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Quick Hits

Club donates to Hamtramck's public safety

By Charles Sercombe
Hamtramck firefighters and police officers received an extra hand this week.

Local members of the John W. Smith Old Timer's Club donated \$1,000 to our first responders so they can purchase personal protection equipment during this coronavirus crisis.

They'll be able to buy needed masks and gloves, which there are never enough of in this type of crisis.

The Club, by the way, was named in honor of former Detroit Mayor John W. Smith, who was known as the "poor man's mayor" back during the Great Depression in the 1930s.

Smith was known for giving down-and-out folks money from his own pocket.

The Club has mainly focused on donating to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, but has also donated to

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Governor orders the public to stay home until April 13

By Charles Sercombe
On Monday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued an order for people to stay at home and limit their outside activity through April 13.

She also ordered that all "non-essential" businesses close. The hope to is limit the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.

The business closings have caused some confusion as to which are being allowed to remain open to the public.

First of all, school closings remain in effect, and must remain so through April 13. Restaurants and bars are also closed, ex-



Volunteers with Gleaners Community Food Bank handed out free boxes of food to residents on Monday at the Hamtramck Town Center parking lot. Over 300 residents were served.

cept for allowed carryout and delivery services.

So, what businesses and services can remain open?

We know a number of Hamtramckans will be relieved to know that liquor stores can remain open.

Also, the following busi-

nesses can continue:
• Grocery stores and markets

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Mayor Karen Majewski addressed the community about the coronavirus pandemic last Sunday via Facebook.

Mayor gives an update on city services in this time of crisis

By Charles Sercombe
Last Sunday, Mayor Karen Majewski reached out to the community about the coronavirus pandemic via a social media chat.

Here follows some of the highlights of her 17-minute talk on Facebook:

If you haven't heard by

now, Hamtramck has one confirmed case of coronavirus. No details about this person has been released.

Water shutoffs have been put on hold, just like in Detroit.

Hamtramck City Hall will be closed until further notice.

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Bond election postponed

By Charles Sercombe
School officials will have to wait a few months to see if voters will approve a \$35 million bond proposal.

It's another setback caused by the coronavirus pandemic that is sweeping the country and the world.

At a special meeting last Thursday, the Hamtramck Board of Education decided to postpone the election, which had been scheduled for May 5, until the August 4th Primary Election.

The action was taken at the urging of the Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, who told communities that were holding special elections on May 5 to either postpone them until the primary election, or have voters vote by absentee ballot only.

There is a concern that the coronavirus will still be active even in May, and at this point health officials have no firm idea when it will subside.

As of Thursday, when we went to print, there were 300,000 cases worldwide and over 20,000 deaths caused

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Governor orders the public to stay home until April 13

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- Police and fire
- Utilities
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Bond election postponed

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by it.

In the US, there are over 60,000 cases, and 800 deaths, and in Michigan there are over 2,300 cases and over 40 deaths.

There is one case, so far, in Hamtramck.

Health officials expect the spread of the virus to swell in the coming days.

As for the school bond proposal, the public school district is seeking

voter approval of 7 mills over the next 30 years. That will raise about \$35 million.

The money raised will be used to make numerous repairs and renovations to school buildings, as well as to construct a new three-story school next to Kosciuszko Middle School.

It has been estimated that the bond will cost the average homeowner an additional \$200 to

\$300 a year in property taxes.

Anyone who already voted by absentee ballot for the May election will automatically get another absentee vote (AV) ballot for the August primary, said City Clerk August Gitschlag.

If you have not yet returned your absentee ballot for the May election, there is no need to do so.

HHS basketball hero in line to be inducted into NBA Hall of Fame

By Joe Myrick

Special to The Review

Out of 30 teams in the NBA, only 20 have won NBA Championships. Out of everyone in history to win titles as part of one of those teams, would you believe one of them hails from Hamtramck?

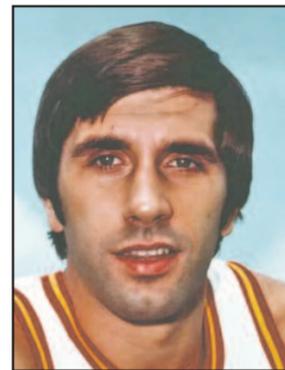
His name is Rudy Tomjanovich, and alongside legends like Kobe Bryant and Tim Duncan, he is currently a nominee to be inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame class of 2020.

