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## Quick Hits

Next Thursday evening is a rare chance to see the city's public school board and city council interact.

The two public bodies will hold a joint meeting on Dec. 7 at the public library, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will end at 8.

The agenda includes topics in creating common goals, pooling resources, forming a partnership and talking about the needs of the city's parks and the Hamtramck Stadium.

The public is also invited to comment.

Hamtramck's public library is located at 2360 Caniff.

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Goodfellows hit the streets for annual fundraiser

**By Charles Sercombe**

If you see a Goodfellows volunteer in the streets today (Friday, Dec. 1) holding up an issue of The Review, dig deep into your pocket.

This Friday is the annual Hamtramck Goodfellows paper drive. The Goodfellows need to raise about \$5,000 in order to supply food vouchers to about 300 needy individuals and families.

“We want every kid to have a Christmas dinner,” said Chris Cornwell, Co-Chair of the Hamtramck Goodfellows.

In Hamtramck there is definitely a need for help. Over half of Hamtramck's residents are living in or near poverty, and in the public schools almost every child qualifies for a free lunch.

Over the past 10 years the Goodfellows have



**The Hamtramck Goodfellows will hit the streets today (Friday, Dec. 1) for their annual newspaper sale to raise funds for the city's needy. The money raised through the sale of this special issue of The Review, and also by donations, will help provide a holiday meal for about 300 residents.**

been able to build a cash reserve, but with the need still out there and the donations not as plentiful, it's been hard.

Mike Wilk, the chairman of the Goodfellows, said the group relies on someone to step forward and make a substantial donation. For the past several years, that's come true. Wilk is crossing his fingers it will happen again.

“We always manage to get somebody who comes up with a nice do-

nation,” Wilk said.

Applications for a food voucher, which can be redeemed at A&C Market on Jos. Campau and Jacob, or at Sam's Market at Commor and Fleming, are available at city

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# Goodfellows have been helping the needy for a long time



**The Hamtramck Historical Museum has on display an old Goodfellows newspaper bag. The Hamtramck Goodfellows tradition goes back decades.**

**By Greg Kowalski**

The Hamtramck Goodfellows are taking to the streets today to raise funds to help the needy and brighten the holidays.

They have been doing this for decades. Exactly how long the Hamtramck Goodfellows branch has existed isn't clear. The original Detroit Goodfellows was founded in 1914 by James Brady, who was disturbed by

the poverty he saw in the city and the thought that so many children faced a Christmas that would bring no gifts.

He organized the Old Newsboy Goodfellows of Detroit Fund. It was a simple concept. In those days, most people bought their newspapers from kids who peddled them on the streets (remember hearing “Extra! Extra! Read all about it,”

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# Police get new contract

**By Charles Sercombe**

After waiting for a little over a year, Hamtramck police officers and their bosses now have an employment contract.

But it will expire next June.

The new contract was tailored that way to help smooth out the transition of whoever will be hired to be the city's next city manager.

“This paves the way for the next negotiation that will follow,” said Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer, who began negotiating the contracts a couple of months ago.

The next round of contract negotiations is where things will get tricky. According to the final directives of the former state-appointed emergency manager, the next police contract must contain all of the recommendations made in a recent study on how the police department functions.

Former City Manager Katrina Powell said previously that she could not move forward with police contracts because the study had not been completed yet. Although the study was submitted several months ago, Powell's employment contract ran out last June, leaving her no time to start contract negotiations.

Officers and their bosses probably won't like the changes to come, if past negotiations are any indication. The study, performed by the Center for Public

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Despite their varied backgrounds, McGraw and Minock saw what Brady witnessed 13

What welfare system that existed at the time, and it wasn't much, quickly was pushed to the limit. Soon, you had to have at least two children to even qualify for any form of assistance. People were desperate. Suicides became more common as did cases of domestic violence and alcoholism.

It was an especially challenging time. But a bright spot was the Goodfellows, who brought at least a little joy to the needy. The Hamtramck Goodfellows have been on the streets every holiday season since then, braving the cold and the traffic to do something that is unquestionably good.

