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Vacant city-owned lots add to list of property tax exemptions

By Charles Sercombe

For a city that's only two-square miles, Hamtramck has a lot of tax-exempt properties.

In response to a Review Freedom of Information Act request, the city lists 229 buildings, municipal-owned parking lots, places of worship, schools, veteran posts, a county jail, vacant lots, and more, that Hamtramck does not collect property taxes from.

In total, there are about 7,000 properties in Hamtramck, most of which do produce property taxes.

Property taxes are no small matter. The city is projecting to collect \$6.6 million in those taxes this fiscal year, which started on July 1 and ends next June 30.

That chunk of change is the largest revenue source for the city. The next highest amount of revenue comes from state revenue sharing at \$4.5 million, followed by income taxes at \$2.3 million.

Hamtramck is the biggest owner of properties that do not pay taxes, which includes buildings



Most of the tax-exempt properties in the city belong to Hamtramck. The city owns over 100 empty lots that are now being auctioned off in batches for housing development.

such as city hall, the fire station, parks, and, mostly vacant lots.

The Wayne County Land Bank also owns over 30 properties that it received from tax forfeitures.

Fortunately for the city, it is in the process of selling off its vacant lots. At one time, those lots, which are mostly located in the city's southend, had homes on them.

Many of those houses were abandoned in the 1980s, and subsequently became victims of arson.

There are now large patches of vacant land on the southend of town.

So why have the lots been vacant for so long?

Hamtramck was forced by a federal court order to not sell the lots until a 1970s-era housing discrimination lawsuit was settled. In an eventual consent agreement, the city was ordered to build 200 housing units.

That order has largely been fulfilled in the last several years — once outside funding made hous-

ing construction possible. The last three housing units will soon be built to satisfy that agreement.

In the meantime, the city was given the green light a few years ago to sell off the remaining lots.

The city has been selling batches of lots, but those sales come with a string attached. The lots have been sold for a minimum bid of \$10,000 that requires the purchaser to build a housing unit on

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HPS has an offer not to refuse

By Charles Sercombe

If you are special education teacher, or even on the way to earning a degree in that field, the Hamtramck Public School District has an offer for you.

The district needs to fill several positions, and will give successful candidates a signing bonus of up to \$15,000. It gets even better. The bonus can be offered annually for up to five years.

The district issued a press release on Wednesday, saying that the HPS teachers' union (the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers) agreed to the deal in what is formally called a Memorandum of Understanding.

"We hope passionate and compassionate educators apply for the open positions and take advantage of the opportunity to advance their own education," said Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi in the press release.

The positions include school psychologist, school social worker and speech pathologist.

The district is offering jobs to those who are special education teachers or special education student teachers.

"Candidates can hold endorsements for cognitive impairment, learning disabilities and/or emotional impairment, or teachers who are in a degree program earning an Autism endorsement," the press release said.

There are some strings attached to the offer.

The press release explained: "All candidates are required to successfully complete a program leading to the awarding of an Autism endorsement, pass a required certification test and record the additional endorsement on their teaching licenses, for which they will be finan-

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Quick Hits

Spend Sunday in an alley

By Charles Sercombe

You can get a sneak peek at a Hamtramck alley redesign this Sunday (Sept. 25), from noon to 4 p.m.

The location is the Jos. Campau alley behind Olomon Café. The alley, from Evaline to Caniff, will be part of the Joe Louis Greenway project.

This portion will also be part of a bike trail that connects Hamtramck to Detroit, Dearborn and Highland Park. In all, the trail will cover 27.5 miles — an easy bike for many people.

It's being funded through a federal grant, and the completion of this massive project will take about 10 years.

At Sunday's Hamtramck event, there will be bikes to ride, and there will be games offered — something for the whole family.

The safety features of this pathway will also be pointed out and explained.

This is going to be an exciting project for the city — one that has been in the works for several years.

The project is named after legendary Detroit boxer Joe Louis.



Wayne State University archaeological students are back again to explore a new site in the city in search of clues to the city's past.