Born and raised in Hamtramck, Tomjanovich played ball at Hamtramck High School at the forward position, before graduating in 1966 and attending U of M the following year.

Already a standout in high school, his game only improved in college, by virtue of his averaging 25.1 points per game while making the All-Big-Ten 1st Team in the 1968-69 and 1969-70 seasons.

Unsurprisingly, he was billed as a top prospect for the league.

Upon declaring for the



Rudy Tomjanovich

NBA Draft in 1970, he was picked second overall by the then-San Diego Rockets (the team would relocate to Houston a year later). Currently, Tomjanovich is still the fourth-leading scorer in Houston Rockets' history – behind James Harden, Calvin Murphy, and Hakeem Olajuwon.

In 11 years in the league, Tomjanovich scored 13,383 points and made the All Star team five times. Even at 11 years, his career was cut short due to a now infamous Dec. 9, 1977 game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

A physical altercation between Kermit Washington and Kevin Kunnert

broke out, and started a brawl of sorts. Tomjanovich ran up behind Washington, intending to break up the fight and save his teammate Kunnert. but on instinct, Washington shattered Tomjanovich's face. A hush came over the crowd, as blood seeped out of Tomjanovich's face upon the impact.

Miraculously, Tomjanovich survived, and even returned the following season, but clearly his skill level had suffered from the injury. Before the injury, he averaged 21.5 points a game. Two seasons later, he was averaging 11.6.

He was ultimately forced to retire in 1981.

Still, he transitioned into becoming a talent scout for the Rockets, then an assistant coach, and eventually a head coach.

As head coach, he steered his team to two NBA Championships in 1994 and 1995.

He also coached Team USA to a gold medal win in the 2000 Summer

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This week at the library...

Dear Library Patrons,

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The Library will remain closed until April 13.

In the meantime, we encourage you to try our new service, Hoopla, available through the library website.

We will keep you informed of any changes on the website and on social media.

During this emergency closure no late fees will be assessed.

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.

Second Front Page

School Bell

From the superintendent

Regarding Hamtramck's school breakfast and lunch distribution, Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed is expanding the program: "In order to make it easier for some of our families that do not have transportation, we have added a new location for students to get both breakfast and lunch meals.

"Families have an option to go to the new location instead of the school. The new location is near the housing commission. Food distribution at the new location will begin tomorrow, Monday, March 23."

Also, regarding Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's directive for all non-essential employees to stay home until April 13, Ahmed had this to say earlier this week:

"We ended our workday today at noon to give our staff and families time to prepare. Many of you have been requesting information about the scheduled spring break, based on the Governor's order, we will continue to have the scheduled spring break, however note that the Stay Home-Stay Safe order is in place during that duration.

"... We will resume our remote learning. All staff are available during the normal school hours to support students with their learning.

"We are grateful for our Food Service team; they will continue to serve our families with both the breakfast and lunch meals.

"Be safe and let's continue to work together as information continues to evolve."

HHS sports

Congratulations go out to Hamtramck High

School basketball player Javier Whitaker.

He won a recent metro area fan poll for player of the week with 15,691 votes out of a total 27,279 cast, for several players competing for the honor.

Whitaker recently made eight – yes, eight – three-point shots in a district semi-final game. He scored a total of 28 points in that game, against Grosse Pointe South. The Cosmos won 78-67.

You can bet he is going to go on to a very successful college career.

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- Mostek Paint & Glass
- Danny D / All Star Amusement
- Krakus Restaurant
- Polish Sea League

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over 100 other organizations that help the needy.

Here is a rundown of what the local club has donated to this month alone:

- Capuchin Soup Kitchen – \$7,500
- Hamtramck Goodfellows – \$1,000
- Hamtramck Friendship House – \$1,000
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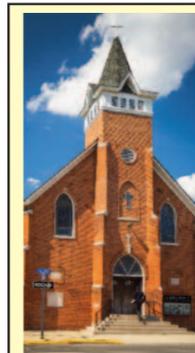


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SATURDAY, May 30, 10a.m.-2p.m. – The annual Health Hike takes place at Pulaski Park (9625 Lumpkin St.), featuring a 5K and 1 mile fun run, face painting, lunch, yoga, raffle drawing and more.

