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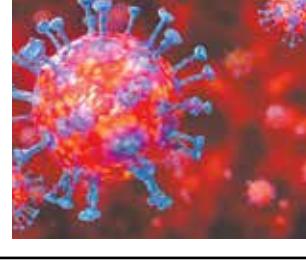
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## Quick Hits

### Another COVID crackdown

By Alan Madlane

Well, we knew it was coming.

With positive coronavirus cases ballooning in every corner of Michigan, as well as all around the country, and hospital emergency rooms filling fast, it was only a matter of time before restrictions came down again, this time from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Those restrictions came down on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m., when Gov. Whitmer called a press conference to announce the MDHHS closure of bars and restaurants (except for carry-out), movie houses/theaters/arenas, casinos, arcades, bowling alleys, skating rinks and indoor water parks for at least the next three weeks, beginning Nov. 18.

Group fitness classes are also out, although strangely there was not a restriction placed on individual workouts (beyond any capacity restrictions), in spite of the fact that exercising people obviously breathe harder, and thus can potentially better spread the virus when participating in such activity.

She has also given the order for all high schools

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### City awarded mini-grant to crack down on pedestrian injuries

By Alan Madlane

Hamtramck was one of a dozen, mostly southeastern Michigan cities that were just awarded short-term grants by the state's Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Others so regaled were the relatively nearby communities of Detroit, Dearborn, Warren, Sterling Heights, Southfield, Farmington Hills, Macomb Township and Pontiac, as well as Flint and Flint Township, and Kalamazoo.

The grants provided a week's worth of extra law enforcement vigilance to benefit pedestrians, between the dates of Oct. 15-21.

The bad, or sad, news is, that these cities were selected because of their being amongst the highest in numbers of pedestrian-involved serious injury or fatality accidents over the past five-year period.

The stats were actu-

ally a bit surprising, in the sense that, over the period considered (2015-2019), Hamtramck was next to last with only 16 total such incidents, for an average of just over three per year. Still too many, yes, but nothing compared to Detroit's gargantuan sum of 517, averaging over 100 per year.

Flint and Warren tied for next with 55 total each, with Kalamazoo close behind with 53.

Obvious factors certainly affect these totals: Kalamazoo is home to several large universities or colleges, for example, and Detroit covers a huge area. Hamtramck, at only 2.2 square miles, has less area to worry about, but also a population density and relative walkability that result in a higher-than-average number of pedestrians out there.

Officers were looking specifically for driver be-



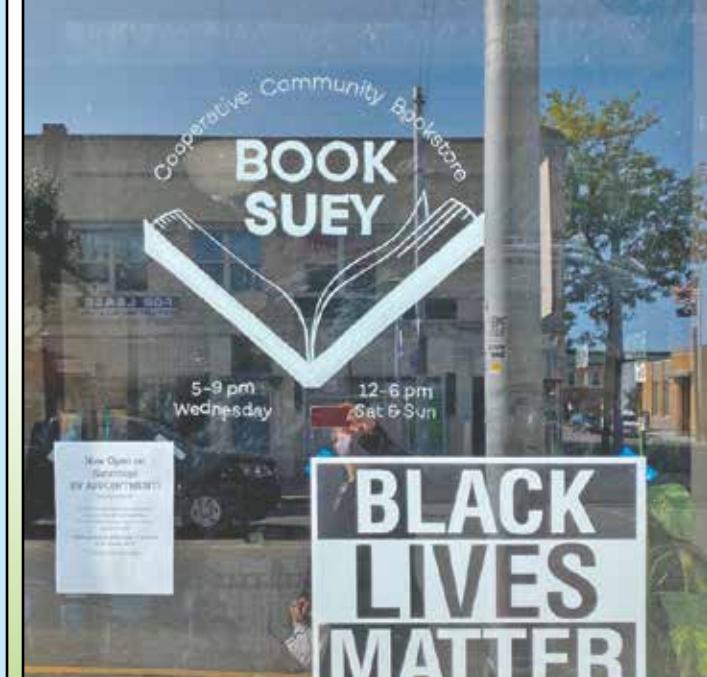
Hamtramck is known as a walkable community, but that comes at a price. The city has a high number of pedestrian-auto injuries.

