the New Orleans kink. Well, maybe.

This year's festivities seem to be dialed up more than usual. Maybe that's because about three or four years ago Paczki Day had a revival of sorts. We're not sure what brought that about, but the city has been experiencing a huge uptick in visitors.

The city's four bakeries obviously love all the attention, and the local bars and veteran halls are also cashing in. There is no shortage of fun to be found.

For the record, Hamtramck's two favorite bakeries are New Palace and New Martha Washington, both within walking distance of each other on Jos. Campau, just south of Caniff.

Just look for the long lines.

If you want to venture off the beaten path – and avoid the wait – check out Hamtramck's two other paczki makers: Detroit Donut in the strip mall at Jos. Campau and Holbrook, and Family Donut on Caniff and Conant.

So, how does one enjoy this Paczki Day thing?

You could start the day off at 7 a.m. over at the Moose

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# Review: Opinion Page

## Deficit elimination plan only buys time for city

Finally. After months of haggling over a budget deficit elimination plan, city officials – with the exception of Councilmember Abdul Algazali – came to an agreement. This will allow the city to move forward on applying for a \$3 million state loan. The loan will keep the city afloat financially for about another year-and-a-half. In fact, by next June or so the city will have a small surplus in the budget. But city officials will still have their work cut out. As it stands now, the city is spending more money than it takes in. Something has to go, and by all accounts it appears public safety will be the focus on finding savings because that's the largest expense for the city. City officials have already been

talking about re-organizing the Fire Department. That could be in the form of combining the fire and police departments into one public safety department, or it could be the fire department will be staffed mostly with part-timers. No matter what, change is bound to come within the next two years. Residents will also be chipping in more through various fee increases, such as the one for garbage collection. Homeowners are currently paying \$3.25 a month but will soon pay \$20 a month. Believe it or not, homeowners have not been paying what it costs the city to provide garbage collection. The increase will take care of that. The task ahead for city officials will not be an easy

one. One thing that needs to be kept in mind is that everyone is going to have to sacrifice in order to keep Hamtramck running. One way we feel strongly about on how to keep the city financially sound is for city officials to seriously consider looking into asking voters to approve a public safety tax millage. If Hamtramck wants to remain a safe and viable community, residents need to know they will have to step up and pay a few extra dollars a year. Considering that property taxes have actually come down in recent years because of falling housing values, it's only right that the city ask voters to pay their fair share. Otherwise, Hamtramck will once again fall into a budget deficit.



**Honored ...** The Lego company named Kosciuszko Middle School science teacher Mike Dobbyn as its "February Featured teacher." Dobbyn is the school's Robotics coach. Here's an excerpt of what he had to say: **What's your greatest teaching accomplishment?** Dobbyn: Last year we applied for the Project Blueprint Showcase Grant and were chosen to host a Showcase event. We had such a great turnout, and seeing the kids showing off their LEGO creations and the pride they had in sharing them with the visitors was a

real joy. It was so wonderful to see parents and other members of the community finally realize what I've known for years – that LEGO elements are so much more than just a really cool toy, they are also really great learning tools. **Science Fair ...** Be sure to stop by the Hamtramck High School Community Center on Monday (Feb. 11) anytime between 5 and 6 p.m. That's when the school district will display the best student science projects. **Praise-worthy ...** Umme Eyma Hoque, a sixth-grade student at Dickinson West Elementary School, has nothing but nice things to say

about Hamtramck Public Schools. Here's what the student told us: "The thing I like about the Hamtramck Public Schools is that the teachers always work hard. "They are good at teaching kids. They never give up. No matter what the other schools say our teachers always do their best. The schools are safe and organized. "The teachers make sure we have fun learning, and they help us do our work. They never let us give up. The teachers are kind, smart and helpful. The schools are good schools."

