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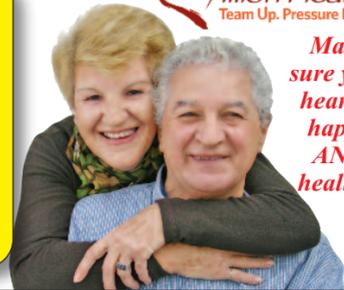
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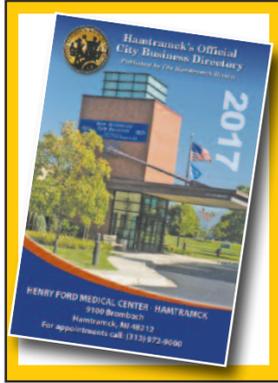
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## Quick Hits

Looking good, eh?  
We're talking about The Review's new Business Directory for this year. The 56-page directory is your one-stop shopping guide to all of the city's businesses.

There is also a run-down on our local, county, state and federal elected officials who represent Hamtramck, and a list of new phone numbers for Hamtramck City Hall, including the police and fire departments.

The guides were hand-delivered this week, and every household should have received one by now.

If you didn't get one, be sure to stop by our office at 3020 Caniff.

### — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Block grant will keep city busy in coming months

**By Charles Sercombe**

Code enforcement and park improvements are at the top of the city's to do list for this year.

The city recently approved its yearly Community Development Block Grant budget.

The total budget this year is \$214,190.

Most of it – \$95,000 – will be spent on beefing up code enforcement. That will specifically go toward hiring part-time inspectors. If you have overgrown weeds and grass, loose garbage, broken down porch steps and any other examples of blight, watch out.

The city has been talking tough for the past couple of years about cracking down on common code violations.

Next up is park improvement, totaling over \$77,000. That money will be used to continue up-



Park improvements and citywide cleanups will be performed in the coming weeks thanks to a yearly federal grant. Veterans Memorial Park will once again receive further improvements.

grades at Veterans Memorial Park.

Kathy Angerer, the Director of Community and Governmental Affairs, said there is also something else in store that residents have been asking about for the past few years: "The feasibility of creating a dog park and pocket park(s) will be a focus for the city in coming days," she told The Review.

Citywide clean-ups have

## City could face a financial blow

**By Charles Sercombe**

If the city manager's position is not filled by the time her contract expires in June, there could be a hefty cost to the city.

That was the warning at Tuesday's Receiver-ship Transition Advisory Board (RTAB) meeting.

Debra Roberts, the Chairman of the Board, read a note from the state Treasury Department reminding the city council that it has a \$2 million emergency loan from the state.

That loan comes with a stipulation, Roberts said. Unless the city employs a "full-time, professional administrator," there could be an increase in the loan's interest rate and also an earlier due date.

Mark Stema, a member of the RTAB and a city resident, said an interim or acting city manager does not qualify as a full-time administrator.

The loan, which was secured by the city's former emergency manager, is scheduled to be paid back by 2024.

In February, a bare majority of the city council rejected a resolution to have the city attorney begin contract negotiations with City Manager Katrina Powell. Instead, the council is seeking to hire a company to conduct a search.

Typically it takes about four months for a search to be completed. The request for bids from search companies has not yet been made public.

# Amar Pizza makes you want to say amore! and amore!



Amar Pizza co-owner Khurshed Ahmed is pleased with the pizzeria's new location on Jos. Campau, which offers room for expansion and more parking.

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck's most exotic pizza has a new home.

In February Amar Pizza said so long to its Conant location and moved to the northend of Jos. Campau – right on the corner of Carpenter.

"We could never grow our business in the old place," said Khurshed Ahmed, who along with his three brothers own the pizzeria.

So far, the only food expansion has been the introduction of ribs and fish and chips. Ahmed has plans for other offerings, but nothing he wants to reveal yet just in case any competitors are paying attention.

But one thing is still a mainstay and the most popular item on the menu: the Naga Pizza.

Naga is a pepper that is common in Bangladesh, where Ahmed's family is from. Around here it is

**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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## Block grant will keep city busy in coming months

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Judging by the amount of loose trash blowing around the city, there's plenty of work ahead.

Rounding out the federal grant is a little over \$21,000 for the administration cost to oversee the grant.