Things are much better today but the need, and the needy, still are present.

As for James Brady, his

likeness stands in the form of a statue on Belle Isle. And you can see Paddy McGraw's violin and a vintage Goodfellow's bag at the Hamtramck Historical

Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday-Sunday. Or call for an appointment (313) 893-5027.



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**ESL Class** – Friday, December 8, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**Winter Toddler story time** – Celebrate the beginning of the Holiday

Season with us at the Hamtramck Public Library on **Thursday, December 7 at noon.**

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# Second Front Page

## Business owner has a sharp eye for services

**By Alan Madeleine**  
*The Review Special Writer*  
Look around, Hamtramck. See anything? "Eye" bet you do.

There's a different look to the landscape, all right. It's a brand new Pearle Vision store, and it's right there on Jos. Campau.

Officially the Pearle Vision EyeCare Center, it's going to be operated by Ali Thabet, who also owns and operates Infinity Drugs. In fact, the optometric building will exist side by side with the pharmacy. Dr. Paul Keller is the licensed head optometrist.

Pearle Vision has been around since 1961, when it was founded by Dr. Stanley Pearle in Savannah, Georgia. Their business concept was predicated on the efficiency of providing both the exam and the physical glasses themselves in one complete stop.

The concept quickly became commonplace within the industry. Optometrists in Michigan had adopted the practice by the late 1960s. There are currently



**Ali Thabet has expanded his pharmacy business to now include optometry services at the newly opened Pearle Vision EyeCare Center, located at 11521 Jos. Campau.**

some 550 Pearle Vision EyeCare Centers spread throughout the U.S., as well as Canada and even Puerto Rico.

Thabet is enthusiastic about the new venture.

"We're excited to open our Hamtramck EyeCare Center and become a trusted provider of vision care in the neighborhood," he told Bailey Hewitt Of All Points Public Relations.

"Our team is looking forward to serving patients in Hamtramck and providing quality eye care in our community."

Alex Wilkes, the general manager of Pearle Vision, was confident in the location's success, telling All Points PR "Ali shares our commitment to excellent service, and his values align with our mission to give customers state-of-the-art

technology wrapped in a level of personal care that is second to none."

The new location officially opened Nov. 3 at 11521 Jos. Campau, and is open Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. They are closed Sundays.

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## School district hopes to carry on past tradition at new school

**By Charles Sercombe**

The Hamtramck School Board reached back into history to name their new school building.

The district's new building on Hanley was recently home to a charter school that closed down in the summer. It happened to be located in one of the most important buildings in the city's history: The Tau Beta Community House.

In the early part of the 1900s and onwards the site served generations of Polish immigrants who learned how to operate their household and transition into their newly adopted country.

According to a press release from the school district, that tradition will continue at what is now going to be called the Tau Beta School.

"The Hamtramck Board of Education wants present day immigrant families to have a welcoming school that supports them emotionally and physically as well as academically. Similar to what was offered to immigrants in the 1900s. A place that is safe and is understanding of the

needs of immigrants. The School District of the City of Hamtramck will work diligently to meet those needs."

The district purchased the building for \$3 million, and will open it up on Jan. 29. It will house students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

About 300 students will be enrolled there.

The district asked the community for suggestions on what to call the school.

"Thirty people responded in writing via google docs. Numerous others responded verbally. Thanks to all that did respond," the district said in its press release. "After much debate and serious thought, the Hamtramck Board of Education passed a resolution by a 7-0 vote to name the school Tau Beta School on November 21."

The district further explained its reason for adopting the name.

"The name was chosen based on historical reasons. In 1916 the Tau Beta Association established a Community House on Hanley Street in Hamtramck to help im-

migrant families," the district said.

"The Community House provided a day nursery, clinic and the first and only library in Hamtramck at the time. The Community House became one of finest in the country and was studied, copied and praised by many civic leaders."

