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Quick Hits

City shows its support for Palestine

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck unveiled its newest honorific street name on Thursday.

Recently, City Councilmember Khalil Refai proposed renaming Holbrook “Palestine Avenue.”

The sign is located at Holbrook and Gallagher.

On Refai’s Facebook page, he said the renaming “serves as a symbolic gesture of remembrance and support for the people of Gaza, Palestine and the Palestinian Americans who, many of them, have lost a family member since the occupation of their land.”

Israel’s military invaded Gaza after Hamas raided Israeli settlements last October and killed 1,200 people and took about 200 hostages.

It’s been reported that some 30,000 Palestinians have since died in the ongoing military invasion.

The renaming of the street actually doesn’t change the official name of the street, which remains as Holbrook.

Hamtramck’s has allowed a number of honorific street names for various community leaders over the years.

— HAMTRAMCK’S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

TOAST of the TOWN

Charles Sercombe

Toast of the Town hasn’t been out and about much in recent months but, last weekend, Hamtramck was abuzz.

Once again, Hamtramck was bustling with music lovers and the sound of music.

That’s because the Hamtramck Blowout once again returned, this time organized by local folks, and not under the auspices of the alternative weekly publication the Metro Times.

The Metro Times long ago gave up the yearly music festival because, well, that’s just the way things go eventually.

It was recently resurrected by volunteers from the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival after a number of people noted that the yearly tradition of trudging around Hamtramck in uncertain March weather to hear their favorite bands and DJs was something not to ignore.

For a change, the weather this weekend was perfect, with no sneaky ice storms or freaky snowfalls, or freezing temps. Instead, it was unseasonably warmish, and people spilled out of local bars and halls, enjoying the fresh air and plotting where to hoof it to next.

Some 150 bands and acts performed, in over a dozen venues.

Toast hopped around for a bit on Saturday, enjoying the many new faces of folks discovering the charm of Hamtramck for the first time.

And, as usual, it’s amazing how much talent the Detroit area has to offer – a tradition that has carried on for decades.

Festival co-organizer Konrad Maziarz said the weekend could not have been better.

Money from the \$10 ticket sales for the entire weekend will go toward offsetting the never-ending costs of putting on the Labor Day Festival.

Here’s hoping there’s a new life to the Blowout – and with many more years ahead.

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 at other events throughout the city.




City cashes in on pot outlets

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck’s marijuana shops continue to be a money pot for the city.

According to the state Treasury Department, the city’s four cannabis dispensaries paid the city \$236,345, and change, for operating here.

The revenue includes taxes and special fees that all dispensaries in the state pay. These collected monies are then disbursed back to the cities, by the state, for their general funds.

In all, the state’s 269 communities and counties that allow dispensaries to operate here generated more than \$87 million, according to the Treasury Department.

“This week, many Michigan municipalities and counties will begin seeing their share of adult-use marijuana payments appear in their banking accounts,” State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said in a press release.

“Through a partnership, the dollars received from the adult-use marijuana taxes and fees are distributed to our participating communities. These dollars may be spent how our local units deem fit to their needs.”

Hamtramck had four marijuana outlets operating last year, although one closed down.

In 2023, the outlets contributed \$207,364 to Hamtramck’s coffers.

In Hazel Park, which is 2.8 miles large (compared to Hamtramck’s 2.1 square miles), there are 10 dispensaries operating, which contributed more than \$590,000 to that city.

Hamtramck still has critics who are opposed to allowing marijuana retailers to operate here, citing concerns over crime, possible effects on young people, and for religious

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Hamtramck’s Historical Museum will be hosting a fundraiser in April.

Historical museum continues to team up with students

By Alan Madlane

History keeps on chugging along, but it will have to go aways to outpace those hard-working folks at the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

Case in point, they once again put out a lengthy newsletter, detailing both recent and upcoming goings-on at the HHM, and we’re here to pare it down for you, the busy reader.

One thing they’ve been actively doing, for some years now, is collaborating creatively with students from Hamtramck High School for their “History Day” projects. History Day is a national academic project that provides students with a skeletal historical theme or concept, in order to promote some framework for students to

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Historical museum continues to team up with students

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do their own takes on it. This year's theme is "Turning Points in History," and so student historians across the country are looking at events, people or what have you for those special cases that somehow impacted history or changed society.

Hamtramck's students, according to the museum's newsletter, are the first in Michigan, and possibly in the nation, to work directly with a local historical museum in such a way.

