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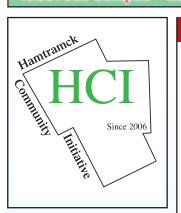
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## **Quick Hits**

Got a beef about your water bills or want to know more about public safety?

If so, get yourself to the public library next Thursday (Nov. 19) for a Town Hall meeting, starting at 6 p.m.

The Hamtramck Community Initiative is once again sponsoring the event, which will feature discussions on water bills facts and shutoffs, water conservation tips, preparedemergency ness for the home and creating an emergency kit for your car, and an update by Fire Chief Paul Wilk on emergency shelters in the city.

On hand will be State Rep. Rose Mary Robinson who will address a plan to allow a nearby company to handle toxic waste water.

City Manager Katrina Powell will also take questions.



#### Quote of the week

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

"The diversity we have here is one of the most interesting things in the country.'

## - HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD -

## Governor kicks off celebration of 'Banglatown' community

**By Charles Sercombe** 

For the past 20 years, or so, the area of Conant from Carpenter to Caniff has informally been known as "Banglatown." That name took on a

more formal appearance last Friday when Gov. Rick Snyder came to town to kick off what was called a "rebranding" of the business district.

nickname Banglatown came from the number of Bengali businesses that took over the many empty shops on Conant over 20 years ago, transforming it into a vibrant shopping district.

Gov. Snyder, making his first appearance in Hamtramck and speaking to packed room in Kabob House on Conant, embraced this development as an example of try. "pure Michigan."

"Banglatown is a cool concept," he said.

The event also celebrated the opening of office of the Bangladeshi American **Public Affairs Committee** (BAPAC) inside of Kabob House.

Snyder's visit coincided with a turning point in the Bengali community. It has now become the dominant political force in Hamtramck politics. The Bengali community, along with the Yemeni-American community, now makes up at least 50 percent of the city's population.

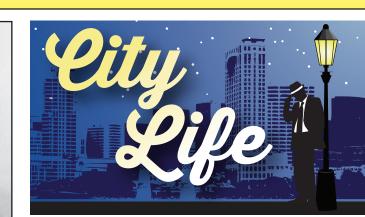
Last Tuesday's General Election produced a historic moment for the city. Voters elected a Muslim majority city council - a possible first for any community in the coun-

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Hamtramck's Bangladeshi community has been steadily growing in recent years. The community's annual festival attracts thousands of visitors. Below: Gov. Rick Snyder visited last Friday to welcome the rebranding of Conant as "Banglatown."





## Walking fast and slow

**By Walter Wasacz** 

I read a short article last week about "fasttrack walking lanes" that have been installed in Liverpool, England.

Accompanying story was a photo of a sidewalk in New York where a dividing line en-

courages "New Yorkers" to stay on one side of the line and presumably dawdling slow walking "tourists" on the other.

The message is clear: walking is a form of transportation for locals, not so much for visitors

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### City's longest serving mayor will now receive a special recognition

**By Charles Sercombe** 

For 18 years Hamtramck City Hall was dominated by one person: Robert Kozaren.

He was the city's longest serving mayor, and arguably the most popular mayor in modern times. Kozaren mayor from 1980 to 1997, and he died in 2007.

On Tuesday, a majority of city councilmembers voted to name city hall in Kozaren's honor.

The vote was taken after a public hearing was held on the proposal. A number of residents who worked with Kozaren and those who knew him spoke in favor of the honorary designation.

theme One emerged from his supporters was Kozaren's commitment to the city.

"He had an unquestioned love for the city," said Tom Cervenak. "He was mayor for all the people of Hamtramck."

Former city Treasurer Joseph Grzecki said he was first elected at the same time Kozaren was elected as mayor.

"We served through thick and thin," Grzecki said. "He did a heck of a job for the City of Hamtramck."

John Justewicz also praised Kozaren's stewardship of the city.

"Without him there would be no Hamtramck today," he said.

Justewicz reminded the council, most of whom never

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Artist Tsz Yan Ng has an installation, called "The Visibility of Labor," at an art gallery on Jos. Campau.