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• Early Childhood Elementary (ECE)	ECE <i>or</i> <i>*New location</i>	9:00 am- 12:00 pm	Main office door by parking lot (Charest Street)
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Kosciuszko Middle School, 2333 Burger, Hamtramck, MI 48212
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The breakfast and lunch program will begin on Tuesday, March 17th - Friday, April 3rd. If you encounter any issues, please contact Mrs. Lynem at slynem@hamtramckschools.org

Mayor gives an update on city services in this time of crisis

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But you can still pay city bills online or through any DivDat kiosk in the area. There is also a kiosk in the entrance of city hall, which is still open to the public.

The city council will continue to hold its regular meetings, as well as a special meeting it already held on Monday, March 23. But they will be doing this by conference call, which the public can hear via the

council's YouTube site.

Building inspections are on hold.

Police and fire services will continue, but if you call the police department for help, you will be asked a few questions: Namely, whether you have COVID-19, a cough or a fever.

Federal, state and city income tax deadlines have been pushed forward to July. In other words, you don't have to

file your taxes until July.

Garbage service remains the same.

The state has banned evictions.

The city's grocery stores and markets have been given instructions on handling their food and taking steps to keep their stores sanitary. Customers are encouraged to practice social distancing.

You can read her complete speech below.

What to do during a quarantine and getting checked up

During this coronavirus pandemic, many folks have questions about what to do.

The National Alliance of Mental Illness offers these tips.

I'm quarantined or working from home – lonely and isolated even further – what can I do?

To help overcome uncertainty, normality and routine that mirrors life's daily patterns and practices can be helpful. If working from home, we encourage you to create a structured, dedicated work environment and



maintain a regular routine with the work hours that are usually worked, including keeping up with morning rituals. Dressing in regular work attire and taking regular breaks, including lunch time, may also be helpful.

I don't have health insurance or a regular doctor – how can I get care?

Having health insurance is essential for people with mental health conditions to get the right care at the right time. We recommend you buy safely by going to www.health-

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build in self-care as well as daily benchmarks of achievement.

Structure and routine may be helpful for people with mental health vulnerabilities, especially during times of uncertainty. We encourage you to main-

The mayor's speech on the coronavirus crisis ...

The following is the text of Mayor Karen Majewski's address, held on Sunday, March 22 through a live stream on Facebook, to the city regarding the COVID-19 crisis:

Hello. As-salaam 'alaykum. Dzień dobry. Dobar dan. Dobry den. Mirëdita. Namaskar.

Thank you for tuning in. I know you've all got questions and concerns about COVID-19 here in Hamtramck. As mayor of this great city, I'm here to give you some information about this crisis and what your city administration is doing to keep you as safe as possible and keep the city running; to tell you about some of the resources that are out there to help you; to give a shout out to some grass roots efforts you and your neighbors have been organizing; and to let you know some ways you can help.

A text version of these remarks will be posted on the City of Hamtramck Facebook page and website shortly after we are done here. That text will contain active links and phone numbers, so you do not have to urgently scribble that information down.

As you know, City Hall has been closed all

week, and will continue to be closed until further notice. Despite that, like many of you, many of our staff have been working remotely and keeping their normal work schedule, so don't hesitate to reach out by phone or email if you have an issue.

You can always reach the City Manager Kathy Angerer at 313-800-5208 and kangerer@hamtramck-city.com. She stands ready along with our department heads to answer your questions and address your concerns as quickly as possible. As always, in an emergency, dial 911.

A lot of you have had the same questions, so I'll answer a few of them here. But remember that as this emergency continues, our strategies may have to change, so it's still best to check with our very competent staff for day-to-day concerns.

Many of you have been asking about your water and tax bills. The state and federal tax deadlines have been pushed to July, and our city income tax deadline will also move to that new deadline. For those of you seeking a refund, submit as soon you can and those refunds will be processed.

During this crisis, in the interest of public safety and your well being, we are joining with our neighboring municipalities in suspending water shut-offs so you continue to have access to clean water. Of course we know you're concerned about not falling behind on your payments, so although city hall is closed, you can still pay your water and tax bills in several ways 24 hours a day—

through the city website, through the divdat app, and at the kiosks in the city hall vestibule, at Krown Grocery, and at Walter's Party Store and at DivDat kiosks throughout metro Detroit.

