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Quick Hits

February is a time to celebrate Black history

By Alan Madlane

February's celebration of Black History Month goes back a long way. That has been so, in the U.S., since President Ford officially recognized it in 1976 as part of the Bicentennial. It had been proposed by Kent State University faculty and students seven years before that, implemented there a year later in 1970 (which would have been just before the May student shootings by the Ohio National Guard), and quickly gained popularity around the country, especially in the academic arena, in the next half-decade.

But it actually had its roots precisely 100 years ago, when, in 1926, Black historian Carter G. Woodson proposed the week of Abraham Lincoln's (Feb. 12) and Frederick Douglass' (Feb. 14) birthdays as "Negro History Week."

The week had already been celebrated in Black communities since the late 1800s.

Here in town, there has typically been a proclamation read during a council meeting every year in support of the month and its importance.

At the Hamtramck Public Library, a special collection of books celebrating the month is available, and Sky Covington will host a Black History program every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m., ending with a concert on Feb. 26.

Also, Phil Hale, a musician, will be playing a concert on Friday, Feb. 20.

Check out the library schedule each week in The Review for more details about their other events.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

City adopts new street sign rule: Only those who contributed to the community

By Charles Sercombe

The city council has a new rule about granting honorific street names: Only people who have a direct connection to the city will be considered.

It was at the insistence of Mayor Adam Alharbi, an immigrant from Yemen, to put a stop to giving honorific names to foreign leaders.

Prior to that new rule, Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Abu Musa sought to give honorific street names to two Bangladeshi political figures, including former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who was forced to flee from Bangladesh to India over her persecution of political rivals.

She was later sentenced to death in absentia.

Alharbi's new rule also included undoing those two honorific street names.

On social media, Alharbi explained the reason for narrowing who can be



For now on only people who have made direct contributions to the city will be considered for receiving an honorific name to a street. Above: Greg Kowalski is a prime example of those who have contributed to the city.

honored: "With all due respect to everyone, including our vibrant Bengali community and all who call this city home, today's decision to not allow foreign leaders on our streets was made to ensure fairness for all.

"My priority is to stay focused on the issues that matter most to our residents and the daily life of our neighborhoods.

Hamtramck is our home, and our streets should belong to the people who live here."

Prior to this rule, there were a number of Bangladeshi-Americans who had spoken out against the honorific naming by the Bangladeshi councilmembers.

Aimon Islam said he is against honoring foreign political figures.

"There shouldn't be any resources used to honor a foreign political figure. It will open up a can of worms for others to propose renaming of streets as well which could create potential rifts amongst the community as well if those names are not approved," Islam said.

Runa Chowdhury said, "This really has to be the

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This year's charity basketball game features mayors from three cities



The annual charity basketball game will be held today, Friday (Feb. 6), in Dearborn, featuring Hamtramck's mayor and other officials representing four cities.

By Alan Madlane

Omar Thabet works for the City of Hamtramck as its Administrative Officer, but his work for the community doesn't stop there.

For the past several years, he has also been heavily involved in helping put together the annual charity basketball game, this year once again being played in the U of M Dearborn, at that city's Fieldhouse.

We wanted to know a bit more about the event, so we checked in on Omar

with a handful of questions.

The Review: So, let's start at the top – you've done these charity basketball games before; just give us the back story on how you first got the idea for them, who you partnered with to make it all happen, how many years this makes now, etc.

Omar Thabet: This idea came from wanting to give back to the countries in need (for example:

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Coming Soon

Student protest put on ice

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck High School students had planned to join in on what hundreds of other students have done across the country, and protest against ICE agents' aggressive arrests of immigrants nationwide.

The protest was planned for this Friday (Feb. 6) during school hours, but the district administration put a stop to it, citing safety concerns.

Schools Interim Superintendent James Larson-Shidler posted a letter to the community, saying the students had not received permission to hold the protest during school hours.