Hamtramck, like many other communities nationwide, has been receiving this grant for decades. That may come to an

abrupt halt if President Trump's proposed national budget is approved.

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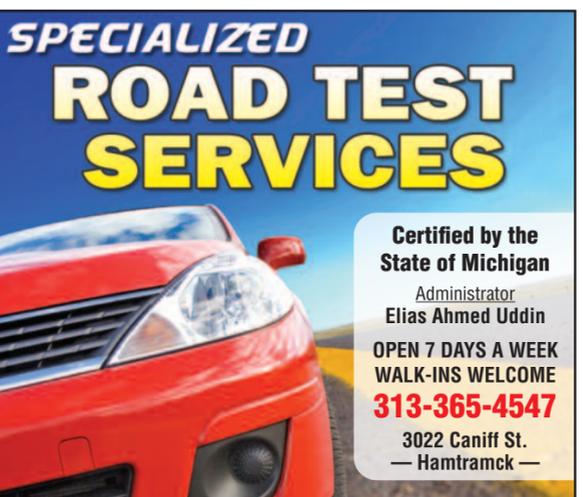
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The RTAB would have to agree to any contract for a search firm, and could conceivably reject it. At this point it looks unlikely that the council will have a full-time city manager in place by the time Powell's contract expires.

Powell's contract is for two-and-a-half years. She was hired over two years ago by former Emergency Manager Cathy Square, who invited the council to give their input on several candidates vying for the job.

The council gave a thumbs up to hiring Powell, but not long after taking the job some on

council butted heads with her. Councilmember Anam Miah has been the most vocal critic of Powell.

Miah and Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan, Abu Musa and Saad Almasmari voted against contract negotiations with Powell, but that vote had some confusing moments.

Before the vote Almasmari said he has been pleased with Powell's job. Councilmember Hassan shrugged his shoulders and said he rejected contract negotiations just to see what the RTAB would do next.

There has been speculation that the RTAB

might overstep the council and extend Powell's contract, but there has been no such action taken.

At Tuesday's meeting RTAB Chairman Roberts noted that the council had "backed itself into a corner" by rejecting contract negotiations with Powell.

The council could still take that action, but it would require one of the councilmembers who voted against the resolution seeking contract negotiations with Powell to bring back the proposal.

At Tuesday's council meeting, held after the RTAB meeting, Powell read the noted from the

Treasury Department. Both Miah and Hassan were absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Almasmari and Musa did not comment on the warning.

The city could pay back the \$2 million loan from its budget surplus. But with pension costs requiring an additional \$200,000 to \$300,000 each year, the city would soon fall into deficit spending.

That could then cause another financial crisis requiring state intervention. Hamtramck has twice required a state-appointed emergency manager in the last 15 years.

## Amar Pizza makes you want to say amore! and amore!

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commonly known as the "ghost" pepper, which is one of the hottest peppers you can experience in these parts.

Other popular pizzas are a fusion of east and west, such as Tandoori Pizza and Dried Fish Pizza.

Of course there is your standard pepperoni pizza. And this being a city with a large Muslim population there are halal offerings as well.

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treat? How about a Naga Hotdog, or a Tandoori Hotdog? We double-dog dare you.

Ahmed's background in food comes from years of being employed at restaurants and pizza joints. He got his bona fides growing up in New Jersey where New York-style pizza rules.

He also remembers experiencing pizza in Bangladesh as a kid, but it's nothing like you can

get here.

"It's completely different, but it didn't taste like pizza," Ahmed said.

"I learned a little here, a little there," he added.

As for the name Amar, it means "my." The pizzeria's slogan is "Amar pizza is your pizza."

Come to think of it, that slogan echoes Hamtramck's well-known hospitality.

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# Second Front Page



## City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?  
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

**By Charles Sercombe**

The city council met on Feb. 27, and all councilmembers were present. Before the regular council meeting a work session was held. During that meeting City Manager Katrina Powell said the city had to take down a number of trees, many of which were diseased.

She said, however, the city is getting a \$3,000 grant from DTE Energy to purchase and plant trees this spring.

It was announced that Tom Stackpoole will replace Alan Shulgon on the Housing Commission. Shulgon recently died.