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## Governor kicks off celebration of 'Banglatown' community

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The national media have picked up on the election results, which has resulted in numerous articles and television news reports.

While the area along Conant has long been informally called Banglatown, there is no official designation as

such. Mayor Karen Majewski said Friday's event was the first she heard that there would be a "rebranding" of the area.

ways already created itself," she said.

of informally naming other areas of the city to

celebrate ethnic neighborhoods, such as the Ukrainian community near Immaculate Conception Church and in "Banglatown in some the southend the Yemeni community.

promote can She said there is talk tourism," Majewski said. As for Snyder's visit, restaurant owner Joe Ullah said it was encouraging to have the governor validate the Bengali business community.

"Banglatown is finally here," he said. "We'll see what happens in the future. It's a start, and we're excited."

## Walking fast and slow

who come to a city to see the tall buildings and the bright lights, get a taste of history or find a corner pub for a different kind of taste.

Hamtramck is full of walkers. Most of them walk slow, as they do in Detroit. It's a regional peculiarity I've often wondered about. I remember many fast walkers from my days growing up here.

People whose eyes were gazed on some destination, near or far, and were intent on getting there in a hurry. I still walk like that, whether I am out for a stroll, for exercise or need to get somewhere on deadline.

One possible reason walkers have slowed down is that motorists have sped up. Drivers too often rule the streets instead of sharing them with pedestrians and cy-

At crosswalks, walkers defer to drivers — who have the advantage of steering a big machine rather than asserting their right to that space. In cities like New York or London, people on the sidewalk often outnumber people in cars. The social geography in highdensity cities creates

In the weeks ahead I'll share some thoughts on how slowing down motorists can help improve city life in Hamtramck.

more equality on the

streets: faster walkers

slow down traffic.

Kids here walk slow in groups from school, but this just seems like an opportunity for social time, catching up with peers, normal and age appropriate. Fast walkers in Hamtramck are most often adult solo walkers, going from their homes to shopping destinations like Al-Haramain on Caniff at Gallagher.

I see both fast and slow from my window that overlooks Gallagher, one of the best streets for foot transit in the city.

The connections stretch from Veterans

Memorial Park and Keyworth Stadium on the south end to Holbrook (markets, bars, coffee to the west), Evaline-Yemans (City Hall and Conant to the restaurants, bars, Jos. Campau to the west), Caniff (more markets, art spaces, bars, coffee and restaurants in either direction) and Hamtramck High School and the Car-

penter corridor (more art in each direction, includnorth ing Banglatown).

Weather at the beginning of November has been gorgeous. It's not been hard to do miles of walking every time I go

On the way to the HHS Community Center on Election Day, I turned a

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## This week at the library...

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Tutoring Service - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, children can take advantage of a tutoring service provided the South Asian Student Society and Hamtramck Library. The program is free of charge to Hamtramck residents and open to students and adults.

Citizenship Classes - Tuesday, November 17 at 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents can get help in preparing for their citizenship exam. classes are free. Registration is required.

Children's Movie Night -Tuesday, November 17 at 4 p.m. - All children are invited to see an after-school movie feature is "Defendants."

and popcorn. This week's Movie Night for Adults -Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. - Everyone is invited to a screening of selected movies on the big

screen in the Library. For this

week's movie selection call

the library at 365-7050. Free to the public.

Book Club Meeting - Thursday, November 19 at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the Hamtramck Book Club at the Library.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, November 19 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

Michgan Reads Program -Thursday, November 19 at 5 p.m. Participants of the Michigan Read program are invited for a story time.

Town Hall Meeting Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. The Hamtramck Community Initiative will hold a town hall meeting to discuss water bill facts, water conservation tips, emergency preparedness and emergency shelter update. State Representative Rose Mary Robinson and City Manager Katrina Powell will participate to answer questions. Everyone is invited.

ESL Class - Friday, November 20 at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents.

Registration is required.

