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Quick Hits

Hop on over to Public Pool

By Alan Madlane

Art is in the Hamtramck air again.

Those forward-thinking folks at Public Pool (3309 Caniff) have another exhibition on tap, and it looks like a good one.

Painter Maria Prainito-Winczner will show her work, with an artist reception slated for tomorrow night, Saturday, Sept. 14, from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

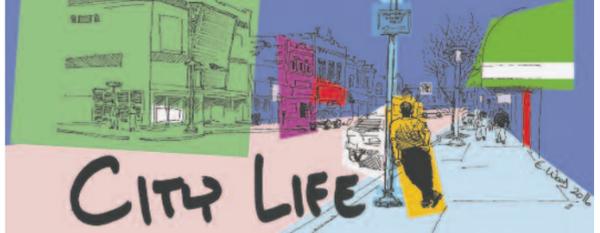
A CCS (College for Creative Studies) grad, her works have exhibited locally before, such as in 2011 through the SWAN Network in Mexicantown.

This exhibition is unusual, however, in that patrons are also invited to hold a soft and wonderful bunny rabbit while viewing the paintings, to "self-soothe and recharge." We are not making this up.

Look George, bunnies! We digress.

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HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD



Passive city leaders enable bad drivers. Believe it

By Walter Wasacz

Driving back into town on Sunday I became a witness to something I'd never seen before.

I was on northbound St. Aubin between Clay and Denton streets. Trucks carrying huge freights were parked on both sides of the street, something I've begun noticing in that location with increasing frequency.

A truck was coming in my direction, squeezing between other trucks on the east and west sides of the street. So I edged my vehicle (a small car) closer

to the curb and waited for the space ahead to clear.

In my rearview mirror, I saw another vehicle, a small utility truck, pull up behind me. But instead of waiting for the traffic to pass the driver nonchalantly bounced up the curb onto the sidewalk and sped north toward Denton.

Literally within seconds the larger truck had come through and I was on my way again. I saw the utility vehicle veer back onto the road and turn right at Denton, then Alice, where I lost him (I could tell the motorist was a man).

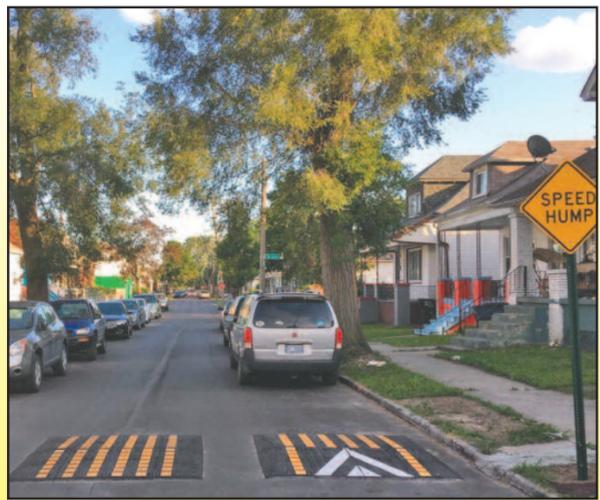
I have never witnessed a driver passing other traffic using a sidewalk. The shoulder of a rural highway, yes; an urban community street, where people could be walking, running or simply standing, no, never.

This is not a heavy pedestrian area, but I do

walk this same sidewalk on my way to meetings in the northend and Milwaukee Junction. Others use it too.

It is an absurd notion to think a pedestrian can be struck on a sidewalk by a vehicle with an impatient driver behind the wheel,

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Detroit is working with neighborhood groups in nearby Banglatown to address speeding traffic concerns. About 10 speed humps were recently installed on Klinger between Carpenter and Davison.



At 6 a.m. Tuesday, a 19-year-old Detroit man crashed into a flagpole at Jos. Campau and Caniff. There were no injuries, but it was fatal for the flagpole.

Sleepy driver wakes up to a downed city flagpole

By Charles Sercombe

A fatigued driver stirred up an international incident here in Hamtramck.

Well, that may be overstating it.

At 6 a.m. on Tuesday, the driver ran off the road at Jos. Campau and Caniff, and crashed into a flagpole, downing it.

The flagpole was one of 18 lining the street that display the various national flags that represent the many international

communities that call Hamtramck home.