haviors that were known to put those on foot at risk: failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks; failing to stop at, or running, sig-

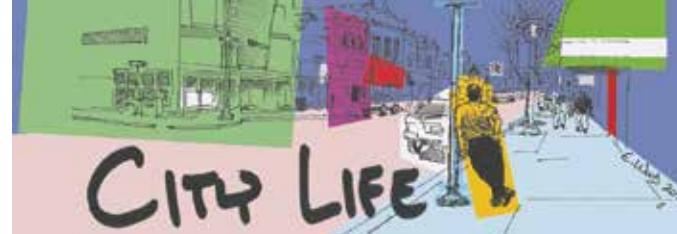
nals or stop signs, including before crosswalks; illegal turns; and the like.

However, they were also

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Book SUEY is one of the building blocks of Hamtramck's experience economy.



### Experience economy worth building starting now

By Walter Wasacz

Since mid-summer, I have been splitting time between northeast Ohio and Hamtramck.

My girlfriend lives there, just west of Cleveland. We have quarantined together and practiced safe social distancing with members of her family.

Inside our COVID-19

bubble, I've gotten to know urban and suburban Cleveland and the pastoral Cuyahoga Valley, which contains a surprising number of waterfalls, rapids, tall healthy trees

- and an equally healthy network of non-motorized

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### City set to curb pot sales

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck may end up being a one-marijuana-shop town.

A majority of city councilmembers took the first step, at a special meeting Tuesday, to outlaw future cannabis operations from setting up business in the city.

A public hearing on the proposal will be held on Dec. 8, and the council could vote on the proposal that night.

If passed, it would go into effect after its publication.

The action taken came on the heels of the sudden opening of a recreational marijuana retail shop two weeks ago on Holbrook Ave.

That opening took a number of people by surprise, since there was no advance notice about it.

The issue of allowing marijuana operations to take root in the city was last dealt with about two years ago. At that time, several public forums were held on whether to allow marijuana businesses to open here.

There was a huge push-back mostly from members of the Bangladeshi and Yemeni communities. They centered their opposition on the belief that business of that type would attract crime, or lead to minors getting access to the products.

Medical and recreational marijuana sales and use are legal in Michigan.

Former Hamtramck councilmembers failed to either opt in - or opt out - in permitting marijuana businesses to open here.

That inaction left the door open, by state law, to allow marijuana shops to open.

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## City set to curb pot sales

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Now, four out of six councilmembers want to shut that door for future entrepreneurs.

Those supporting the ban on marijuana outlets include Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan, Nayeem Choudhury, Mohammed Alsomiri and Fadel Al-Marsoumi.

Those opposed are Mayor Karen Majewski and Councilmembers Ian Perrone and Andrea Karpinski.

At Tuesday's over two-hour council meeting, there was more of a cross-section of the community weighing in on the matter.

The Bangladeshi and Yemeni communities were still dead-set against it, but other residents came out in force to show their support for allowing marijuana stores to open.

The arguments against remained the same: crime and the influence on youngsters, as well as the prior opposition voiced a couple of years ago at several town hall meetings.

"It's sad that we have to bring this up again," said Khalil Refi.

Former Councilmember Saad Almasmari claimed that marijuana leads to heroin use, which caused Mayor Majewski to scoff.

The arguments on the pro-pot side were largely based on economics and freedom of choice.

"How adults spend their money is their business," said Megan Feather. She added that there should not be a "morality police" who "control what adults do in town."

Before the council voted on the resolution, councilmembers spoke on the issue.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski questioned why the special meeting needed to be called, instead of just waiting until next week's regular meeting.

Having to participate in the Zoom meeting, Karpinski said, "ruined my vacation."

While those in favor of the ban insisted this was the wish of most residents, Mayor Majewski questioned that assumption. She, like others, suggested putting the matter up for vote among residents.

"Maybe it's a good idea for a referendum," Majewski said.

The council's resolution followed a Zoning Board of Appeals split decision to reject a request to allow a building at 2024 Caniff Ave. to be rezoned from

residential to commercial, to allow a marijuana-based retail outlet to operate.

