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Quick Hits

City promotion is underway

By Alan Madlane

Little old Hamtramck has always had a reputation, in the Detroit area, as a destination due to its unique nature.

Well, that, and its bars.

So... many... bars. At least, once upon a recent time.

Now, many of those neighborhood bars have folded up their tents, but numerous other businesses, many of them tailored toward specific sectors of the city's numerous ethnic groups, have sprung up.

The city has seen an upswing in eateries, clothing stores, resale shops, and more, even adding a new pawn shop or two.

The city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – which concerns itself essentially with the commercial strip of Jos. Campau – has partnered with the City's Community and Economic Development Dept. to announce the launch of a new supportive campaign called "Discover Hamtramck."

According to a press release sent out by DDA Deputy Director Alessandro Uribe-Rheinbolt, the campaign was launched in January to leverage social media to get the word out about the city's "diverse array of businesses, events and amenities that make Hamtramck a vibrant and unique destination."

In particular, Instagram "Reels" and Facebook have been used by the group (in collaboration with regional content creators such as Raw Detroit, Vibes Detroit and Lex go Here) to create posts or videos they hope will go viral, and thereby lead to increased exposure for the businesses.

Some that have already been featured include Dairy Fairies Café, Luna's Flower Boutique and Sab-

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Victory over our greatest fear

By John Ulaj
Publisher

I want to begin by thanking you, our readership and advertisers, for your amazing loyalty and continued support.

Given that, I am proud to announce that The Review will be celebrating its 15-year anniversary this coming May!

Also: Happy Easter and Resurrection season, my friends!

With social media such a prevalent and dominating force in modern life, few of us can escape this all-compassing power of technology. Thus, the world is shrinking, becoming smaller and smaller.

The actions of any one significant nation often can impact many others.

One thing we do have in common is that we're all human: we bleed the same; we laugh, cry, experience joy or sorrow; we love or hate in the same basic way. And, we all find ourselves at a possible crossroads of human extinction.

Amid such a bombardment of emotions, amid so much cynicism, negativity and twisting of the truth, is there any way



that our world has a fighting chance?

Some people would tout AI, or artificial intelligence; some put their hope in a strong military, in more/less government, in more/less scientific advancement, or perhaps in a global treaty for complete nuclear disarmament.

But consider that putting our trust in the wrong "someone," or something, is what got us into trouble in the first place.

We have lost the power that was bestowed upon us by God. Is it not better to trust in the Lord God rather than to place it upon mortal princes? I believe that we have lost both perspective and meaning in life by forfeiting our power to the false gods of mankind's creation.

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Torn and tattered

By Charles Sercombe

Old Glory is looking ragged on Jos. Campau.

That's the latest chatter on social media about the condition of American flags flying on the city's 18 flagpoles on Jos. Campau, from Carpenter to Caniff.

They are not only weathered and torn but, according to resident Mathias Seax, flying flags in that condition violates the U.S. flag code, he said on the Facebook page "I love Hamtramck and actually live here."

He made it an issue to "point out the hypocrisy" of city officials who in the recent past made a huge fuss over what flags should be allowed to fly on city property.

"They (city officials) should probably observe the law they swore to uphold," Seax added.

City Manager Max Garbarino had a terse reply when asked about the flags.

"New ones are already ordered," he told The Review.

While the flag code does not provide penalties, it suggests replacing worn flags and disposing of them "in a dignified" manner – which means, preferably, being burned.

Hamtramck's mayor and city council have made it the rule that only the American flag, and the flags of the state and city, as well as the POW/MIA flag, can be displayed on public property.

That rule was established as a way to ban the pride flag from being flown on city flagpoles after some members of the community complained about the issue.

The mayor and city council justified their flag policy on the basis of remaining "neutral" when it comes to flags that some consider controversial.

The decision also caused culture clash in the city, with members and supporters of the LGBTQ community protesting that decision.

Even the state's top law enforcer, Attorney General Dana Nessel, called the ban a "national embarrassment." Nessel is openly gay.