Wayne State students once again unearth Hamtramck's history

By Greg Kowalski

The Review Special Writer

It doesn't look like much: Just a sea of tall weeds littered with broken bottles, pieces of smashed china and a wide variety of things that most of us would just call trash.

But to a group of Wayne State University students, these are keys to the past. And they can open doors that have

been locked for more than 100 years. The 13 students (and a handful of volunteers) armed with shovels, spades, measuring tape, markers and whatever else they need to carefully dig into and document the past are exploring what may be the richest archeological site in Hamtramck.

"What we've learned through preliminary archi-

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the lots within a year.

With a housing shortage in the metro area and the country, developers are indeed snatching up the lots. The proceeds from those sales must go toward the city's pension obligation, as ordered by the city's last state-appointed emergency manager.

However, the city will

collect property taxes and income taxes from those developments that will go into the general budget. Also, some of those units will include rentals, which means the city can also collect income taxes from those residents.

The second-most number of tax-exempt properties are churches, mosques and Islamic

centers, with almost 40 such sites.

That number of religious property exemptions bloomed in the last several years as more mosques were created, which related to the increase in the city's population of those of Muslim faith.

The number of charter schools has also increased over the last several years.

There are now about a dozen charter schools in the Hamtramck area competing for students with the Hamtramck Public School District, which owns several buildings in the city.



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val research thus far is that this site was the location of commercial and residential buildings from at least 1881 onwards," said Krysta Ryzewski, WSU chairperson and professor of anthropology at Wayne State, who is directing the students.

"There is a record from 1881 of a barn, possibly a railroad barn where 33 Polish immigrants were living in squalor, in cramped quarters, because they were poor and housing was unavailable. So there's the potential to learn about the experiences of the early wave of Polish immigrants to Hamtramck."

The site spans three parcels of land on Denton Street, just east of Jos. Campau. The property is owned by Hamtramck Recycling, which has agreed to allow the students to do the dig. They will be on-site until mid-November, carefully sifting through selected places.

"The Denton Street site is part of the Old Hamtramck Center," Ryzewski said. "The historic buildings in this area had been lost to the expansion of industrial facilities in the area."

This is the first time we're digging at the Denton Street site, so we're still in the early stages of piecing together the history of the three different parcels and the associated buildings that once stood in the area."

Hamtramck grew north from the south, particularly in the late 19th century even before the village of Hamtramck was formed in 1901. It was a time when heavy industry was moving into the area, transforming it from farms and wilderness to factories, houses and stores.

Charles Faber (of Faber Street) operated his saloon near here when Jos. Campau was a dirt road. Remnants of the heavy industry, including a Briggs Company building, can be found on the site.

Rusted railroad tracks and crumbling rail ties still run parallel to the existing tracks. All kinds of debris can be found through the area, including tantalizing relics of a saloon that stood exactly on the site 120 years ago.

"We're excited to learn how the artifacts that we excavate also relate to the rapid growth of Hamtramck in the 1910s - in response especially to the Dodge facility, located just a block to the south," Ryzewski said.

That closeness to the Dodge Plant also caught the attention of student Tobias Ellis.

"The proximity to Dodge Main is exciting," Ellis said.

Searching for treasure is not on the agenda, but Ellis couldn't help but note that just digging at the site was promising.

"It's like we hit gold a little bit," he said.

The items can give valuable clues to what life was like in Hamtramck at that critical period when the town was undergoing a traumatic transformation into an industrial city.

"We're hoping to learn more about the experiences of the immigrants and other newcomers to

Hamtramck at the turn of the 20th century and through the 1930s," Ryzewski said.