Some of those working along with the youths are HHS teacher Amy Bielat, museum liaisons Gary Saganski and Joe Kochut, and Michigan Historical Society contributor David Hales.

Some hot programs are coming to the museum, and they won't even contribute to global warming.

One such program coincided with the recent Hamtramck Blowout mu-

sic mania featuring a PowerPoint presentation called "Cheers – Remembering the Bars of Hamtramck."

And oh, do we.

Even more wild sounding, the museum will host, on Saturday, April 13, a "Prohibition Party." They promise good eats, le jazz hot and some bathtub gin for the big kids.

Not actually made in a bathtub. But tastes like it was!

Roaring 20s attire optional, but encouraged. This will be a ticketed event, further details of which will emerge shortly.

The museum mentions that you might just want to stop by City Hall and bask in its prior history as a hospital.

You see, it was built in 1927 by the barely five-year-old city, who soon realized they were in over their heads financially. Thus, the Hamtramck Municipal Hospital quickly got leased over to the Sisters of St. Francis, who rechristened it St. Francis Hospital.

And so it remained, ser-

ving the locals in fine fashion, until time caught up with it and it was closed in 1969.

Meanwhile, city offices were scattered in various buildings all around town, a condition brought about by the fact that the old Village Hall, built in 1915, was always inadequate to the purpose.

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And that's the kind of great stuff you can only get in a setting where they value history, as should we all.

Here's another appe-

aling vignette: The old Baker Street Car used to run down Jos. Campau through the middle of town. This was from about the 1910s until the mid-1950s when the buses came to stay.

But ghosts will be ghosts and, in this case, they manifest as old sections of the streetcar track that tend to peek through the Campau asphalt when the elements and wear-and-tear break up the street with those nasty chuckholes.

Last of note, it's Friends of the Museum re-up time. The museum relies in a very bigly way on these dues, so please help them out by renewing as soon as possible.



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March 8, 2024

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.

Paper Money: On March 10, 1862 the first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.

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 maximum enjoyment.

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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.

Taras Shevchenko: This famed author, poet, artist and prominent national hero was born on March 9th, 1814. From humble origins as a peasant serf to becoming the father of the modern Ukrainian tongue. His life and written works make for a worthwhile read for any who harbor an interest in things gold and blue.

Albert Einstein: He was born on March 14, 1879 in Ulm, Germany. His theory of relativity led to new ways of thinking about time, space, matter and energy. He received a Nobel Prize in 1921 and emigrated to U.S. in 1933, where he was an outspoken critic of Nazi Germany. He urged U.S. to develop atomic bomb.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Backing off on lot fees sends wrong message

It continues to baffle us about the fuss being made over a new fee structure for vacant lot owners who do nothing with them.

Some of these lot owners have been huffing and puffing, at recent city council meetings, about being financially penalized for not developing them.

Why in the world would anyone allow a lot they own to just sit there year after year with no plan to turn it into anything?

What are they waiting for?

The city administration is sending out a clear message to these stub-

born folks: Use it or lose it.

The city desperately needs to expand its tax base, and one key way to do that is to encourage new housing development.

Plenty of other folks are buying up city-owned lots at \$10,000 each with firm plans to build housing units. In case you missed it, the metro area and the country are experiencing a housing shortage, and the demand for housing is huge.

Unfortunately, we are hearing some city council members, and even the mayor, now wanting the city to back off from im-

posing these extra fees.

Why?

Because a few stubborn lot owners are whining at council meetings.

One sympathetic excuse we have heard, from city officials, is that although people can afford to purchase a lot, they can't afford to do anything past that.

Again, it begs the question: Why are people buying a vacant lot with zero plans to develop it?

Come on, elected officials, grow a spine and support the city administration's efforts to bring in new tax money – and also, be a solution to the housing a shortage.



March to-do list

March in high schools is more than final basketball rounds and tournaments.

It's time for high school seniors to start prepping for college. Here's a rundown on what high school students should be doing in the month of March:

Start making college decisions

You can't make your final college decisions until all of your admissions responses have arrived from colleges, but you can start mapping out the different scenarios so that you're prepared for whatever decisions may arrive.

Apply for FAFSA, meet 2024-2025 financial aid deadlines

If you have not already done so, be sure you apply

for the FAFSA – ASAP Your FAFSA will help you with additional funds to pay for college. Find your FAFSA state deadlines.