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2:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

March 30 - Holy Saturday

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5:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (English & Polish)

March 31 - Easter Sunday

7:00am Resurrection Procession & Mass (English)
9:30am Easter Mass (Polish)

Easter Schedule

After 93 years, Mostek sells its last can of paint

By Charles Sercombe

A Hamtramck institution is shutting its doors.

Mostek Paint and Glass Company, located on Jos. Campau and Casmere, is closing today, Friday, March 29.

For 93 years, the Mostek family has been serving the needs of the

community. The company has been located here in Hamtramck for about 70 years, and prior to that operated out of a store on McNichols, also known as 6 Mile Rd.

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Mostek Store Manager Jim Henri has worked at the paint and glass company for 40 years, and Friday was his last day to work there. Mostek closed down Friday after being in business for 93 years.

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Mostek employees have actually owned the company for the past few years, in a deal with the Mostek family when the family retired.

Store Manager Jim Henri said that, after working for 40 years, "I want to retire."

But one thing that the other stores can't offer is years of expertise in the

business. Longtime customer Shannon Lowe came into the store to say his goodbyes to employees, and had one thing to say

about the business closing down:

"Jeez, Louise."

Henri said that one of the benefits of working at

the shop was dealing with Hamtramck customers,

who he said "were always very friendly."



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Library Garden Volunteers: Calling all volunteers with green thumbs. Plan for this year's community garden are on the way. The new project coordinator is looking for some helping hands. If you are looking for a patch of land to work your magic, sign up for a plot or two. Stop by the front desk and register.

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 3:45 pm and Wednesday Story Time at 12:00 noon. The programs are presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Game Night: We are moving to Wednesdays. Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Wednesday at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play. Everyone is invited.

Exercise in the Library: Adaptive Yoga is back on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm and Tai Chi on Fridays at 10 am. These beginner friendly, weekly exercise sessions are sponsored by the RIM Foundation. Please wear comfy shoes and stretchy clothing for maxi-

mum enjoyment.

Hoopla: Visit our website at www.hamtramck.lib.mi.us to find a link to Hoopla and its huge digital media collection under the eResources tab near the top left corner of the homepage.

Dan Grajek: Hitting the road was just what this Metro Detroit author did. Criss-crossing the country multiple times by way of hitchhiking, these experiences served him well creatively, eventually leading him to develop his two novels, "The Last Hobo" and more recently "Moon People". Catch an exciting chat with the wandering wordsmith that is Dan Grajek on Friday, April 26th at 6 pm.

Anna Sewell: If you have not had the chance to enjoy the literary classic "Black Beauty, then now is the perfect time. She was born on March 30, 1820. Her one and only novel is the passionate recounting of a horse's life, describing the peaks and valleys of nature's interaction with human society. Sewell's own deep involvement with the equine world followed from a childhood accident which left her mobility severely limited, and the ensuing closeness with horses led her to develop this novel which brought to light some of the awful treatment they had to endure. "Black Beauty" went on to become one of the best selling titles of all time and has been adapted for the screen and stage. Consider picking up a copy for yourself on your next visit to the library.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City can't always depend on an infusion of Fed money

As we reported last week, this spring and summer will be busy around town.

The city has been fortunate to receive various federal grants totaling over \$19 million in recent years that will go toward funding the repaving of our streets and alleys, as well as continuing the replacement of lead water lines with non-lead lines.

The federal grants are likely one-time only infusions of money, which the government offered to many communities throughout the nation in order to rebuild America's aging infrastructure.

It's money being wisely invested back into our communities.

What gets us, however, is that some city officials think it was their handiwork in getting these needed repairs done. Folks, these grants are the result of hard work by a number of people prior to the current administration.

And yes, the current administration has also done an admirable job in getting grants.

But sooner or later, the revenue stream could dry up – really, largely depending on who gets elected to national and state office.

What Hamtramck has

to do going forward is plan a road map toward keeping the city financially solvent – realizing that a lot of variables can happen to potentially throw monkey wrenches into the city's finances.

It's happened in the past, and it will very likely continue in the years to come.

Hamtramck's recent financial stability can be traced to one major factor: a huge transfusion of money currently being funneled this way.

Enjoy the fruits of that investment but realize, too, that anything can change in the coming years.

