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February is for heart lovers

By Alan Madlane

Just about everyone knows that February is Valentine's Day month.

But how many of you were aware that it also just happens to be Heart Health Month as well – and here, we're guessing that you can see the tie-in.

To that end, CCA Health Michigan, an integrated healthcare organization operating in the state, wanted to help bring awareness to some facts about the human heart, as well as give a quick list of four major things anyone can do to better their own heart healthiness.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease is the single leading cause of death for men and women, and that cuts across most racial and ethnic groups in the U.S.

In fact, minorities are affected even more than their white counterparts: Black men have a 70 percent higher risk of heart disease than their white counterparts. Black women are 50 percent more likely to have heart failure, versus both white men and women.

Hispanic women are more than twice as likely – and Native American more than three times as likely – to be, or end up, diabetic, versus white women – a big heart disease "red flag."

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

TOAST of the TOWN

A Paczki Day diary: Brrrrr... who invited winter to the party?

By Charles Sercombe

It was that time again, a time where Hamtramck always shines. Fat Tuesday. Known elsewhere by the French "Mardi Gras," but locally as Paczki Day.

Alas, this year's Paczki Day festivities had one uninvited guest: a bitter cold gusty wind that could, for example, freeze your forehead while walking northward on Jos. Campau.

After a couple weeks of unseasonably warmish weather, it was a rude reminder that winter is not done with us yet.

But for those... ah... fortified with spirits, it probably didn't faze them all that much.

A familiar group of gawkers crushed into PLAY Post 10 for the annual paczki eating contest, held on the second floor of this classic old hall.

There, at high noon, several contestants arranged themselves at a long table and punished their bodies by stuffing down as many of those lard-infused pastry bombs as a human stomach can, well if a human had the multiple stomachs of a cow.

As it would happen, the winner turned out to be that guy-about-town, the one-and-only STEVE-O (Steve Paljusevic).

Yes, Steve-O, Hamtramck's top pop culture observer, scarfed down 12-1/2 paczki. It was, truly, a baffling sight, since last year he could only manage to get a few of them down.

Even more amazing, he hardly looked punished by

his pastry onslaught. It's said that D-Day, in World War II, was the longest 24 hours of that war. This is certainly a stretched simile, but what the heck: The paczki eating contest is the longest-known 15 minutes in the history of humankind.

Congrats, Steve, but you also have a long way to go to beat the 23 paczki that were downed in 2015.

Move on? Please, let's. The line of people waiting to get inside of New Palace Bakery once again stretched around the block – made worse by the closing, last year, of New Martha Washington Bakery, formerly located just a bit further north on Jos. Campau.

But those coming out – which, strangely, were few and far between (is there a Paczki Twilight Zone where people go in a bakery, never to be seen again?) did say that the bakery had streamlined things to move the line along faster.

Now, instead of mixing and matching, customers can only take pre-sorted boxes.

"That only took one hour," said a customer, to this freezing reporter.

Another thing this reporter heard, while outside New Palace, from a fellow in line with friends: "Hey, are you that guy?"

Reporter: "Sure, yeah, I'm that guy.... Unless you think I'm 'That Guy' in which case, no, I'm not that guy."

At that point, it was bet-

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Council is seeking a pay raise

By Charles Sercombe

The city council wants to triple their yearly salary, as well as double that of the mayor.

At last week's council meeting, the council approved a resolution to have voters change the city charter to allow the increase.

City council members are currently paid \$3,249 each year, but the proposed increase would raise their pay to \$9,749.

That would come out to a total of \$32,500 more for five of the councilmembers.

For the sixth councilmember, who is the mayor pro tem, the increase would go from \$4,874 to \$11,374 a year. That's an increase of \$6,500.

And for the mayor, the current yearly salary of \$6,499 would go up to \$12,998, which is also a \$6,500 increase for the year.

The total increase for the council and mayor is \$45,500 for the year.

The yearly salaries are based on a percentage of the governor's salary. For council, it's currently 2 percent, for the mayor pro tem it's 3 percent and the mayor's is 4 percent.

The change, if approved would change that to 6, 7, and 8 percent respectively.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, who is mayor pro tem, proposed the change, and justified the increase because the cost of living has increased.

"It's not only money, it's time and respect," Hassan said.

He added that the current compensation has prevented residents with "talent" from running for office.