Opponents of the variance insisted that the retail outlet was going to be another marijuana shop. The investors who participated in the Zoom meeting declined to say what the nature of the operation would be.

The building has a prior history of being used as a laundromat and then a computer and cellphone store.

It sits next to a gasoline station that is located just off of the I-75 service drive, and is also next to – east of – several empty lots, and then a social hall.

While the building is zoned is residential, the assessor's office "classifies" it as a commercial building

– the same as the gasoline station next-door.

The ZBA voted 3-2 to deny the variance, with one member, Eric Anderson, choosing to abstain from the vote.

City Attorney James Allen warned the ZBA that it is likely the investors will file a lawsuit to get the variance, and he said that they will likely succeed.

The building and adjoining lots were purchased in 2018 for \$500,000.

According to sources, there are at least two or three other sites that are in the works to also become marijuana retail outlets. If those developments do go through, the council's ban would not stop them from opening, according to state law.

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## Quick Hits

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and secondary educational institutions to revert to remote learning within that same time period, and called for the suspension of all high school sports.

Left alone, for now, were grade schools and middle schools, whose students tend to stay together in one classroom, with the same teacher, for the most part.

Work is to be done remotely, unless it is necessary that it be done in person. There is obviously any number of potential exemptions to that rule.

Public masks are mandated, and large holiday gatherings are strongly discouraged, with the suggestion being to restrict things to just households that are normally together anyway. It will be interesting to see how closely that is followed.

Again, these directives have initially only been put in place for the three-week period beginning Wednesday, Nov. 18.

The guess here is that they will actually end up having to be extended until the weather warms again, enough to allow people to get back outside and distance more effectively.

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**The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading of the proposed Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments Ordinance of the City of Hamtramck on Tuesday December 8, 2020 at the 7:00 pm, regularly scheduled virtual meeting.**

Full and complete text of the ordinance is available on the City of Hamtramck's website through BoardDocs. The public is invited to view and comment on the amendment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before December 8, 2020 to the City Clerk at [agitschlag@hamtramckcity.com](mailto:agitschlag@hamtramckcity.com).

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# Second Front Page

## Mayor: 'Hunker down' during latest COVID-19 uptick

By Charles Sercombe

News of the COVID-19 surge continues this week.

In her weekly address to the community, via Facebook Monday morning, Mayor Karen Majewski had more bad news for Hamtramck's never-ending case count.

This past week, Hamtramck's number of cases doubled from the week before.

There were 102 new cases reported last week. The only good news, if one can call it that, is that the number of deaths did not increase. So far, there have been 29 deaths due to the disease this year.

The number of cases for the year is 1,066 – which is the first time it surpassed the 1,000 mark.

In Michigan, cases have skyrocketed, which has forced Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to order the shutdown of some businesses for the next three weeks.

That directive, Majewski said, "shouldn't be any surprise to any of us."

The mayor then briefly listed the directives, set for the next three weeks, which include:

- All in-person high school and college learning is prohibited.

- If possible, employees are encouraged to work from home – or a remote location.

- Bars and restaurants can't offer inside service, although carryout may continue.

- Movie theaters, gyms and other recreational inside activities will be on hold.

Majewski reminded the community that indoor gatherings – such as family gatherings on Thanksgiving – are limited to no more than 10 people, and from no more than two households.

In other words, if you and your siblings and cousins, who all live in

separate housing, plan to meet up for Thanksgiving dinner – forget it.

Majewski urged residents to "hunker down" and obey the governor's directives.

She also listed the various free food distributions that are ongoing, which include:

- Our Lady Queen of Apostles has continued its every-Thursday food giveaway.

- Every Friday, the group Frugal on the Fly distributes food packages at the Hamtramck Town Center, from 8 a.m. to noon.

- J&E Community Relief (11816 Jos. Campau Ave.) continues its program every first and third Tuesday of the month, starting at 10:30 a.m.

The mayor ended her talk with the community with this advice:

"Stay safe, and stay home if you can."

## Experience economy worth building starting now

trails.

