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City officials are considering to put Conant on a 'diet'

By Charles Sercombe

Does Conant look fat to you?

According to some folks in the Community Economic Development Department – and the city manager – it needs to go on a diet. And by “diet,” they mean that lanes need to be narrowed, in order to force drivers to slow down.

Road diets have become a traffic redesign that is all the rage – and we don't mean road rage – in urban design circles.

City Manager Max Garbarino said “This is a hope for a start that could be a very beautiful streetscape for Conant.”

Recently, a presentation was made by the CED to the city council that illustrated some ideas for the new look. These included widening sidewalks, extending curbs, creating more crosswalks and planting trees.

Currently, there are no trees on the street.

The redesign will involve getting input from community members, Conant business owners and elected officials.

Karolynn Faulkner, the Manager of the CED, said that, because part of Co-



City officials are hoping to get a grant to study possible redesigns for Conant to make it look more attractive and slow down traffic. But not all city officials are in favor of making any changes.

nant is owned by Wayne County and another part by Detroit, it would take about two years before any actual work on the street could begin.

In the meantime, the city is applying for a \$2-\$3 million grant to begin the design process.

Faulkner said the aim is to give the street “a downtown look.”

Garbarino said that, as of now, “Conant looks kind of blah.”

Businesses, he said, “would be ecstatic” with a new look.

So far, city officials have some reservations.

Mayor Amer Ghalib said he would already say “no to bike lanes, no to parking meters, no to narrowing the street. That's something we don't agree on.”

Garbarino said there are no plans to install parking meters on Conant, and if he had it his way, he'd take an axe and cut down the meters on Jos. Campau.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan was more outspoken in his

opposition to any changes to Conant.

He insisted that business owners “want to keep it as is.” Making any change, Hassan said, “would be a complete disaster. ... For 100 years there's been no issue. We are wasting our time.”

Garbarino assured Hassan that “nothing is going to go there without your (the mayor and council) approval. End of story.”

Conant as a business district has come a long

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Quick Hits

Add your voice to parks plan

By Alan Madlane

The city is giving its citizenry a chance to weigh in on the ambitious Hamtramck Recreation District (HRD) Plan.

Well, two chances, actually: the easiest way, by far, is to attend an open house on the matter, on Saturday, Apr. 27, from 2-5 p.m., at the Kitab Café, 2727 Holbrook Ave. (on the first block west of Jos. Campau).

The other way is to go online and take the survey at: hamtramckparks.com.

The HRD is a proposal to “radically transform 26 acres of under-utilized open space, recreation fields, and disconnected historic sites into a community-invested, inclusive, and world-class park.”

The artist's rendition of the area looks quite beautiful, the old historic stadium separated from what would be the new “arena” area, with a half-mile-long greenway path connecting it all.

The plan was actually developed in 2020, but of course the pandemic added time to its implementation schedule. Feedback had also been sought from the public at that time, with 436 community members having been engaged over a seven-month stretch.

Five themes emerged from that first feedback session as most-important to the respondents: Care and attention for the park; Safety throughout the park; Space and programs for women; Visibility, branding and signage; and the celebration of all cultures through events to be held there.

HPS student enrollment is once again going down



Student enrollment continues to decline this school year, which could result in the loss of additional state revenue. File photo

By Charles Sercombe

The final head count in the public school district is in, and enrollment continues to decline.

Last fall, the district's number of students from the fall count was 2,953, a drop from 3,062 in the 2022-23 school year, according to state figures.

In another head count recently conducted, the new total is now 2,907, representing a continuing loss, this time by 46 more students.

That means there will be less revenue coming in from the state. The state pays the district \$9,600 per student. That

amounts to \$441,600, but the state has a complicated formula when it comes to student head counts.

There are two student counts per school year: once in the fall and then another midway through the school year. The first count represents 90 percent of the state funding, while the second count is only for 10 percent of what the state will give the district.

In other words, this loss of 46 students represents a possible loss of \$44,160 for the district. However, that drop in revenue will be canceled if

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County silent on jail's future

By Charles Sercombe

Wayne County will soon take the first step of moving inmates and staff-members from all of its jails into its new Criminal Justice Center.

The county plans to make the move by this coming September.

That move will include the county's juvenile jails, but apparently all this scheduled moving does not yet include the Dickerson Jail located in Hamtramck.

A spokesperson for Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans said she would look into what the plan is for the Hamtramck jail. That person did not return follow-up when The Review went to press on Thursday.