"The organizers agreed that the safety of the students and the school community is their highest priority," Larson-Shidler said.

He added that an alternative plan is being discussed.

"We are proud of our students for their willingness to engage in open dialogue and for their commitment to working within established district protocols," Larson-Shidler said.

One of the student organizers, Laith Mohamed, a sophomore, told The Review that students have been affected by the news scenes of ICE agents in action.

"The most disturbing thing that some of my classmates and I have seen in the media about ICE is how violent they are. Currently, they're ripping apart families, and killing U.S. citizens," Mohamed said.

Mohamed continued: "It sounds crazy but we're living in a country where being of a different ethnicity means that you are subject to questioning. Which is morally wrong."

He said students have agreed to work out an alternative plan.

"At whichever event we, as a student body (and administrators) decide on doing it, we intend on teaching students their rights, when to use them, and when they're in violation by ICE agents," Mohamed said.

In the meantime, the self-described "rising advocate for human rights,"

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This week at the Library . . .

February 6, 2026

Phil Hale Jazz Concert: This popular jazz group will play a concert at the library on Friday, February 27, 2026. Everyone is invited, free to the Public.

20th Amendment: This amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted on February 6, 1933. It set the date for the Presidential Inauguration as January 20th instead of the old date of March 4th. It also sets January 3rd as the official opening date of Congress.

Story Time: These programs conducted by the library staff are scheduled for Wednesdays afternoon at 4:00 pm. All children are invited.

Charles Dickens: This British novelist was born on February 7, 1812 in Portsmouth, England. He examined social inequalities through his works including “David Copperfield, Oliver Twist and Nicholas Nickleby”. He wrote “A Christmas Carol” in just a few weeks, an enormously popular work even today.

Exercise at the Library: The RIM Foundation was begun exercise classes again this fall. On Tuesdays, its back to Yoga at 2:30 pm. and on Fridays, it is Tai Chi at 10:00 am. To register for the program, stop by the library circulation desk.

Sinclair Lewis: This American social critic and novelist was born on February 7, 1885 in Sauk Center, Minnesota. He received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1930. His works include “Main Street, Babbit, and It Can’t Happen Here”.

Preservation of Jazz: Continuing into the autumn and winter season, the Jazz Masterclass program will take place on Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 pm. Participants will cultivate a deeper understanding of this elegant artform through guided discussions, curated listening experiences, documentary screenings, and more. For more information about the program, call Sky Covington (248) 383-3385..

Medicare: A team from Priority Health will conduct a meeting answering questions about Medicare options. The next presentation will take place on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 2:15 pm.

ESL Classes: These classes are held Monday to Thursday at 9 am and 12 noon. To participate, you must register with the Horizon School.

Boy Scouts of America: This organization was founded on February 8, 1910 by William Boyce in Washington D.C. after the British Boy Scouts.

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City adopts new street sign rule: Only those who contributed to the community

most ridiculous thing to do. As a Bengali, this is super embarrassing.”

Hamtramck does have a several honorific street names, including one for former mayor Robert Kozaren, who served 18 years in office, and former councilmember Abdul Algazali – the city’s first Muslim to be elected to local office.

Most recently, Greg Kowalski, was honored with a street naming.

Kowalski’s contributions to the city are extensive, and he is credited with being the driving force behind creating the city’s Historical Museum.

The only foreign person honored with an honorific street sign was Polish pro-democracy Solidarity leader Lech Walesa. The

sign in his honor was placed on top of Falcon, which is the street directly in front of city hall, back in the late 1980s when the city’s population was predominantly Polish.

That sign is long gone.

Mark Koroj, an attorney, also called into question the naming of Pope Park on Jos. Campau and Belmont as another example of the city honoring a foreign leader.

The park was named in honor of Pope John Paul II, the first Polish pope. The pope is also the leader of the independent nation Vatican City.

Pope Park was privately owned, and the statue of the pope was privately funded. The park was eventually donated to the city.

