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Quick Hits

Boo... and we don't mean that in a Halloween sort of way.

Instead, this Sunday morning, at 2 a.m., we lose Daylight Saving Time, and turn our clocks back one hour.

That means it will get lighter in the morning, which isn't so bad, but the trade off is it gets darker earlier at the end of the day.

Is there anything worse than watching the light fade at 4:30 p.m.?

Well, there is something worse ... winter. But that's another mat-

On a happier note, Daylight Saving Time returns on March 11.

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.

"Hamtramck is becoming an area where you can make a mark—you can still have that dream of starting something."

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Jos. Campau development signals an economic boom to come

By Karen Dybis

Shepherd had an idea that Hamtramck, and the Jos. Campau corridor in particular, was the right spot for their growing manufacturing business, Woodard Throwbacks.

But they got definite confirmation when locals started dropping in even before they removed the paper from the windows or the fresh paint dried on the façade of their new workshop and retail store.

curious Sometimes, neighbors brought the morning newspaper. Other times, passersby stopped in to shoot the breeze. Whatever the pretense, the questions were all the same: They wanted to know what was hap-

pening in the former auto Kyle Dubay and Bo dealership that had sat empty for so long. Seeing a hip destination store like Woodward Throwbacks open an anchor location on Jos. Campau became a kind of talisman - a sign that something had shifted in this district.

> The connections he made with other store owners, fellow makers, and Hamtramck residents one more reason Dubay believes he and Shepherd made a good decision - financially and creatively -- when they moved their business from Detroit to this upand-coming commercial

> "Hamtramck is becoming an area where you can



Bank Suey, located on the southwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff, is an example of a new wave of investors making Hamtramck their home.

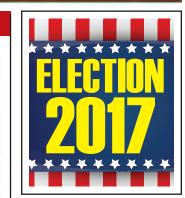
Photo by Walter Wasacz

make a mark—you can still have that dream of starting something," says Dubay, who counts specialty shops such as Bon Bon Bon, Detroit City Football Club's store, and Olo-

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man Cafe as examples of insightful and innovative entrepreneurs who also recently opened storefronts along Jos. Cam-

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Concern grows over **AV** ballots

By Charles Sercombe

If the number of absentee ballots issued is any indication, this election could see a huge turnout.

In the last mayoral election year - 2013 - a total of 788 people voted by AV ballot. The total voter turnout that year was over 2,500.

So far this year, according to City Clerk August Gitschlag, 1,462 AV ballots have been issued and about half have been returned.

He expects just about all of the ballots will be returned by next week.

Adding the number of people voting at the polls next Tuesday (Nov. 7), Hamtramck could far exceed the turnout from four years ago.

But the issue of AV ballots raises red flags and underscores an ongoing concern: The Michigan State Police are investigating whether there are people - and possibly some candidates - who are illegally handling the

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Concern grows over AV ballots continued from front page

ballots. The investigation includes people marking up absentee ballots for voters in favor of their candidates.

According to sources, there will likely be arrests made and charges filed in the coming weeks.

Council candidate Nayeem Choudhury has already come forward at a recent city council meeting to say that he and his father were detained by state police investigators.

He threatened to take the matter to federal court.

There are six candidates vying for one of three seats on city council. That field includes incumbents Andrea Karpinski and Ian Perrotta. Councilmember Mohammed Hassan decided not to seek re-election and instead is challenging Mayor Karen Majewski.

We reached out to Hassan several times via tele-

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Mayor Karen Majewski speaks at a recent candidate forum. She is seeking her fourth term.

phone and each time heard only a recorded message that said his message box was full.

Mayor Majewski is seeking her fourth term. In an email, Majewski said she is feeling confident about her re-election.