Odds & Ends

Free parking... With the Eid celebration coming up, the city will suspend having to pay for parking at city meters along Jos. Campau and in its parking lots.

That parking break runs from April 1 to 11.

Mayor Amer Ghalib had this to say about the free parking:

"Parking will be free during the last 10 days of Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr ... to facilitate the movement of people in the heart of the city during the season of worship, and shopping in preparation for the Eid celebration."

Happy birthday!... You wouldn't know it by looking at him, but Hamtramck's muralist Dennis Orłowski recently turned 80 years old.

He could easily pass as someone in their 50s, and there is not one wrinkle on his face.

What does he attribute to his youthful looks?

"I don't drink or smoke," he said.

Dennis has several murals here in town and many more in the metro area. His latest project will be painting a mural on the brick wall at Keyworth Stadium that faces the new playscape in the rear of Veterans Park.

He'll be painting a mural of kids playing, and he is using local kids from Dic-

kinson East Elementary School as models. Work should begin sometime in May, depending on the weather.

Warning... A reader called last week with a tale about her encounter with one of those aggressive door-to-door sales people.

By now, most folks have probably tangled with these sales people trying to get you to switch your electric or gas utility for some plan that they say will save you big bucks.

Spoiler alert: They don't. This encounter riled up the woman who called, because one of sales persons said that by not switching to the company they were pushing, there was a "good chance" that her utility would be cut off.

That is pure bunk, folks.

The resident was so rattled that she called the police department and was told that the sales person had a permit to promote the company in question, and that since they didn't outright say her utility WILL BE turned off, there was no foul play.

But the resident didn't quit there, and called the city clerk to find out if the sales company had a permit, and was told they didn't.

No matter, don't let these aggressive sales people waste your time, and tell them in no uncertain

terms to scram.

Reminder... Hamtramck's amazing Historical Museum, will be hosting a roaring 1920s "speakeasy fundraiser" on Saturday, April 13 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Per the museum's press release: "This evening of 1920s style fun includes a cash bar (one complimentary drink per ticket), live jazz, appetizers, and other entertainment. If you choose to come in costume, you may want to enter the best-dressed contest!"

Such attire, they note, is optional, even though they're certainly hoping for a high level of such participation.

In a nod to the speakeasy's secretive pasts, when you purchase event tickets online (www.hamtramckhistory.com) you'll even be given a "secret password" for entry to the event – talk about authenticity!

VIP tickets will get purchasers a special reception from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. that will include an early champagne toast, a tour of the archives, and reserved seating for the event.

They stress that tickets are limited, and urge would-be attendees to get them soon.

Tickets are priced at \$40 for general admission, \$75 for two and \$100 for VIP admission.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Hundreds rally to improve home care jobs and care

By Michigan Homecare Workers United

Hundreds of home care workers joined senior and disability rights advocates at a rally at the state Capitol building Wednesday, championing legislation that would improve jobs and access to care by restoring home healthcare workers' right to form a union and creating a state authority to help with self-directed care.

Thousands of Michigan families are without options for home care because too many workers have left — or cannot afford to join — this workforce.

"I have been a home care worker for the last 15 years... and the last time I got a raise was 13 years ago. And as a home care worker, I'm asking the Michigan Legislature to stand with us to ensure that we can access the training and legal protections and rights we need," said Phyllis Pride of Ecorse. "Allow us to form a union. Every worker — no matter what they do — must be able to join a union and have a voice in their work."

State Senators Kevin Hertel and Sylvia Santana, who serve as chair and vice-chair of the chamber's health policy committee, are co-sponsoring bills that would restore bargaining rights for approxima-

tely 31,000 workers who provide care through the Home Help program. The workers' union rights were stripped away in 2012, and since then, Michigan has fallen behind, paying home care workers some of the lowest wages in the country.

"I am proud to sponsor legislation that will restore bargaining rights for individual Home Help providers, and create a public authority," said Sen. Hertel. "An authority for home care workers means better care for seniors and persons with disabilities, and saves taxpayer dollars by allowing people to avoid the expense of a nursing home."

Disability and senior rights advocates say the legislation, House Bills 790 and 791, which were introduced Wednesday, would help address a growing and important need.