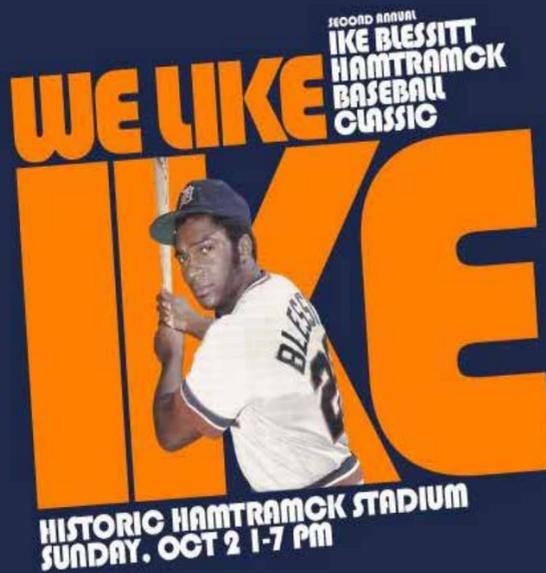
Student Brittney Eastin said the project was promising. "I hope to get insight into what life was like then. What the Prohibition era was like, and the people who experienced it."

All the students are part of Ryzewski's class on Archaeological Field Methods, which focuses on the fundamentals of archaeology including surveying, mapping, excavating, documentation, artifact identification and interpretation.

They also will learn the proper methods to make their way through waist-high weeds, and how to dig up the dirt.

Once the excavations are done, the material gathered will be taken to the WSU archaeology lab where they will be inventoried and cleaned. The items will be studied and then presented to the public in a special display to be held beginning Dec. 13 at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, which will be their eventual home.

This is the third archaeological dig Wayne State has done in Hamtramck. The other two were at the site of the old Village Hall on Jos. Campau between Grayling and Alice streets. This "new" site is potentially an even richer repository of Hamtramck's past.





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Decluttering Project: If that task you have been putting off is making you feel intimidated, worry not! We are enlisting the help of professional home organizer, Emilie Rivard, to set you on the path to less mess. Stop by at 6 pm on Wednesday, October 12th, for a presentation you will not want to miss. Information shared will be also available in Bangla.

Dementia: Another event on the horizon is an upcoming talk about dementia. Representatives from Bickford Home Care will share resources and strategies for caregivers and their families. Dealing with the new reality of a loved one changed by dementia can seem overwhelming. However, making use of the info provided here will help you discover that there is an answer. Please join us Tuesday, October 18th at 6 pm.

Adoptive Yoga and Thai Chi: Good news for those awaiting our group practice exercise sessions. Adoptive Yoga returning Tuesdays at 3 pm (starting October 4th) and Thai Chi resumes Fridays at 10 am (starting October 14th). These programs are Senior friendly. Comfortable foot-

wear and clothing recommended. Presented by the RIM Foundation.

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(Woodrow) Wilson Rawls: This author was born on September 24th, 1913, best known for his teen classic "Where the Red fern Grows". Rawls novel has been a mainstay on children's reading lists for decades.

ESL Classes in the Library: For the 2022-23 school year, the ESL classes organized by Horizon School, will be held in the library four days a week (Monday to Thursday). There will be two sessions with the first starting at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am

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Teacher of the year



The Rev. Sharon Buttry (left) of the Hamtramck Community Initiative presents Rahiel Housey-Johnson a citation for being named HPS Teacher of the Year.

Teachers have difficult jobs nowadays, perhaps

more than at any other time outside of wartime.

So it's always nice to see a teacher honored for their service.

The Hamtramck Public School District chose Rahiel Housey-Johnson as their Teacher of the Year, and she was honored by the Hamtramck Community Initiative (HCI) for earning the award.

Ms. Housey-Johnson is a teacher of both science and digital literacy at Kosciuszko Middle School.

Unfortunately, Ms. Housey-Johnson was unable to be at the HCI Awards Banquet. The Rev. Sharon

Buttry met with her at the Hamtramck Public Library on Sept. 12 to give her the award.

Also being bestowed upon Ms. Housey-Johnson were congratulatory citations from U. S. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, State Rep. Abraham Ayash, and Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott.



HPS student Naser Karim designed the logo for the high school's Esports Club.

HPS student spotlight

This month, we'd like to shout out to one of our Hamtramck High School seniors, Naser Karim!

Naser has been designing logos, server icons and profile pictures since he was 12 years old. He's such an accomplished graphic artist that we asked him to design the school's Esports Club logo

and look what he came up with!