Hassan also noted that

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ter to head over to Whiskey in the Jar, around the corner from the bustling bakery.

A shot of Jezy (to warm up) sure was tempting, but there was still work to be done.

And, besides, Jezy reminds us of that horrible cough syrup we were forced to swallow as a kid.

As usual, a giant tent was set up behind the bar. Inside, the crowd was still in the early stages of imbibing their various libations – not yet loose enough to forget their inhibitions and dance like fools to the Kielbasa Kings.

Despite the unwelcome chill in the air, there were plenty of people walking the city streets – notably, a bunch of young adults heading toward Small's bar at Caniff and Conant.

Well, that's it for the paczki report for this year.

Our deadline was calling, and a warm cup of coffee sure sounded right.

When it comes to good food and great times,

Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events



Above and Below: The drinks flowed at Whiskey in the Jar on Paczki Day, and heck, any day.



Council is seeking a pay raise

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The Detroit City Council just increased their salaries, although their positions are full-time, and include benefits and staff.

Councilmember Amanda Jaczkowski, who is in her first term, said it's also a matter of the amount of time each member puts into the job, including time spent outside of actual meetings, such as doing research or preparing for committee meetings.

City Manager Max Garbarino said the increase "won't make or break us" financially.

This isn't the first time the council considered a pay raise for itself. Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury earlier proposed an increase, but he quickly backed off his resolution after public

backlash.

The salary proposal will be on the August Primary Election ballot. The council

will also be asking voters to approve two other city charter changes.

Obituaries

WHITEHEAD



Theresa P Whitehead, nee Mirowski, (age 80), died February 18, 2023.

Dear wife of the late Paul (2001) and sister of Stella (Ken) Kopp, Josephine (Michael) Liczbinski, and the late Janet (Dale) Osstyn. Many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews also survive.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents Stanley and Helen Mirowski, and her longtime companion Gordon Wills (2018).

Theresa was a member of the Macomb Elks Lodge #2292, was a past president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, International Order of Alhambra, and Moose International.

Visitation was held Thursday, February 23, 2023 and the funeral mass was Friday, February 24, 2023 Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church Hamtramck MI. Entombment Mount Olivet Cemetery Detroit MI.

Arrangements entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

This week at the Library . . .

February 24, 2023

Library Quest: The challenge ends on February 28th. If your teen or tween has not taken part yet what are they waiting for? Contestants are pit against a number of brain straining riddles that sport a Dungeons & Dragons theme. What is the point of taking them on, you ask? Awesome prizes, of course! You can still visit www.milibraryquest.wixsite.com/quest1 to register and take a shot.

Poletown: Brianne Turczynski, author of "Detroit's Lost Poletown" will make a presentation on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6 pm about the little neighborhood that touches the Nation. Everyone is invited for evening with the author.

Together we read: There is an online book club that connects participants with others from all over the country. It lets you jump in at any hour. All that is required is your trusty library card. It is Together We Read. See a preview of the upcoming book chat title "River Woman, River Demon" by author Jennifer Givhan before the discussions set for March by giving the website www.togetherwecread.com/us/ a visit. It has got a bit of murder, a bit of mystery, and a bit of magic.

Group Exercise: Yoga and Tai Chi sessions at the library have returned. Get your Yoga fix on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm. Tai Chi makes a comeback on Fridays starting at 10 am. The program is provided by the RIM Foundation. Instructors are health professionals that accommodate the whole range of activity levels. These meet ups are

senior friendly. Free to all participants, registration required.

Story Time: Get your kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 4 pm. It will put a smile on everyone's face, including yours. Presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Game Night: Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Friday's at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play.

Judy Blume: This author was born on February 12, 1938. Her 1970 novel "Are You There God? It is Me Margaret" is set to release this year as a motion picture, though the book has seen efforts to get it pulled from shelves nationwide over the decades. Take a read for yourself if you want to find out what all the noise is about

ESL Classes in the Library: The ESL classes organized by Horizon School are held in the library (Monday to Thursday). There are two sessions with the first starting at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am.

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School Bell

Student spotlight

This month, we're excited to feature Sammr Sammin for our student spotlight. A recipient of this year's Superintendent Award, Sammr continues to go above and beyond the call of duty in addition to her studies.

She is the president of the Social Justice Club and an active member of several student organizations. We're so proud of her and will continue to cheer her on.