The fallen pole also damaged part of PNC bank.

The driver, a 19-year-old man from Detroit, told the police that he fell asleep at the wheel. Instead of waiting for officers to arrive, the driver drove off and parked down the street.

Officers followed the debris trail and found the

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Schools are still a mix of languages

By Charles Sercombe

At one time, a couple of decades ago, it was said that there were close to 40 languages and dialects spoken in the public schools.

That number has come down by more than half over the years.

According to statistics compiled last year by the school district, there are now 16 languages spoken in the schools.

At one point, the city was predominantly Polish, with a smattering of Albanian immigrants.

Those two ethnic groups are long gone from the city.

Now the main language in the schools is Arabic, which reflects the city's ever-changing ethnic make-up.

The next most prevalent language is English, with Bengali and Bosnian rounding out the top four languages you can hear in the school hallways on any given day.

Last year, there were 3,650 students enrolled.

Here's a breakdown of the languages spoken in the district:

- Arabic: 1,384
- English: 1,164
- Bengali: 916
- Bosnian: 71
- Urdu: 18
- Polish: 17
- Ukrainian: 13
- Albanian: 11
- Uzbek: 6

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Schools are still a mix of languages

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Spanish: 4
Hindi: 3
Somali: 2
Macedonian: 2
Slovenian: 1
Amharic: 1
Armenian: 1
Russian: 1

Those students who speak Arabic are mostly from the war-torn country of Yemen.

Alisa Perkins, an anthropologist and assistant professor of comparative religion at Western Michigan University and a scholar with the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, has been studying the Hamtramck Yemeni community.

She said the district has made the right moves to address the needs of this growing student population.

"The Hamtramck Public School system has responded admirably to the recent growth of the Yemeni community," Perkins said in an email with The Review.

"Most important was the decision to hire superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed, a Yemeni-American woman with a long record of achievement in

education.

"Since beginning her work in Hamtramck as ELL director, Mrs. Ahmed has demonstrated a keen understanding of how to effectively work with recently arrived Yemeni American students and families to maximize their success.

"An important marker of her approach is her successful effort to extend educational services to the parents, and especially the mothers, of recently arrived Yemeni students.

"Mrs. Ahmed is just one of many Yemeni-American educator activists who have recently gained prominence in the city for their dynamic contributions to education.

"The list also includes, among many others, school board members Jihan Aiyash, Salah Hadwan, and Moortadha Obaid; Tau Beta Principal Nabeel Naji, and teacher Nawal Almasmari.

"It also includes local activist Emad Shamakh, who in his capacity as Vice President of the Yemeni American Leadership Association (YALA), has created dynamic adult education programs for local Yemeni-American women.

"I have been working closely with Councilman

Saad Almasmari and other members of Hamtramck's Yemeni-American community over the past months on a project that will enhance the recognition of the Yemeni-American community in the city, by offering public education about Yemen and Yemeni-Americans, and by also promoting Yemeni-American businesses. Hamtramck is at the center of the Yemeni-American community nationwide.

"Yemeni-Americans have been creating communities in the United States since the end of the 19th century, and have notable populations in Michigan, New York, California, and other states.

"However, the Yemeni community in Hamtramck is notable due to its size, its concentration, and the

density of its institutional life. Hamtramck is fortunate to be the preferred destination of so many Yemeni-American migrants.

"They put down roots in Hamtramck, build businesses, and take a leadership role as stewards of the community who see their success and prosperity as part and parcel of the success of the city as a whole.

"In the years to come, I think that we will witness even more expansion, growth, and improvement of city resources due to the contributions of Yemeni-Americans."

Perkins has compiled her research in a soon-to-be published book called: "Muslims in Metro Detroit: Gender and Religious Boundaries in Urban America" (NYU Press).

Quick Hits

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But we can tell you, this little wrinkle makes us want to attend very, very badly.

In the artist's accompanying statement, she states that she seeks to "evoke signs from the outcome of current cultural and social topics

through different image systems such as art history, fashion, design, and popular culture."

Let's all go find out if she has succeeded!

Get Out on the Hamtown!

This week at the library...

Toddler Time - Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. September 12-December 19. Children up to age 5 and their parents and caregivers are invited for stories & songs followed by playtime.