Kathy Angerer, the Director of Community and Governmental Affairs, talked about the city's Community Development Block Grant, totaling a little over \$200,000.

She said most of the money is going toward cleaning up the city and improving parks.

"We have focused on cleaning up the community this year," she said.

Powell said the city is partnering with Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium to raise money to fix the grandstands.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari said he received complaints from members of the mosque at Jos. Campau and Caniff about the noise from the annual Hamtramck Labor Day Festival. He said the live music interferes with services during the day.

He suggested moving the stage at that corner 500 feet away.

City Manager Powell said that even if the stage were 5,000 feet away the music would still be heard during worship services.

Almasmari said the city should "respect" the request.

Councilmember Ian Perrotta noted that the festival has been a tradition for a number of years. Powell added that when mosque leaders moved to that location they knew the festival had been ongoing for 30 years.

Mayor Karen Majewski suggested not having bands play during worship times at the mosque.

During the regular meeting a festival organizer said the festival can accommodate the mosque's worship schedule.

Councilmember Anam Miah asked for a closed meeting after the regular meeting to discuss a recent court filing made by plaintiffs in the long-standing housing discrimination lawsuit.

City Attorney Travis Mihelick said that the state's Open Meetings Act requires prior notice of a closed meeting by at least 18 hours in advance.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan insisted the council could hold a closed meeting. Mihelick once again warned that would violate the state's OMA.

Councilmember Miah said if that is the case, he was fine with talking about the legal complaint in an open meeting.

"I want my colleagues to know, I want the mayor to know," he said.

The subject did not come up during the regular meeting.

During the regular meeting, representative from Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium made a presentation about an upcoming on-line fundraising effort.

Money raised will be used to improve the grounds of the grand-

stand area. The goal is to raise \$50,000.

A member of the Yemeni American Leadership Association warned that the city is possibly heading "toward difficult times," and that an effort is needed to prevent hate from spreading.

The member said voters need to make sure only qualified candidates are elected – regardless of race and ethnicity.

Bill Meyer asked for an extended time to address the council, to which the council agreed. He then spent time on criticizing the council for allowing members of the public to speak for only two minutes.

"There should be no time limit," he said.

He went on to say that this country was built on white supremacy and genocide.

Meyer added that he does not see a Yemeni or Bengali working in city hall even though a majority of the city's population is of the Muslim faith.

A lengthy discussion was held on whether to

begin a search for a new city manager. City Attorney Mihelick noted that if the search costs over \$100 the Receivership Transition Advisory Board will have to approve the cost.

The council agreed to seek bids for the search. Councilmember Perrotta said the council was doing a "disservice" to the city by not seeking to extend City Manager Powell's contract.

Councilmember Miah, taking up Bill Meyer's call for more time for individuals to address the council, said that in talking with officials from other cities the public has an opportunity to speak at the beginning and at the end of meetings.

Miah said the Hamtramck City Council should allow the public more time to address the council.

"We're here because they elected us," he said.

As for the city not hiring Yemenis or Bengalis, Councilmember Andrea Karpinski said people

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Students will take this inspiration and create their own artwork for a spring art fair coming soon.

On Tuesday, two first grade classes were treated to a special guest who participated in the March Reading Month program. Radio personality Allyson Martinek, from WNIC. (100.3) Jay Tower's morning show, read to students and also fielded a bunch of questions from the kids.

The most talked about subject was what the kids liked seeing on Youtube and how many music celebrities Martinek has met or talked to by phone.

### Hamtramck High School News

Hamtramck High School had three winning entries in the annual Society of Automotive Engineers High School Poster Con-



**Above: Students at ECE recently visited the Detroit Institute of Arts where they participated in creating their own art. Below: WNIC radio personality Allyson Martinek recently read to first grade students at ECE for March Reading Month.**



test.

Desiree Davis placed 2nd, winning a \$600 scholarship; Mitun Das won 6th place, winning \$50 cash; and MD Obaidul Hoque won 9th place, also winning \$50 cash.

Congratulations to the winners. This is the third year that Hamtramck High School students won in this contest. The top ten posters will be on display April 4-5 during the Society of Automotive Engineers World Congress X 17 at Cobo Center in Detroit with an expected attendance of over 10,000.