One of the controversial honorific street names was renaming Holbrook as Palestine Avenue.

Former councilmember Khalil Refai, a Yemeni-American, was behind that naming back in 2024.

At the time he said it “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.”

Former mayor Amer Ghalib, a Yemeni-American, was also in favor, telling Michigan Public Radio:

“I know it’s not going to change anything, but it’s just showing what Hamtramck stands for and what the community here stands for.”

Ghalib also told The Detroit News: “I don’t want to see on the news that the Hamtramck City Council disapproved naming of a street Palestine. It will look bad. It will look like we don’t support Palestine.”

Ghalib was recently appointed to a job by President Trump as Senior Consultant for Strategic Partnerships and will be working with AmeriCorps.

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The United State does not recognize Palestine as a state.

In the past, President Trump has rejected a two-state solution to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine, and he has called for those living in Gaza to relocate.

Ghalib, a Yemeni immigrant, has advocated for Palestinian rights, but also endorsed Trump for president. Ghalib is now working in his administration.

Councilmembers Refai, Abu Musa and Muhtasin Sadman also endorsed Trump. Hamtramck Board of Education members Abdulmalik Algahaim and Moortadha Obaid, both of who are immigrants from Yemen, also endorsed Trump.

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In Our Opinion

Mayor calls for a change in city seal/logo design

Mayor Adam Alharbi has been moving fast to establish his identity, and how he views the office of mayor, and the city.

He wasted no time in announcing a wish to update the city's seal/logo that, currently, reflects the Hamtramck of a certain time. The decades-old logo depicts the role of factories and manufacturing that helped define this city in the first half of the 20th century.

He's not the first to suggest it's time to come up with a new logo design that reflects the Hamtramck of today.

But he has been faulted for springing this on residents without any prior public call for logo designs. The reaction to the logos he did present was a resounding "no."

We'll cut the mayor some slack on how he went about unveiling this logo campaign, but let it be a lesson that the public should be made aware of issues like this potential redesign instead of having it sprung on them.

There was much criticism that the proposed logo designs looked AI generated, and we agree. They certainly don't reflect anything special unique about contemporary Hamtramck, and have left many with the feeling that the designs were impersonal.

The mayor wisely read the room, so to speak, and has brought in the city's Arts & Culture Commission to take over the project.

But we are still open-minded to the idea of adopting a new logo design, but we also have to admit we're still in favor of leaving the logo just as it is, in a nod to our historical past.

We have new folks in office now, and we owe it to them to hear them out and be open-minded to making changes.

City issues warning about high lead level in water supply

By Charles Sercombe

Once again, lead in some of Hamtramck's water lines is at an elevated level.

The city posted a warning recently on social media. According to officials, test results from 59 houses across seven different areas of the city found overall high lead levels in the water supply.

The city did not identify which houses are affected.

A key way to make sure your drinking water is safe to consume is to run your tap water for at least 30 full seconds, to flush the standing water out of your lines.

The longer water remains undisturbed in your lines, the more line corrosion will seep in, which can carry lead with it.

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can see decreases in IQ and attention spans.

Lead exposure can lead

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UM-Dearborn's iLabs' eCities research recognizes the City of Hamtramck for supporting business in their community

(DEARBORN), February 4, 2026 – The City of Hamtramck has been named a 2025 eCities Honored Community for its successes and efforts in contributing to Michigan's growth. The designation was given as part of the annual eCities study, conducted by iLabs, the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation. The three other Honored Communities are the cities of Royal Oak, Sterling Heights, and Wixom.