Talking is Teaching - Thursday, October 17@ 11:30 a.m. Do you love and care for a child who is a baby, toddler, or preschooler? Join us for this discussion with guest presenter Great Start Wayne.

Movie Night - Tuesdays @ 4:00 p.m. September 10 - December 17. Family Friendly Movies. Snacks provided!

Library Trick or Treat! - Thursday, October 31st, 11:00 a.m. -6:45 p.m. Come to the Library dressed in your costume for a treat.

November is Family Literacy Month - Join us for a kick-off event: Friday November 1, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. November 6 - November 27.

Computer Science Week - December 9-15, 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Grades 3 and up are invited to Tech Club
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Santa at the Library - Thursday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

ANIME CLUB - Every Thursday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. September 6 - December 20. Hang out, share and discover Anime and Manga. Grades 6 and up. Adults are also welcome

Public "Narcan" Training - Provided by the HDFCC and the Piast Institute, Thursday, September 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Game Night - Thursday October 10, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Grades 6 and up

Messy Art - Freestyle craft program. Thursday, November 14 @ 5:30 p.m. Grades 6 and up.

Detroit Fringe Festival Presents "The Cloud Spinner" - Join us for this family friendly Theater performance! Friday, September 20 @ 4:00 p.m.

Classic Banjo Concert and Album Tour Aaron Jonah Lewis - Friday November 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

Computer Tips - Workshop for Seniors - Friday October, 11, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

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School Bell

Safety tips

The National Safety Council reminds folks to be extra careful now that students are back to school.

Walkers:

Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child.

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic

- Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming

- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections

- Stay alert and avoid distracted walking

Biker riders:

- Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your

child.

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file

- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street

- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding

- Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing

Bus riders:

- Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them.

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus

- Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb

- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your

child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other

Driving your child to school:

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving.

- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure

- Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street

- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children

- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus

Teen drivers:

Car crashes are the number one cause of death for teens. Fortunately, there is something we can do.

- Teens crash because they are inexperienced;

practice with new drivers every week, before and after they get their license

- Set a good example; drive the way you want your teen to drive

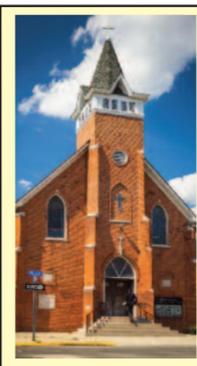
- Sign the New Driver Deal, an agreement that helps define expectations for parents and teens

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Hamtramck residents may enroll their children in Hamtramck Public Schools at the HPS Business Office, 3201 Roosevelt.

You will need to bring with you: an original birth document (raised seal birth certificate, passport, green card, visa), an up-to-date immunization record, a final 2018-2019 report card/transcript, parental identification, two current proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage statement, formal signed lease, pay stub, etc.) and proof of in-

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Sleepy driver wakes up to a downed city flagpole

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driver. The man was issued a ticket for leaving the scene of an accident.

Russ Gordon, the chairman of the Hamtramck Human Relations Commission, which initiated displaying the flags, said it could cost about \$1,500 to replace the pole.

The Bosnian flag that was on the pole was saved and not damaged.

For years, the flagpoles were not used by the city, because of the cost to replace the flags each year.

Now, the flags are flown beginning on Memorial Day, when just American

flags are displayed for the holiday week, and come down around Thanksgiving.

Gordon said the flags have to be replaced each year because of the wear and tear from the weather.

Fifteen local businesses and individuals have been contributing to a fund to purchase new flags. Each company donates \$300 a year, and in exchange, a plaque naming the company is placed on one of the flagpoles.

The city owns the flagpoles, but no money from the general fund is used

to maintain the them or the flags. The city will seek reimbursement for the pole's replacement cost from the driver or his insurance company.

Gordon has been in the forefront to get the flags displayed. He raises the flags and takes them down each year.

"It's a labor of love," he said.

He said the one thing that motivates him is the image he thinks of an immigrant child coming to the city for the first time and seeing their former country's flag on display.

"I imagine the kid sees that flag, and realizes that he is home," Gordon said. "That image keeps the project alive for me. For a lot of folks, that warms them up."

The Human Relations Commission has not been active in recent years. Nonetheless, Gordon is seeking an artist to join to help with designing graphics for upcoming projects.