ESL Class - Wednesday, November 25 at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**Common Word Alliance of** Hamtramck - Monday, November 30 at 7 p.m. The Hamtramck Common Word Alliance will hold its monthly meeting at the Library. For more information call Arif Huskic at (313) 999-5483 Refreshments will served. Everyone is invited.

Meeting of the Library **Board** - Thursday, December 10 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

Michigan Activity Pass -The pass will enable Library card holders to obtain a onetime free entry into any Michigan State Park or recreation area, and free entry into over 100 participating cultural institutions, including museums, for up to one week. Ask at the circulation desk for details.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us where you can also access our online catalog.

# Second Front Page



## School Bell

#### Kosciuszko Middle **School News**

KMS Student Council hosted an Academic Support door decorating contest and the results are

The class quilt contest is a way of students expressing themselves. In October, the theme was life goals with a bonus challenge of a fall theme.

It was judged based on creativity, originality, collaboration and craftsmanship.

This month's winner is Dr. Sahar Abed's Academic Support class. They had an overall score of 20 out of 24.

It was an excellent effort by the entire class. Each individual student in the class won a goodie bag which contained a mechanical pencil, some candy and a KMS wristband.

#### **Holbrook Elementary School News**

Holbrook Elementary School is seeking parent volunteers and involvement on our School Improvement Team/Committee.

We are also looking to create and sustain a PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association).

These two groups will assist us in reaching our students and community on a scale much larger than we currently are able to. Although a date for PTSA has not been set, parents can inquire by calling our office at (313)



Above and right: Early Childhood Elementary students enjoyed a day at Westview Orchard in Romeo where students learned about the Michigan apple industry and apple life cycle. Below and bottom: The students fed animals, climbed a giant hay pyramid and enjoyed the huge play area and maze.







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interested in tutoring for your child, please see your child's teacher.

Mrs. Jennifer Bradley and Mrs. Sylvia Segura-Torres 5th grade students will be going to Michigan Science Center on November 18.

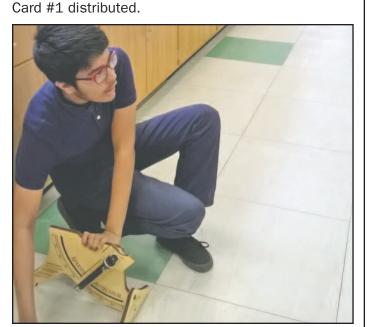
#### **All Schools**

 Thursday, November 19 - Half day for all students. Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:00 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Report

- · Wednesday, November 25 - Half day for all students.
- · Thursday, November 26-29 - No school for all students. Thanksgiving break.

#### **Athletic Events**

- · Monday, November 16 - KMS Boys' Basketball vs. Detroit Community at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Wednesday, November 18 - KMS Boys' Basketball vs. Taylor Trillium at 4:30 p.m. Away.



**HHS tenth grader Ahsanul Hoque prepares to launch** a steel ball in Ms. Charisse Youmans' Honors Physics class, where students are studying projectile motion in two dimensions.

### **Coming events**

SATURDAY, Nov. 14, 9-3 p.m. - Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop of your recyclables for free.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. - The Hamtramck Midtown Block Club will meet in St. Florian's Convent; please use the side entrance.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 18, noon - The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will hold a Fall Card & Bunco Social, featuring lunch, table and door prizes, share the wealth at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, entrance on Harold, fenced-in parking, \$7 admission.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25, 5 p.m. - The Common Word Alliance will be celebrating Thanksgiving and its 5th year anniversary at the Hamtramck Public Library. Religious leaders from various faiths will be on hand. Guest speakers include Mayor Karen Majewski, Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Thomas Niczay, Rev. Gregory Roberts and Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray. After the program a light dinner will be served. The program starts at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

## Hamtramck celebrates **Veterans Day**

#### By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's small group of veterans and their families and supporters once again toasted the comrades who served their country.

On Wednesday, Veterans Day, PLAV Post 10 hosted a commemoration and luncheon. About 50 veterans and supporters gathered to reflect and celebrate.