“The City is delighted to be designated as an Honored Community by the University of Michigan Dearborn's eCities study. The City of Hamtramck strives toward entrepreneurial success by supporting emerging and existing small businesses through programming and community events, such our Amanah Financing and the Hamtramck Night Bazaar. In 2026, our team will continue to assist entrepreneurs with more opportunities to kickstart their success. - Isabel Allaway (Community and Economic Development Manager & DDA Director)

The eCities study analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities from 54 counties in Michigan. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets, and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments, and cost of doing business within the community. For example, over the five-year period of 2020-2024, these communities increased their capital assets by an average of 5.14 percent per year by investments such as park and trail improvements, bridge reconstruction, and road projects. Further, these places are home to 86 percent of Michigan's real commercial property and have 63 percent of the state's total property value. Communities that have seen the strongest growth in business development over the past five years, while controlling the costs of doing business in town, are designated as five- and four-star communities.

Although accounting for less than 20 percent of the State's cities and townships, the 277 communities analyzed are home to 71 percent of Michigan's population and 86 percent of the state's commercial property. “Each year, we are proud to recognize cities and townships throughout Michigan that support business growth and entrepreneurship in their communities,” said Kari Kowalski, Assistant Director of iLabs.

Odds & Ends

Welcome aboard ... Hamtramck has a new police chief – or, at least, an acting police chief – and that is Hussein Farha.

We will have more on this later, but Farha was the police chief in Dearborn Heights until he and then-mayor Bill Bazzi had a falling out.

Bazzi has since taken a new job as Trump's ambassador to Tunisia.

Chief Farha has built up an impressive resume from his 30-plus years in policing, with various roles at the local, state, federal and international levels.

Welcome, Hussein. We wish you luck.

Condolences ... We didn't know Ishmael Ahmed personally, but the imprint he left on the Detroit area is immense.

Ahmed recently passed away. Many will know him from his weekend show “This Island Earth” on WDET-FM, where he scanned the globe to find the best in world music every week.

Also, he helped kickstart Dearborn's ACCESS community service organization, where he was Executive Director, and he helped birth the wildly popular and influential Detroit Concert of Colors.

A number of Hamtramck-based musicians have played at that festival over the years.

According to social media, he also helped co-launch the Arab American National Museum, and served on its advisory board for many years.

Ishmael went on to serve as Director at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services under Gov. Granholm, becoming the first and only Arab-American to hold one of the state's most significant cabinet roles.

He served with the University of Michigan-Dearborn as an Associate Provost, and he was appointed to the National Council on the Arts by President Biden.

A spokesperson with the Concert of Colors posted this message:

“Friends, we have lost our shining light. Ishmael Ahmed, beloved co-founder of the Concert of Colors, leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of music, dance, and cultural connection that brought communities together and celebrated the richness of our shared humanity.

“In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Ishmael's life with a donation to the Concert of Colors.”

The Treasurer's Office stresses that its top priority is preventing foreclosure in the first place. Through payment plans, tax assistance programs, and community partnerships, the office works year-round to help residents stay in their homes.

More information about the remaining proceeds claims process – as well as property tax assistance programs to assist owners with avoiding foreclosure in the first place – is available at WayneCountyMI.gov/Treasurer.

Where is the outrage? ... We occasionally bring up the fact that, a few years ago, there was outrage by many in this community over former President Joe Biden's administration supporting Israel financially.

First off, it was also the congress that allotted the financial support.

The outrage was over the administration's continued support despite Israel's bombardment of Gaza and the death of thousands of Palestinians.

Many have called Israel's actions an act of genocide.

That support prompted a few thousand locals, and others, to march through our city streets in protest.

Joining in the outrage were local elected officials, including former mayor Amer Ghalib.

Flash forward to today, and President Trump's administration has pushed through more than \$6 billion in new arms sales to Israel by bypassing long-standing congressional oversight.

So we ask: Where is the outrage? Why does Trump get a pass?

Former mayor Ghalib hasn't said a word since Trump took office a year ago. Of course, it's no wonder: Ghalib is now working for the Trump administration.

Guess the Palestinians are once again left wanting.

Chill out ... OK, for the past few days, living with winter temperatures in the mid-20s has seemed like a heat wave.