Verify financial aid

Before you make any finalized college budget decisions, make sure to verify your financial aid. You don't want to count on any financial aid that isn't actually available to you.

Send your final transcripts to colleges

Ensure your final transcripts are sent to colleges via your advisor or school counselor. Never assume they will do the job for you. You can follow up with both your high school counselor as well as the admissions committee.

Prep for finals and/or AP exams

If you have any upcoming finals and AP exams, pre-

pare well ahead of time. Your senior year grades will have an impact on your college admissions decisions. Just as colleges are able to admit you based on your grades, they are also able to rescind their offers if your grades plummet drastically – without good reason.

Prepare for graduation early

The earlier you sign up for graduation gear and plan things (like graduation parties, announcements, etc.), the more money you could save.

Apply for scholarships

As always, you should continue to apply for scholarships. Paying for college will require you to pull from a variety of resources, and you can always use extra money to pay for school.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

DWIHN launches mental health program for teens

By Eric Doeh

Over the last decade there has been an increase in crisis response to tragic incidents that directly impact young people, from school shootings to suicides across the nation – many of which stem from unaddressed mental health concerns.

In response to this, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is creating its own Mental Health Youth Council (MHYC) for young people to sound off, speak up and help solve systemic issues with a youth-focused perspective.

This dynamic and engaged group of young people will help guide us on issues and concerns that



are important to them and will show us where there is disparity in receiving quality behavioral healthcare services.

They will help us better understand the issues that impact youth, helping us fill gaps in traditional mental health services and address access issues that they may have experienced firsthand. They will also be instrumental in helping DWIHN advocate for change with

state policy makers.

To apply for a seat on the council, students must be a Wayne County resident, be enrolled as a high school student in Wayne County (grades 9-12) and have a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

Students selected to serve on the MHYC must be willing to participate in bi-monthly meetings via Zoom and quarterly meetings in person. Council members will be compensated \$50 for every meeting attended.

The interview process will be conducted on a virtual video questionnaire platform, please visit www.dwihn.org for

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Odds & Ends

Spring forward... It's that time of the year again. Daylight Saving Time.

This Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m. is when clocks will be set forward one hour.

Yes, this means we "lose" an hour of sleep, and for many of us, drag for the next week.

But that's the price we pay to have longer evening light. Admit it, we all enjoy those long summer evenings.

Reminder... Like to watch live basketball and support a charity drive?

Be sure to head over to the Hamtramck High School Community Center today, Friday, March 8, for a very special game.

We'll let Omar Thabet of OZ Media, and who is also the city's Administrative Generalist, explain.

"On Friday, March 8, OZ Media and CRSD will be hosting their 3rd Annual Hamtramck vs. Dearborn Charity Basketball game.

"This time the game will be held at the Hamtramck High School Community Center (11350 Charest Street, Hamtramck, MI).

"Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The event will officially begin at 7 p.m.

"Elected officials such as Mayor Abdullah Ham-moud, Mayor Amer Ghalib, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, State Representative Abraham Aiyash, State Representative Alabas Farhat as well as many others will be in attendance at the game.

"There will also be a few social media celebrities at the game who will be playing in the game as well.

"Tickets for adults are \$10 and \$5 for kids.

"All proceeds will be donated to Palestine and Yemen to help the residents there pay for Ramadan necessities.

"You can purchase your tickets online from here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/799993521157?aff=oddttdcreator>.

"Or at the door. Snacks, food and drinks from local vendors will also be sold at the game. We hope that your media company can write about the game beforehand and also cover the game on the day of the event."

"Your clothes..." Give them to me. Now." – Arnold Schwarzenegger, "The Terminator." ... Got some old duds that you want to see gone? Like to get a little something for them in return? Well, Hamtramck Mutual Aid and the Michigan Alliance of Time Banks have something you just might like.

It's a clothing swap, and it's happening on Sunday, March 24 from noon until 3 p.m. at D'Artillery, 9528 Jos. Campau.

You've probably heard of these clothing swaps before; you may even have attended one or two. But in case you have not, it goes like this: You bring any gently used clothes, and swap them for some others that you prefer. Voila! Easy-peasy.

It's all fun and games, and it's part of the Time Banks' "International TimeBanking Day" celebration (curious about time banking? Check out their website). There are other events that are part of the celebration too; again, give their website a look-see.

And surprise your friends, who just saw you an hour before wearing something completely different. Whoa!

Measles outbreak... The trend of people either mistrusting or fearing vaccines has started to extend into places that one might not have guessed.