For the first time in over 20 years that the Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council has hosted the event, there was a tie on who to name Veteran of the Year. This year Michael Bugaj and Fred Masters shared the honor.

After the honor guard fired a volley of rifle shots, lunch was served, and the guests enjoyed the rest of the holiday.

Scenes from Wednesday's Veterans Day celebration at PLAV Post 10 hall. Below: Veterans of the Year Michael Bugaj (left) and Fred Masters.













## Walking fast and slow continued from page 2

45 minute exercise loop that took me to Fenelon and Carpenter in Detroit, before meandering back through streets and alleys to vote.

I also did a fast walk to

destination walk into a the Fowling Warehouse for the fundraising presentation by the Detroit City FC, which is raising money for renovations at Keyworth. It conjured thoughts of fans walking and chanting in the streets before and after future games at the stadium.

> If you have not experienced this yet, get ready. It's rowdy, adult fun at a fever pitch. It's international football, with an active, passionate fan base. One of the cultural cornerstones is participation at ground level: people will be walking, meaning bars restaurants that become partners with the footballers stand to do well on game days. Bank on that.

> On another walk, I did a wide loop that took in the northeast end of the city, across to Jos. Campau via Commor and then south to Steve Panton's 9338 Campau gallery near Holbrook. Panton and artist Tsz Yan Ng, an assistant professor at the University of Michigan's Taubman College

> of Architecture & Urban

Design, were there.

her installation, "The Visibility of Labor," which features hands on both walls cast in a variety of gestures. In the window

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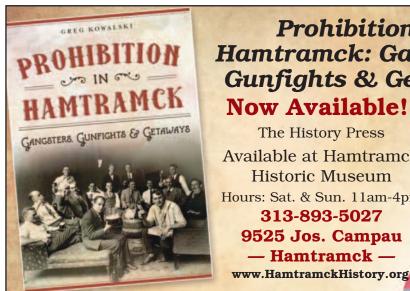
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An artwork at 9338 Campau Gallery explores the hidden hands behind modern labor in China.

gle black dress.

The common thread between them is the hidden labor, represented by the spectral, chalky hands (actually cast from workers at a factory in China), behind making a

single piece of clothing. There is also a video loop deeper inside the gallery that gives more

insight into the textile

manufacturing process.

It's a thoughtful, lovely

give a talk about her installation this Saturday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. Walter Wasacz was

born, and lives, walks and writes, in Hamtramck.



# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

## Councilmember kept heat on city officials

Councilmember Robert Zwolak lost his bid for re-election last

At age 74, it's unlikely we will see Zwolak on the public stage again. He has said his defeat now gives him a chance to step away - although we're sure at some point Zwolak will make an appearance in council chambers to voice his opinion on this or that.

Zwolak has previously served on council, as city clerk and as a member of a charter revision commission. He's been around for many years in one official capacity or another.

Often, he annoyed and irritated fellow elected officials.

Zwolak had a knack for asking questions. Lots of questions. Questions that got under the skin of others.

He was a gadfly and an advocate for the pub-

We remember not so long ago (OK, pretty long ago) when teachers in school would encourage students to ask questions. "There are no bad questions," they would

Well, actually, there are bad questions, and Zwolak was no stranger to asking them.

But there's a funny thing about bad questions: sometimes they can lead to the revelation of uncomfortable truths.

Sometimes, Zwolak's relentless questioning could hit its mark.

While he had the ability to push all the wrong buttons in people, at the end of the day you could sit at the bar and drink a

beer with him - no hard feelings and even enjoy a few laughs.

That's what we like about Hamtramck. We may fight and yell at each other, but ultimately we are all in this together and that's what bonds us.

Zwolak leaves with a lot of knowledge, not only of city government but as a bridge to a bygone era of Hamtramck and today.

We could use a few more people like Bob in our town.

We're going to miss his relentless inquisitiveness. Hopefully, down the road someone else will ask those uncomfortable questions.