That's because, prior to this slight warm up, if you can call it that, we were all suffering through bitter cold temps in the single digits.

Bad news, folks.

The weather forecast for this month will put a chill down your spine. According to the National Weather Service (and other folks in the know), there's another polar vortex – remember that phrase from a couple

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SATURDAY, Feb. 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Drive-thru Take-out Polish at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. \$15 Adult/\$8 Child 12 & under. Menu: Pork Chop, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes/gravy, Paczek for Desert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church.

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Greg Kowski street naming ceremony in Museum,
Street Naming Controversy at Jan. 13 Council Meeting
Inauguration Ceremonies for 2026 held in the Library
Final City Council meeting of the year 2025,
and more

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 27-Feb. 2.
Tuesday, Jan. 27
• Officers responded to a call about suspicious incidents on Holbrook and on Jos. Campau.
• A vehicle was reported stolen on Klinger.
• Three suspects were arrested for possessing stolen items and drugs.
• A trespassing complaint was made in the 12100 block of Conant.
• A business in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
Wednesday, Jan. 28
• Officers, responding to a call about a fight in the 11300 block of Fleming, did not find evidence of a fight upon arriving at the scene.
• A hit-and-run accident was reported on Jos. Campau.
• A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 12100 block of Moran.
Thursday, Jan. 29
• A hit-and-run accident was reported on Conant.
• A disorderly person was reported on Caniff.
• Family trouble was reported in the 5200 block of Belmont.
• Hit-and-run accidents were reported in the areas of Lumpkin and Caniff and in the 3200 block of Yemans.
Friday, Jan. 30
• Officers, responding to a call about a domestic assault in the 3800 block of Norwalk, arrested a suspect. At 4 a.m., officers arrested another suspect involved in a domestic assault in the 3800 block of Holbrook.
• A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 9800 block of Conant.
Saturday, Jan. 31
• A theft was reported in the 3800 block of Evaline.
• A suspicious person was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
• Officers, responding to a call about a suspicious person in the area of Edwin and Brombach, arrested a male for disorderly conduct.
• A sexual assault was reported in the 1900 block of Edwin.
• An assault was reported in the 2600 block of Holbrook.
Sunday, Feb. 1
• At 2 a.m., family trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Holmes.
• A business on Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
• A person was reported missing in the 2600 block of Whalen.
Monday, Feb. 2
• A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Andrus.
• A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 11400 block of Dyar.
• An unwanted person was reported at a residence in the 2600 block of Holbrook.
• An assault was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.

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to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of pregnant persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects.
Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney or nervous system problems.
For several years, the city has aggressively replaced lead water lines throughout the neighborhoods.
City officials are now doing the following to tackle the problem:
• determining a corrosion control treatment strategy
• conducting additional lead and/or water quality monitoring
• increasing lead monitoring
• removing and replacing the lead service lines
Residents can have their service line inspected or have your household tested by contacting the city at (313) 800-5233, extension 817, or by visiting Michigan.gov/EGLELab for a list of certified labs.
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Student protest put on ice

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urged the community “to speak up for what is morally right.”
Fellow student Nabih Chowdhury said that despite Hamtramck being vulnerable for being targeted by ICE agents, it's important to stand up for the legal rights of immigrants.
“Being a predominately immigrant community, stepping up is significant because it shows how youth show up in spite of their fear,” Chowdhury said.
“We hoped this would spark dialogue about immigration justice among students and combat the hopelessness people feel as they see ICE take away their loved ones.
“Some may argue that having an anti-ICE demonstration is counterintuitive for our vulnerable group, but it is empowering us with action as a group most directly affected by this issue.”
Hamtramck High School students have held rallies and protests in the past few years against gun violence at schools, and oil drilling in Alaska, and have marched against Israel aggression in Palestine.