"My team and I have been working hard on this election. I believe it's important to connect personally with community members across the spectrum, whether or not

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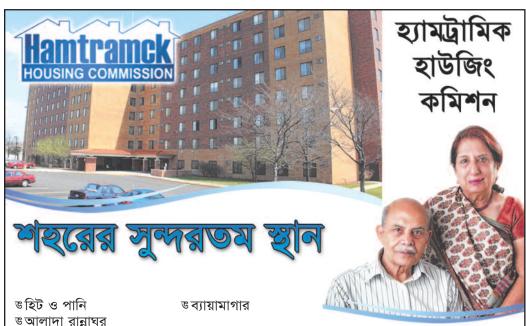
it's an election year," Majewski said.

"But particularly for this election, my team and I are hard at it knocking doors and talking to voters. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. I appreciate all those residents who are willing to open their doors and in many cases their homes to me.

"It's very helpful for me as mayor to walk every street, meet people on their sidewalks and on their porches, to see and hear and feel the pulse of Hamtramck close up and personal - it's extremely hard work, but it's also enriching, enlightening, and inspiring."

The election on Nov. 7 features only the mayoral and city council races. There are no other issues on the ballot. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.





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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

Phone (313) 874-2100

The city council met on Sept. 26, and all councilmembers were present. Before the meeting a work session was held. At that meeting, it was announced that DTE Energy is awarding the city \$2,500 for tree planting, which is a grant the city gets annually.

The bad news, however, said Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer, is that DTE will be reducing the grant by \$500 a year going forward.

A request for a closure of Conant, from Casmere to Caniff for a "Rally for Ruhingya" was cussed. Councilmember Andrea Karpinski was opposed to the closing, saying the request did not come in a timely manner. The rally was scheduled for the next Sunday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(Editor's note: The rally of support was for refugees fleeing from Myanmar Bangladesh.)

Karpinski noted that there was no proof of liability insurance submitted with the request.

Acting City Manager Angerer noted that other requests for street closures, such as the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival Committee, have been submitted with no proof of insurance.

The street closure was later OK'd.

A resolution to authorize a forensic examination of a computer used by former City Manager Katrina Powell was discussed. The estimated cost to perform the examination was \$3,000.

Angerer said the city is not seeking to find wrongdoing.

"We want to be fair about this," she said.

"There is absolutely no animosity."

Later in the regular meeting, Councilmember Ian Perrotta questioned the need to examine the computer.

"To me, this seems like a frivolous expense," he

Councilmember Saad Almasmari said the reason for the exam is because of the suspicious nature of Powell taking the computer with her.

Both Councilmembers Karpinski and Perrotta voted against paying for an examination of the

computer.

Almasmari accused both of voting against the resolution because they have "deals they don't

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ESL Class - Wednesday, November 8, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class – Friday, November 10, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is

Fall Toddler Time -Thursday, November 9 at noon. Learn about farm animals "Farm Day,"

Thursday, November **16** at noon. Celebrate Thanksgiving week with us "Turkey Day."

Toddler Time is for children ages 2-5, and runs for about one hour. This event includes story time, arts crafts, songs, games, and much

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Cause of Trowbridge fire could have been prevented by following the law

By Charles Sercombe

The cause of a twostory rental house fire on Trowbridge last week was an improperly installed gas-fed space heater.

That's the determination of Fire Marshal Ron Cichecki.

The owner of the house failed to register the dwelling as a rental unit, which meant there had been no city inspection of it. It is illegal for homeowners to not register their rental properties.

"We have a lot of that in Hamtramck," Cichecki

said. He said that had the house been registered, a required inspection would have caught the improperly installed space heater, and a number of other issues dis-

By Charles Sercombe

Fire investigators are

being tight-lipped about

the cause and circum-

stances of two busi-

ness fires that broke

out early Sunday morn-

A hardware store on

Conant at Carpenter

caught on fire around

1:30 a.m. and then a

half hour later a store

Conant business

fires are related,

says investigator

Some 10 people lived in the house, which also included an illegal apartment in the attic. The fire started on the second

The fire went unreported for at least 15 minutes, Cichecki said, and when firefighters arrived the second and third floors were fully engaged. Because of the unique arrangement of the second floor apartment layout, firefighters enter couldn't dwelling from the rear.

firefighters Instead, had to enter by the balcony, which later collapsed in the fire.