Hamtramck has no shortage of artists living here. If you'd like to become a member of the commission, call Gordon at (248) 842-7373.

Passive city leaders enable bad drivers. Believe it

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unable to wait mere seconds for traffic to clear.

Inappropriate decisions and bad driving (and questionable parking) are too commonplace within these two square miles. Anyone who pays the slightest attention can see it on every block of the city every day.

This is not an exaggeration: everyday dysfunction on our streets is an accurate description.

Hamtramck-based social media pages fill up with reports of cars speeding down residential streets, school buses making illegal U-turns, buildings and houses (including my own, late last year) hit by reckless drivers.

On a walk a few days ago near my house, I heard a loud sound of an engine and tires spinning and burning rubber behind me. I stopped in my tracks to see a car speeding north on Charest from Evaline, one of the shortest blocks in the city.

From the sidewalk I watched as the car slowed down, stopped and the driver rolled down his window. It was close to 3 p.m.

It'd be a good guess that this was a student from one of the high schools.

The driver yelled out "you like all this power I got?!" Then he rolled up his window and peeled off left on Yemans in the direction of Jos. Campau. I doubt he meant to help me understand his motivation for speeding, the psychological reasons for going from zero to 60 and back to zero on that very short stretch of road.

But he did.

Power. Of course it is. The empowerment derived from commanding a two-ton machine on wheels in a community which, unfortunately, enables reckless, dangerous road habits by passively standing by and allowing it to happen.

There is a word for this kind of shared pathology: codependency, normally applied to dysfunctional human relationships. But cities and its citizenry can also fail each other in similar ways.

This piece of the definition stands out: at the core of codependent behavior exists the refusal to acknowledge a problem.

On this score Ham-

tramck residents are holding up their end, pointing out the seemingly endless dysfunction of driving culture in virtually every corner of the city.

But are city officials here acknowledging or denying this reality? In June a positive step was taken when the board of education and the city council unanimously voted to install innovative 3D crosswalks along a problematic stretch of Gallagher.

In addition, the joint body supported installing vertical traffic bollards at Lumpkin and Norwalk and Lumpkin and Edwin to deter hot rodding near Pulaski Park.

Three months later school has started and these projects have not been completed.

In the spirit of partnership that I believe goes beyond journalism and this column in particular, last week I sent an email asking City Manager Kathy Angerer, Mayor Karen Mayewski and School Board President Magdalena Srodek for updates on implementation.

Only Srodek responded

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In Our Opinion

Plans for renaming city hall could end up too costly

A few years ago, city officials agreed to rename city hall in honor of former Mayor Robert Kozaren.

Kozaren is the city's longest serving mayor. He was in office for 18 years.

He will likely go down in history as the city's most popular mayor.

For whatever reason, the plan to officially place signage on the front of city hall calling it the Robert Kozaren Municipal Center didn't go forward.

City Manager Kathy Angerer has now put the wheels in motion to redo the façade of city hall to include that signage.

It may cost a whopping

\$200,000 – that's the estimated cost at this point.

The redesign also includes making the entrance compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, something that the building is not currently in step with.

That cost estimate rattled a few city councilmembers, who questioned spending that amount in light of the city's current deficit spending and sour financial future.

Although no money will come out of the city's general fund, there are still legitimate concerns about the cost. Funding is expected to come from

donations and other revenue sources.

While it is worthy to honor the late Mayor Kozaren, even he would blanch at this cost – no matter where the money comes from.

It's not a done deal, though. Bids for the project have gone out, and the cost could end up being considerably less.

We're going to cross our fingers on this one, but we also have our doubts. It will be hard at this point – with the distinct possibility that the city could run into another financial emergency – to justify the expense.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Mental Health Authority undergoes name change

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority is changing its name to the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network in an effort to more accurately reflect the direction of the organization, which is taking a more holistic approach to the care it provides to the 75,000 children and adults it serves in Wayne County.

"We are moving more toward the intersection of behavioral and physical health to provide a fully integrated system of care to the people we serve and we wanted our name to reflect the change as well," said President and CEO Willie E. Brooks, Jr. "We want people to know we provide services and supports to a wide range of populations including children with serious emotional disturbance, those

with intellectual and developmental disabilities and individuals with substance use disorder and mental illness."