Way to go, Naser!

In addition to his eye for design, Naser is active in the Esports Club, where he shines on his Rocket League team.

We're proud of our students for all of the hard work and talent they bring to the HPS community. Go Cosmos!

HPS Diversity

We are proud to celebrate the wonderful diversity found in the Hamtramck community by celebrating holidays and observances together.

Hispanic Heritage Month started Sept. 15 and runs through Oct. 15. This is a time to observe and learn about Hispanic heritage.

Ways that you and your family can participate include trying Hispanic meals at home, frequenting Hispanic-owned businesses and reading books by Hispanic authors.

HPS Recreation

The Hamtramck Recreation Department is sponsoring what they're calling a Fall Harvest.

It'll happen on Friday, Sept. 30, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Pulaski Park, 9625 Lumpkin (between Edwin and Norwalk).

What's there?

Let's start with pumpkins: You can pick one up, priced from \$2 up to \$7, first come, first served. Get yourself your gonna-be Jack O'Lantern, while they last.

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HPS has an offer not to refuse

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cially compensated.”

The press release went on to say:

The signing bonus will take effect on the date of hire and will be prorated, based on the total number of days worked in a fiscal year. In return for the signing bonus, teachers are expected to:

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The HPS special services offer programs to those who are 3 to 26 years old, but they must first go an evaluation.

Nagi added: “The team at HPS is like no other. There is an immediate sense of belonging for all students, teachers and staff members who enter our buildings. From diversity in culture, race, personalities, and abilities, HPS is truly a place where everyone feels seen and appreciated. ...”

To apply as an ASD teacher at HPS, please visit: <https://www.applitrack.com/resa/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?district=37997>.

Covid: The disease claims another life in the city

By Charles Sercombe

While the number of new COVID-19 cases in Hamtramck has inched up and down over the past few months, the disease can still pack a deadly punch.

Wayne County health officials reported a second death from covid within the past three weeks last week, bringing the total number of deaths in Hamtramck for the past two years up to 76.

The deaths come after several months of no new reports.

The county also reported 42 new cases for last week (as of Monday). The total number of covid cases now stands at 5,529 for the past two years, since when the pandemic started.

While it is generally considered to be that the number of new cases has been going down nationwide, there are media reports of some health officials saying that some municipalities and counties are no longer keeping

track of new cases, or are underreporting them.

There is also growing concern over the return of students into in-person learning, and how that has caused an increase in covid cases.

Health officials are advising parents to get their children vaccinated. They say the vaccinations help prevent kids from getting the virus, or say that if they do, the symptoms are then usually mild.

The US has lost over a million people to the disease since the pandemic started.

Michigan has reported over 2.7 million cases since the pandemic started, and over 38,000 deaths.

Out of Hamtramck's population of about 29,000, the county reports that 18.5 percent of the residents have come down with covid.

Health experts still stress the need to mask up while out in public – and especially while in enclosed or crowded spaces.

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In Our Opinion

Tax abatement issue reveals a rudderless city

Someone take leadership of this city.

For the last several weeks, some members of the city council have stumbled over themselves in holding up a request for a tax abatement that would clear the way for a major redevelopment of the old Missant site.

The latest incident involved three councilmembers, Adam Albarmaki, Mohammed Alsomiri and Khalil Refai, who were no-shows at last week's regular council meeting where the tax abatement issue was scheduled for a vote – finally.

Their absence caused confusion over whether there was truly a quorum to hold the meeting. In other words, were there enough councilmembers present to even hold a meeting?

Well, based on erroneous advice, the meeting went forward,

and items on the agenda were voted on – including the approval of the tax abatement.

But guess what?

That advice on whether there was a quorum was dead wrong.

So, the council had to do the whole meeting all over the next night, but this time the tax abatement issue was removed from the agenda.

One has to wonder what the site developer is thinking about the ability of this city to conduct business in a timely and professional manner.

It's a possibility that, if a vote ever does come down, and the city council remains evenly divided on the issue, the mayor will be forced to break a tie.