### AMENDED FINAL STATEMENT NOTICE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PY 2016

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, notice is hereby given that on November 21, 2017, the Hamtramck City Council approved the proposed changes to project activities for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. **The City received an allocation for 2016 of \$236,826.30.**

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Any questions or comments should be directed to the attention of Kathy Angerer, Acting City Manager Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Goodfellows’ effort is best example of the holiday spirit

This issue is dedicated to one of the city’s best causes. The Hamtramck Goodfellows will once again hit the streets this Friday (Dec. 1) hawking a special issue of this week’s Review. The paper sale coincides with a year-long fundraiser to purchase food coupons that will be distributed to about 300 needy families and individuals. The coupons can be redeemed for fresh food for the holiday season. This guarantees that our neediest neighbors can enjoy a warm holiday meal. Hamtramck Goodfellows have been doing this service for decades, and residents and former residents have always stepped up and pitched in. That’s the kind of community we are: helping one another out in times of need. There is no shortage of need here. About half of the city’s population lives in or near poverty. If you can help out, dig deep into your pockets and give a little extra when you see a Goodfellows volunteer during Friday’s paper sale. Or, you can send them a check. To make a donation, make out a check to the Hamtramck Goodfellows and mail it to: Hamtramck Fire Department, 2625 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

## Odds & Ends

**Correction...** In last week’s story about the Hamtramck Public Schools’ health center that specializes in the needs of refugees from war-torn countries, we misidentified one of the staff members. In the photo to the right of this column is Kira Dorr (standing) and Marilyn Sarkesian. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

**Helping hand...** One of our favorite people in the city, Gary Douglass, who has been teaching Taekwondo in Hamtramck for the past 18 years, recently suffered a stroke which made him unable to work to pay rent for his martial arts school (located at 10334 Jos. Campau). His friends have set up a GoFundMe account online where you can make a donation. You can help



out by going to: <https://www.gofundme.com/keep-tristate-taekwondo-open> Gary has provided training and discipline to many Hamtramck youths, and has always been a generous soul. **Good job...** In police work you never know what will turn up. Hamtramck police recently pulled over a metro Detroit man for a traffic violation, and what they found was mind blowing. Turns out the guy had been running a scam in which area waitresses – none in Hamtramck – were taking down security card numbers from customers and selling that information to the suspect. Hamtramck officers found the man had \$30 million in credit from the various fraudulent cards he was possessing. Police say there were 1,900 victims in this scam. At least there is one less criminal roaming the streets. Good work Hamtramck.



## School Bell

### Early Childhood Elementary School News

Thanksgiving festivities started off at Early Childhood Elementary School with Ms. Nyaeka Seppala and Ms. Jackie Dziedzila preschool classes making homemade vegetable soup. A lesson on nutrition and stories were shared while making the soup. That same afternoon the gym was full with parents and students who came to the Kids First Initiative Holiday Experience to learn about S.T.E.M. activities. These activities teach the subjects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Students in preschool through second grade learned with their parents hands-on activities to do in the environment that reinforce STEM concepts. The afternoon program was followed by raffles, food giveaways and prizes. It was a fun afternoon of learning for all.



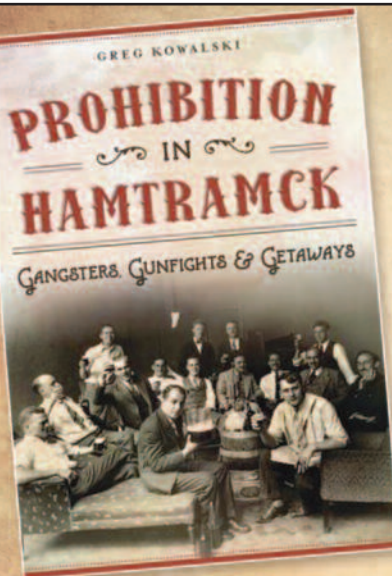
Above and below: Scenes from a Thanksgiving celebration at the Early Childhood Elementary School.