Persistent rumors of vaccines (as a whole) causing childhood autism, or being a factor for it, have apparently started to allow some old diseases that we hadn't seen around here for awhile back into consideration.

Case in point: A child in Oakland County recently tested positive for measles, the first case seen in Michigan since 2019. As of this writing, in fact, three cases have now been confirmed. Children under five are, by far, the most prone to getting the disease.

The Oakland County case is considered to be associated with the child having recently traveled internationally.

The disease is airborne, highly contagious, and can last in the air for up to two hours. Without immunity, approximately 9 out of every 10 persons exposed will become infected, and of those, about 1 in 5 will require hospitalization.

On the other hand, a single dose of the vaccine is about 93 percent effective at prevention, and with a second booster dose that number jumps up to 97 percent. It is usually given as part of a joint vaccine including rubella ("German measles") and mumps.

Unfortunately, the rate of vaccinations for those wanting to enter kindergarten has fallen dramatically, fallout perhaps from the COVID era where vaccines became ridiculously politicized, while people seriously considered alternatives like bleach, ultraviolet light and horse de-worming drugs.

Symptoms begin one to two weeks, or even three, after exposure, and include a cough, runny nose and fever that may spike over 104 degrees, as well as red watery eyes; small white spots on the inner cheeks, gums and roof of the mouth; and the tell-tale raised, blotchy red rash that usually starts on the face before spreading to the body and limbs.

If you suspect a case, call ahead to your doctor or emergency room so that they can have a precautionary area set up for your arrival, due to the extreme contagiousness of the virus.

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reasons.

So far, the dispensaries have not proven to be crime magnets.

Mayor Amer Ghalib is one of the critics against the dispensaries, and blames the prior administration for allowing them.

“All of these dispensaries are in violation of the state law. They all are within 1,000 feet from a house of worship or school,” Ghalib told The Review.

He continued:

“Now, the previous administration allowed them to open against the will of the community. Elected officials who ignore the concerns of their community get voted out of their office and that is what happened.

“Our budget is on the positive for the third consecutive year, millions of dollars. Do you think this \$200,000 would make a big difference if we lose

it? I don't think so.

“We weight the harm versus the benefits of any project that we need to do in our city, and certainly some projects carried out by the former administration bring more harm then good to the community including, marijuana dispensaries, parking meters and bike lanes on Jos. Campau.”

The Review also reached out to all six city councilmembers for comment but they did not respond to an email.

Besides the \$87 million in disbursements to municipalities and counties, \$101.6 million was sent to the School Aid Fund for K-12 education, and another \$101.6 million to the Michigan Transportation Fund.

For more information on dispensary revenue and the state, go online to: Michigan.gov/cra.

DWIHN launches mental health program for teens

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the link and more information. The deadline to apply is March 15.

We are excited to hear directly from young people to help meet their needs and remove barriers that stop them from getting the help they need to survive and thrive through adversity.

(Eric Doeh is the DWIHN President and CEO.)

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Obituaries

BUNKOWSKY


Mary Tusly neé Bunkosky, 93, died March 5, 2024.

Wife of the late Ronald and mother of Bridget Karash, Kevin (Angela) Renee, and Jonathan “Bo.” Mary is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and her brother David Bunkosky.

She is predeceased by her brothers Ronald and Frank.

Memorial Mass to be planned for a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

CYBULSKI

 Lisa Cybulski, neé Whitehead, 61, died February 29, 2024.

Dear wife of William and mother of Austin, Kevin, Christine, and Jennifer.

Loving grandmother of Carter Kamani and sister of Denise Farmer. Daughter of Kathleen (step father Michael) Isham and the late Richard (step mother Becky).

Lisa is also survived by her nephews Elijah Awarsaji and Zachary Farmer, and nieces Hannah, Emma, and Abigail Farmer.

Lisa enjoyed four-wheeling and antique cars with her father and then her husband. She loved spending time shopping on Mackinaw Island and knitting.


Lisa was a Lady of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Bishop Gallagher in Clawson. Memorial Mass is Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

The family will start receiving guests at 9 AM at Church of the Transfiguration, 25225 Code Rd, Southfield MI 48033.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Lisa's Name to the St Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft Road Detroit, MI 48223-2405.

Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

GIL


 Maria Sokol Gil, 80, died February 29, 2024.