Unfortunately, the mayor says he won't offer his opinion on the matter unless he is forced to break a tie

vote on the issue.

Perhaps if the mayor were to speak up now, that would help provide direction for the council.

So, this continued game-playing continues, making Hamtramck city government looks unstable.

Folks, do your jobs. And realize, too, that some issues and votes are going to be divisive, no matter what.

You were elected to make decisions. Running away from them will only make Hamtramck look directionless, and like a city that is not worth doing business in.

And, while they're at it, city officials need to actually read the city charter, and familiarize themselves with the rules of how this city operates.

What an embarrassment.

Odds & Ends

Crime update... Carjackings are unusual in Hamtramck, but the city experienced one on Tuesday.

According to Hamtramck police and media reports, the incident happened at around 1:30 p.m. on Conant and Carpenter, where the driver of a BMW was carjacked by an armed suspect.

According to WWJ, the suspect approached the driver inquiring about selling the vehicle, then pulled a gun on the owner.

The suspect then sped off, but crashed the vehicle in the area of Gratiot and I-375.

Hamtramck officers were joined by Detroit officers and Michigan State Police in a search for the suspect. Bystanders pointed out to officers that the suspect was hiding underneath a blanket at a nearby underpass.

The suspect, who has not yet been identified, is a 19-year-old Hamtramck male.

Tax debate... Anyone who has been following the tax abatement issue regarding the former Missant site probably has heard critics of the proposal mention American Axle & Manufacturing.

Years ago, AAM asked for a tax abatement for building its headquarters here, but the then-city council nixed that request.

The company then went ahead and got a tax break from Detroit to build its headquarters on the Detroit side of the Hamtramck border.

But that didn't stop American Axle from coming back for a second request to get a tax abatement on its existing Hamtramck buildings at the time.

That request was granted. The company received a 12-year 50-percent

property tax reduction during that period.

Here's the part that burns a lot of people: Once the abatement period ran out, the company soon after closed down its plants, got rid of workers, and moved its manufacturing to Mexico.

Because of that, the Detroit City Council refused to extend its economic development zone, which offered tax breaks, for the company's headquarters.

That's the long and tortured history of American Axle's tax abatement issues. The company's headquarters still remains at Holbrook and the I-75 service drive.

Reminder... You can help make Hamtramck look cleaner this Saturday (Sept. 24) by helping out with the "Hamtramck Fall Clean-Up," from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Here's a post we found announcing the event on a Hamtramck Facebook page:

"It's been a great summer in community involvement! Volunteers all over the city agreed to pick up one bag of trash per week, and the difference was noticeable! Thanks, Trashies!

"Come to City Hall for supplies, and join whichever project you like!"

To join, you are encouraged to email or call Max Gilginas with any questions or, to preregister: mgilginas@hamtramckcity.com, or call (313) 800-5233, extension 326.

Census... We found this interesting. The City of Detroit is suing the U.S. Census Bureau for allegedly undercounting the city's Hispanic and Black populations.

The city is claiming that tens of thousands of residents were not counted.

We mention this because Hamtramck was the only city in the state to see a significant increase – percentage-wise – in the Census count.

The city's population, according to the Census, went up by 28 percent. To look at it from another perspective, we officially went from 22,423 people to 28,433.

The count is now over two years old, and there's a likely chance Hamtramck's population continues to grow.

Whatever mojo Hamtramck has going, it's attracting people.

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Families: Keep up-to-date on vaccinations; it could save a life

By N. Charles Anderson

As summer comes to a close, with fall weather waiting in the wings, the new school year kicking off with activities like football and soccer, and with homecoming dances being added to our calendars, it's critical we begin taking the necessary health precautions to keep us all safe.

There has never been a more important time to get our families caught up on their vaccinations. That includes, but is not limited to, the COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters.

Vaccines have been proven safe and for decades we have relied on them to protect our kids from at least 10 different diseases before age 2. Vaccinations are routinely administered to protect against illnesses like measles, mumps and polio — which are now rare to nonexistent as a result.