Changing the name of the organization will not affect the citizens or the services that DWMHA offers. They will continue receiving services by their Providers, in the locations they are accustomed to and they will still be able to contact any staff at the Authority, as their contact information will remain the same.

The DWIHN Board of Directors approved the name change several months ago and believes it will fully encompass all of the services and supports offered by its provider network which include ensuring quality of care, treatment and consistency to the people we

serve. In addition, the organization will continue to focus on establishing itself as a national leader that improves the behavioral and overall health of the communities it serves.

"The timing is right for this change as we are in the midst of a system transformation where we are changing the way we do business by working directly with our Service Providers and offering a more holistic approach to care," said Brooks.

"We are also beginning a pilot project, partnering with one or more Medicaid Health Plans to truly integrate mental and physical health so we can provide the best possible services and supports to people."

The name change is effective October 1, 2019

Odds & Ends

Saved... One of seven Hamtramck properties up for auction in the Wayne County tax forfeiture sale has been pulled from the sale.

According to a source, a payment was made to save a still-active bump shop at 2951 Council St.

The rest of the six properties are lots, some of which, have been incorporated into the properties next to them.

Here are the lots still listed for auction:

- 2390 Goodson St.
- 11775 Dequindre St.
- 11470 Dyar St.
- 3010 Goodson St.

- 3204 Carpenter St.
- 5184 Yemans St.

The deadline to register to participate in the auction has already passed.

Artist market... Our friend Tim Caldwell passed along a press release announcing a "Flea Arts Market" on Sept. 21 at the Lincoln Park Historical Museum (located at 1335 Southfield Rd. at Fort Park, one block west of Fort Street).

We mention this because a number of our readers like to shop at flea markets, and also a lot of artists live here.

If you'd like to set up your artwork to sell, call the museum for information and vendor fees, at (313) 386-3137, or by email at lpmuseum@gmail.com.

Vendors may sign up until Sept. 18, or until all spaces are filled.

Proceeds will go toward paying for several projects at the museum.

Also, DJ Adam Stanfel, a former Hamtramckan, will be spinning tunes from noon to 3 p.m.

The event starts at 10 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m.

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School Bell

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September 17 - Varsity Girls' Volleyball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 5:30 p.m. Away.
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Recreation Department News

For information about recreation activities, give us a call at (313) 892-2635. Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information: www.Facebook.com/HamtramckRecreationDepartment

Compiled by Janice Gandelman

Piast Institute touts its new website design

By Alan Madlane

Hamtramck's Piast Institute has remade its website.

The non-profit unveiled the recent overhaul of the site, credited mostly to their summer intern, Logan Hughes, who is a sophomore student at the University of Michigan.

Checking out the site, the ease of use and organization seem much improved. Most everything is organized under a navigation menu found on the left side of the homepage. The graphics are clear and attractive.

From the navigation bar, there are links to a statement of purpose page and a page for updates; the four drop-down menus lead the user to (A) descriptions of the institute's various programs;

(B) various groupings of the people that have made the institute go, both current and past; (C) resource links for further study, and (D) links to several ways to get involved.

A press release quotes Piast Institute CEO and Co-Founder Virginia Skrzyziarz about the changes:

"The ease of navigation in the new Piast website not only allows for the Institute to keep people better updated and informed about our programs, but it also creates an access point for people to learn more about our mission," she said.

Check them out at www.piastinstitute.org.

Get Out on the Hamtown!

Letters • Letters

Did big pharma help make pot illegal years ago?

I am writing to address the idea of having marijuana dispensaries and growth facilities in Hamtramck.

I was not born and raised in Hamtramck, although I have lived here for almost 20 years. I originally lived in the outback of the upper peninsula, a very out-of-the-way place.

When I was a young, I remember visiting a girlfriend's house, and finding her mother burning something in an ashtray and inhaling the fumes. Her daughter said she had asthma.

The stuff smelled so awful that I looked at the can that it came from, and saw that it was called cannabis, and also that her doctor had prescribed it for her, and she had bought it at the local pharmacy.

macy.

As I said, since we were a backwoods community, we were behind the times with a lot of things. When I asked my grandmother about it, she said she knew other people who were also prescribed it by their doctors.