<https://hamtramck.us/>

You've also been asking about other city services. Garbage pickup is continuing as normal. If your garbage hasn't been picked up on time, please contact Priority Waste, just as before. Most building permits and inspections are on hold because we want to limit person-to-person exposure, but emergencies are still being addressed. Please call 586-228-1200 if you have an urgent situation.

Some of you have also asked about evictions and other court matters.

These issues are under the jurisdiction of the 31st District Court, and most non-criminal cases have been adjourned until after May 1st. For more detailed information, please call the court directly or see their website.

<http://www.31stdistrictcourt.net/>

Our Police and Fire Departments continue to work on the front lines, but with extra caution, following Center of Disease Control guidelines. So Fire Department tours and visitations are on hold.

And when you call our police department, you'll be asked a few extra questions before we dispatch our officers. You'll be asked whether anyone has a cough, fever, flu symptoms, or has received a positive COVID-19 test result. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our officers safe.

Yesterday, in coordination with our Police and Fire Departments, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk, my office issued a temporary emergency directive addressing public health concerns at our grocery stores and markets.

It establishes requirements for signage, social distancing, food displays,

and sanitation protocols. Each affected business will be personally notified so that any questions can be addressed and everyone is aware of the new rules.

There's no denying that this will be an inconvenience for our merchants - some of which had already established their own safety protocols - and for their customers. I am one of those customers, and for a while at least nothing will be as easy as it was just a few days ago. But our first priority has to be public health and safety, so I ask for your understanding and patience.

Finally, with Governor Whitmer's directive allowing essential public meetings to be held virtually, City Council meetings will continue, but via conference call, which you can listen to on the city YouTube channel. You'll be able to submit written statements and questions for public comment, and we're working out the details for live submissions. Our first virtual meeting will be a special meeting at 7 p.m. this Monday, March 23. I'm sure there'll be some glitches, but please bear with us and we'll get it all worked out.

As I hope you see, the

city of Hamtramck is figuring out how we can continue to safely do our work for YOU. That has also been the focus of the 31st District Court and of our Hamtramck Public School system, which even while classes are not in session is working with students and their parents to guide instruction and distribute free meals.

This network extends to our county and state partners as well. I applaud Governor Whitmer for her decisive leadership in declaring a state of emergency, closing schools, limiting the size of public gatherings, extending unemployment benefits, and restricting price gouging.

These are actions which are largely beyond the scope of cities to enact, but which are part of - and I hope just the beginning of - the expanding safety net that we are going to need.

The pandemic is shining a glaring light on the vast economic inequities from which we have long suffered and which make Hamtramck especially vulnerable in a disaster like this. City leadership is focused on advocating for you as we work every day with these partners

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Governor takes steps to protect homeowners and renters

By Charles Sercombe

Besides ordering the public to stay at home as much as possible, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has taken further action this past week.

She has also barred evictions of renters through April 17.

For those who can't work during the business closings, unemployment benefits have been expanded.

Late on paying your

property taxes? The state has moved the deadline for paying taxes to avoid foreclosures from March 29 to May 29, or 30 days after the state of emergency is lifted, whichever comes first.

She has allowed public bodies to hold meetings via

telecommunications, but the public must have access to viewing or hearing the meetings and be able to submit questions.

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

School board now has more time to promote its bond proposal

The Hamtramck Public School Board did the responsible thing by postponing its bond election.

The board had planned to hold a special election on May 5, but at the request of the Michigan Secretary of State, rescheduled it for the Aug. 4 Primary Election.

This came about because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The full force of the virus has yet to hit this country, but health officials are estimating that millions of Americans will come down

with it.

Holding an election in May could have exposed more voters to the virus, although it was likely that if the vote went on, voters would have been forced to participate by absentee ballot only.

By waiting for the August primary, the school board will be spared the expense of holding an election, which costs about \$15,000. That's because the city already has an election scheduled for August, so there is no added cost for the school district to piggyback onto

it.

The district is seeking approval of 7 mills to be added to property taxes, in order to do numerous repairs and renovations – and even to build a much-needed new school building.

It will be no easy accomplishment for the district to get voters behind this proposal.

But the district now has additional time to make its case to the voters.

Above all, kudos to the school board for putting the health and safety of voters above its bond proposal.

Odds & Ends

On hold... Le Rouge have gone noir.