It's been a delight for me – an advocate for walking and cycling – to discover the region, its people and places, on foot.

A few weeks ago, Robin and I returned to Michigan for the weekend. It may have been the last best days of the year. The skies were clear, the sun was high, the air warm, with temperatures in the 70s.

On Saturday we went for a walk. It was good to experience Hamtramck in a fresh light, more from the

perspective of a visitor, less as a native son born and raised in the city.

We headed to Jos. Campau and into the Hamtramck Historical Museum, where masked director Greg Kowalski gave us an impromptu tour of the impressive permanent collection.

It had been a long time since I'd been here, even longer since I looked at the exhibits with a discerning eye.

I was drawn to the portraits of all the city's mayors, including Dr. Rudolph Tenerowicz, who was con-

victed of vice conspiracy and did time in prison before being pardoned by Gov. William Comstock.

Kowalski provided a colorful factoid: "After being released from prison, Tenerowicz was re-elected mayor and later served in the U.S. Congress."

Robin noticed a vintage file cabinet with birth records of people born in Hamtramck during the early- and mid-20th century.

We found an index card showing my mother's birth at a house on Florian St. in 1919. What a lovely find! Robin also found a card for me, showing my birth in 1955 at St. Francis Hospital.

We walked around the museum's large open space and followed the chronological pictorial narrative created by local muralist Dennis Orlowski, who depicted Native American life here before Europeans began arriving in the late-1700s.

The story on the wall continued to be told through new immigrant communities from the Middle East and South Asia that began developing in the latter decades of the last century.

"The museum's mission, the story of Hamtramck, is based on immigration," Kowalski said.

Next, we walked next door to the Polish Art Center, where we browsed imported ceramics and holiday ornaments and Robin found three children's books with Polish themes.

Across the street at Tekla Vintage, I introduced her to shop owner

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Karen Majewski, who is, of course, the city's mayor. It was a quick visit: we still wanted to make it to Book Suey before it closed. Robin found more children's literature to browse - her career has been in education, and

she's raised six kids of her own - and bought a half-priced novel with the intriguing title "The Care and Feeding of Ravenous

ly Hungry Girls."

Citing a current promotion, Book Suey staff members Eric Anderson and Connie Shelton told us we

could add another book at no extra cost. Robin chose a coffee table-sized book devoted to human anatomy, graphically and beautifully illustrated.

Another great find.

We left the book there to pick up Yemeni dinner at Rema's. We managed to squeeze in another shopping destination, at Bozek's, where we found some fish we planned to cook up at a later date.

We took the food and books home and had our dinner, savoring the flavors of a terrific Hamtramck experience.

This kind of experience may not be possible again for some time to come, given new state government restrictions on pub-

lic activity due to escalating COVID-19 cases.

But it can be seen as a foreshadowing of what public city life can be like, if local government, the local business sector and the community they serve would all work together on building an economy based on quality experience.

If that were to happen, what Robin and I experienced on one sunny November afternoon can be duplicated a hundred-fold, over multiple days in the calendar year.

That should be the goal to be realized beyond the pandemic. It's not too soon to start planning a higher quality future now.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

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The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearings on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to receive comments from the public on the proposed Ordinances, with full and complete text of the changes are available on the City of Hamtramck's website through Boarddocs.

1. Proposed updates to the zoning ordinance to bring the city further in line with Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) requirements and to fix a few issues with the ordinance. RRC recommended that the city allow apartment houses up to 6 units in residential, instead of them being a special land use. They also recommended that apartment houses over 6 units become a special land use in residential. The sign section of the ordinance had no way to allow signs on commercial storefronts in the residential district without going to the ZBA, so this proposed change would give the CED Department discretion for some signs in residential districts.

And

2. Remove Article V-1.06 (a)  
All new dwelling units shall have an unenclosed front porch located close to the sidewalk, designed as places to sit, socialize, and observe the street.

The public is invited to view and comment on the amendment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before November 24, 2020 to the City Clerk at [agitschlag@hamtramckcity.com](mailto:agitschlag@hamtramckcity.com).