Not many years later, it was outlawed. I remember my very political parents discussing it at the dinner table, and their feeling was that drug companies had contrived to make it illegal and "dangerous," because they wanted doctors to prescribe the new drugs that they were coming up with.

All this I know from my own experience.

Maryann Whitty Hamtramck

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AUTO AUCTION

Car Rescue LLC., holding public car auction, Monday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m., at 10230 Livernois Ave., Detroit. 9/13



By Charles Sercombe

This week's crime Log covers Sept. 3-8

Tuesday, Sept. 3

- At almost midnight, a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.

- A resident was arrested in the 2000 block of Belmont St. for domestic assault.

- At 3:15 a.m., a blue Dodge Challenger in the 3800 block of Miller St. was pushed away by someone driving a Jeep.

- A vehicle was stolen in the area of Circle Dr. and Oklahoma.

- A theft was reported in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.

- A resident from Adrian was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

- A resident reported that their bicycle was stolen in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

- A resident reported being assaulted while on Burger St.

- A resident reported a suspicious person in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.

- A resident reported fraudulent activity in the 2000 block of Trowbridge St.

- A resident was arrested in the 12000 block of Dyar St. for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

Thursday, Sept. 5

- The owner of a 2003 Dodge Caravan reported that their vehicle was stolen in the 2400 block of Holbrook.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant for carrying a concealed weapon and for possessing narcotics.

- A resident reported a suspicious person in the area of Holbrook and Brombach.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the area of Conant and Caniff.

Friday, Sept. 6

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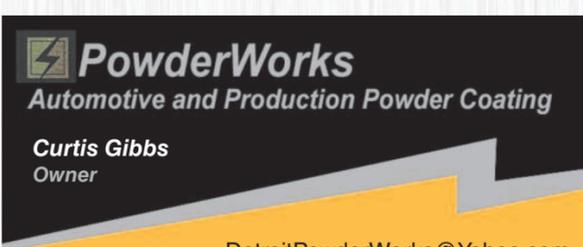
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Coming events

WEDNESDAYS, 7 p.m., every second Wednesday of the month – The 3C7 and Midtown Block meets at 2339 Caniff PCS Senior Day Center. This block club includes all residents and businesses west of Jos. Campau and north of Holbrook.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14, 2-4 p.m. – Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski Street at Fleming. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY, Sept. 20, 4-8p.m. – All-you-can eat taco buffet to benefit (\$7 per person) Detroit Friendship House at the Hamtramck Moose Lodge, located at 9421 Conant.

MONDAY, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. – Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Monday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.



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• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Gallagher and Doremus.

• A resident reported a suspicious phone call from a person attempting to get personal information.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Charest and Casmere.

• A resident in the 12000 block of Klinger St. reported a break-in.

Saturday, Sept. 7

• A resident in the 2600 block of Casmere

St. reported that they were improperly evicted from their home.

• An agent for a business in the 3300 block of Hamtramck Dr. reported a break-in.

• A person was arrested for multiple traffic offenses.

Sunday, Sept. 8

• A resident was arrested at Carpenter and Lumpkin for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

• A Detroit resident

was arrested in the 13000 block of Klinger St. for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

• A resident from Warren was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

Monday, Sept. 9

• A business on Vincent St. reported a break-in.

• A Gallagher St. resident reported that someone stole a backpack from her porch.

• A resident reported that they were assaulted around 4 p.m. while at Jos. Campau and Caniff.

Jobs study points to many needs in the coming years

By Alan Madlane

Want to know what tomorrow's hot occupations will be?

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) recently released a study on future career trends.

Spoiler alert: It's the trades.

The report is titled, "Future Skills: Preparing for the Changing World of Work," and has as its main aim the notion of better developing the area's vocational talent base.

This is to include: updating educational and training systems; offering strategies for dealing with evolving work environments; and completing the broadening of hiring practices.

Hamtramck's future job seekers might welcome that SEMCOG and MAC are putting their formidable resources to bear, toward making it easier to identify or change career paths.

Broadly, the organizations' ideas fall into four main categories: to cre-

ate and promote a framework for lifelong learning; to build a support system for pursuing multiple career pathways simultaneously (the "streams of income" approach); to promote ease of collaboration between higher education, employer networks and facilitators like SEMCOG; and to increase labor force participation, by ensuring the development of truly qualified workers across the spectrum of current and foreseeable occupations.