City officials, however, expect the jail here will be closed down sooner or later and, when it does, it will represent a loss to the city of about \$1 million a year the county pays to Hamtramck in lieu of property taxes.

When that financial axe eventually does drop, it will be devastating financially to the city.

City Manager Max Garbarino said he has been in talks with county officials about the future of the Hamtramck jail, but nothing concrete has been planned.

The Hamtramck jail is relatively new, having been built in 1991, although at that time it met resistance from some city officials who feared there could be a resultant spillover of crime into the city.

Those fears never came to fruition, but then the expected economic boon to local businesses never materialized either.

The Hamtramck jail has recently come under scrutiny over reports of the abuse of juvenile inmates there.

As for the upcoming consolidation into the new county jail complex, County Executive Evans released this statement:

“As we take possession of the new Wayne County Criminal Justice Center, we're not just opening a

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way since the 1980s, when the street was filled with empty storefronts. It was a ghost town, a cruel reminder of a once-bustling business district that went bust.

But, as the Bengali community grew in the neighborhoods near Conant, businesses started popping up, eventually making Conant once again a thriving business district.

Because of the influence of Bengali business owners, Conant was given the honorific renaming of "Bangladeshi Ave."

The Conant proposal comes after there has been much discussion about the slight redesign of Jos. Campau over the last several years, particularly the recent addition of bike lanes, and the loss of a few on-street parking spots on Jos. Campau and Goodson that city officials say has led to a loss of a business for a few stores in that area.

The Jos. Campau bike lane is a complicated matter.

It's part of an overall regional plan, called the Greenway Project, that connects Hamtramck with Detroit, Dearborn and Highland Park with a bike lane that runs through all the communities.

It's been largely funded by federal dollars, and it's

expected to be finished in a few years.

Some city councilmembers would rather scrap the project and pull Hamtramck out of it, or at least redesign the bike path so it doesn't impact those businesses on Jos. Campau and Goodson.

That is easier said than done, since it involves a number of other governmental layers outside of Hamtramck.

However, City Manager Max Garbarino and his administration have come up with a compromise that would keep the bike lane intact, although narrowed down.

That would allow parking spaces to be created on the outside of the bike lane, and also would narrow the street to slow down traffic.

Not only that, but the plan also calls for installing slanted parking spots in front of Veterans Park, which is near Goodson, to create more parking, as well as for installing more crosswalks.

The concept of having

bike lanes run along the curb of a street and have parking outside of it has not gone over smoothly in some other communities – notably in Ferndale, on Woodward starting at 9 Mile.

Motorists complain that

it's confusing, and some drivers end up driving in the bike lanes thinking it's permitted.

City officials there say, however, that it will only be a matter of time before motorists get used to the concept.

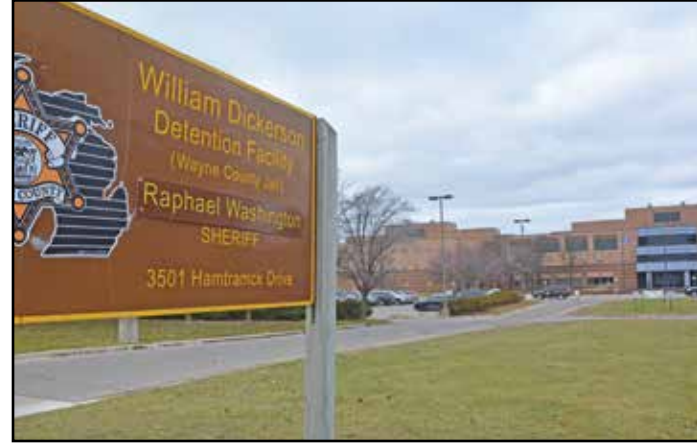
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Wayne County officials aren't saying a word about their plans for the future of the Dickerson Jail located on Conant and Hamtramck Dr.

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This week at the Library . . .

April 5, 2024

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.

Babar: With the recent passing of Laurent de Brunhoff, son of Jean & Cecile de Brunhoff, the original creators of the Babar the Elephant series, it might be worth checking out this childhood classic once again. It follows the titular pachyderm as he makes his return from the world of humankind back to his native land, having to face new challenges upon his arrival. Laurent continued his parents' creative work with nearly 50 additional titles, so there is plenty to choose from when it comes to Babar

Pre Earth Day Concert: JT3 band will be filling our main hall with ambient electronic goodness on Friday afternoon, April 19th at 4:00 pm. Catch this musical three piece group as they lead us into the evening. This way, when they hit the bigtime, you can act cool and tell everyone you knew them from their library days.