Not helping matters that day were wind gusts of up to 30 miles per

"The wind turned it into covered in fighting the a blowtorch," Cichecki said.

"We believe they are

related," is all Ham-

tramck Fire Marshal

Ron Cichecki would say.

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the Hamtramck-Detroit

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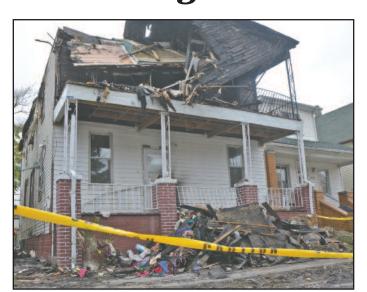
working with Cichecki in

the Hamtramck investi-

gation. Also joining in

are agents with the fed-

The hardware store is



The fire that destroyed a two-family house on Trowbridge could possibly have been prevented if the owner had followed the law and registered it as a rental dwelling. That would have prompted an inspection, which may have uncovered an improperly installed gas heater.

Tenants in the household were able to escape without injury.

City officials are currently seeking bids to tear down the hanging remnants of the porch and further secure the structure.

The family of the owner of the house has sent up a GoFundme site to raise money to demolish the house.

"The money that's being raised will be put towards demolition of the home and cleaning it up. From the different estimations we have received, it is in the ballpark of \$15,000-\$20,000," said Reazul Huda, a cousin of the owner, on the GoFundme site.

If the house is not demolished, Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer said there is little the city to demolish it," she said.

The owner of the house, she said, did not have insurance coverage.

The city, however, can take the owner to court to force the matter, but that can drag out. The city is currently tied up in court over a market on Holbrook that burned down over a year ago.

The market is still standing but was totaled in the fire.

The owner of that building says he is fighting with his insurance company to cover demolition costs.

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Early Childhood Elementary School News

The festivities of fall were alive at the Early Childhood Elementary on October 31. Students shared treats, discovered the origins of why we have jack-o-lanterns, bobbed for apples, enjoyed stories, crafts and writing activities and so much more.

Students marched around the block in a parade in the cool, brisk air. Parents shared in the enthusiasm by taking pictures, helping in the classrooms and sharing treats.

Kosciuszko Middle School News

Kosciuszko Middle School is proud to announce the students of the month for October:

Sonia Akther, Noah Alawadi, Wafaa Alqaifi, Nemah Alqosimi, Reem Alsomairi, Ghaleb Almasari, Adam Causevic, Mutammim Choudhury, Mahmuda Chowdhury, Rejoana Evana, Emana Falzic, Benjamin Hatibovic, Tanya Haque, Armin Majdanac, Samir Mieses, Shahin Miah, Mohamed Mjalli, Todd Priestly, Tawseef Priestly, Jeremiah Williams and Chester Wozniak. Congratulations to these students.

Holbrook - Safety First

Please do not allow your student(s) to get to school prior to 7:50 a.m. With everything going on in our society, we need to keep all of our students as safe as possible. Please talk with your student(s) about being safe and traveling directly to and from school.

Let them know that they should never stop somewhere en route to their house, or to the school each day. Working together, all of our students will be as safe as possible while traveling from home to school and from school to home each day.

All Schools

Tuesday, November 7
 No school for students.
 Professional Development Day for staff.

- Wednesday, November 8 -- End of 1st Quarter.
- Thursday, November 16 Half day for elementary and middle school students. Parent Teacher Conferences from 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. (All grades except for High School.)
- Friday, November 17 Half day for students. Afternoon Professional Development Day for

staff.

- Wednesday, November 22 Half day for students and staff.
- Thursday, November
 23 and Friday, November
 24 No school for students and staff. Thanksgiving Break.
- Monday, November
 27 School resumes.

Compiled by Janice Gandelman



Scenes from the Early Childhood Elementary School Halloween festivities.















NOTICE OF CITY OF HAMTRAMCK GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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To the Qualified Electors of the CITY OF HAMTRAMCK - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a CITY OF HAMTRAMCK GENERAL ELECTION will be held in the City of Hamtramck, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, November 7, from seven (7) o'clock in the morning until eight (8) o'clock at night (local time) at which time candidates for the following offices listed below will be voted upon.