The aim is to try to keep ahead of the curve as technology, demographics, and evolving trends swirl in a seemingly ever-more-quickly changing world.

The aim is also to try to retain the area's talent, not lose it to other regions, states or countries.

The study found a number of issues presenting puzzles to be solved in order to reach those goals.

There are shortages of qualified candidates in many local labor areas.

Skills aren't in place for

many would-be candidates. Populations are disconnected from opportunities, the old metro area plague of poor transportation choices no doubt affecting the picture substantially. Lack of support services, such as trustworthy child/elder/disabled care, create huge barriers toward keeping jobs, getting to work on time, etc.

Schools – K-12 and post-high school both – need to better understand predictive models for future varieties of careers, and plan courses and counseling accordingly.

Fortunately for Hamtramck High School students, the district has taken steps to set up a vocational training program.

Employers also need to know how to better train, and how to adapt to employee situations with more flexibility, the study said.

Government support programs must be cutting edge, streamlined and effective.

And relentless.

Passive city leaders enable bad drivers. Believe it

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saying she was also looking for updates from the city manager, adding "It is my understanding that there are some issues with the company that won the bid to complete the job.

"I hope these issues are resolved in a timely manner as school has already started and I had hopes that all of these wonderful improvements were to be completed prior to Labor Day weekend and the start of school. They have not and this is very disappointing."

Yes, it is very disappointing. Also, sadly ironic that my column in June ended with this quote from outgoing schools Superintendent Tom Niczay

"Partnerships are everything. Partnerships are the future."

Are cool crosswalks and traffic bollards the only answer? Of course not. Full on engagement by city and schools, neighborhood leaders and just regular folks coming together as community partners can begin to solve the problem of dangerous, potentially deadly road behavior.

Community members in Detroit are doing it together, implementing calming strategies like a series of traffic humps on Klinger and Fenelon, reducing speeds because residents in the redeveloping Banglatown neighborhood demanded it.

We are well past the

point of discovery. It is time to make sharp demands for public safety. We know there is a grave problem, and it's ever present. I will ask again openly and transparently, my only motive to bring sanity and safety to Hamtramck streets:

Kathy Angerer, Police Chief Anne Moise, Mayor Majewski and city council members, are you listening to us?

Hamtramck writer and native Walter Wasacz has been negotiating the city's streets on foot since 1963, when he began walking to Veterans Memorial Park to play Bantam League Baseball. He still walks and writes every day.

Tentative agreement reached to preserve Yemeni mural

By Charles Sercombe

There is a good chance that the Yemeni mural on the southend will be saved.

In a press release issued by Bill Meyer, of OneHamtramck, a tentative agreement was reached with the owner of the lot next to the mural.

The owner of the lot, Ali Alzubairi, was planning to

be once a memorandum of understanding is signed, which is expected to happen later this month.

Alzubairi was asking for \$80,000 for the lot, and a complex land swap involving city-owned lots to allow him relocate his building.

In his press release, Meyer confirmed the deal does involve Alzubairi going forward with his proj-

eral hours.

Another detail did emerge in the press release, which said the lot next to the mural will be turned into a park.

The mural depicts people and scenes from Yemen, and it is considered by many to be one of the best murals in the city.

In his press release, Meyer had this to say



The city's beloved Yemeni mural may not be obstructed after all. A tentative agreement has been reached to save the mural.

build a two-story building in the lot that would have blocked the view of the mural, which is located at Jos. Campau and Goodson.

OneHamtramck paid about \$20,000 to have the mural painted, but the group did not secure the lot next to it.

Details of the agreement were not released, but will

ect in "adjoining lots."

Meyer said negotiations, held on Aug. 29 in city hall, were conducted by a number of folks, including Hamtramck City Manager Kathy Angerer, Sam Alasri from the Yemeni American Political Action Committee (YAPAC) and law professor and professional mediator Khaled Beydoun.

The meeting lasted sev-

about the mural and the tentative deal:

"The Yemen mural project was created to draw attention to the marginalized Arab community in the south side of Hamtramck, and also to help develop its local business community, so the agreement that was reached satisfies this win-win goal."

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