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 maximum enjoyment.

Booker T. Washington: He was born on April 5, 1856 to an enslaved family in Virginia. He experience the realities of pre and post Civil War America. Appointed first head of the then newly established Tuskegee Institute, he was passionate about access to higher education for the Black community, especially in the South. Coupled with this, he worked to establish a nationwide coalition for the promotion of African American business & was influential in political sphere.

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In Our Opinion

Enforcing city codes takes a balancing act

In recent weeks, there have been a growing number of complaints from residents who received code violation tickets.

Some have argued that they should have first been issued a warning instead of getting a ticket and being fined. City officials insist that people do, indeed, get warnings first and then ticketed if they don't comply.

The city has once

again come down heavy on code enforcement.

And we've seen this before. People complain about how shabby some homes and yards look, and demand the city to crack down, and then when the city does, complaints flood in.

And, at some point, the city backs down, and then, it's a matter of rinse and repeat: Crack down, and then back off and go easy. The game always plays

out the same.

In all these years, we've wondered why the city can't find a sweet spot in enforcement: neither heavy-handed, nor lenient.

That magic formula continues to elude one administration after another.

Everyone wants a neat and tidy neighborhood, but certainly there is a happy medium the city can reach.

Odds & Ends

Dark shadows... This coming Monday will feature an astronomical event of some rarity.

A solar eclipse will be unmistakably and unavoidably occurring this coming Monday, March 8, beginning in the area at just before 2 p.m. and lasting for roughly two and a half hours, until 4:30 p.m. or so.

The maximum "obscuration," or level of coverage of the sun by the moon passing in front of it as seen from Earth, will be a near-total 99.46 percent (must have a full 100 percent? Try Toledo), and will come at about 3:15 p.m., per timeanddate.com.

That said, one will want to use some sense when trying to spy the phenomenon. As in, don't look directly at it, and make sure your kids don't either.

There are special glasses for sale in a number

of stores, if they haven't sold out yet. Those are the ones you will want to get; it's advised not to trust ones you might buy off the internet.

Try, for example, Meijer at 8 Mile and Woodward; you may want to call first, before making the trip, to make sure they actually have some left in stock.

Just as, it is said, many primitive people – and many more superstitious ones that weren't all that primitive – freaked out over eclipses, so too does it throw off a lot of wild animals, who can start to exhibit night time behaviors.

We'll just have to wait and see how Hamtramck's "wild life" reacts. Might even best Paczki Day.

Gardening season... With spring here (well, sort of), it's time to start planning out your garde-

ning needs.

And the folks at the community garden Sylhet Farm, located on Jos. Campau just a few blocks north of Carpenter, are now taking registrations to reserve a planting bed.

Each bed is 10 feet by 4 feet, and cost \$20. You can reserve up to four beds.

The farm has guidelines, and they include:

Responsibility: Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance of their garden plot. Maintenance includes but is not limited to watering, weeding, harvesting, and other garden tasks. Each gardener is also responsible for the general upkeep of the area surrounding their garden bed.

Tools: Each gardener is responsible for bringing their tools. We occasionally lend out a limited

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Students wanted for regional youth council

By Eric Doeh
DWIHN President and CEO 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 the link and more information.

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.

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HPS student enrollment is once again going down

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46 or more students return next year.

The school district has stiff competition, with about a dozen charter schools operating in the area.

The Review reached out to HPS Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed, who has been on paid medical leave, and Board of Education President Jihan Aiyash for comment on why the district is losing students but neither responded.

Toni Coral, the president of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers, said she doesn't know why students are leaving the district, but she has advice for the administration.

"Perhaps leadership ought to reach out to the families who have left the district," Coral told The

Review.

One possible cause, besides competition from local charter schools, is that the district has not sponsored an aggressive enrollment campaign as it did in previous years prior to Ahmed being appointed as superintendent.

The only noticeable campaign has been through the district's Facebook page.

The financial hit comes at a time when the district is also experiencing a number of teachers and staff hitting the exit doors. Some of them have said they have left because of what they say is a "toxic" work environment created by the district's administration.

One board member, Salah Hadwan, has even encouraged staffmembers to leave the district, telling disgruntled employees:

"Nobody's forcing you to stay here if you do not want to be here for this district and for the students."