One day this pandemic will be a distant memory. But today is not that day. And the more we try to pretend that it is no longer a threat, the longer this thing will be with us. In fact, experts are predicting this fall yet another surge of COVID-19 as students return to their classrooms, which is going to result in more sick children and sick families.

This is the second year we have begun school with COVID safety being a main priority for our children. So much so, it seems that a COVID-19 vaccination should appear on school supply lists. We must continue to ensure our kids receive and stay up to date on ALL vaccinations.

We all wish COVID-19 was a thing of the past and that we could all get back to our pre-pandemic lives. But for the health and safety of all families and the community, we must realize that we are just not there yet.

Everyone needs to know that Omicron BA.5, the newest subvariant of COVID-19, is more contagious than the previous variant, which was more contagious than the one before that. The BA.5 subvariant, which was first identified in the spring, now represents nearly 80% of reported COVID-19 cases in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This is serious and we must respond appropriately, which is why it's such great news that there is now a new booster vaccine tailored to protect individuals 12 and older against Omicron specifically.

That means not only do we as adults need to make

plans to get vaccinated and/or boosted, but for our children as well. Failure to do so could result in a more severe impact for anyone who contracts the virus. None of us even want to think about having to distance ourselves from the children in our families again.

Let's be clear that receiving a COVID-19 vaccination is not a guarantee that we will not become infected. However, data shows that those who are vaccinated are much less likely to contract the disease, spread it or become hospitalized. And if someone does become infected, their symptoms are less likely to be more severe than if they were unvaccinated.

Our children look up to adults to make the right decisions and to do what's best for them. They count on us to protect them from harm and ensure they are up to date on all vaccinations, including COVID-19.

We know COVID-19 is real and we know what it can do. Most importantly, we know what we can do to help prevent further harm and fatal casualties. That is the COVID-19 vaccine.

(N. Charles Anderson is President and CEO of the Urban League of Detroit and S.E. Michigan.)

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City Hall Insider ...

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

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on July 26, and all councilmembers were present.

During public comment, Linda Wolyniec criticized Mayor Ameer Ghalib for calling former Mayor Karen Majewski a “drama queen” and a “skillful liar.”

She said those comments reflected “poorly” on him and the city.

“It’s embarrassing. ... It’s unprofessional and shows a lack of restraint and lack of understanding of what the actual role of being mayor is,” Wolyniec said.

She added: “Regard-

less of how you feel about the former mayor, you owe her an apology.”

Alyssa Wolyniec called for the council to censure Ghalib for alleged racist comments he made on his Facebook page, and for allegedly filling out ballots for voters.

Ghalib has vehemently denied the allegations, and said the allegations are based on “fake” news by an out-of-state media outlet.

He said that media outlet in question is “xenophobic and racist.”

(The outlet, The Middle East Forum, based its story on Facebook posts by Ghalib. After that re-

port came out, Ghalib erased the comments in question from his Facebook page.)

Later in the meeting, he went on to say that media outlets like that are like “opportunistic parasites.”

During public comment, Nasr Hussain also defended Mayor Ghalib. He insisted that former Mayor Majewski is a liar for what she said about the raising of a pride flag on a Jos. Campau flagpole.

Hussain also defended Mayor Ghalib and his comments on a photo of an African-American man with liquor bottles stuffed in his pants, saying that

the mayor was only commenting on the behavior of a looter, not African-Americans in general.

A few residents commented on a proposed update to the city’s animal ordinance. They urged the council to allow animal sacrifices for religious purposes.

Later in the meeting, the council got into a lengthy discussion about the proposed animal ordinance, and decided to send the proposal back to the council sub-committee that drafted it.

(The issue has not been revisited.)

Bill Meyer credited Mayor Ghalib for “doing an admirable job.”

He also said that Israel is trying to influence US elections, and is using LGBTQ issues to attack Muslims.

Neighborhood Arts Festival is right around the corner – literally

By Alan Madlane

It’s time again for the artists of Hamtramck to welcome the town to their art spaces.

The Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival (HNAF) is a unique event that invites local participation, and inspires neighbors to get to know neighbors.

And art is the nexus.

Anyone can attend any of the home-based events or installations on offer, but better yet, anyone can host one.

The event is free, al-

though the organizers have a Patronicity page for donations, to cover the cost of things like website maintenance (did we mention? Go to hamtramckneighborhoodarts-festival.com and get all the poop), the printing of posters and maps, the making of flags, and more.

This is the 12th annual HNAF, but it’s special beyond that because it’s tied into the summer-long 100th anniversary of the city’s incorporation. The list of HNAF events is

growing, and they’re still seeking others willing to participate as art/music/spoken word/etc purveyors.

In the meantime, mark your calendar for Saturday, October 8, and grab a map and schedule from the HNAF website.

Not to leave anyone out, but there are more things going on here than you can shake a paintbrush at: from music played by folks on their porches, to open studios you can visit, to mysterious “renegade” performances –

and more.

So come on and be a part of it all! You’ll be glad you did. And if your plan is to attend, rather than host, well, keep watching that website as more stuff gets added.

And run off that map the day of the event, because you’ll need it – this thing goes to all four corners of the city.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 13-19.

• A domestic assault was reported on Selfridge.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11700 block of McDougall.
- A complaint was made about a suspicious group of people in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.
- A report was made of disorderly people in the 9400 block of Conant.
- A disorderly person was reported in the area of Faber and St. Aubin.
- A business in the 12100 block of Conant reported customer trouble.

Thursday, Sept. 15

- Family trouble was reported in the 2600 block of Zinow.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 9000 block of Conant.
- A car theft was reported on Zinow.
- A complaint was made about two loose dogs at Buffalo and Yemans.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Belmont and Jos. Campau.
- Officers attempted to pull over a driver, but the driver sped away.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

- A noise complaint was made in the 2600 block of Carpenter.
- A report was made about one or more people yelling and screaming in the area of Commor and Selfridge.
- A driver was found passed out behind the wheel while in the area of Evaline and Falcon, and was arrested for drunk driving and for obstruction.
- Customer troubles was reported at a business in the 9100 block of Conant.
- Officers recovered a loose dog on Belmont and took it to the Westland Humane Society.

Friday, Sept. 16

- A woman was arrested in the 3900 block of Christopher for domestic assault.
- A report was made about a man with a gun in the 11300 block of Lumpkin. Officers later determined that no crime was committed.
- Gunshots were reported in the area of Conant and Caniff.
- A resident of Birmingham reported that they were the victim of an attempted carjacking while at Conant and Caniff.
- A Jos. Campau business reported trouble with several customers.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

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• A break-in was reported in the 2700 block of Trowbridge.

Saturday, Sept. 17

• Officers investigated a suspicious vehicle in the area of Yemans and

Conant.

• A Norwalk St. resident reported that someone stole the steering column from their vehicle.

• Family trouble was reported on Botsford.

• A Holbrook Ave. busi-

ness reported trouble with a customer.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Conant and Carpenter.

• Officers investigated a suspicious person at Conant and Edwin.

• Officers assisted an intoxicated man at Evaline and Charest.

Sunday, Sept. 18

• Several noise complaints were made. It was later determined the noise was coming from an event at the Russell Bazaar, which is located at Gray and the I-75 service drive.

• A fight was reported in the 9800 block of Conant, but the suspects had already fled by the time officers arrived.

• Gunshots were fired in the area of Jos. Cam-

pau and Carpenter.

• A complaint was made about an unwanted guest at a residence in 2600 block of Zinow.

• A break-in was reported in the 1900 block of Evaline.

• An assault was reported in the 3200 block of Trowbridge.

• A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11500 block of St. Aubin.

• A resident of Southfield reported that their

gun was stolen from their vehicle while it was parked on Mitchell.

• A person on Selfridge reported that they were receiving harassing communications.

Monday, Sept. 19

• A business in the 9200 block of Conant reported that a disorderly man was attempting to fight with customers. The suspect was later arrested.

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