MAYOR OF HAMTRAMCK HAMTRAMCK CITY COUNCIL

The City Clerk's office, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212, will be open on Saturday November 4, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the return of Absentee Applications and Absentee Ballots.

HAMTRAMCK PRECINCT LOCATIONS:

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PCT #3	Community Center	11410 Charest
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PCT #5	Senior Plaza	2620 Holbrook
PCT #6	Peoples Community Center	8625 Jos Campau
PCT #7	Senior Plaza	2620 Holbrook

All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day

August R. Gitschlag Hamtramck City Clerk NOVEMBER 2017

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August Gitschlag Hamtramck সিটি ক্লাৰ্ক

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Election process demands close scrutiny for fraud

Last week we reported that the Michigan State Police are conducting an investigation into possible election fraud here in Hamtramck.

One city council candidate, Nayeem Choudhury, voluntarily came forth at a council meeting and said the investigation involved him and his father.

The investigation apparently involves the ilhandling legal absentee ballots - an issue that is stranger to Hamtramck.

It didn't take long for critics to come forward and claim the investigation is unfairly targeting the Bengali-American community here, which is likely the majority ethnic community residing in Hamtramck.

Election day... Remem-

ber, this coming Tuesday,

Nov. 7, is election day in

There will only be two

races on the ballot: one

for mayor and one for city

Mayor Karen Majewski

His withdrawal from the

council race opened up a

third seat. There are six

candidates seeking one

And here's a friendly re-

minder: If you emigrated

here and have not be-

come a U.S. citizen, you

of those three seats.

Hamtramck.

council.

There were other accusations that the investigation politically motivated by Republicans to embarrass a Democratic-majority city, that "well connected" insiders orchestrated this and that the investigations is basically fueled only by rumors.

To that we say hogwash.

The sanctity of the election process is not a light matter.

There is also ample evidence that this has happened before in Hamtramck – namely the conviction of four men in 2014 for illegally handling absentee ballots.

State police investigators are not going to launch what appears to be a lengthy and in-

Odds & Ends

can't vote. We mention

this because in Texas re-

cently a woman who

came to this country as

an infant and is a Green

Card holder was convicted

The woman made an

honest mistake in think-

for voting.

volved investigation based merely on rumors.

As for the investigation supposedly being a Republican attempt to discredit Democrats, why didn't the 2014 convictions spark more attention? As it was, there was scant media coverage.

If there is any hint of election fraud, that warrants a serious investigation. There has been a real attempt to undermine the integrity of the city's election in the past, and that demands close scrutiny on all future elections.

As for any ethnic community being singled out we have these words of wisdom: Don't do anything illegal and you won't have any wor-

Jos. Campau development signals an economic boom to come

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It is the kind of shopping district where Ali Zindani felt comfortable opening MyHooka Lounge to draw Millennials to the city to chill with friends. It's what wooed Alissa Shelton and her family to purchase the former financial institution turned Chinese restaurant they lovingly renamed Bank Suey.

It also still charms Magdelena Srodek, co-Srodek's owner of Sausage and a lifelong foodie who come back to Hamtramck time in again for its diversity, cultural relevance, and tight neighborhoods who support her family-owned store.

It's also what inspired Zlatan Sadikovic to sell his Oakland County home and buy two buildings along Jos. Campau. First, he opened his dream coffeehouse, the metropolitan melting pot known as Oloman Café. Now, Sadikovic is installing a photography studio and apartment for him and his wife - what started as a pied-à-terre has evolved into a permanent home in

Hamtramck. "Where else can you experience the world in two square miles?" asks the Bosnian-born Sadikovic, echoing the city's motto. "When people heard we were investing in Jos. Campau and Hamtramck, they told us it was a community divided. We dismissed that. What we see are daily encounters and conversations between people of all back-

grounds. "Buying here has been one of the best choices

I've made." Yet a variety of store owners and residents agree: Jos. Campau still needs smart marketing to draw shoppers back, strong focus on safety, an increased variety of retailers, and help for newcomers trying to navigate the zoning and regulation processes. The harder question is how to maintain the city's unique character and diversity while working to attract larger businesses and developers.