Also adding to district's woes is Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed having taken a second paid medical leave of absence over a month ago. Ahmed took the leave soon after

receiving a poor work evaluation, which meant, at that time, that she would not receive an \$11,700 merit pay bonus, nor an automatic one-year contract extension.

Ahmed earns over \$200,000 annually.

According to district sources, Ahmed is scheduled to return to her job sometime after the upcoming Eid celebration.

However, there is also speculation that she won't be returning.

On top of everything else, there appears to be a division among some board of education members. Also, last year, the board failed to meet at least once in three separate months.

State law requires boards of education to meet at least once a month.

One more financial hit could be coming to the district. Its operating millage, which produces about \$2.5 million a year, is up for voter renewal this year.

So far, voters have shot down other millage renewal requests proposed by the district, and chances for any other millage renewals looks doubtful.

Crime watch

Hamtramck's never-ending dilemma: parking spaces

By Charles Sercombe

As everyone knows, parking on Hamtramck's sidewalks is a challenge.

With many houses split into two (or more) units, and with the general lack of driveways, parking on the streets is usually in high demand, which can lead to would-be parkers becoming combative.

For most folks, it works that they have their parking space(s) more or less carved out in what are silent agreements with neighbors, and woe to anyone who "steals" their spot(s).

If things really get territorial, some will resort to using chairs or milk crates to reserve their parking space where they live.

Technically, the streets are public property, and no one can claim ownership of a parking space, not even right in front of their house. That even applies to handicap parking in front of dwellings: those spaces are reserved for anyone with a handicap license plate - no matter where they live.

While parking violations are hardly considered a crime, there are always plenty of instances in the city where some folks can get violent with those who take "their" parking away -

or worse, block driveways or alleys, or park on sidewalks.

Cross someone badly enough, and you'll come back to slashed tires, or something really gross smeared on your door handles (we'll let you take a guess on that one).

About a week ago, there were roughly two dozen parking complaints throughout the city, keeping officers busy.

So what was up with that? Why so many in one day?

Police officials couldn't say for sure what the reason was, but speculation is that it might have had something to do with a lot of people attending mosques throughout the day and evening for Ramadan.

In Hamtramck, there is simply not enough parking, and too many people with cars.

Will this dichotomy ever get resolved?

While it's been debated, discussed and sworn about, there doesn't appear to be an ideal solution - other than ticketing violators or, worse, towing their cars away, which also can happen.

At one time, decades and decades ago, not many folks had cars here

in Hamtramck, which were financially out of reach for many. Plus, residents here could get all their shopping needs met locally by simply walking to the closest store, bank or whatever.

There was hardly a reason to have a car. Imagine that.

But, with the expansion of the middle class, and better paying jobs - mostly, locally, at the auto factories - folks started buying cars and, thereby, cluttering up the streets.

On top of that, many people ignore using the garages they do have, because so doing would require driving through the alley - alleys which are often overgrown with weeds, full of trash, and/or rutty - instead of conveniently parking in front of their homes.

There is change in the air, however. And that change involves a number of folks turning to an alternative form of transportation: bikes.

Yes, bikes. Of course, only in Hamtramck can having bike lanes carved out on streets for safety cause endless debate in city council meetings.

It makes one wonder: can Hamtramck just ever chill out?

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April 5, 2024

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What's on this coming week?

Naming of Holbrook as Palestine Street, Basketball games from Hamtramck High School, Special program at Bank Suey, Music programs ESL Classes for the 2023-24 school year Local events, Library programs, E-Sports Interviews, Council meeting highlights, Evenings with authors, and more.....

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 26-April 1.

Tuesday, March 26

A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Faber.

A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2700 block of Norwalk.

A parking dispute was reported in the 10200 block of Jos. Campau.

A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

A fight was reported in the 11500 block of Nagel.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the area of Grand Haven and Carpen-ter.

A complaint was made about trespassing in the 9500 block of Dequindre.

Officers, investigating a suspicious situation in the 12100 block of Dequindre, arrested a male suspect for assault and domestic violence.

A domestic assault was reported in the 2400 block of Casmere.

A suspect was arrested in the 2900 block of Yemans for disorderly conduct.

A complaint was made about trespassing in the 9500 block of Dequindre.

Officers, investigating a suspicious situation in the 12100 block of Dequindre, arrested a male suspect for assault and domestic violence.

A domestic assault was reported in the 2400 block of Casmere.