As you have probably already surmised, the NISA – the National Independent Soccer Association, of which Detroit City Football Club is a member – has postponed the Spring portion of their schedule.

In accordance with the governor's edict, the suspension of games will last eight weeks (from the time the order of the closure of stadiums first came down from her office on March 16).

The league is hoping to resume play on or around May 10, but of course no one knows if that will play out exactly to plan, or if further postponements or even full cancellations will have to occur.

And obviously, the NISA is not the only sports league, or for that matter entertainment-related industry whose plans are up in the air.

One thing's for sure – this is one virus that could use a good header.

Into outer space, say.

Virus reminder... The state of Michigan has issued the following reminder about the coronavirus:

Patients with con-

firmed infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is to:

- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, call your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, call the nearest hospital.

• Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

• Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

• Avoid contact with people who are sick.

• If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.

• Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

Don't do this... During these times of extreme hand cleanliness, antimicrobial wipes are a good thing.

However, too much of a good thing can result in a bad thing. And that's what's happening now, in one respect, with those little cloths.

They're getting flushed down toilets, and gumming up the works.

Unless they specifically indicate that they are flushable and biodegradable, if such a product even exists in this case, then they should be presumed to be not-so.

Plumbers now report seeing a huge increase in the offending items in people's pipes, what with the coronavirus having so many more folks relying on them to try to keep safe. And those same folks are seeing a huge increase in fewer "wallet presidents."

Meaning, their cash is going down the drain. Even if it's about the only thing that is.

So, take a friendly tip, throw those used hand wipes out in a proper trash can, and spare yourself the indignity of a plumber's visit.

You know what happens when those guys bend over.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

You are not alone, and together we can overcome

By Arif Huskic

Many will say, or are saying, that we are now under a test from God Almighty, being quarantined due to the epidemic coronavirus disease COVID-19.

I would say that this is a warning, and that the situation is very difficult and serious for all God's creatures.

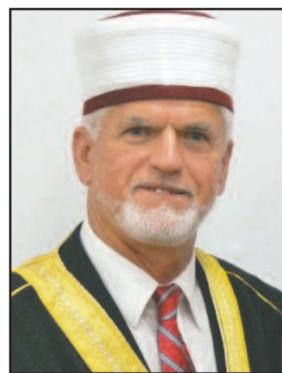
But, I believe that this can provide an example of how we can really live together, and spread our love to our own, and each other's, families and neighborhoods.

We are taught about love, morality, obedience, heaven and hell; God Almighty still loves us as His servants. Even if we have not done enough until now, we must continue to strive to do good.

It is understandable that some of us, perhaps many of us, have made mistakes and committed sins in the past, but now is the time to repent and to live life better, by obeying God Almighty and following His guidance in our governmental executive orders and instructions.

Religious Councils have issued statements to close down places of worship and even the greatest holy places in the world, but nothing can close our hearts, nor stop the continuation of our religious practices and beliefs.

This kind of situation



Arif Huskic

has been with us before, and may be here again after we are gone. It has been suggested by all of our religious and governmental leaders to stay home, and worship the same as we do in our places of worship on daily or weekly basis. As every day is a holy day in one sense, so you may stay at home and enjoy holiness, even alone, if need be.

No one knows how long a period of time we will be quarantined, two weeks or maybe much longer, but let's use this opportunity to learn how to live with our own families. How to say to each other, I love you. I love you for sake of God. Or just, I love you; it will change the atmosphere in the house under any circumstances.

Let's learn how to respect our elders, parents, marriages and children, how to share each other's love among ourselves, and how to remind each other of spiritual life and God's existence.

Let's learn how to make

coffee and tea, and how to cook different meals.

Do not get tired of learning, teaching and preaching. Do not be tired of doing good for others.

Let's soften our hearts to each other, and love one another. Let's forgive our shortcomings, and improve our communication and mutual understanding. Do not be afraid of COVID-19, and do not panic.

Let's pray for our medical doctors and their staff members and all the medical teams; for our police officers and agencies, for our armed forces, for our legislators and leadership, for our educators, for community businesses owners, for our labor force, for all affected people – pray for good health everywhere, or for fast recovery if one is ill.

Pray too for our families, and for all who donate their time, or even their blood, too, and thank them all for doing great services for us, and for Humanity.

Let's offer our volunteered services in our community wherever we can fit in.