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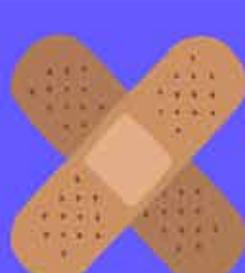
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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### In a time for leadership, a fail

We are in a pandemic, with thousands of businesses closing, millions of folks without jobs, and millions more about to have their unemployment benefits end.

And what do our City Council and Zoning Board of Appeals members do?

Say "no" to one of the few business ventures that is experiencing a boom.

Unbelievable.

At a special city council meeting Tuesday night, four out of six councilmembers voted to take the first step in banning legal marijuana operations from setting up their business here.

Last week, three out of six ZBA members rejected a zoning variance for a business venture on Caniff Ave. that is next to a gasoline station, right off of I-75.

(One ZBA member inexplicably abstained in the vote, which is usually reserved only for when a member has a conflict of interest.)

That variance request was to allow a building that is zoned residential to be rezoned for commercial use. Why it is zoned only for residential is a mystery.

The building was clearly built only for commercial use was once a laundromat, and then a computer/cellphone store. It has been vacant



### School Bell

#### School news ...

- Dickinson East teacher Karen Swords was recognized by Principal Sarah Filiak for her hard work, dedication and creativity during virtual learning.

- Ke'mari Anderson received an Academic Excellence Award from the English Language Arts department. Some quotes about him:

- HHS English Dept. selected Kamari because,

- thru 9-12 he has made significant progress as scholar and good citizen.

- In virtual class, he has an "above the line" approach: first to arrive, to answer or present, pleasant and friendly and encourages his classmates.

- He is an awesome young man who puts 100% effort into everything he does.

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for a number of years. The reason for the rejection?

Because it was believed, by some members, that the building would then become a retail outlet for legal recreational marijuana sales.

What are these decisions being based on?

Outdated fears that they would attract crime, or somehow entice children to become marijuana users.

Those debunked arguments are simply hogwash.

These retail marijuana outlets are more like boutiques that sell cannabis products at premium prices.

The folks who shop at these places are not your stereotypical neighborhood shady drug characters. These folks come to purchase their product, and then get in their cars and go elsewhere.

Oh, where might that elsewhere likely be?

Besides going home, it would be our local restaurants – well, at least the ones that can survive this latest COVID quarantine – shops, and other establishments.

A bare majority of council and ZBA members are having a knee-jerk reaction to what they perceive to be widespread community opposition.

Again, hogwash.

Whether you like it or

not, the marijuana business is legal in the state – just like bars and liquor stores.

And just like those businesses, it employs local residents.

With many restaurants may now be on the verge of closing down permanently, we are going to have a lot of folks in town scrambling for good-paying jobs.

With these actions, they are going to be denied those jobs, and more residents are going to be experiencing extreme financial hardships – and maybe even homelessness.

The city also needs all the tax revenue it can get, now that voters rejected a way to fund the city's fire and police pension obligations, and also turned down ballot proposals that would have allowed the city council to explore ways to provide police and fire services at a lower cost.

It seems some in the community are determined to bankrupt the city.

These are tough financial times, and they call for true leadership – which requires making difficult decisions in the face of perceived opposition.

Instead, we have community leaders taking the easy way out, and being cowed by the loudest voices.

## Odds & Ends

**Correction...** Last week in our story about the mayor's weekly talk with the community, we erroneously reported that her store on Jos. Campau Ave., Tekla, was in a scene for the movie "No Sudden Moves," which was being shot here in town.

Not so, the mayor emailed us.

It was Days store that was in a scene.

We apologize for the error.

Also, a few weeks ago we made an error in reporting that City Councilmember Ian Perrotta saved a man who was choking in front of his bar Trixie's.

On his Facebook page, Perrotta pointed out that the incident occurred "on the sidewalk."

He also pointed out that, instead of a chicken bone being dislodged, it was actually a "giant" piece of chicken.

Perrotta (a former copy editor at The Review) took the paper to task, saying:

"If a newspaper can't accurately report something as simple as a Facebook post then what else is it misrepresenting?"