### Kosciuszko Middle School News

Kosciuszko Middle School has implemented a citizenship rubric this school year. This rates students on the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) principles of being respectful, responsible, safe and scholarly. The following students have all earned citizenship ratings of 1 (excellent) and 2 (good) or a combination of both on their report cards. These students earned a reward of either a class period of gym time or game time in the cafeteria: 7th grade students – Nabil Ahmed, Nusrat Ahmed, Roli Aktar, Samia Akther, Ali Al Hemyari, Gehan Al Qosimi, Janat Al-Awdi, Muad Alawdi, Shaima Albarmaki, Bashier Algahim, Hamza Alhadad, Reham Alhaddi, Nasem Alhalimi, Omar Alharbi, MD Ali, NashwanAli, Shehab Almaisari, Mukalah Almansob, Amr Alasmari, MD Islam, Sumaiya Islam, Thawhidul Islam, Rawan Ismail, Dalejah Jackson, Shania Jackson, Jayona Jones, Salma Kaid, Eldina Karasuljic, Merisa Karic, Fouzia Khan, Sumaya Khatun, Syeda Khatun, Cynthia Khess, Shawna Lewis, Selma Mesic, Eman Mieses, Ja’Nyih Mims-Smith, Mohamed Mjalli, Asalahi Mohamed, Rabab Mohamed, Haneen Mohsin, Fatimah Mozeb, Almina Muhamedovic, Andaleeb Muthana, Mehek Naj, Kanij Nessa, Amanie Obaid, Duaa Obeid, Marwah Omar, Habiba Omi, Amy Panczyszyn, Alaa Rahimee, Umma Rahman Nafija, Mahzabin Rahman, Tamanna Rahman, Ardur Rahul, Derek Rojo-Becerra, Mohammed Ruhan, No-saibah Saleh, Sammi

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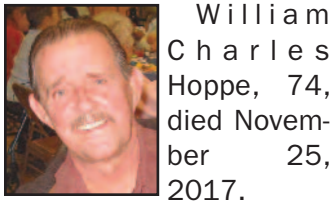
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# Obituaries

## HOPPE



William Charles Hoppe, 74, died November 25, 2017.

Mr. Hoppe was the brother of Mary Ann Morgan, the late Frank Ruta, and the late Robert Hoppe. He is survived by his sister in laws, Susan (Robert) and Angel (Frank) Ruta; nieces Selena Easterly and her children, Little Rich and Jessica, their father Rich, Terrie Craig and her children, Courtney and Kayla; other nieces and nephews, Johnny, Stephanie, Frank Jr., Deanna, Shannon, Alicia, Crystal, Naveah.

He will be deeply missed by his lifelong friend Charles Russell.

Visitation is Friday, December 1, 2017, from 2 - 8 p.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212. A private cremation will follow.

## JEZIORSKI



Halina Jeziorski, 84, died November 20, 2017.

Mrs. Jeziorski was the former owner of Stan's Grocery in Hamtramck.

Mrs. Jeziorski is predeceased by her husband, Stanislaw (2014). Mrs. Jeziorski is survived by her sister, Emilia Puczka; niece, Jolanta (Czeslaw) Cieslawski.

Visitation was at Krot Funeral Home, Friday, November 24. The funeral Mass was Saturday, November 25, at St. Ladislaus Church in Hamtramck.



# School Bell

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man, Amber Rutkowski, Tarik Saleh, Nadia Sar-dar, Shadika Sharif, Adel Siddique, Faiza Suhal, Suraiya Sultana, Safwan Uddin, Emma Vezirovic, Briael Willis, Eryk Wolny, Mohammed Zaman and Salwa Zaukari.

Congratulations to these students and keep up the good behavior.

port period #2.

- Wednesday, December 20 – Progress Report #2 distributed.
- Saturday, December 23-January 7 – No school for students and staff. Winter Break.
- Monday, January 8 – School resumes for all students.

Compiled by  
Janice Gandelman

All Schools  
• Tuesday, December 12 – End of progress re-



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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 21-27.

Tuesday, November 21

- A Warren resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A Yemans resident reported being assaulted.
- A Commor resident reported being assaulted.
- A stolen license plate was recovered.
- An agent for a business on Conant reported damage to their building. Another business on Conant reported damage to its building.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on an outstanding Hamtramck warrant.
- A Belmont resident reported damage to his vehicle.
- A city employee reported an incident of fraud.
- A resident in the

2200 block of Poland reported damages to her appliances.