Mother of Eva Gabara, Andrzej, Jacek, Joanna (Victor) Fileccia, and Agnieszka (Tomasz) Bazydlo. Maria is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren and her sister Irena Rosa.

Visitation was Monday, March 4, 2024 at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. And the funeral mass was Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at St. Florian Catholic Church.

Burial of cremains Saturday March 9, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

RHODES


 Juan Samuel Rhodes came into this world on January 1, 2002. He was a child that was inquisitive and full of wonderment. He began talking at the age of nine months (give or take). His educational years were spent both in Detroit Public Schools and Hamtramck Public Schools. He was an excellent student from the beginning. His teachers absolutely raved about his abilities. He received many awards throughout his K-12 years and was usually what one would call “highly favored” with teachers and staff. This was due to his generosity and willingness to help no matter where or when. He participated in many activities in Hamtramck High School including the band. Juan graduated in 2020 with plans to attend college to study Psychology. He wanted to know how peoples' brains work. Juan stayed out of trouble and made everyone's life a joy. He was wonderful, awesome, amazing and humble. Everyone loved him! He was an avid video game player and was especially happy in the presence of his best friends Ahmad and Kobe.

Preceding the loss of this light in the world is his brother DeMareo Lee, Samuel Rhodes (grandfather) Gail Webb (grandmother) and Beatrice McClenic

(great grandmother). Surviving him are DeJuan and Aleisha Rhodes (parents), Dene Rhodes (brother; Dene Jr. and baby Tracey), Debra Rhodes (grandmother), his aunts and uncles: Charita, Lenzell, Jason, Kevin and Ryan, and a huge host of family and friends.

Juan will be sorely missed in our lives and in our hearts. We cherish the time we have had here and we can't wait to see him again.

UNIEWSKI

 Maxine Uniewski, neé Schuyler, 75, died March 2, 2024.

Dear wife of Joseph and loving mother of Josh.

Sister of Murray (Kathy), Robert, and Stuart. Maxine graduated from the Champlain Valley School of Nursing where she met the love of her life Joe while he was stationed at Plattsburgh Air Force Base.

They lived together in upstate New York for a while and then moved back to the Detroit Area. Maxine worked at Henry Ford Hospital as the Organ Transplant Coordinator for over 40 years.

Visitation was Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was Thursday, March 7, 2024 at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church. Inurnment of cremains at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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 Feb. 13, and all councilmembers, except Abu Musa, were in attendance.

Annual reports were submitted by the Downtown Development Authority, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Arts and Culture Commission and the Beautification Commission.

The DDA report said, in part:

“In years now long gone, the DDA had a six-figure annual budget, full-time staff available to support our local business owners, and financial resources dedicated to business development within the Hamtramck Central Business District.

“While the state of the DDA has recently been much more tenuous, particularly given ongoing operating budget constraints, this vision of an active, engaged, and well-resourced organization is what we are striving to rebuild.

“In the coming year, we plan to take concrete steps towards this restoration, including bringing on a Deputy Executive Director, rolling out a new social media campaign, and progressing towards accreditation under the

Michigan Main Street Program.”

Some of the accomplishments and services of the DDA include:

- Ramadan free parking
- Holiday lighting
- Snow removal
- Tree trimming

In the past year, the DDA reported, 14 new businesses opened in the city. They include:

- Rosemarine Textiles, 11443 Jos. Campau
- Hamtramck City Outlet, 8826 Jos. Campau
- Taj Al Nisa, 9410 Jos. Campau
- The Black Salt, 2764 Florian
- Sisterhood Fitness/One New Humanity, 10200 Joseph Campau
- City Deals Liquidation, 9801 Jos. Campau
- Home of Elegance, 10001 Jos. Campau
- Royal Mart, 11325 Jos. Campau
- The Fashion Station, 11625 Jos. Campau
- Antar's Hardware, 10200 Jos. Campau
- Showtime Detroit, 9704 Jos. Campau
- Beauty and Elegance, 9546 Jos. Campau
- Kitab Cafe and Bookstore, 2727 Holbrook Avenue
- Ittadi Halal Food Market 11916 Jos. Campau

A presentation was made by Paul Urbiel, Se-

nior Principal Planner of McKenna, which is a community design company, about the possible redesigning of Conant.