Michigan is in a home care crisis as the senior population booms and will have 115,500 home care job openings from 2020–2030. Training, better benefits and higher pay for home care workers through a Home Help authority, along with restoring their bargaining rights, will bring caregivers to these jobs, encourage continuity of care, relieve the burden of the high cost of a nursing home, and enable

better health at home. Michigan's older population is above the national average. By 2030, the retirement age population will grow by more than 30% — 450,000 people.

"These seniors, some of whom have seen everything from world wars to a worldwide pandemic, deserve to be cared for with dignity," said Alison Hirschel, director of the Michigan Elder Justice Initiative. "Seniors need to be able to access the quality care they need when they need it and they'd prefer to get that help at home."

An estimated 23 percent of the state's population has at least one disability, said Jill Gerrie, the project coordinator for The Arc Michigan. The nonprofit advocates for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD).

"There must be a public policy developed that serves people with IDD so they are not waitlisted for long term support and services," said Gerrie. "Having the infrastructure and authority helps address a health crisis for our IDD community, and we strongly support this legislation."

Laura Hall of the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition said the organization

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Victory over our greatest fear

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It has been suggested, rightly so in my opinion, that all spiritual warfare ultimately takes place between the ears – in other words, in the mind.

We must weigh our every thought: if those thoughts are found to be lies, or dishonoring to God in any way, then we must fight or restrain those thoughts by subduing them with the truths inherent in God's Word, as found in The Holy Bible.

Jesus is the answer for a world reeling out of control. As His followers, we need to know how the final battle will be won.

And that will be by placing our trust in God, not man.

It is God who destroyed the greatest weapon of mass destruction ever known, there on that

hill at Golgotha, up on the cross – and that is Death itself! The Battle is the Lord's, and so is the Victory!

The only chance for the world lies with one Man – the Lord Jesus Christ, the begotten Son of God, before whom, one day, every knee will bow, and every

tongue confess. He is our Help, our Head, and our Hope; the only answer for this weary, war-torn globe. He will give the world a standing chance.

So trust in God, stand in His Hope, and be a witness to his victorious Son!

I wish you all a Happy Easter.

Quick Hits

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or, a local food truck.

The campaign's launch follows the DDA being awarded "Engaged Level" status as part of the Michigan Main Street program, a state effort that helps promote civic businesses.

Hadwan Hadwan, co-owner of the local Kitab

Café and current treasurer of the DDA, said, in reference to the "Engaged Level" designation:

"Our Main Street certification is also a great step for our community since, as we move along in the process, we'll be able to receive grants, technical support, and great guidance from experts to move our city forward economically."

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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 March 5, and all councilmembers were in attendance.

Under the heading of new business, the council approved a contract extension with Dominic Gaglio Construction, Inc. to continue repaving city alleys.

The company will be paid over \$500,000 for the service, which comes out of the city's general fund, as well as the city's road fund.

However, Mayor Amer Ghalib complained that some of the scheduled alley repaving didn't happen on time, delayed by as much as a year. He questioned whether future contracts can include a clause that penalizes

contractors for not doing their work in a timely manner.

City Manager Max Garbarino said that could be included in the future, but he also stressed that the nature of construction projects means that they are often delayed for various reasons, such as cold or stormy weather preventing further action.

Construction, Garbarino said, "is riddled with delays."

Ghalib said that he and other elected officials look dishonest to residents when construction projects, such as alley repaving, don't happen on time.

He said that postponing projects until the next year "is inconvenient for us and for residents. You

lose trust from the residents."

In a companion contract extension, the council OK'd using Hennessey Engineers for designing alley repairs and overseeing the work.

That extension will cost the city about \$80,000 which will also be paid out of the city's general fund and road fund.

Under the heading of reports from the mayor and council, a lengthy discussion was held on resident complaints about the building department, code enforcement, and not being able to pay income taxes online.

Mayor Ghalib said the building department has made some "huge mistakes" in charging residents for services.

"They abuse the public, basically business people," he said.

As for code enforcement, Ghalib said residents should be given warnings about violations instead of first issuing tickets.

He said that "people are angry at us while we're trying to serve the people and make them happy to live in Hamtramck."

Ghalib also said the city needs to make it easier to get a business license.