The top ten posters will also be included in the September issue of their online publication, "Supercharger," which can be viewed online at [www.sae-detroit.org](http://www.sae-detroit.org) after August 10.

The FIRST Team competed Friday and Saturday at the Woodhaven FIRST Robotics District Competition. After 12 qualification matches, Team Cosmos seeded 22nd in a strong field of 40 teams.

In the alliance selections for elimination matches Saturday afternoon, we were asked by the #4 ranked team to join their alliance and ac-



**Above and below: Three HHS students were winners in an annual poster competition sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers.**



cepted. In the quarter finals we defeated the #5 alliance, moving on to the semifinals. In the semifinals, we fought a good battle, but in the end, we fell to the #1 alliance who went on to win the event.

At the awards ceremony following the event, we received the "Team Spirit Award" sponsored by the FCA Foundation. This

award recognizes extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit through exceptional partnership and teamwork.

This is what the judges had to say about Team Cosmos: "This team not only cheered for their own team but was a valuable partner to anyone in their alliance. Their superheated spirit billowed out-

side of this competition, as they engaged with their sponsors and community. This team not sent their craft into the stratosphere, but shot for the stars."

After four weeks of district events, we continue to be ranked 50th out of the 451 teams in the state. With our performance at Woodhaven event we earned a spot at the state championship. We will be one of 160 teams competing at Saginaw Valley State University, April 12 through April 15. Thank you for your support. Without your help, it wouldn't have been possible.

### Dickinson East Elementary School

• Thursday, April 13 – Kindergarten round-up from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

### Holbrook Elementary School News

• Thursday, April 13 – PTO/Parent Forum from 2-3 p.m. All parents are invited to attend.

• Thursday, April 20 – Kindergarten Roundup from 2:30- 4 p.m.

### All Schools

• Monday, April 3-7 – No school for students. Spring Break.

• Monday, April 10 – School resumes.

• Tuesday, April 11 – Hamtramck High School and Horizon, SAT for 11th and 12th grades; (SAT Seniors); PSAT 10, 10th grade; No school for 9th grade and 12th grade seniors who previously took the SAT.

• Wednesday, April 12 – Hamtramck High School

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### A vexing problem: the city is a magnet for lawsuits

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And for years and years, the city's employees and department heads have cashed in on filing lawsuits against the city.

In many cases, it has been the result of labor disputes. In others, employees have accused others of wrongdoing and managed to walk away with thousands of dollars.

What is it about Hamtramck that attracts this kind of action?

We're not suggesting that the city has been innocent in all the cases. We're also not suggesting employees and contractors don't have every right to air their grievances.

But dang, it seems like Hamtramck is a magnet when it comes to lawsuits.

Recently, a lawsuit arose from a department head who was fired by the former emergency manager, an appointee of the state. That shows even city officials with supposedly higher training and legal knowledge are susceptible to being sued.

While we support the right to use the civil courts, it seems Hamtramck serves as a prime example of a municipality being taken advantage of. There has been periodic talk of re-vamping the legal system to make filing lawsuits more limited.

We're not sure how

much reform – if any – is needed. Going down that path is a slippery-slope. But something needs to be done to protect taxpayers from having their pockets picked by those seeking a quick pay day.

Often, it is less expensive for a city to settle lawsuits instead of fighting them all the way through the court system.

Legal fees often surpass court awards.

The bottom line here is that money is being diverted away by lawsuits while needed improvement projects have to wait.

Something has to give here, or the city coffers will eventually be drained away.

## Odds & Ends

**Amnesty...** Have a parking ticket or civil infraction you put off paying?

This month is your chance to pay up without dishing out extra dollars for late fees. The Hamtramck 31st District Court has joined a statewide ticket amnesty program that runs through April 28.

Judge Alexis Krot said that in most cases, unless there is something like a warrant out for your arrest, "you can walk in and you walk out."

You still have to pay the original fine. Also coming up on April 11 and 25 is the testing out of night

court.

On those two days, the court will be open until 8 p.m.

**Exhibit...** Tonight, Friday (March 31) Hamtramck's Bank Suey will host an opening for a special art exhibit, called "The Wall Speaks – Voices of the Unheard" starting at 7 p.m.