**Message from city hall...** Now that the state has called for another COVID-19 semi-lockdown on public spaces, city hall issued this statement on its Facebook page:

"Beginning on Wednesday, November 18th, Hamtramck City Hall will be closed to the public for three weeks. ... City hall staff will continue to be available. If you need information, you may call (313) 800-5233 and select the department you wish to speak to."

"See our website ([hamtramck.us](http://hamtramck.us)) for department email addresses if you prefer to communicate by email.

"Please use the drop box in front of city hall for any items you wish to deliver to staff. Also, the Div-Dat machine for payments is located in the lobby of city hall, and at other locations throughout the metro area. Please continue to stay safe by wearing your mask, washing hands frequently, and keeping social distance."

"Together we can work to slow the spread of the coronavirus."

**One more message...** CiPlay safe... Some people just don't seem to be getting the memo.

It came across our desk that there's a certain private club of some nature, in the general vicinity of the intersection of Holbrook and St. Aubin, that's attracting large evening crowds (with many persons maskless) in this autumn of escalating coronavirus concerns.

The email message, addressed to the city manager's office but copied or forwarded to The Review, was from an area business owner who is fed up with following the letter of the law on safe practices at their own business – which is apparently barely getting by – only to see it all being undermined by willful negligence on the part of their neighbors, who don't seem to be taking the pandemic seriously.

The final straw seemed to have been Thursday night, Nov. 12, when the whistleblower captured video of a batch of some "50+ cars," and "groups of maskless people cut

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## Letters • Letters • Letters

**City failed to inform election workers of COVID-19 outbreak**

The city of Hamtramck had disappointed its citizens and put them at risk by failing to notify them of several cases of COVID-19 within city hall and at polling stations on election day.

I was a poll inspector at Precinct 2 and spent time at city hall as well on election night. I was not informed, nor were at least three other poll inspectors that were on tonight's city council meeting presenting public comment, that people I had worked with in an official capacity for more than 16 hours on election day tested positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours after the polls closed.

As of 9:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, even the City of Hamtramck Facebook page had not even announced the closure of the clerk's office or the

fact that several cases had been confirmed from election day.

The coronavirus has been present in the city of Hamtramck for more than seven months. What efforts has the city government, council and its representatives, made to keep the people of Hamtramck informed and safe?

Moving forward, what is the city's plan to spread the word to its citizens of potential cases?

One Facebook Live post on Monday mornings is not enough. Many of Hamtramck's residents are not on Facebook, and some also do not speak fluent enough English to get their news from a once-weekly Facebook post.

**Mickey Lyons**  
Hamtramck

**Odds & Ends**

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ting across (the) street." This "has been an ongoing ritual at this property all summer," it was noted, although suggesting that this fact had perhaps been disguised by the summer's road construction project in the area, to some extent.

While not specifying precisely what they wanted or expected the city manager to do about the situation (warn them? Sic the police and/or fire marshal on them? Sue them?), the business person who had produced this frustrated wording made it clear that they had had quite enough, thank you, and was pleading their case for some sort of city intervention into the problem.

Time will tell if any word of this filters back to the offending club or storefront owner, and whether anything subsequently gets done about the situation after that. One natural constraint could come about with colder weather and especially heavier snowfalls, where curbside parking in town becomes trickier at best, to next-to-impossible at worst.

In the meantime, let's get those masks on, people. We're better, and smarter, than this – aren't we?

**Reminder...** Detroit Friendship House is still seeking to talk turkey with a few good folks.

The local Baptist-affiliated charity does like to feed'em some folks, and it all starts with you.

This year, perhaps more than any in even the lon-

gest of memories, the need is truly great. The all-too-familiar coronavirus has played havoc with many households, where so many people are now either out of work, or working far less than before, or waiting for back wages.

What can you do, and how can you do it?

Well, honestly, the Friendship House website doesn't yet appear to have a specific donation button set up for the Thanksgiving meal giveaway.

There is, however, a general donation link, but while their press release mentions a figure of \$32 to feed a family of, for example, a mother and five children with turkey, sides and fixings, there's as yet no mention of that specific amount on the website, nor indeed any specific reference to the Thanksgiving dinner giveaway – other than to say that they always have one.