From the Interim Superintendent

HPS Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi shared his thoughts about the recent MSU shootings with district students and families:

Our hearts are heavy this morning, as we process the news of a shooting at Michigan State University. Another senseless tragedy has taken place and our community grieves the innocent people who were injured and the senseless loss of life.

During this difficult time, our thoughts remain with the families and loved



HPS student Sammr Sammin, pictured with her family and HPS Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi, is a recipient of this year's Superintendent Award.

ones of each person impacted by yesterday's devastating incident.

The safety and well-being of your students is our top priority. We are committed to working together as a community to maintain a safe school environment where every student can learn and grow. As incidents of violence continue to impact schools and communities nationwide, our thoughts are also with each of you this morning, as you send your children to our schools, relying on us to keep them safe. Hamtramck Public Schools is working closely with our local law enforcement partners, including the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police.

It is my hope this com-

munication addresses some of your immediate concerns, by reassuring you that District officials and staff are trained and confident in our safety protocols. Some of the security measures in place to support the safety of your student and our staff, include and are not limited to:

- ALICE Trainings
- BUILDING SECURITY GUARDS,
- ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS,
- MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, ETC.

In addition to our safety protocol, we need the support of our entire community to protect your children who we are privileged to serve. We ask that you speak to your children and urge them to immediately reach out

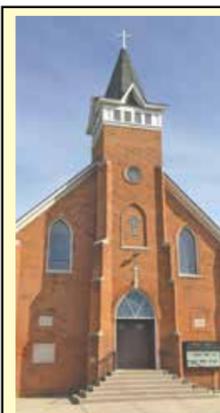
to school officials directly, or through the State of Michigan's Okay2Say tip line at 8-555-OK2SAY or OKAY2SAY@mi.gov, if they learn of any potential threats that could harm our school community.

We take all incidents involving student and staff safety seriously and deeply value the diligence of our law enforcement partners as well as our full community.

We understand that our students, families, teachers and staff will need support in the coming days. Please know that counselors will be available to our school community. Do not hesitate to reach out to our counselors should you or your child need support. Your children are our children, and we will continue to do everything in our control to maintain safety in our schools. These are some resources to help you discuss this with your children:

- Helping your children manage distress in the aftermath of a shooting: <https://www.apa.org/topics/gun-violence-crime/school-shooting>
- Helping youth after community trauma: <https://achieve.org>

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~Alan Karwowski

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We remain committed to working together as a community to ensure your child has the resources they need to continue to learn in a safe environment. Please continue to make every attempt to remain hopeful and resilient.

Thank you for your partnership and trust in us on behalf of our children. If you have any questions, contact my office at (313) 591-7413.

HHS Writing Center

Rachel Tibai of the high school Writing Center has some exciting news about the school's program.

Tibai explains:

"These impressive young people went through a rigorous application process to gain positions as our very first Peer Consultants at the inception of our Writing Center."

Here is what the students have to say about the program:

"The writing center is a place that helps students that are struggling with any English based assignment. Our goals as the writing center are to further better the community of Hamtramck English writing and reading comprehension," said Benjamin Arnautovic.

"Helping students further excel in writing and giving an opportunity to grow in the subject, those are our goals."

We want to help any struggles in any class that contains writing, to the best of our ability. We want to put students in the right direction," said Ava Baldoumas.

"The HHS Writing Cen-

ter is a safe place run by 'Writing consultants,' which are students who assist other students with their writing/assignments. At the writing center everyone is welcome to get any help/advice regarding school assignments.

"This help will be available during and after school hours. Our goal as writing consultants is to help students think for themselves. We want our students to feel more comfortable and confident in their writing. We writing consultants don't want to just edit the paper, we want the writer to learn something new and approve their skills," said Aujanea Carter.

"The writing center is a class of students who have been selected to help other students in Hamtramck High School. We hope to help any student in need of help with writing and even help ourselves improve with our writing skills," said Royce Hammock.

"The HHS Writing Center is a friendly and supportive workspace for the students of HHS to get help with their assignments or any other literary assignment."

"In HHS Writing Center, our goal is to provide all students with required support or guidance in writing related assignments. Our main priority is to help students and get all their thoughts on paper so that they can do their best writings as well as improve their writing skills," said Uday Parom.

"The writing center is about assisting students with assignments. Luckily, for students, it's not only for English work. It's for other projects dealing with writing. It is for every student striving to reach their goal," said Ghaida Saleh.