The McKenna group says that Conant has the following challenges:

- Unsafe vehicle speeds are encouraged by wide lanes
- Not enough pedestrian connections, crossings
- Inconsistent street parking
- Dangerous intersections

Some solutions include:

- Clear lane markings
- Narrow travel lanes
- Curb extensions
- Mid-block crossings

The next step in studying Conant is to apply for a \$2-\$3 million federal grant.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan questioned who brought up the issue of Conant. Community and Economic Development Manager Karolynn Faulkner said the issue came up in a prior council meeting.

City Manager Max Garbarino said “This is not a small project. This is just the very beginning.”

Later in the meeting, Hassan said he is opposed to making changes on Conant because it will hurt businesses.

He also insisted that the city not install parking meters, especially the ones used on Jos. Campau.

Garbarino said parking meters are not being considered, and assured Hassan that businesses would have a say in any possible redesign.

Mayor Amer Ghalib said he is opposed to installing bike lanes and narrowing the street.

Councilmember Hassan said that, since the presentation included a suggestion to narrow Conant, it's likely a done deal.

“If we see that, that is the plan, and eventually they're going to go for it,” he said.

The council OK'd seeking a grant, but Hassan objected.

During public comment, several people spoke in favor, and support, of a council resolution called “Move the Money,” a national call for the president and congress to cut funding for the military and instead redirect it for social services and welfare.

The resolution was presented by Mayor Ghalib.

The resolution read, in part:

“... According to the National Priorities Project, cutting \$100 billion from the Pentagon budget could pay for: the clean energy and childcare provisions in the Build Back Better initiative; power

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What's on this coming week?

Basketball games from Hamtramck High School,
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Local events, Library programs,
Interviews, Council meeting highlights,
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log
covers Feb. 27-March 4.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

- A theft from a vehi-
cle was reported at Ellery
and Belmont.
- A lost child was re-
ported in the area of
Mackay and Caniff.
- Neighbor trouble was
reported in the 2200
block of Norwalk.
- A complaint was
made about an animal
in the 2600 block of Hol-
brook.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

- A break-in was report-
ed in the 3400 block of
Carpenter.
- A complaint was
made about an animal
in the 1900 block of Nor-
walk.
- A theft was reported
in the 11700 block of
Mitchell.
- A hit-and-run accident
was reported at Conant
and Carpenter.
- A complaint was
made about a disorderly
person in the 2900 block
of Belmont.
- A fight was reported
at Jos. Campau and Roo-
sevelt.

Thursday, Feb. 29

- An auto theft was
reported in the 11400
block of Moran.
- A domestic assault
was reported in the 3400
block of Doremus.
- A suspicious person
was reported at Lumpkin
and Edwin.
- A resident on McDou-
gall reported receiving ha-
rassing communications.

Friday, March 1

- A complaint was
made about a juvenile in
the 9100 block of Jos.
Campau.
- A domestic assault
was reported in the
12000 block of Selfridge.
- Officers responded to
a call about two people
arguing in the 3200 block
of Lehman.
- A complaint was
made, in the 12000 block
of Jos. Campau, about ha-
rassing communications.
- A package was stolen
in the 3200 block of Leh-

man.

- A complaint was made
about a male knocking
on the door of his ex-girl-
friend's residence in the
3800 block of Prescott.
- Customer trouble
was reported in the 9000
block of Jos. Campau.
- An incident of road
rage was reported in the
area of Poland and De-
quindre.

Saturday, March 2

- Customer trouble was
reported at a business in
the 9400 block of Jos.
Campau.
- A complaint was
made about an animal in
the 5100 block of Caniff.
- Neighbor trouble was
reported in the 2300
block of Botsford.
- A fight was reported
in the 11900 block of
Conant.

Sunday, March 3

- Officers assisted a
person on Belmont.
- A theft from a vehicle
was reported.
- Neighbor trouble was
reported on Charest.
- A disorderly customer
was reported at a busi-
ness on Holbrook.
- A complaint was
made about a juvenile in
the 9800 block of Jos.
Campau.
- Customer trouble was
reported at a business in
the 11400 block of Jos.
Campau.
- An incident of retail
fraud was reported at a
business in the 9200
block of Jos. Campau.
- Gunshots were report-
ed in the 12000 block of
Oklahoma.

Monday, March 4

- A suspect was arrest-
ed, in the 2700 block of
Norwalk, for being disor-
derly.
- A complaint was
made about a juvenile on
Jos. Campau.
- An auto was reported
stolen in the area of Jos.
Campau and Poland.
- Family trouble was re-
ported in the 2400 block
of Florian.
- Gunshots were report-
ed in the 12000 block of
Dequindre.



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