I am Bosnian by birth, and a proud American citizen. I live in Michigan. I personally offer my translation services to all people from the former Yugoslavia, but any other people should feel free to

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to craft workarounds and create new programs and practices to meet these unprecedented circumstances in ways that serve you and make the city stronger going forward.

Corporations, businesses, nonprofits, and community groups have also stepped up to serve. Here are a few statewide resources to help you and your loved ones – or places you can consider helping – during the COVID-19 pandemic:

2-1-1 — Call 2-1-1 from any phone to be connected to a list of statewide resources for everything from food and diapers to rental assistance and bus fare.

Consider donating blood. The American Red Cross is in desperate need of blood donations. <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>

Crisis Connections — 1-866-427-4747 — This 24/7 number provides immediate support and resources for people in emotional crisis and will help determine if you or your loved one need professional help. They provide immediate translation into 155 languages.

Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 — This 24/7/365 service from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provides crisis counseling for people going through both natural and human-caused disasters. It's free, multilingual and confidential. You can also text Talk-WithUs to 66746.

The State Unemployment Office will extend benefits to workers who are sick, quarantined or taking care of family members who are ill. First responders in the public health community who became ill or quarantined due to exposure are also eligible. Self-employed workers and independent contractors who don't have access to unemployment insurance will now have access to benefits. Call 1-866-500-0017.

Comcast is offering free internet access to low-income families. Internet and cable will not be suspended. Contact your provider for more information.

Michigan Small Business During COVID-19 offers guidance for small-business owners, including an expanded low interest loan program. See this website for most current information <https://www.michigan.gov/.../0,9753,7-406-98158-522285-,00.h...>

United Way has set up funds to help families with health care, financial resources and other services. <https://unitedway-sem.org/support211/...>

USBG National Charity Foundation is offering grant assistance to bartenders and their families. <https://www.usbgfoundation.org/.../www.usbgfoundation.org/beap>

In Hamtramck, Gleaners will be distributing food on Monday—that's tomorrow, March 23—at the corner of Holbrook and Joseph Campau from 11 am - 2 pm. As already mentioned, the Hamtramck Public Schools distributes food for students each day at various sites. See the Hamtramck Public Schools website for more information.

www.hamtramckschools.org/home

But beyond these established programs, I want to give a shout out to so many of you who have stepped up and figured out ways to help your neighbor. I know that many of you are doing this at your own expense, and when you may also be out of work or financially unstable.

We're a city of small independent businesses, and we're especially vulnerable to any economic downturn. What's more, much of our local economy is centered on food and entertainment, and many of these businesses have been forced to close or drastically restrict their operations and staff.

And yet these individuals, organizations, and businesses have demonstrated over and over again their generosity, their neighborliness, their ingenuity, and their humanity. They—you—make Hamtramck proud, and worth standing up for.

I hesitate to name names, because I know I'll leave someone out and opportunities keep evolving, but several restaurants are offering discounts and free delivery in the city limits, and Hamtramck Moose Lodge's Friday fish dinner crew is delivering free to seniors; Friendship House, J&E Community Response, and Our Lady Queen of Apostles have been distributing free food; Muslim Family Services is offering limited rental, utility, and food assistance to people of all faiths.

And individuals have been compiling lists of local residents willing to help their neighbors with

things like meal and medicine delivery; the public Facebook group Hamtramck COVID-19 Response is a good place to keep up with this constantly changing menu of information, as is the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Center Facebook page, set up by Rev. Sharon Buttry, which includes a tab for requesting or offering help. Everyone, it seems, wants to help. And that should make us all proud and give us all hope.

www.facebook.com/groups/1897663190377647/

www.facebook.com/coronavirus_info

Muslim Family Services, Director Ms. Summi Uddin 313-366-6800

If anyone else has services to offer, please share your info here on the City's page.

So far we have one confirmed COVID-19 case in Hamtramck. I know you join with me in wishing that person a speedy and

full recovery, and in hoping that this case is our only one. But we are all vulnerable, and all profoundly affected by this virus in ways we never could have imagined just a week ago.

We're all adjusting to this new reality and the fears and challenges it brings. And we can't even join together in the ways we used to in order to bolster each other's courage and bear each other's burdens. We have to find new ways to do that, from 6 feet away, at least for now. And that's what so many of you are doing.