Here's what the good folks at Bank Suey, located at the southwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff, have to say about the exhibit:

"This multimedia exhibition is dedicated to Polish children of World War II and all those today who

cannot speak with a voice of their own and suffer at being treated as less than human.

"The project extends a bridge between the experiences of Polish children of World War II and children in war torn Middle East today. Wojtek Sawa's multimedia exhibition is co-created by viewer participants at museums and galleries in the United States and Poland.

"The Wall Speaks and Bank Suey will host weekly events featuring art, music, lectures, and community discussion!"

The exhibit runs through May 29.

## Investigators raid home and office of Sen. Bert Johnson

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck's representative in the state Senate has once again found himself in legal trouble.

On Monday, state police and FBI agents conducted a search of Sen. Bert Johnson's house and Lansing office.

Media reports said investigators removed boxes of paper work and at least one computer.

Another media report said investigators could be seen ripping open furniture at Johnson's Highland Park house.

One report said that

Johnson is under investigation for hiring "ghost employees" and pocketing the salaries.

In an interview with Mlive.com, an online media outlet, Johnson said he is going to hire an attorney and then "we're going to figure it out."

He added that he is an "open book."

Johnson has not been charged with any crime.

Johnson has previously been sued for not paying bills, including child support cases filed in Wayne and Oakland counties.

At one time Johnson

had an office in Hamtramck, but he was evicted after failing to pay his rent. He owed the management company over \$7,000.

When he was a teenager he was convicted of armed robbery.

Johnson is being termed out of the Senate in 2018. He was previously a state representative before being termed out of that office. He can no longer run for a position in the state legislature.



## School Bell

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and Horizon-WorkKeys 11th and 12th grades; (WorkKeys Seniors); PSAT 9, 9th grade; No school for 10th grade, 12th grade seniors who previously took WorkKeys.

• Friday, April 14 – No school for students and staff.

• Thursday, April 20 – Report Card #3 distributed.

### Athletic Events

• Friday, March 31 – HHS Girls' Varsity Softball vs. Macomb Christian at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Friday, March 31 – HHS Boys' JV Baseball

vs. Warren Fitzgerald at 4:30 p.m. Away.

• Friday, March 31 – HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Rochester Hills Lutheran NW at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Friday, March 31 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Cesar Chavez at 4:30 p.m. Away.

• Tuesday, April 4 – HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Chandler Park at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Wednesday, April 5 – HHS Boys' JV Baseball vs. Center Line at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Wednesday, April 5 – HHS Boys' Varsity Base-

ball vs. Center Line at 4:30 p.m. Away.

• Wednesday, April 5 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Henry Ford Academy at 4:30 p.m. Away.

• Friday, April 7 – HHS Boys' JV Baseball vs. Clawson at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Friday, April 7 – HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Clawson at 4:30 p.m. Away.

• Friday, April 7 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Detroit Western at 4:30 p.m. Home.

### Compiled by

**Janice Gandelman**

## The lore of Hamtramck ...

### Fr. Walkowiak was a cornerstone of St. Florian

**By Greg Kowalski**

Throughout its long history St. Florian Parish has been noted for its dynamic leadership.

All the pastors who have been successful – and that's been most of them – were priests of strong character powered by a determination to make St. Florian something special. That continues to this day.

But standing tall among the pastors is Fr. Peter P. Walkowiak who served as pastor from 1938 to 1967. He succeeded the popular pastor Fr. Joseph Bonkowski, who had led the church through the Great Depression.

Fr. Walkowiak was handed a big challenge in carrying on, as St. Florian was growing to enormous proportions that would make it the second largest parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Fr. Bonkowski was beloved by the parishioners, and Fr. Walkowiak was relatively unknown but not entirely new to the area.

Fr. Walkowiak was born in Detroit in June, 1896, and attended St. Stanislaus grade school, just south of Hamtramck. He was ordained in 1922 – the year Hamtramck became a city – and said his first Mass at St. Stanis-

laus.

He served at a few parishes before being named the first chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Hamtramck. When he came to St. Florian in 1938 he began to make a mark on the parish and the entire city.

First on his agenda was the building of a high school. St. Florian had opened a grade school in 1909, but Fr. Walkowiak saw that needed to be expanded. By the early 1940s, St. Florian High School was in operation. He added onto that with the creation of the Education Center in 1952.