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An infographic titled "Get ahead of lead." designed to educate on reducing lead in drinking water. The top half features a light blue background with a white box containing the title and a subtitle: "Follow these tips to reduce the risk of lead in your drinking water." Below this is a stylized illustration of a house in cross-section, revealing its interior rooms (bedroom, bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen) and the underground plumbing system, including pipes, a water heater, and laundry machines. The bottom half of the infographic is a dark blue vertical panel. It contains six circular icons, each paired with a tip: 1. A water filter icon with the tip "Use a lead-reducing water filter if you have (or are uncertain if you have) lead or galvanized plumbing." 2. A faucet icon with the tip "Replace faucets older than 2014." 3. A hand cleaning an aerator icon with the tip "Clean aerators every six months." 4. A toilet flush icon with the tip "Keep water moving with everyday activities, like doing laundry, dishes, showering and flushing toilets." 5. A lead inspection icon with the tip "Get a lead inspection and replace needed plumbing." At the bottom of this panel, it says "Find more ways to improve your drinking water at Michigan.gov/GetAheadofLead" and includes the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) logo.

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Obituaries

MELKUS



Marty Melkus, 66, died January 23, 2026. Born on November 12, 1959, our brother MOJO was relieved of his earthly suffering on the afternoon of January 23, 2026. He died peacefully while resting at home, recovering from a fall earlier in the month. He is preceded in death by his parents, Albin and Lucille and his lifelong friend Bill Rush. He is survived by his siblings Janet Heinrich, Brian, Laurie Rosplochowski, and Kathleen.

Martin never married and his family consisted of his bandmates from The Krash Ratz; David Hamilton, Kevin Tussley, and Elliot Chambers, and several close friends. Those were his glory days. He was the base player and loved to “bang that thang.”

As a boy, he once received a Christmas gift of a big yellow dump truck. He spent the night twangin’ on the big red rubber band from the packaging. That was the birth of MOJO. The box-man sets the tone for the song (ex. intro to Food Stamps). He was a big KISS fan and idolized Gene Simmons. He chose Kiss lyrics as his motto: “First I drink, then I smoke”, and that is exactly how he lived. He was fiercely independent to the point of defiance. He worked hard and he played hard. We are thankful now that he will no longer suffer from the addiction disease that is hereditary in the family. Now he can truly “Chill 4 Real”. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial Mass will be held at a future date. Arrangements entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

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you can get your child tested to determine lead levels in their blood.

A family doctor or pediatrician can perform a blood test for lead, and provide information about the health effects of lead. State, city, or county departments of health can also provide information about how you can have your child's blood tested for lead.

In the meantime, take the following precautions:

- Learn what your service line material is. Contact the city at (313) 800-5233, or call a licensed plumber to determine if the service line is made from lead or not. Homes with lead service lines have an increased risk of having high lead levels in drinking water.
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommends that Michigan households use a certified lead-reducing drinking water filter if your home has, or if you are uncertain if it has, a source of lead, such as one of the following:
 - Lead or galvanized plumbing.
 - A lead service line carrying water from the street to their residence.
 - Copper plumbing with lead solder before 1988 (EGLE recommendation).
 - Old faucets and fittings that were sold before 2014.
 - Use the filter until you are able to remove sources of household lead plumbing, such as:
 - Pre-2014 faucets.
 - Plumbing.
 - Look for filters that are tested and certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 for lead reduction and NSF/ANSI Standard 42 for particulate reduction (Class I).
 - For filters to work properly, follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Run your water to flush out lead-containing water.
- If you do not have a lead service line, run the water for 30 seconds to two minutes, or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature.
- If you do have a lead service line, run the water for at least five minutes to flush water from your home or building's plumbing and the lead service line.
- Use cold water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water and hot water should not be run through filters.
- Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Filter cold water, then boil the filtered water as necessary.
- Clean your faucet aerator to remove trapped debris.
- Learn about construction in your neighborhood. Contact us at (313) 822-5233 to find out about any construction or maintenance work that could disturb your service line. Construction may cause more lead to be released from a lead service line if present.



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