So donate, and donate what you will. Or you could call them at (313) 871-7443 to discuss it.

They also seek volunteer workers. Their office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

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We're certain they will give their thanks for any, or all, help you might be able or willing to give.



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**Obituaries****LABUDA**

Sylvia L. "Skippy" LaBuda, 86, of Hamtramck, passed away Friday, November 13, 2020. Sylvia was born November 23, 1933 to the late Walter and Marie Ciupka. She was the beloved wife of the late Gerald; dearest mother of Andrea (Michael) Goga and Paula LaBuda-Babisz; loving grandma of five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Mrs. LaBuda is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Services were entrusted to the Wasik Funeral Home. Interment at St. Patrick Cemetery in Croswell, MI. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [www.wasikfuneralhome.com](http://www.wasikfuneralhome.com).

**DUDEK**

Mark Alan Dudek, 59, died November 13, 2020. Mark was the husband of 30 years to Renee Dudek (Wojtowicz); father of Marcella Dudek (26), and Marcus Dudek (22). He was born

June 22, 1961, to the late Richard and Mary Ann Dudek. Mark was brother to Rick, Carl, Ken, Keith, and Marianne Pavik; brother in law of Susan (John) Liska, Chris, and Dean (Sheila) and the late Wesley.

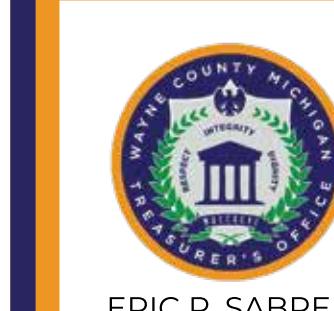
Mark was godfather to Alexis Pavik, Rachel Dudek, and Stephanie Napiorkowski.

He was also survived by nieces and nephews, Laura, Rachel, Anjelica, Alexander, Trevor, Alexis, Rebecca, Jacob, Jaxon, Nora, Nathan, Julianna, Jameson, October, Ashley, TJ Marlin, Macy, Evan,

Erin, Griffin, Jubilee, Felix, Fiona, Joseph, and Alexandra.

Mark was a friend to many and carried on the family business by operating Dudek Foods for over 20 years.

In accordance with Mark's wishes, there was a limited capacity visitation on Tuesday, November 17.



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- A Dyar St. resident reported being assaulted.

- A resident reported being assaulted while at a Conant Ave. business.

**Thursday, Nov. 12**

- At 1:40 a.m., a resident reported being assaulted while in the 3400 block of Norwalk St.

- At about 3:30 a.m., a break-in occurred at a business in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau Ave.

- A resident reported that their bicycle was stolen while it was chained to a light pole in Veterans Park.

- A Holbrook Ave. resident reported being assaulted.

**Friday, Nov. 13**

- A resident said that someone broke out a window of their vehicle while it was parked in the 2400 block of Denton St.

- At 3 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.

- An agent for a business in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau Ave. reported

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ed that a female suspect damaged property there.

• A resident of Highland Park was arrested for trespassing, and for possessing narcotics.

**Saturday, Nov. 14**

• A resident in the 11400 block of Sobieski St. reported a garage break-in, and the theft of several items.

• At almost 4 p.m., a driver was pulled from his vehicle and assaulted, after being involved in a traffic crash on Poland near Jos. Campau. The driver who was at fault in the ac-

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at Holbrook and Mitchell.

- A resident reported that their vehicle was damaged while it was parked in the 2200 block of Goodson St.

- A resident was arrested in the 3300 block of

Holbrook Ave. after a domestic dispute.

**Monday, Nov. 17**

- At a little after 11:30 p.m., a Detroit resident said that, while in the area of Jos. Campau and Grayling, she was shot in the

hand after a fight.

- At 11:30 p.m., two Detroit residents were arrested for a domestic assault incident that occurred in the 12000 block of Oklahoma St., for assault, obstruction and for being disorderly.

- At almost midnight, a

resident was arrested, after a brief foot pursuit in the 2700 block of Poland St., for assault, obstruction and for being disorderly.

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Board of Directors Community Representative

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