That ancillary building provided extra space for classrooms, a cafeteria and large gym. It also housed a radio station – K8LEY – which was operated by students. Under his pastorate, St. Florian thrived.

His service also extended far beyond the walls of the church. In July, 1942, Fr. Walkowiak was appointed by Gov. Murray Van Wagoner to serve on the State Social Welfare Commission, and he served on a number of city commissions and boards during his tenure at St. Florian.

He accepted the state post with humility, saying:

"I'm not thinking so much about myself as about the fact that Hamtramck is being recognized."

He was not always as subdued. He could be brusque and even insensitive. At an interfaith gathering at the Education Center he gave an invocation that ended with the Biblical words: "Although many are called, few are chosen."

Some took that as a slight at the other faiths represented, although there is no indication that Fr. Walkowiak meant it in that manner.

In any case, when he died in 1967, some 3,000 people attended his funeral, which was one of the largest in the city's history.

The Citizen newspaper noted on Oct. 12, 1967: "The bereaved came from all walks of life, from everyday people to those of power and influence. There were shop and office workers, housewives, school children, politicians, businessmen and important figures in the industrial and financial worlds."

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## Obituaries

### MILLER



Georgina Miller, 65, died March 26, 2017. Ms. Miller was the beloved mother of Karen (Don), Susan (Mike) Pelow, Lisa (Michael) Pelow, Eddie (Kelly), and the late Kimberly Coats. Mrs. Miller is also survived by sister, Marie; eight

grandchildren; two great grandchildren. Visitation is Sunday, April 2, 2017, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck.



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## City Hall Insider...

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from those communities are not applying for city jobs, especially in public safety.

Later in the meeting Councilmember Miah said that Karpinski got a job in the public school district even though that job was never posted for the public to see.

Karpinski said that is not true and that her job was indeed posted.

Councilmember Almasmari addressed his late payments for water service. He said he has been financially strapped and had asked for a payment plan from the city. He said he was denied.

He blamed Mayor Majewski for "spreading false information" about his late payments for water service on her Facebook page.

(Editor's note: Majewski did not mention Almasmari by name. She said only that a councilmember had received water shutoff notices.)

Almasmari further said that Majewski had previously been accused of "stealing" water at her commercial building.

Councilmember Miah

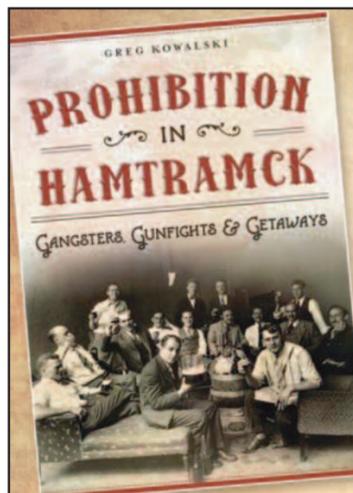
said he objects to the council work session held before regular council meetings. He said the location of the meeting, on the third floor of city hall, and 6 p.m. starting time, prevent the public from attending.

He said the public wants to know what councilmembers are dis-

cussing at these meetings.

Miah added that work sessions are not mentioned in the city charter.

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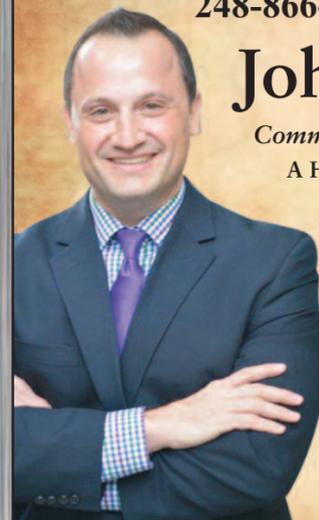
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## By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 21-27.

### Tuesday, March 21

- At about 9:30 p.m. a man was arrested in the 12000 block Conant for indecent exposure, possessing an open intoxicant and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

- A domestic assault took place in the 3000 block of Yemans. The suspect was gone by the time officers arrived.

- At 3 a.m. a driver of a silver Audi fled the scene of a traffic stop, and a police chase was terminated.

- A resident in the 3000 block of Yemans reported the theft of his 1998 Honda Accord from in front of his residence.