With a foundation dat-

ing back nearly a century, Jos. Campau is more than Hamtramck's main shopping district. Many of its structures were built during the glory days of John and Horace Dodge, two of the keenest automotive minds of their time. The brothers' Dodge Main turned Hamtramck from a small village of about 3,500 to 48,000 residents by 1920. Ham-

street is surrounded by densely populated neighborhoods of single-family homes that now house an array of ethnicities from Polish to Bengali to Asian to Middle Eastern.

What makes Jos. Campau stand out as a commercial district then as well as now is that it is woven into the collective memory of everyone who has lived in Hamtramck, visited the city's divine



Above: Oloman Café has become a cultural showcase. Below: Mayor Karen Majewski is part of the wave of investors making Jos. Campau come back to life. She is the owner of Tekla Vintage.

Top photo by Walter Wasacz. Bottom photo by Charles Sercombe



1922, protecting itself and its traditions from being absorbed into the ravenous metropolis of

That original Dodge Main location closed in 1981, as did the American Axle Manufacturing plant in 2012. Due to the steady eroding of the manufacturing area's base and the actions of controversial real-estate investor Henry Velleman who's let numerous storefronts remain vacant - Jos. Campau sunk into a kind of malaise.

But many feel the commercial strip is poised for a rebound, or perhaps is in the midst of one. It certainly has a strong foundation to work with. The

Polish restaurants, or drank in one of the district's many bars that date from the heady days of Prohibition to today. Jos. Campau was at one time the second most popular shopping destination in metro Detroit, according to author Greg Kowalski in his book, "Hamtramck: Then & Now."

That was likely because it contained smart, responsive shop owners and a kind of human scale that one could not find in its neighboring cities, says Mayor Karen Majewski.

Majewski, who also owns the resale shop Tekla Vintage along Jos. Campau, invested in

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is seeking her fourth term ing it was legal for her to against challenger Mohammed Hassan, who She was sentenced to 11521 Jos. Campau. opted to not seek another eight years in prison, and Today, Friday (Nov. 3) term on city council. will be deported after she the first day it is open for

gets released. Many have criticized the harshness of the sentence. But, this is the political climate of the time.

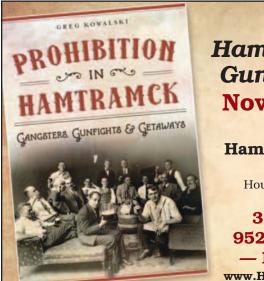
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SHULTZ



Loretta Shultz (nee Stevens), 49, died October 30. 2017.

Mrs

Shultz was the mother of Terry (Felicia) Rivers, Dwayne (Jasmine) Stevens, Robert Stevens, John Henry Dzialo, Patricia Lynne Marie Shultz; Shirley daughter of (Matthew) Affeldt; sister Christina Gilbert, Ronald Rasnick, Daniel Rasnick.

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SLITER



Delphine Sliter (nee Herominski, Helgemo), 79, died October 2017.

Sliter was the mother of Eric, Brian, Scott Helgemo, Julie Sliter; sister of Robert, Antoinette; grandmother of Alan, Michael, John,

Visitation was Wednesday, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck. The funeral Mass was Thursday, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church in Hamtramck. Private cremation followed.

Coming events

WEDNESDAYS, 7 p.m., every second Wednesday of the month - The 3C7 and Midtown Block meets at 2339 Caniff PCS Senior Day Center. This block club includes all residents and businesses west of Jos. Campau and north of Holbrook.

SATURDAY, November 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and Mc-Dougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

SATURDAY, November 11, 10:30 a.m. - PLAV Post 10 (11824 Jos. Campau) will host a Veterans Day celebration with food, music and singing. A toast will be held at 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, November 11, 5:30 p.m. - Our Lady Queen of Apostles continues to celebrate its 100th anniversary with a special Mass for veterans. Light refreshments will be offered after the Mass at the Activities Center. Please RSVP to help with the planning of food.