Enjoy your retirement, Bob, and let it be known you served a useful purpose in our fair city.

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for those who donated

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ity. The bench will be in-

stalled at Hamtown Farms

in May of 2016 during

their Spring Volunteer

Out of business ... By

now everyone has proba-

bly heard that Glory Mar-

closed on Nov. 1. Our

sources say the market

simply wasn't generating

enough profit to stay

But there was likely a

good reason for that.

More than one resident

complained to us that the

quality of food there went

downhill, and some even

complained about out-

dated and moldy food

There is some good

news, though. There is a

plan to convert the build-

ing into some kind of

service space for the

state of Michigan. We will

have more details in the

Also in the works are

several retailers coming

to Jos. Campau. Stay

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## City's longest serving mayor will now receive a special recognition

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Kozaren, that when the top employer, Dodge Main, abruptly announced it was closing in 1979, there were those who said it would be lights out for Hamtramck.

Kozaren, he said, "brought back to life."

in a letter of support, former Economic Development Director Jerry Dettloff, who served under Kozaren, said not only did Kozaren "guide the city through some difficult economic times." his actions "left behind an incredible legacy."

Some of that legacy includes working with Detroit and GM to locate the Poletown Plant here and arrange for GM to pay \$2 million a year in lieu of property taxes that the auto giant was being exempt from paying in a deal with the state.

payment exceeded what the Dodge Main plant paid in yearly property taxes.

The Hamtramck Labor Day Festival was started by Kozaren as a way to boost the town's sagging spirits after Dodge Main closed. The festival continues to this day, and because of it, Hamtramck has forever been on the map for local media coverage.

Paczki Day used to be a quaint Polish custom until Kozaren seized on a way to promote it and gain more media coverage.

The Wayne County Jail that sits in Hamtramck was also brokered by Kozaren, which produced further revenue for the city.

Presidents and presidential candidates visited Hamtramck thanks to Kozaren's many contacts. The list includes Ronald Reagan, George Bush (twice) and Bill Clinton.

While most of those who spoke at Tuesday's public hearing were supportive of the honorary it was a good idea.

Joan Barrios said that although she liked Kozaren, she cautioned against naming any of the city's buildings and roads after people.

"It's getting out of Hamtramck hand," she said.

> Her reference was to a previous attempt to rename Jos. Campau and Caniff in honor of two past prime ministers of Bangladesh. Those requests led to a halt on honorary naming until a policy was adopted.

> The general consensus now is that the person being honored should have a connection to Hamtramck and someone who made a significant contribution to the city.

> Bill Meyer was also against renaming city hall because the city is transitioning from a Polish majority to a new majority of those from Bangladesh and Yemen.

"It'll send the wrong message," he said.

Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Abu Musa were the only two councilmembers opposed to the renaming. Hassan said that al-Kozaren though praised for his financial management of the city, leaving it with a budget surplus when he left office, there should have been even a greater sur-

By his calculations, Hassan said the city should have been flush with \$54 million in the budget. Just how he arrived at that figure was not clear.

Hassan also said that future councils may decide to undo the renaming and give the honor to someone else.

Musa suggested that instead of renaming city hall in honor of Kozaren, the city should rename Zussman Park in his honor.

is Zussman Park named after Raymond Zussman, who

When the need arises, these caring professionals are ready to help.

renaming, not all thought awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroics in World War II.

Zussman is the only

Hamtramck resident to be awarded that prestigious medal, and he is also one of only three Jewish servicemen to win the award in World War II. Councilmember Robert

Zwolak reminded the council that the proposal was one of the last wishes of former Councilmember Titus Walters, who died in September while still on council.

Zwolak had his fair share of run-ins with the former mayor, but he had nothing but good things to say about Kozaren. He credited Kozaren with keeping Hamtramck financially stable and vibrant.

"Without Kozaren, Hamtramck would look like Chene Street," he said, in reference to the once-thriving Detroit neighborhood just south of the city and across I-94 which is now littered with empty buildings.