"Now, it's harder than ever," he said.

The city, he said, needs to "take action at those who don't like to help the residents."

City Manager Garbarino differed with the accusations being made about the building department.

"That's just not the case," he said.

As for code violations, Garbarino said that warnings are indeed first is-

sued, and that residents making complaints are omitting that fact.

"They're just not telling you guys," Garbarino said.

As for the income tax department, he said the office is critically short-staffed, which has caused some inconveniences for the public.

But he also said that the department has encountered a lot of fraud being committed both by businesses and individuals who are not reporting their income to the city.

"We keep running into a lot of dishonesty," Garbarino said.

Mayor Ghalib noted that income tax collection has been down, and questioned the department's "efficiency."

(The city has an income tax for those who live here, and also for those who work in Hamtramck but don't live here.)

Councilmember Abu Musa questioned why some code violations are being issued in the evenings and on weekends.

Garbarino said that the city has staggered its code enforcers to work all hours. He said that there's "no rule or law" saying the city can't issue code violations during those hours.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said that, at this point, it's not certain that the city will renew its contract with the parking meter company.

(A number of people have complained about the parking meters, saying they either don't work properly, or that they are confusing to use. A number of merchants on Jos. Campau, where the meters are used, have also bitterly complained about their loss of customers because of the meters.)

Hundreds rally to improve home care jobs and care

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strives to create a society where individuals with disabilities can thrive without facing discrimination or barriers.

"Part of the equation for "full inclusion" for disabled people is having access to the care we need in our homes," Hall said. "I should know: I use direct care worker services to get to work every day and to live independently."

Home care workers across the country are winning legislative changes to improve care and jobs in their states that stabilize the workforce. SEIU Local 2015 home care workers in San Francisco recently negotiated a union contract that includes a path to earn \$25.50 — the highest home care wage in California including.

In Illinois, IP home care workers united in SEIU

Healthcare Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and Missouri reached a tentative agreement that includes raises and seniority add-ons, paid time-off for every PA, a path to retirement, and the creation of a statewide registry to match families with caregivers who best meet their needs.

Said SEIU Local 2015 member Boxinett King, "We're ready to be an example to California — and the nation — of the power home care workers have in shaping the future of care in favor of caregivers and our recipients."

"It's time for Michigan to follow our lead in Illinois! If workers are supported, we can provide better support to the folks to whom we provide care," Illinois home care worker Lillie Cleeton told the crowd.

Oratorical students

Kosciuszko Middle School teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson has some exciting news about her oratorical club students.

Here's what she had to say:

On Wednesday, March 20, the Optimists of Downtown Detroit held their annual Oratorical Contest.

As in recent years, only Hamtramck Public Schools students and staff rose to the challenge, bringing seven strong speakers to the podium.

Four local journalists who have decades of experience with writing and public speaking served as judges: David Wagner, Robert Musial, Anne Musial, and Maureen McDonald. The topic for this cycle is "How to Change the World with Optimism."

Club members and invited guests included Optimist Lt. Governor Jackie Johnson and Club President Robert Washer. Students were coached by Karen Swords (Dickinson

East teacher) and transported by Violetta Kuzniar (Kosciuszko Middle School teacher/ML Site Director). Rahiel Housey-Johnson (Kosciuszko Middle School teacher) wore multiple hats as facilitator/driver for HPS students, as well as chairperson for the Club's contest.

The Dickinson East students were: Zareen Begum, grade 6, and Faiza Azrin, grade 4. Faiza was the youngest student in known club history to compete and is the third sibling in her family to participate. Laith Mohamed, (grade 8), Ali Ahsan (8), Muhsin Alhadi (7), Promita Biswas (7), and Nabiha Chowdhury (7) represented Kosciuszko Middle School.

As first place winner, Muhsin will advance to the next level of competition, to be held April 4 via Zoom.

Placing second and third were Zareen and Nabiha.

The other participants will receive Honorable Mention certificates when

those who placed (1st-3rd) receive medals and prizes, at the May 15 Winners' Circle Luncheon.

Thanks to all staff and

families who encourage extracurricular activities such as these, giving our Hamtramck youth opportunities to grow.