- A resident reported his wallet was stolen from a gas station located in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau.

Wednesday, November 22

- Officers recovered a suspicious backpack in 3000 block of Goodson.
- Officers assisted paramedics with a man who cut his hand by punching a window.
- A Nagel resident reported someone broke into her car and stole papers.
- A Hamtramck resident and a Roseville resident were arrested after they were stopped in a stolen vehicle.
- Two Evaline residents were arrested during an investigation.
- Officers assisted paramedics with a Clinton Twp. resident who

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overdosed.

- An agent for a business in the 12000 block of Conant reported receiving a fraudulent check.
- A Farmington Hills resident reported suspicious activity in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau.

**Thursday, November 23**

- Officers responded to a call about an accidental discharge of a firearm in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- A Holbrook resident reported a suspicious situation.
- A resident was arrested for assault in the 5000 block of Caniff.

**Friday, November 24**

- At 2 a.m. a Danforth resident reported being assaulted.
- Officers recovered a stolen gun in an abandoned car blocking the roadway at Grand Haven and Hamtramck Circle Dr.

**Saturday, November 25**

- A resident in the 12000 block of Grand Haven reported her boyfriend assaulted her. The suspect fled the scene.
- At about 1:30 a.m. a person was arrested for drunk driving after being stopped at Norwalk and Jos. Campau.
- A resident in the

12000 block of Grand Haven reported a break-in and the theft of cash from her purse.

- A resident in the 11500 block of Lumpkin reported someone stole several items from her unlocked car.
- A 10-year-old was reported missing from a residence in the 11400 block of Nagel.
- A Detroit resident reported a break-in of her car and the theft of several items. The car was parked in the 10300 block of Jos. Campau.
- An employee at a business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported a theft of a cell phone.

**Sunday, November 26**

- At 2 a.m. a person was arrested for being disorderly while at a business in the 10200 block of Conant.

- Officers assisted in the recovery of a missing child.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit and being disorderly and obstructing officers while in the 10300 block of Conant.

**Monday, November 27**

- A person was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A Norwalk resident reported someone damaged his vehicle.
- A Ferndale resident reported suspicious activity at a rental property located in the 11300 block of Sobieski.
- A Grand Haven resident reported that her daughter was assaulted by her boyfriend, who then fled the location.



# 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. 24, and Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Ian Perrotta were absent. Before the meeting a work session was held. At that meeting Fire Chief Dan Hagen gave an update on a house fire that happened earlier in the day on Trowbridge.

He said the house was fully engaged in flames when firefighters arrived at the scene, but the occupants were able to get out safely. Hagen said the cause of the fire was

being investigated.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari complained that the city's contractor who does street patching is not sweeping up left-over loose pebbles from the street. Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer said that job is not included in the contract with the city, but could be made part of the next contract.

Almasmari said the spillover is "making the city look bad."

A discussion was held on a deal the city and county made with Habitat

for Humanity to build housing for refugees. The Habitat organization says it can't handle the scope of the project as originally agreed on.

The city will now turn to another agency, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, to take over the project.

It will take about one year to build six houses, and work will start in nine months.

A presentation was made about reducing exposure to lead in households. The majority of the lead comes from old paint that contained lead. Many of Hamtramck's households contain layers of lead-based paint, which was banned in 1978.

It is suggested that children get tested for lead levels.

During public comment, MD Alam questioned what gives the police department the authority to impound cars. He said the department is "violating" people's rights.

Nayeem Choudhury, who at the time was a city council candidate, said his father was stopped by police while driving, arrested and had his car impounded. Choudhury did not give a reason for the arrest, but said he was also arrested.

He said he is going to take the matter to federal court.

Councilmember Almasmari said he hopes the police chief follows up on the complaints.

City Clerk August Gitschlag said the city will soon have birth records from the 1900s to the 1960s available online.

He said the Michigan Polish Genealogical Society gathered the data.

Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer said she already used the site to search her mother's birth record, and found out her mother was born in a house in Hamtramck. Angerer said she visited with the current occupants of the house.

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