SATURDAY, November 11, 2-4 p.m. - Holy Cross Parish, Soup Kitchen, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming, all are welcome.

FRIDAY, November 17, 5-8 p.m. - The Hamtramck Moose Lodge (9421 Conant) will host a Taco Night, all you can eat plus desserts, \$7, sorry no carry outs. Proceeds to aid Hamtramck Friendship House.

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want us to know."

A resolution to censure Councilmember Perrotta for comments he made to a news outlet regarding the city's trash problem was discussed. Perrotta was quoted saying the city's immigrant population needs to be educated on proper trash disposal procedures.

Councilmember Anam Miah, and others, accused Perrotta of being biased.

read:

"Councilman Perrotta made several disparaging remarks to CBS Detroit that were published on September 11, 2017 about recent immigrant arrivals to Hamtramck insinuating that, as a group, they lacked basic knowledge of and adherence to community norms related to sanitation and property maintenance;

"Councilman Perrotta's bigoted comments relied upon and furthered harmful and hurtful stereotypes about European and Western cultural superiority over many of the immigrant cultures represented by members of this Council and the broader community ..."

Councilmember Miah noted that Perrotta's comments were part of a "continuous behavior."

Councilmember Almas-The resolution, in part mari said the resolution was divisive.

> "This is not what we were elected for," he said. But, Almasmari said

> Perrotta needs to apologize to "the community." Mayor Karen Majewski

> said Perrotta has already apologized several times. Almasmari replied:

> "That's good news. That's the first I've heard of that."

Majewski followed up

with: "I doubt that's the first you've heard of that."

City Clerk August Gitschlag said the issue brings up the need for city officials to get training by the Michigan Municipal League on how to deal with the media.

(Editor's note: Here's some free advice from a media outlet: Always tell the truth. Always tell the media everything you know about a subject that affects the public also taxpayers' money. Always say what you really think and not what others tell you to say. The list goes on, but that's a good start.)

During the regular meeting, Robert Zwolak defended Perrotta during the public comment por-

He said the resolution was an "indictment."

He said the bigger issue is what has the

"majority" of the council

accomplished other than "embarrass yourselves?" Susan Dunn said she is against the censure resolution against Perrotta, saying he is a

"wonderful young man." She said Councilmember Miah, who proposed resolution, "some bug in some kind of orifice."

"It doesn't give you the right to ruin someone's reputation," she added.

Mark Koroi, an attorney who has filed lawsuits against the city, thanked Miah for proposing the censure against Perrotta.

"I hope we get something positive out of this," he said.





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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Loge covers Oct. 24-30.

Tuesday, October 24

- · At about 2 a.m. officers recovered a stolen license plate.
- · A Doremus resident reported someone stole his medication.
- · While at the scene of a property damage accident, a resident was arrested for driving without a license.
- · A landlord who owns a dwelling in the 11300 block of Moran reported a person he knows sent him a letter threatening to burn down his garage.
- · A person reported being stalked while in the 11700 block of Moran by a person they known.
- · A business in the 3900 block of Christopher reported a theft by two people known to the company.
- · A resident was bit by a dog while in the area of the 2200 block of Yemans.

· A resident reported the theft of their taxi cab (a 2002 Mercury Villager) while it was parked in the area of Conant and Casmere.

Wednesday, October 25

- · At about 5 a.m. a resident in the 11400 block of Klinger reported a male attempted to steal building materials from his front porch.
- · A Geimer resident reported someone stole assorted tools from his home.
- · A Detroit resident reported the theft of a medication from his vehicle while it was parked in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.

Thursday, October 26

- · A Jacob resident reported her daughter was assaulted while on a school bus.
- · An Edwin resident reported she lost her Ukrainian passport.

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- A Jacob resident reported her daughter was missing.
- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license (with nine previous convictions of this infraction), improper plates and obstruction.
- · A Jacob St. juvenile reported that an unknown juvenile assaulted him.
- · An Edwin resident reported receiving a harassing telephone text.