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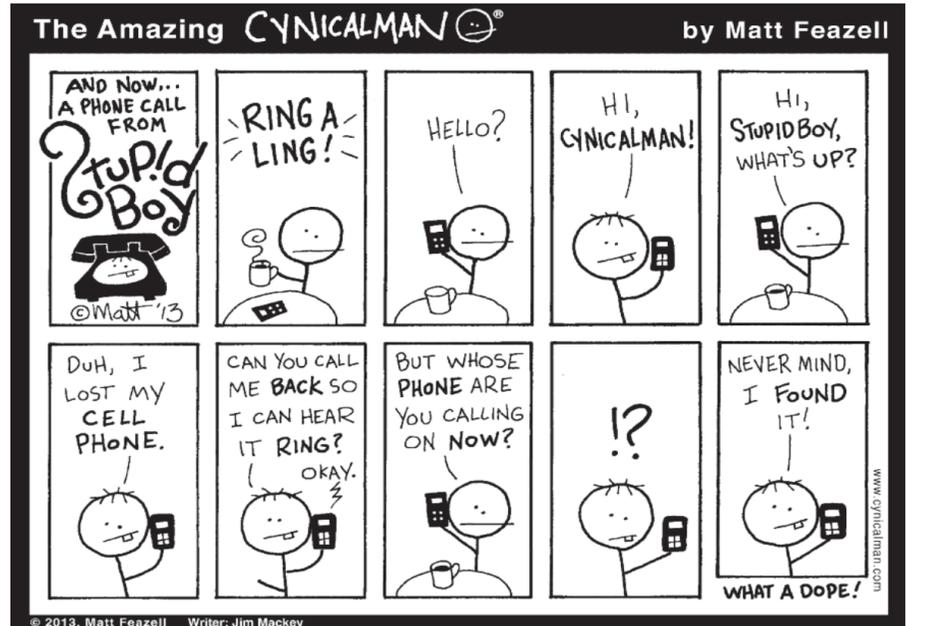
**Helping hand ...** Community & Economic Development Director Jason Friedmann is pretty fired up about a couple of workshops coming up. In an email, he had this to say: "The Department of Community & Economic Development is working hard to provide Hamtramck residents with the resources to open their own businesses, as well as attract new small businesses to the City's commercial corridors and neighborhoods. "First, the CED Department is sponsoring a Business Start-up Information Session from 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Café 1923 Coffee Shop, 2287 Holbrook. Potential business owner will learn about financing, planning, marketing, and growing their small companies from representatives from the Detroit Micro Enterprise

Fund, D:hive, KIVA Detroit, Friendship House, and the CED Department. Please spread this information to anyone you know who may be interested in opening a business! "Second, the CED Department has partnered with D:hive, an organization focused on growing small businesses in Detroit, to offer Hamtramck residents a nationally recognized, and proven successful, eight-week small business start-up training program. "Students will receive instruction from local leaders on all skills required to start up a business including planning, financing, marketing, legal concerns, and management. The normal fee for this class is upwards of \$1,200, but it will be offered to Hamtramck residents for a discounted rate of \$200, and scholarships will be available for those in need.

Please spread this information to anyone you know who may be interested in opening a business!" Need more information? Call the Community & Economic Development Department at (313) 876-7700, extension 4.

**Clarification ...** A photo in the Jan. 25 issue of The Review about a street robbery crew that had been arrested was used to show the location of some of the robberies. The people in the photo had nothing to do with the crime spree.

**Start the party early...** Paczki Day may be Tuesday, but the fun starts Saturday (Feb. 9) at Kelly's Bar. Local band Sick Smile plays a free show with special guests Britney Stony and Of Mice and Musicians. Doors open at 9 p.m. and admission is free.



**By Ian Perrotta**  
This week's Crime Log covers Tuesday, January 29 through Tuesday, February 5. **Tuesday, January 29**  
• At 12:15 a.m. a woman was placed under arrest for a Hamtramck 31st District Court misdemeanor warrant while stopped for traffic at Jos. Campau and Burnside.  
• At 1:30 a.m. a man was placed under arrest at Jos. Campau and Caniff for a 31st

District Court misdemeanor warrant and providing false information while officers were investigating a suspicious person.  
• At 4:02 a.m. a man was placed under arrest in the 5000 block of Yemans for violating a restraining order.  
• At 9:50 a.m. a woman passed fraudulent insurance to the city attorney at the district court.  
• At 10:15 a.m. a woman

reported that an unknown male wearing dark clothing grabbed her purse out of her vehicle while at a gas station in the 2000 block of Caniff.  
• At 10:14 a.m. a man passed fraudulent insurance to the city attorney at the district court.  
• At 10:52 a.m. a man passed fraudulent insurance to the city attorney at the district court.

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# There's more to do in Hamtramck throughout the year

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there are still plenty of reasons to come back to Hamtramck. After years of development, it looks as if a network of bicycle and pedestrian lanes should finally crisscross the streets this summer.

velopment – or more like a lack thereof – thanks to the settlement of a longstanding lawsuit the city can now take a proactive role in deciding what to do with its vacant lots. With about 400 total, there is a lot of potential.

number of young people have finally realized all that Hamtramck has to offer and have begun opening up businesses. Shops like Chippss (skateboards and accessories), Lo & Behold! (vintage items including music and clothes), and the pending

openings of stores like Sticks, Strings and Other Things (music accessories and equipment) and Hammer and Cycle (bikes) are all operated by young people and are helping to revitalize the downtown.