"We are Peer Consultants who make it easier for students to make the best of their work. We were chosen to help others expand their knowledge of writing," said Shanjida Sharif.



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So, what are considered the major risk factors? Genetics, age, gender, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity and smoking.

What, then, are these seemingly magical things you can do to help your hard-working heart out a bit?

• Watch what you eat – maximize colorful fruits

and vegetables, and minimize added sugars and saturated fats

• Get active – aim for 30 minutes a day, five days a week – and note, that can mean anything from a brisk walk to tossing around a big pile of laundry

• Give up tobacco and minimize alcohol use

• Regularly check your numbers: weight, blood pressure (BP), cholesterol, blood glucose and A1C



Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Councilmembers and the mayor want a raise. Do they deserve it?

The city councilmembers may have a hard sell when it comes to convincing voters to give them raises.

We're not going to rush to judgment on this one but, instead, allow the city council to both explain and defend its position.

And we advise the public to also hold off on making knee-jerk reactions –such as immediately giving the proposal a hard 'no.'

The council wants to almost triple their salaries, as well as more than double the mayor pro tem's and mayor's. And when we say salaries, think more like a stipend.

The council currently makes a little over \$3,200 a year, the mayor pro tem, over \$4,800 and the mayor \$6,500.

The increase would

change that to over \$9,700 a year for five of the councilmembers, the sixth councilmember, who is also mayor pro tem, would get over \$11,700 and the mayor's salary would be about \$13,000.

This proposal would require voter approval, and won't appear on the ballot until the August Primary Election.

The proposed salary boost comes at a time when the city's financial picture looks grim. Simply put, the city is spending more money that it is taking in.

Councilmembers are justifying the increases because of the amount of time they spend on researching matters and staying in contact with the public.

They do a lot of behind-the-scenes work.

A counter-argument is, no one forced them to take this role. And also, did any of them really look into their roles of councilmember or of mayor before running for those offices, in order to know what would be expected for the current amount of pay?

Our charter is set up to have the city manager and their administration do the actual heavy lifting of managing the city – not the council and mayor.

The roles of the councilmembers and mayor are largely ceremonial. However, it's appreciated that they take their roles very seriously, and often put in extra hours in so-doing.

But in the end, it's likely that the council will have a tough job selling this proposal to the public.

Police report: Vehicle thefts and hit-and-runs increased in 2022

By Charles Sercombe

While crime in general was down by a fraction (2 percent) in 2022, there was an uptick in four major areas, according to the annual report of the Hamtramck Police Department:

- Vehicle thefts were up by 55 percent
- Retail fraud was up by 72 percent
- Property crime up by 25 percent
- Hit-and-runs increased by 82 percent

No actual numbers for the above crimes were provided in the report submitted to the city council.

The total number of calls for police was 12,215, and the number of arrests was 691.

Out of that number, 203 arrests involved felonies, and 488 were for misdemeanors. Some suspects faced multiple charges that included both felonies and misdemeanors.

Other crime categories where there were incident decreases from the year before include:

- Violent crime, by 17 percent
- Felony assaults, by 25 percent
- Homicides, by 67 percent
- Sex crimes, by 50 percent

- Drug crimes, by 31 percent
- Alcohol-related crimes, by 13 percent.

Again, no actual numbers were provided in the report, just percentages.

One of the top concerns among residents is about speeding drivers. Officers were on top of that, and they issued 1,745 tickets for speeding.

- Other traffic tickets included:
 - Reckless/dangerous driving, 90 tickets
 - Parking related, 2,389 tickets
 - Various traffic misdemeanors, 838 tickets

One of the concerns in the police department is retaining officers. Hamtramck experiences high turnover, as officers are lured away by higher pay from other departments.

During last year, six officers were hired, with four either resigning or retiring. There are still job openings in the department.

No officers were fired. A feature of the department was the monthly "Chat with the Police Chief," where the public can meet with the chief and air their concerns.

The chief has also stressed additional training for officers, especially on ways to de-escalate tense situations that could lead to violence and assaults.

This has been a national priority as well.

There has been a call nationwide to have social workers handle some calls that involved mentally stressed or disturbed individuals. That step has not yet been taken in Hamtramck, and would require additional money.

Body cameras for officers are pretty much standard in departments across the county, but Hamtramck officers were only recently issued body cameras, thanks to a grant.