School Bell



Muhsin Alhadi was a top winner in the oratorical contest.



Kosciuszko Middle School teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson (left) and her oratorical students recently participated in an oratorical competition sponsored by the Optimists of Downtown Detroit.

Notice of Public Hearing – City of Hamtramck


Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Hamtramck Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing and considering a request pertaining to the property located at 2255 Hewitt Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212, Parcel 41 002 03 0063 000.

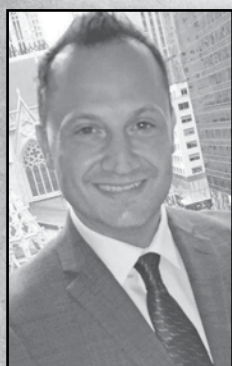
Subject to Zoning Ordinance section §155.114(F)(1), the applicant, Hana Wasel, requests the Board's permission for a variance requiring driveways to hold at least two vehicles in the Residential District (R). Subject to ordinance section §150.062(B)(2)(c), the applicant also requests a variance requiring no portion of a vehicle to be stored in a residential driveway beyond the front wall of either of the two residential structures immediately adjacent to the driveway.

Written comments may be submitted to the Assistant CED Manager via email at AColson@hamtramckcity.com. Written comments will be accepted until 12:00 pm on April 16. The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids, and services for individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon advance notice by writing or calling the Clerk's Office at (313) 800-5233 x343, at least 10 days in advance.

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log covers March 19-25.

Tuesday, March 19

- At almost 2:30 a.m., a complaint was made about noise in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- An auto was reported stolen in the 9500 block of Dequindre.
- An assault was reported on Danforth.
- A car that was stolen out of Dearborn Heights was recovered on Mitchell.
- A dog was reported running loose on Caniff.
- An incident of illegal dumping was reported in the 3900 block of Dorothy.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 3800 block of Belmont.
- An auto was stolen in the 12000 block of McDougall.

Wednesday, March 20

- Gunshots were reported in the area of Trowbridge and Gallagher.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 2300 block of Holmes.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Holmes.
- A break-in was reported in the 2300 block of Neibel.
- An auto was stolen in the 12000 block of Moran.
- A stolen car was recovered on Trowbridge.
- Customer trouble was reported by a business in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.
- A theft was reported on Grand Haven.

Thursday, March 21

- At 5:30 a.m., officers, responding to a call about an unwanted guest at a residence in the 12000 block of Selfridge, arrested a suspect.
- An incident of fraud was reported on Conant.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 3800 block of Belmont.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the

Friday, March 22

- A customer dispute was reported at a business in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- An assault was reported in the 3300 block of Norwalk.
- A sexual assault was reported.

Saturday, March 23

- At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a call about a dispute between a landlord and tenant.
- A reckless driver was reported in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven. Family trouble was also reported in the 2200 block of Yemans.
- An incident of road rage was reported in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau.
- A resident in the 11300 block of Mitchell reported their garbage can missing.
- An incident of identity theft was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.

Sunday, March 24

- An attempted break-in was reported in the 3200 block of Norwalk.
- A theft was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile on Conant.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported.
- Officers, responding to a call about a domestic assault in the 12000 block of Selfridge, arrested a male suspect for child abuse.

Monday, March 25

- A break-in was reported in the 2700 block of Norwalk.
- A break-in was reported in the 12100 block of Dequindre.

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Thursday, March 21

- An incident of fraud was reported on Conant.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 12100 block of Dequindre.

Coming Events

SATURDAY, April 13, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome.



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Torn and tattered

Continued from front page

Up until last year, Russ Gordon, the former chairman of the city's Human Relations Committee, had been in charge of installing and swapping out flags on Jos. Campau.

Gordon, who was an unpaid appointee, also organized fundraising to purchase flags, which had included the display of flags of other countries that reflected Hamtramck's diverse cultural makeup.

He would take down the flags before winter to save on the wear and tear.

Gordon and another committee member, Catrina

Stackpole, were fired from the committee after they installed a pride flag in protest of the city's new flag policy.

Gordon and Stackpole have since filed a joint

lawsuit against the city for being removed from the committee by the mayor and city council.

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