Hamtramck Stadium in Veterans Park. As one of only five remaining home fields from the Negro Leagues still in existence, Hamtramck Stadium was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. There is currently an effort to restore the site to its

former glory, with hope that it can one day host baseball and cricket games, musical performances and other community events.

Last but certainly not least, if you really want to get a feel for Hamtramck then come back during election season. A cast of colorful characters will undoubtedly be on the ballot for the Primary, and there's no better way to learn about a city than meeting the people who care enough to run it.

Hey, you can always get a sneak peek of the last one on Paczki Day New Dodge Lounge, where Councilmember Cathie Gordon will be the one walking on the bar pouring shots directly into people's mouths.

## Obituaries

### KMIECIK

Roman "Roy" Kmiecik, 90, died February 2, 2013.

Mr. Kmiecik was born and raised in Hamtramck, and was a decorated WWII veteran.

Roy was part of the Normandy D-Day invasion and landed on Omaha Beach. He was attached to the 298th Combat Engineers. Roy was wounded in battle and hospitalized for two weeks, before returning to battles in the Ardennes Forest, France and Germany.

He returned home to Hamtramck, and married his wife of 60 years, Hattie, who passed away in 2008.

After the war, Roy went to school for electrical contracting and started a successful, local business, Roy's Electric. In the 1960s, he became actively involved in Hamtramck politics, holding offices of Deputy Treasurer and DPW Superintendent for the City of Hamtramck.

In addition to business and family, Roy was very actively involved in the veteran's organizations in town. These include American Legion #455, DAV #83, VFW # 4162, HAVC, AMVETS #14, and P.L.A.V. Post #10.

Roy will be sadly missed by family and friends. He leaves behind his sons, Daniel (Rosemary), James (Karen) and Marty (Joy). He had a special relationship with his grandchildren, Brian (Sue), Craig (Ami), Kim, Tom, and Jake; great-grandchildren, Kaelyn, Sebastian, and Joshua; loving family and friends, Darlene, Carol, and Ron; many nieces and nephews.

Roy's passion for the U.S. Veteran's organizations, his family, and the City of Hamtramck never waned. To the very end, you could find him at the remaining veterans clubs in town, with his family, or patrolling the city in his blue Oldsmobile.

He will be greatly missed. In state, Friday, February 8, at St. Ladislaus Church, 9:30 a.m., with Funeral Mass at 10 a.m.

A luncheon will follow at P.L.A.V. Post 10. Internment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI on Monday, February 11, at 1:30 p.m. Funeral arrangements were handled by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.



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## City officials agree on plan to eliminate budget deficit

By Charles Sercombe

City officials found a way to eliminate the city's budget deficit and guess who's going to be hit up?

Chances are, it will be you. The city council recently agreed to a budget plan that largely balances the books on the backs of residents and those who just happen to be driving through town.

Here's a breakdown on some of the proposed changes in the city's budget:

The Income Tax Department is being tasked to increase income tax collections by almost \$190,000.

Own a rental dwelling? Expect to pay more for inspections. Homeowners will also dish out more for garbage collection. In all, the budget plan expects to see almost \$400,000 in rental inspections and garbage fees.

Better watch your driving. The Police Department is expected to bring in an extra \$200,000 in traffic enforcement. Truck drivers also need to make sure the load they are hauling is within the legal weight limit because there will be a cop on patrol to

weigh trucks.

City officials were under the gun to approve a deficit elimination plan in order to apply for an emergency \$3 million loan from the state. By next June or so it was predicted the city would have a \$3.5 million budget deficit.

There was even a bigger fear that the city's cash-on-hand would dry up and result in payless paydays for city employees and city vendors.

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag said he expects state officials to approve the plan and issue a loan.

"There's no red flag I see preventing us from getting that loan," he said.

The budget plan and the loan will keep the city afloat for about the next two years. By that time, city officials will have to come up with a permanent financial plan to avoid a budget deficit.

So far, the talk has been to reorganize the Fire Department by either combining it with the Police Department or cutting back full-time firefighters to a handful and relying on part-timers.

## New Corvette Stingray is a hit at Detroit Auto Show

By John Kovach  
Special to The Review

The latest in sheet metal fashions were on display at the North American International Show at Detroit's Cobo Center.