Odds & Ends

Reminder... Behind on property taxes, and short on time?

The Wayne County Treasury Department is here to help, and it has extended its hours to Saturday.

The office will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those who are seeking a payment plan.

You have to first make an appointment, and you can do so by going online to:

<https://www.waynecounty.com/elected/treasurer/contact-us.aspx>

According to a press release, Treasurer Eric Sabree has urged county taxpayers who owe property taxes for 2020 or prior years to get into payment plans by March 14, or pay their property tax bills in full by March 31.

Otherwise, they risk having the property go into foreclosure.

Since 2017, the number of homes foreclosed upon by the county has decreased by 49 percent.

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office has several options to help residents stay in their homes, including financial hardship extensions and other payment plans.

For more information, go to treasurer.waynecounty.com or contact the office by email at taxinfo@waynecounty.com.

Condolences... In the 1990s, Hamtramck's poetry scene was alive and kicking.

The city was home to several prominent poets in the metro area, some of whom went on to gain national attention.

One of those was Ella Singer, who devoted her life to the arts and as well as educating youth.



Ella Singer

Sadly, Ella recently died Feb. 14 after suffering from health issues for several years. She had been living with her sister in Texas for a number of years.

She was 73 years old, and leaves behind many, many friends.

A memorial is being planned for some time in March here in the Detroit area.

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Covid: For the elderly, symptoms can be more severe and lasting

By Charles Sercombe

Let's talk about covid and the elderly.

Illness and disease often have a more severe impact on those 65 and older. COVID-19 is no exception. In fact, health experts say, COVID-19 can worsen existing medical conditions senior may have.

Seniors also have an increased likelihood of having long-term effects, as well.

Here's a staggering statistic: of the 1.1 million people who died from covid in the U.S., almost 800,000 of them were elderly.

In Wayne County, not including Detroit, the majority of covid deaths were also from among the elderly, about 3,500 of them.

Surprisingly, the elderly do not comprise the majority of those coming down with covid: that group would be those 30 to 45 years old.

Heath officials recommend that seniors get vaccinated and subsequently boosted to prevent severe COVID-19 symptoms, and provide a better chance of not dying from the disease.

Wayne County does not provide a breakdown by

age of those who get and die from covid in Hamtramck. But, according to the county, a little over 19 percent of the city's population has come down with COVID-19 since the pandemic started three years ago.

That percentage represents 5,936 Hamtramckans who were hit by covid (some more than once), the total as of this week.

The number of new cases from the past week, as of Monday, is 28, and the number of deaths remains at 82.

City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing City Council

The City of Hamtramck will hold a public hearing for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan for the City of Hamtramck lead service line replacement and water system improvements program. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Clean Water and Drinking Water System Improvements and to receive comments from interested parties. The hearing will be held during the Hamtramck City Council starting at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**. Interested residents may attend the meeting at the City of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

The public is invited to attend and comment or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Address written comments to City Clerk Rana Faraj and email them to rfaraj@hamtramckcity.com or mail them to: City Clerk, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 14-20.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- A break-in was reported in the 5100 block of Edwin.

- Family trouble was reported in the 2200 block of Alice.

- A break-in was reported in the 8800 block of Conant.

- Suspicious situations were reported in the 2300 block of Grayling and in the 3100 block of Casmere.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

- Officers responded to a report of a person in a garage in the 2400 block of Holbrook. Officers determined that there had been a break-in.

- A resident in the 12000 block of Dyar reported that an unwanted person was in their residence.

- An attempted break-in was reported in the 2300 block of Neibel.

- A white Dodge Ram was reported stolen in the 2900 block of Jacob.

- A complaint was made about someone trespassing in the 2600 block of Holbrook.

- A person reported being verbally threatened with violence while on Commor.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred on Trowbridge.

- A theft was reported on Fleming.

- A business on Jos. Campau reported a disorderly customer.

Thursday, Feb. 16

- A driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license, and for being wanted on several Detroit warrants.

- Officers responded to a call about a child, in the 2400 block of Pulaski, having a hard time breathing.

- A driver was arrested for drunk driving.

- A report was made about a person knocking on windows at a residence in the 2300 block of Holmes.

- A vehicle was stolen on Evaline.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Danforth and Lumpkin.

- A domestic assault was reported on Andrus.

- A theft was reported on Caniff.