- Three school students were found skipping school and were escorted back.

- Officers found a loose pit bull in the 3800 block of Doremus and took it to the Michigan Humane Society.

- A resident reported

domestic abuse that had been ongoing.

- An Evaline resident reported a break-in. It was unknown at the time if anything was stolen.

### Wednesday, March 22

- Officers took a report of a strong arm robbery and assault in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

- A resident in the 2200 block of Bernard reported the theft of his iPhone and wallet.

- A Dequindre resident reported being the victim of identity theft.

- A resident reported receiving multiple phone calls and mail for the past few weeks from an unknown San Diego company.

- A Caniff resident reported an assault by a person they know.

- A Fleming resident reported someone damaged his residence.

### Thursday, March 23

- A Highland Park resident was arrested after a traffic stop for possessing cocaine, narcotics and an

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open intoxicant.

• A Detroit resident reported that while at a Jos. Campau restaurant someone stole her purse.

• At a little after midnight, a resident in the 11300 block of Sobieski was ticketed for allowing his dog to run free and chase people.

• A Whalen resident reported a garage break-in.

• A Trowbridge resident reported a theft from his home by someone he knows.

• A Belmont resident reported a break-in and the theft of several items.

**Friday, March 24**

• A resident was accused of passing a counterfeit \$50 bill at a gas station in the 9200 block of Conant. The resident claimed he had just cashed a check at another location. Officers confiscated the bill.

• A Klinger resident re-

ported someone stole packages from their porch.

• A Detroit resident reported someone snatched her purse while she was on Carpenter.

• A Norwalk resident was reported missing.

**Saturday, March 25**

• A man who had been missing turned up at a hospital. His disappearance had been reported in local media.

• A resident in the 11700 block of Mitchell reported a break-in of his car and the theft of his Uconnect radio face plate.

• A Grand Haven resident reported a break-in by a person they know.

• A resident in the 2900 block of Lehman reported his catalytic converter was stolen from his vehicle.

**Sunday, March 26**

• A Detroit resident was

arrested after assaulting a Yemans resident, and also for possessing narcotics.

• A Belmont resident reported a break-in.

• A resident was arrested for being wanted on a drunk driving warrant and also for stealing an iPhone.

• Four residents were arrested for a stabbing that took place at Circle Dr. and Dyar.

• Officers took a report of someone stealing money from a donation box at a business in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau.

• A Belmont resident reported being defrauded of \$1,900 from a website called "Mingle2."

• A resident in the 12000 block of Dequindre reported her window was broken by people she knows.

• Officers attempted to stop the driver of a dirt bike but the driver fled.

**Monday, March 27**

• At about 2 a.m. a Detroit resident was ar-

rested after a traffic stop for driving without a license and being wanted on multiple warrants.

• A resident reported the theft of his Chrysler minivan. While taking the report, it was discovered that the vehicle was re-

covered by Detroit police.

• A Doremus resident reported someone stole his catalytic converter from his Chevy Malibu.

• A Sobieski resident reported a break-in.

• A Belmont resident reported someone broke

into his rental home and stole assorted items.

• An Edwin resident reported being harassed and threatened by a person they know.

• A St. Aubin resident reported he was assaulted by his uncle.

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- ✓ প্রথম শ্রেণীর শিক্ষায়তনিক ও সমৃদ্ধকারী পাঠক্রম বহির্ভূত কর্মসূচী সুযোগ প্রদান করে যা, ২১শতাব্দীর শিক্ষার্থী ও পিতা-মাতা তাঁদের স্কুলের কাছে চায়।
- ✓ ৯১ শতাংশ স্নাতক হার আছে, যা স্টেট গড়মানের থেকে ১১ পয়েন্ট বেশী।
- ✓ অ্যাডভান্সড রোবোটিক্স সহ- উচ্চমানের বিজ্ঞান, প্রযুক্তি, ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ও গণিত (STEM) কর্মসূচী প্রদান করে— যা শিক্ষার্থীদের কলেজ ও কর্মজীবনের জন্য প্রস্তুত করে।

ফিটজগেরাল্ড স্কুল আমাদের শিক্ষার্থীদের সঙ্গে আছে প্রি- K থেকে প্রথম দিন (কাজের সঙ্গে) !