The show was filled with technology advancements as well as beauty. More foreign and domestic car makers are offering hybrid gas/electric vehicles in their line ups.

One car making a striking blend of styling and technology is the Cadillac ELR.

It is a wide sleek coupe that shares its extended range electric drivetrain with the Chevy Volt.

Tesla Motors had an interesting crossover concept which had conventional swing out doors for the front passengers and gull wing "swing up" doors for the rear seat passengers.

Other concept standouts were the Honda Urban concept built off the Fit model platform, the Nissan Resonance which has a hybrid powertrain combined with wild looks, the more conventional looking Volkswagen six passenger Crossblue crossover, and the Ford Atlas pickup truck.

The Atlas showed some of the features and bold looks of

the next generation Ford F-150 pickup truck.

The Cobo Center lower level offered the "Drive Green Experience" – a test track where visitors could get a ride in the hybrid or electric car of their choice.

The models judged as the North American Car and Truck of the Year by a panel of auto journalists are the new Cadillac ATS, and the Dodge Ram pickup truck. These domestic vehicles beat out a lot of strong competition to receive the award.

By far though, the hit of the show, the press, and the viewing public was the all new sev-

enth generation 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.

Chevrolet is reintroducing the "Stingray" name after its departure in the seventies. The new Corvette is so new that it only shares two parts with the previous model.

The styling is mind blowing. It has a new fastback roofline combined with large fender side vents. The familiar wheel bulges have also returned. This car is stunning from all angles. All show visitors wanted to have their photos taken with it.

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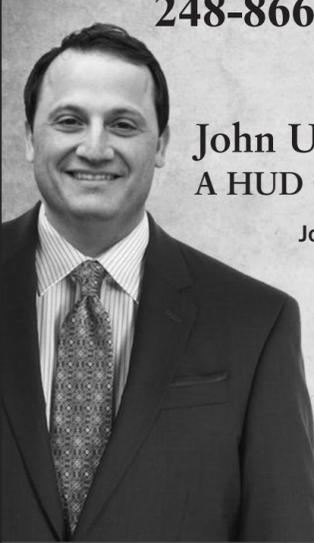


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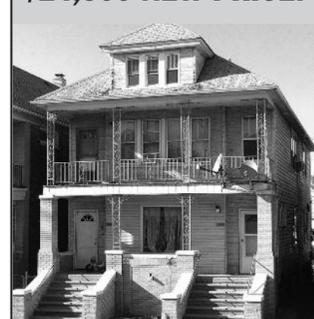
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• At noon a man reported that an unknown person(s) made a purchase without his permission at Best Buy for \$455.

• A Farmington Hills resident presented fraudulent insurance in 31st District Court.

• An employee of a business in the 9400 block of Buffalo reported that she was assaulted by a co-worker at 3 p.m.

• A theft victim notified the station that his handgun was not stolen but slid under his car seat.

• A Detroit resident presented fraudulent Progressive insurance in 31st District Court.

• An Eastpointe resident was placed under arrest for driving with a suspended license during a traffic stop at Conant and Caniff at 3:30 p.m.

• A Detroit resident presented fraudulent Farm Bureau insurance in 31st District Court.

• An Andrus resident reported that while standing in the bus stop at Jos. Campau and Casmere and talking on his iPhone, a black male, approximately 5'5" and wearing a grey hoodie, ran up and grabbed his phone. The suspect fled southbound on Jos. Campau at 6:38 p.m.

• A resident of the 11600 block of Nagel reported unknown suspects kicked in her garage entry door between 6:30 p.m. on 1/28 and 6:30 p.m. on today's date. Nothing appeared to be missing.

• Two juveniles were placed under arrest after they were observed "tagging" vehicles and buildings with spray paint in the area of Hanley and Jos Campau at 8:34 p.m. Parental Responsibility citations were issued.

## Wednesday, January 30

• A Selfridge resident was transported to a hospital after barricading herself in her apartment and firing a rifle at officers.

• At 9:09 a.m. a man reported that former tenants at his rental property in the 9300 block of Dubios damaged the property when they vacated.

• At 9:47 a.m. a man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and a Hamtramck warrant after a traffic stop at Holbrook and Jos. Campau.

• An employee of Holbrook Elementary reported her purse was stolen from her classroom on 1/24.

• A 20-year-old male was placed under arrest after an investigation found he had consensual sex with a 14-year-old female at approximately 12:45 p.m.

• A male and female were placed under arrest after officers located them inside an unoccupied new-construction house at 6:26 p.m.