- An illegal dumping was reported at a city-owned lot on Miller.

- A person on Hanley St. reported being harassed.

- A person on Danforth St. reported being the victim of identity theft.

- An assault was reported on Gallagher, near Belmont.

- A theft from a vehicle was reported on Burger.

Friday, Feb. 17

- Officers investigated a

suspicious vehicle in the area of Carpenter and Gallagher.

- A person on Nagel St. reported being harassed.

Saturday, Feb. 18

- A person in the 3800 block of Holbrook reported that they were bitten by an animal.

- Officers investigated a suspicious vehicle in the area of Whalen and Mackay.

- Following a traffic stop, a driver was arrested for being wanted on two Hamtramck warrants, and for driving with their license revoked.

- A fight was reported in the 9400 block of Conant.

- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 3400 block of Doremus.

- A missing person was reported in the 3800 block of Norwalk.

Sunday, Feb. 19

- Officers investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Lumpkin and Holbrook.

- A noise complaint was made in the area of Jos. Campau and Belmont.

- A report was made about a couple arguing in the area of Caniff and Dyar.

- Family trouble was reported in the 11400 block of Klinger.

- A disorderly person was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.

- An illegal dumping was reported on Alpena.

- A person was arrested on Klinger for domestic assault.

- A suspicious incident was reported on Gallagher.

- Family trouble was reported on Evaline.

- A theft was reported on Sobieski.

- A vehicle stolen in Detroit was recovered in Hamtramck.

- A domestic assault was reported on Caniff.

- A noise complaint was made in the 12000 block of Dyar.

- Officers attempted a traffic stop on a white Infiniti, but the driver sped off.

- Officer assisted an ambulance crew with an intoxicated man in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau.

- Reckless drivers were reported on Gallagher, near Roosevelt.

- A complaint was made about disorderly juveniles on Andrus.

- A suspicious incident was reported on Yemans.

- A theft was reported on Mitchell.

- Gunshots were reported on Jacob.

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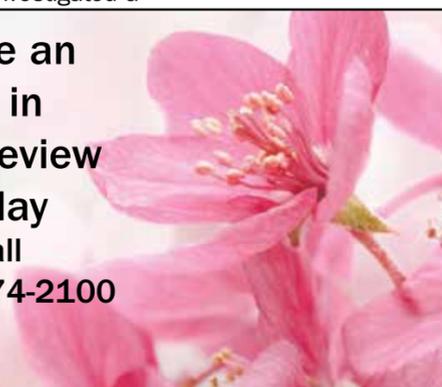
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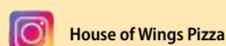
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The City of Hamtramck Board of Review will meet in the Hamtramck City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212.

Meetings by appointment only on the following days:

Tuesday March 7, 2023, at 9:00 am for the organizational meeting (no appeals will be heard).

By appointment to hear appeals,

Monday March 13, 2023 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: 3rd Floor conference room

Thursday March 16, 2023 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: 2nd Floor City Council Chambers

The purpose is to review the assessment rolls of Hamtramck. Matters pertaining to the assessment of property may be brought before the Board of Review. Appointments will be taken until 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2023. Appeals will also be accepted by letter.

**All letter appeals must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2023. **

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Suspect charged in two Hamtramck armed robberies

By Charles Sercombe

With the help of the FBI, a 24-year-old man was arrested for two separate armed robberies in Hamtramck.

Michael Moore, of Troy, was arraigned on two charges of armed robbery and one charge of committing a felony with a gun in Hamtramck 31st District Court on Thursday (Feb. 16), according to a press release issued by the Hamtramck Police Department.

He was arrested on Feb. 13 by Clinton Twp. Police, when Moore went to a Clinton Twp. court for a matter not connected with the Hamtramck incident.

Moore's bond was set at \$100,000, and would require him to post \$10,000 to be released from custody.

Moore is accused of robbing two businesses in Hamtramck: Snipes in December of 2022, and GameStop in January of 2023. Hamtramck police say there are no other suspects in either incident.

Hamtramck detectives recovered a gun while conducting a search war-



Michael Moore

rant of his residence, Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise said.

It was not immediately known how much money and property were taken in the alleged robberies.

Moore is also facing an armed robbery charge involving a GameStop in Clinton Twp. that allegedly occurred in January 2023.

Moore's next court appearance in Hamtramck is on March 2.

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