So here we are, Hamtramckans. Here we are—our city administration and public servants, our community and statewide partners, our business owners and their employees, our institutional leaders and staff, our faith communities, our friends, families, and neighbors.

Here we are, you and me and us, together cre-

ating Hamtramck's response to this threat. We don't know how long this emergency will last. But we do know that Hamtramck has lasted for nearly 100 years. We know that we are resilient. We know what we need to do, and we're all figuring out how to get it done.

Thanks to all of you for being so cooperative with those who are on the front lines. To those in our medical community, our police and fire, our grocery store and restaurant workers, small business owners, and all those who are providing help and care during this time. Thank you. Shukran. Dzikujiemy. Dyakuyu. Hvala. Falemindirit. Dhan'yabada.

I wish you all good health and happiness. Take care of yourselves. Stay home. Wash your hands. And look out for each other. Like you always do.



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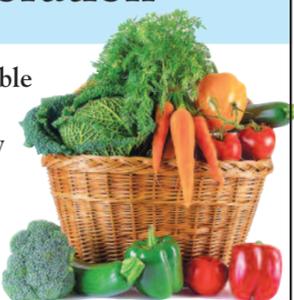
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 17-23.

Tuesday, March 17

• No incident report was available for this date.

Wednesday, March 18

• Grosse Pointe auto theft investigators recovered a car stolen out of Hamtramck.

• A driver fled from officers attempting a traffic stop. Officers called off their pursuit.

Thursday, March 19

• A Moran St. resident reported a suspicious situation.

Friday, March 20

• A hit-and-run accident occurred in the area of Holbrook and Lumpkin.

• A narcotics investigation was carried out in the 12000 block of Sobieski St.

• A resident of St. Clair Shores was arrested for being wanted on a warrant for armed robbery.

Saturday, March 21

• At about 2 a.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious circumstance in the 2300 block of Poland St.

• At about 5 a.m., a "crew" of suspects broke into a pharmacy in the 11500 block of Jos. Campau. After a police chase, officers arrested a Detroit resident and a Warren resident.

• A resident was arrested in the 2600 block of Casmere St. for domestic assault.

• The owner of a Dodge minivan reported that his vehicle was stolen while it was parked in the 11700 block of Klinger St.

• A person was issued a trespassing warning in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

Sunday, March 22

• At 6 a.m., four Detroit residents were arrested at Jos. Campau and Jacob for firing a gun, drunk driving, and carrying a weapon without a permit.

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HHS basketball hero in line to be inducted into NBA Hall of Fame

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Olympics. He briefly coached for the Lakers – ironically enough – in 2004, but resigned after 41 games due to mental and physical exhaustion. He stayed on with the team as a consultant.

Now, he could be joining the Hall of Fame in August. Out of 50 names nominated, Tomjanovich is one of among eight finalists who could go in.

All he needs is 18 votes from the Hall of Fame selection committee's 24 members. He's been a finalist before and failed to make it in, but with the fi-

nalist selection list being shorter this year than usual, his chances seem greater this time.

We will know for sure on



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• At 9:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Hamtramck Town Center strip mall, where two males were seen carrying a gun. The gun turned out to be a BB gun. The two suspects were arrested

Tomjanovich's induction status come April 4, when the formal announcement of the 2020 inductants is made.

for possession of a replica firearm.

Monday, March 23

• No incident report was available for this date.

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In this critical time, we

offer our sincere prayers for peace, unity, and help for one another; these are most important. May God Almighty forgive us, and guide us and keep us on His path. Amen.

(Imam Arif Huskic is an Interfaith Minister and President and Founder of Common Word Alliance Clergy Interfaith Organization.)

What to do during a quarantine and getting checked up

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care.gov to see if you qualify for affordable options:

•All health plans offered through Health-Care.gov must cover mental health and substance use services at the same level as other health conditions.

•Even if open enrollment is over for the year, healthcare.gov will see if you can enroll in commercial insurance because of certain qualifications. It will also see if you qualify for Medicaid, which you can enroll in at any time.

If you can't get insurance or need treatment right away:

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Find a federally funded health center near you at <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>. National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics at <https://www.nafcclinics.org/> offers a Find A Clinic function on its website.

For resources on medical/non-mental health (children's health care, dental care, eye care, women's health), the Free Clinic Directory at

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