The thing to keep in mind, Zwolak said, is that Kozaren's legacy "sets an example for future generations."

At the end of the discussion, Councilmembers Anam Miah, Ian Perrotta, Andrea Karpinski and Zwolak voted in favor of the renaming while Hassan and Musa voted against it.

While the resolution went forward, there are no immediate plans to install new signage on city hall, nor will there be a change to the letterhead of official city business letters.

Councilmember Karpinski suggested that perhaps in the near future a fundraising effort will be held to pay for a sign.



# Odds & Ends

On display ... The Hamtramck Recycling Commission will hold its monthly collection day this Saturday (Nov. 14) in the public parking lot on Caniff and McDougall.

The commission will also have its newly created park bench on display. The bench was manufactured out of over 1,500 recycled plastic

ory of Ellen Aubrey, a for-

mind us of her compassionate, generous and giving personality," said Commission member Bill Wiitala.

mer Chair of the Ham-Recycling Commission, who was tragically murdered a year "The bench will honor

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### Obituaries

Henry An-

#### **ANCINEC**

cinec, 90, was born on December 13, 1924 and left us to join his beloved wife, Maria, on November 7, 2015.

He leaves behind his nephew, Gary (Kathy) Ancinec; their children, Emily Ancinec, Alexander and Jessica Ancinec, and his nephew, James Ancinec; his extended family, Chet and Wanda Stawinski; their daughter, Allison Gherardini, her children Megan and Max; dear friend, Janina Kostek,

Mr. Ancinec proudly served his country in World War II. He was very active in the city of Hamtramck, as well as a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1670.

Visitation was Wednesday at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck. The funeral Mass was Thursday at St. Florian Catholic Church, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Hamtramck Public Library at 2360 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

#### BUDWEIL



Jadwiga Budweil (nee Muraszko), 94, died November

2015.

Mrs. Budweil, was predeceased by her husband, Wladyslaw. Mrs. Budweil is survived by her children, Jolanta (Arthur) Gwinn, Walter & Barbara Radtke; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katherine, Jennifer, Kristina, Michael, Stefan; great grandchild, Evelyn.

Visitation was Thursday at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. Mrs. Budweil will lie in state Friday, at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 10. at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI.

#### **METALSKI**



Victoria Metalski, 97, died November 3, 2015.

Mrs. Metalski was predeceased by her husband, Edward. Mrs. Metalski is survived by her children, Wayne (Sandy), Marlene (Michael) Mitchell; grandchildren, Christopher and Brandon Mitchell; greatgrandchildren, Blake, Brooke, and Bronson Mitchell.

Mrs. Metalski will lie in state Saturday, November 14. at 9:30 a.m. until time of the funeral Mass at 10, Transfiguration Church, 5800 Simon K, Detroit, MI. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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#### **By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 3-9.

#### **Tuesday, November 3**

- · A woman was arrested following a traffic stop for being wanted on a warrant for a number misdemeanor charges.
- Two suspects were arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on multiple misdemeanor charges.
- A man reported someone stole his money order from his car while it was parked in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.
- A resident was arrested for having an improper license plate.
- · A Belmont resident reported the theft of a flagpole and the destruction of his American flag. which was left torn up on the ground.
- · A Faber resident reported her daughter failed to return home from school.

#### Wednesday, October 4

- · A woman was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on two Hamtramck warrants.
- · A Troy resident reported the theft of her license plate.

#### **Thursday, October 5**

· At 11:30 p.m. a man was arrested for drunk driving after being involved in an auto accident.

- Officers responding to a call about gunshots being fired in the 2200 block of Danforth arrested a woman for reckless discharge of a firearm and a man for obstruction.
- · At 9:30 a.m. a Danforth man reported being threatened by a group of people.
- · A woman reported the theft of her wallet from her car.
- A resident reported seeing a shotgun in the 3100 block of Jacob, in the alley. Officers recovered the gun.