Friday, October 27

- A Hamtramck resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for breaking and entering in the 12000 block of Mitchell.
- Officers responded to a large fight in the 3900 block of Oliver. At the scene, a suspect had driven over a lawn in an attempt to run people over, and ran into a parked car before fleeing. The driver returned and started a fight. He was arrested for felonious assault, reckless driving, driving without a license (with 14 previous convictions of this infraction) and hit-and-run. A Highland Park resident was arrested for assault, and a Hamtramck resident was arrested for disorderly conduct and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
 - · A Detroit resident

and a Hamtramck resident were arrested in the 3900 block of Oliver for disorderly conduct.

- A landlord was arrested for breaking and entering after he entered his tenant's residence without permission to collect rent.
- · A resident in the 3000 block of Roosevelt reported the theft of a package from their porch.
- A resident was arrested after attacking two people in a store in the 11600 block of Jos. troit resident was ar-Campau.
- · A resident in the 3800 block of Oliver reported a break-in and the theft of a 55-inch flat screen television.
- A Trowbridge resident reported a man about 35 years old stopped in front of his residence and excessively honked his car horn. When the resident asked the man to stop honking, the driver exited his car and made racial slurs at him and made aggressive gestures. The driver then drove away.

Saturday, October 28

- A Troy resident was arrested for drunk driving and having open intoxicants in his car.
- A person reported the theft of their 1999 Honda Civic while it was parked in the 3300 block of Doremus.

Sunday, October 29

- · Officers performed a liquor control check at bars at the following locations: in the 9800 block of Conant, 2700 block of Yemans, 8800 block of Jos. Campau and the 10200 block of Conant.
- · At 1:14 a.m. a resident was arrested for drunk driving.
- · At 1:30 a.m. a Shelby Twp. resident was arrested in the area of Yemans and Conant for being disorderly.
- · At 2:30 a.m. a Derested in the area of Jos. Campau and Caniff for reckless driving and havimproper license ing plates.
- · A resident was arrested at about 5 a.m. for a hit-and-run accident in the area of Gallagher and Jacob.
- · A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license and possessing an open intoxicant.
- · A resident in the 11600 block of Nagel reported damage to his

Monday, October 30

- A Hanley teenager was reported missing.
- · Children's Protective Services reported an issue with a child.
- · Two businesses on Conant reported a break-

Jos. Campau development signals an economic boom to come

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the building in part because it was vacant, and to demonstrate the value of long-term investment in Hamtramck.

Visible changes like this along Jos. Campau, she says, create a palatable buzz. "I thought it was important to take (the business) out of my basement and create a visible space on Jos. Campau," Majewski says. "Our business district grows out of our community. It's organic. When we see needs, we fill them.

Srodek agrees. She was almost five years old when her family immigrated from Poland to work at the deli her grandparents started. Her mother and father bought the corner building that houses their market in 1982, and the family has only grown since then, adding two neighboring houses so all of them can live "like ducks in a row." "Hamtramck is a great

place," Srodek says, who quickly acknowledges that Jos. Campau's cycle of boom and bust may have turned shoppers and potential business owners

Now, with the growth of new stores and services. she believes the newfound attention on Hamtramck on Jos. Campau in particular is timely, warranted, and destined.

"It's great when you feel that energy and see it start to grow," Srodek says. "A lot of it has to do with creative, out-of-thebox thinking. There's Woodward Throwbacks, there's Better Life Bags, there's the Detroit City Football Club all bringing people to the city. They're all connected to Jos. Campau or adjacent, and they're investing in the community in so many ways."

A sign of that investment in the commercial district and the community will happen soon. Woodward Throwbacks is hosting its first holiday market at its new location on Jos. Campau. Called "Hamtramck Open Market," the event will include 50 vendors, food, and, most importantly in a city that stands for hard work balanced with good times, lots of beer.

It's the kind of inclusiveness that Jos. Campau is known for, Zindani says.

"We're hoping that down the road, more businesses will come to Hamtramck and start investing here. There's opportunity for them."

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