• A Lincoln Park resident reported the driver's door lock and ignition were damaged on his 2005 Chrysler while it was parked in the 11400 block of Charest between 4:15 and 9:20 p.m.

• A Warren resident reported the left rear vent glass was broken out on her 2002 Jeep while it was parked in the 11400 block of Charest between 3 and 9:30 p.m.

## Thursday, January 31

• At 11:47 p.m. officers responded to a domestic dispute in the 2700 block of Commor.

## Friday, February 1

• At 10:52 a.m. a woman reported that a man known to her assaulted her in the 12000 block of Klinger.

## Saturday, February 2

• At 1:15 a.m. a brown purse was recovered in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

• At 4:09 a.m. a resident of the 2200 block of Yemans reported larceny.

• At 9 a.m. a wallet found at Caniff and Charest was dropped off at the station.

• At approximately 2:14 p.m. a victim came into the station and reported that her vehicle was stolen while parked in front of her residence in the 2700 block of Evaline.

• A traffic accident occurred at Mackay and Casmere.

• At approximately 7:27 p.m. a man was placed under arrest in the 11300 block of McDougall for felony assault and domestic violence.

## Sunday, February 3

• At 12:16 a.m. three subjects were placed under arrest for possession of cocaine and open intoxicants.

• At 12:16 a.m. a resident of the 11000 block of Mitchell reported a noise complaint.

• At 1:25 a.m. two subjects were placed under arrest for open intoxicants.

• At 1:30 a.m. officers responded to a disturbance in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.

• At 10:02 a.m. a female was arrested at Carpenter and Fleming for not possessing proper insurance and disorderly conduct after a traffic stop.

• At 10:34 a.m. a male was arrested for open intoxicants and not possessing proper insurance at Buffalo and Doremus after being found disoriented in his vehicle.

• At 11:12 a.m. officers found an open door in the 10200 block of Jos. Campau. No one was found inside and everything appeared intact. ADT notified the owner because the back door was not able to be secured.

• At 3:09 p.m. officers responded to an open door in the 9700 block of Conant but found no one inside. ADT was notified and key holder made the scene securing same building.

• A pedestrian accident occurred at Caniff and Gallagher.

• At 11:48 p.m. a man was placed under arrest at Caniff and Lumpkin during a traffic stop after it was revealed that his license was suspended 45 times.

## Monday, February 4

• At 12:54 a.m. a woman reported that her brother assaulted her in the 3400 block of Evaline.

• At 9:47 a.m. Warren Police recovered a stolen Hamtramck vehicle and turned it over to its owner.

• At 11:12 a.m. a Hamtramck resident produced fraudulent insurance during a traffic stop at Lehman and Conant.

• At 2:12 p.m. a Detroit resident was arrested at the Wayne County Jail for a Hamtramck warrant.

• An agent of Kosciuszko School reported six checks were missing from their office and one was reported cashed at a business in the 12100 block of Conant, by a suspect named in report.

• An officer transported an emaciated dog (a dark shepherd) to the Michigan Humane Society after he found it having difficulty walking at Lehman and Conant at 4:10 p.m.

• A crash occurred at Latham and Florian at 4:43 p.m.

• A crash occurred at Gallagher and Holbrook at 5:59 p.m. The officer on the scene was provided fraudulent Hannigan insurance.

• An Illinois resident was placed under arrest after he assaulted two Hamtramck females at Conant and Evaline at approximately 5:27 p.m.

• At 11:55 p.m. a man was placed under arrest during a traffic stop at Holbrook and Dubois, when it was revealed the driver's license had been suspended 25 times and that he had a 31st District Court misdemeanor warrant.

## Tuesday, February 5

• At 4:04 a.m. a man was detained and transported to Detroit Receiving Hospital and petitioned for commitment.

• At 8:04 a.m. a woman reported that an unknown person(s) broke into her Chevy Trailblazer in the 11800 block of Fleming between 9 p.m. on 2/4 and 8 a.m. on 2/5.

• At 9:42 a.m. a man passed fraudulent insurance during a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Casmere.

• Throughout the day four people passed fraudulent insurance to the City Attorney at the district court.

• A Dearborn resident was placed under arrest for no operator's license during a traffic stop at Caniff and Mackay at 5:12 p.m.

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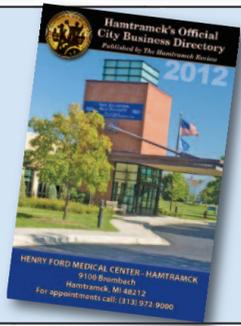
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