#### Friday, November 6

- A Belmont resident reported the theft of his 2014 Jeep. It was later reported that the Jeep had been repossessed.
- · A Klinger resident reported the theft of his 1999 Mitsubishi Mirage. Detroit police later recovered it after it had been involved in a crash at Jos. Campau and Lawley.
- · A Danforth resident reported damage to her car and being threatened with violence from a per-

son she knows.

#### Saturday, November 7

- · At a little after 2 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested in the 2200 block of Andrus for being disorderly.
- An Oklahoma woman reported being assaulted by her boyfriend.
- An agent from the Hanley House for Boys reported one of the home's residents was missing.
- A Conant resident reported two women he met online stole his car.
- A Selfridge resident reported a break-in and the theft of money.

#### **Sunday. November 8**

- · At 10 p.m. a domestic assault occurred in the 2300 block of Wyandotte.
- · At 1 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested following a traffic stop for possessing narcotic paraphernalia and trying to pass off fraudulent proof of insurance.
- At 2:30 a.m. a resident was arrested for disorderly conduct at Conant and Belmont.
- · At almost 3 a.m. a resident was assaulted in the area of Belmont and Conant.
- · Officers captured Continued on page 8



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## City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

The city council met on Oct. 27, and all councilmembers were pres-

Before the regular council meeting a work session was held. During that meeting Councilmember Robert Zwolak questioned whether the city can charge prisoners in the city's police station lockup for the cheese sandwiches they receive.

City Manager Katrina Powell said it's handled through the courts.

Zwolak asked about a financial audit that was conducted in regard to an ongoing housing discrimination lawsuit.

Powell said the audit showed the city had made payments to various vendors but in some cases it could not be determined why they were paid.

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Powell also said the city paid an attorney for the plaintiffs in the case \$1 million over the past five years. She said a discussion over the payment "got a little heated."

She added that she is "livid" over the legal fees the city has been paying.

A discussion was held on a change in Medicare costs for city retirees who are eligible for the program. She said retirees can keep the same coverage but will have to pay \$40 extra per month, or they can go with a new plan at no extra cost but there will be an increase in deductibles.

Councilmember Zwolak questioned the cost of the city leasing a warehouse for \$2,000 month. Powell said it will be used to store snowplowing trucks and equipment.

She also said other Public Works Department equipment that had been stored in the basement of city hall will be moved there. She said that conditions in city hall's basement are "horrific."

(Editor's note: The basement flooded in 2014 when much of the city flooded after a massive rainstorm that caused sewer backups in many households.)

Councilmember Anam Miah took issue with Powell's "tone" in answering Zwolak's question about city hall's basement. He said Powell made it seem like it was the council's fault for the flooding.

He asked her why she didn't do anything about the condition of the basement a year ago. Powell said she had been looking for a space to lease for the past year.

"I've been trying to get them out," she said.

During the regular meeting, Powell spoke on a complaint about the volume level of the call

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Several speakers from the public spoke against eliminating the call to prayer.

Ibrahim Aljahim took issue with discussing the matter in public.

"This matter should have been discussed in a closed meeting," he said.

(Editor's note: The state's Open Meeting Act has specific reasons when a closed meeting can be held. This topic would not have fallen under any of the exemptions.)

In comments from the council, Councilmember Abu Musa warned people to "not violate people's rights" in the Nov. 3 General Election.

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and took a pitbull to Westland Humane Soci-

· A Detroit resident was arrested following a traffic stop for not having a license.

#### Monday, November 9

- · A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license.
- · At about 1 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license and possessing narcotic parapherna-
- An Eastpointe resident was arrested following a traffic stop for a number of offenses including driving with a concealed gun, driving without a license and possessing narcotic paraphernalia.

- · A Goodson resident's car was damaged by a known suspect who shot it four times with a hand-
- · A Detroit resident was arrested after attempting to pass off fraudulent proof of insurance while in Hamtramck 31st District Court.
- · A Jacob resident was arrested for domestic violence.
- · A resident reported fraudulent activity on his bank account.
- Juveniles from Faber and Yemans streets who had been reported as missing returned to their homes at the same
- · A resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

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