Noise complaints were made in the 3200 block of Yemans and in the 3900 block of Prescott.

A theft from a vehicle was reported on Casmere and in the 2400 block of Danforth.

A hit-and-run accident was reported at Jos. Campau and Yemans.

Family trouble was reported in the 3900 block of Prescott.

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Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

A domestic assault was reported in the 11400 block of Sobieski.

A complaint was made about an animal in the 3800 block of Prescott.

A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

A domestic assault was reported at Yemans and Gallagher.

At about 2:30 a.m., gunshots were reported in the area of Caniff and St. Aubin.

An assault was reported in the 2700 block of Holbrook.

At 11 p.m., a shooting was reported in the 2900 block of Carpenter.

At 1:30 a.m., two suspects were arrested at Jos. Campau and Neibel for being disorderly.

An auto was stolen in the 11400 block of Moran.

A theft from an auto was reported at Lumpkin and Poland.

A theft from an auto was reported on Poland.

A complaint was made about an animal in the 3800 block of Doremus.

A domestic assault was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff.

A break-in was reported in the 3200 block of Belmont.

Family trouble was reported in the 3200 block of Lehman.

A theft from a vehicle was reported on Andrus.

A complaint was made about a juvenile on Belmont.

A hit-and-run accident happened in the 11300 block of Jos. Campau.

A hit-and-run accident happened in the 3900 block of Prescott.

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Obituaries

RUZYCKI



Patricia "Twiggy" Ruzycki, nee Grzanka, 83, died March 31, 2024.

Patricia was the daughter of the late Mary and Zygmunt; mother of Alan, Becky, John (Holly) and the late Anthony. Mother-in-law of Shawn; grandmother of Andrew, Talyn, Alex, Ayrren, Emersyn; great-grandmother of Anthony. Sister of Joan Puwal, the late Zygmunt Jr. and Theresa Prusinski. Pat is also sur-

vived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Friday April 5, 2024, from 2- 9 p.m., with prayers at 7 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

The funeral service is Saturday, April 6, 2024, lying in state at 10 a.m. until time of Mass at 10:30 at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church, 2730 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, (313)-365-9600.

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.

SATURDAY, April 20, 4-6 p.m. – Drive-thru Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski Street at Fleming. \$14 Adult/\$7 Child 12 & under. Menu: Pork Chop, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Sauerkraut (Bigos), Mashed Potatoes/gravy, Dessert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church.



School Bell

Kosciuszko Middle School

KMS teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson passed on this update on a recent visit by a special guest at the school:

Dr. Edward Cackett, Chair and Professor of Physics and Astronomy from Wayne State University, visited Kosciuszko Middle School on Tuesday, April 2.

Originally he planned to come with a team of graduate students to facilitate a solar viewing activity, using specialized solar telescopes. However, the weather did not permit.

The professor used two- and three-dimensional models, along with a slide presentation, to explain the upcoming solar eclipse, which will take place in the afternoon of Monday, April 8.

Science students received

protective solar eclipse viewing glasses to enjoy the eclipse safely. Any readers who do not have these special glasses are reminded not to look directly at the sun.

You can simply poke a hole with a pencil tip in a note card to allow the eclipse image to show on the ground. Hamtramck

will enjoy roughly 99% totality, and we will not have another opportunity to enjoy a total solar eclipse again for over 20 years.

Let's hope for clear skies!

Rahiel Housey-Johnson, M.Ed.

Teacher: EL/ML Science and Social Studies



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Odds & Ends

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supply of tools, so please get in touch with us if you need something specific, and we will try our best to help.

Watering: Gardeners are responsible for watering their beds. We will work to ensure the water totes are full at all times. Please communicate with other gardeners if you need support watering your bed.

Use of chemicals: We aim to grow all our produce organically in the garden. Please only use organic products for pest management and weeds.

Spaces go fast so hurry.

You can register by going online to: sylhet-farm.org

Clean sweep time... And speaking of spring, it's that time of the year when the city is looking for volunteers to go after all the trash that piled up during winter.

Even in non-winter weather the city attracts mounds and mounds of litter each and every day.

On April 20, you can do your civic duty and be a part of the city's annual "Clean Sweep."

There is a way to sign up, but it requires scanning a QR code, which can't be replicated here in the paper.

Tip to you folks doing

these promotions: be sure to include multiple ways to get people involved, including the very old fashioned of calling

someone.

Even if you can't be a part of the volunteer team, you can still pitch in by picking up litter around your house and alley.

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