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Quick Hits

The holiday season kicked

off on Thursday with a tree

lighting ceremony in Zuss-

And the spirit of the sea-

son continues on Saturday

(Dec. 10) at the Hamtramck

High School Community

Center with the annual Win-

The public school district's

Recreation Department is

sponsoring the event. The

fun starts at 11 a.m. and

There will be free horse

carriage rides, crafts and an

indoor ice skating rink. Yes,

you read that right, an indoor

ice rink - skates will be pro-

The Community Center is

Come on out and enjoy

located at 11350 Charest,

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new county millage funding

By Charles Sercombe Hamtramck **Public** Schools will soon receive a major financial

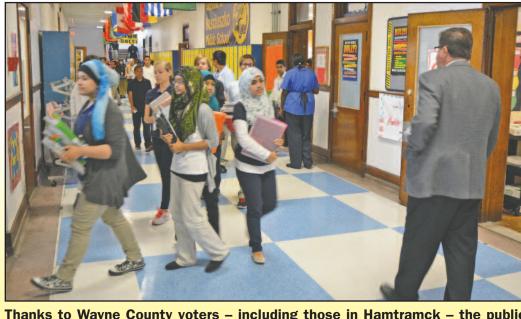
A little-noticed tax proposal on the Nov. 8 ballot in Wayne County communities - including Hamtramck – managed to squeak by and will pump several million dollars into Hamtramck's public schools.

boost.

Hamtramck is slated to receive an additional \$1.1 million each year for the next six years.

Hamtramck's school district pulled back from a financial crisis over a year ago and now enjoys a \$5 million budget surplus.

That turnaround required contracting out



Thanks to Wayne County voters – including those in Hamtramck – the public school district will receive \$1.1 million a year for the next six years. Voters approved of a school millage in the Nov. 8 General Election.

some services to private companies and for all district employees to take salary and benefit cuts.

Superintendent Tom

Niczay said the millage money can be used as each "district sees fit."

In Hamtramck, it's going to be used in several areas.

"Hamtramck **Public** Schools is looking to bolster English Language Learners programming and staffing, expand fa-**Continued on page 2**

Review of city finances is underway

By Charles Sercombe

The financial review board overseeing Hamtramck is finally going to issue its evaluation of the city's fiscal condition.

The state-appointed Receivership Transition Advisory Board has been in place for almost two years, but it has failed to produce a yearly evaluation of the city.

At last week's monthly TAB meeting, the members authorized state Treasury Department to begin an evaluation. It was also disclosed that interviews with city officials had been completed previously for a city evaluation, but that report was held back for vari-

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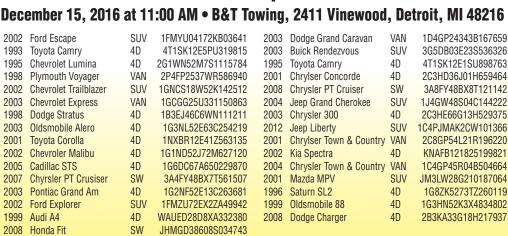
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Metro news

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modeldmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years.

With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

Let's catch up on some of the biggest stories from the past five weeks.

While it's Corktown that receives the lion's share of development attention, its neighbor across the freeway, North Corktown, has been in the news lately, too. Construction of traditionally-financed singlefamily homes will begin in Spring 2017 on Ash and Sycamore streets, featuring contemporary designs by Christian Hurttienne Architects.

Meanwhile, an affordable housing development that stretches across 54 acres was reported by the **Detroit News and includes** "elite" New York architect Alexander Gorlin and possibly Grammy-winning musician Pharrell Williams. There is, however, no official word on any timeline.

The Detroit Pistons are moving back to their namesake city, 38 years after leaving the cozy confines of Cobo Arena for the Pontiac Silverdome in 1978.

The basketball organization announced this month that they will be joining the Detroit Red Wings hockey team in occupying Little Caesars Arena, which is

currently under construction just north of downtown.

Both teams will open their 2017-18 seasons in the new arena. Rumored sites for a Pistons practice facility include a West Grand Boulevard location in New Center. The Pistons are leaving The Palace of Auburn Hills, built by former owner William Davidson in 1988.

In historic preservation news, the CPA Building across from Michigan Central Station has been saved from demolition—at least for now. It was reported earlier this month that the building's owners, the New York City-based BFD Corktown LLC, were granted a demolition permit for the building. But as news broke, preservation and neighborhood advocates quickly mobilized, gathering over 1,000 signatures to petition its destruction.

Detroit City Council took note and granted the building, which opened in 1923, an interim historic building designation, delaying demolition for up to one year and opening it up to further studies.

By MJ Galbraith

School district has plans for new county millage funding

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cilities at the Kosciuszko campus and repair and improve facilities throughout Hamtramck Public Schools with the money generated by the enhancement millage," Niczay told The Review.

This millage is one of two other recent millages the school district has won in the last two years.

The district has been steadily attracting more and more students in the last few years. This year a wave of almost 300 new students en-

Many of them are refugees from Yemen and a smattering are from Syria. Their first priority will be learning English.



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Movie Night Wednesday, December

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Second Front Page

The lore of Hamtramck ...

The more things change...

By Greg Kowalski

A newsmagazine was dropped off at the Hamtramck Historical Murecently. seum contained two revealing editorials entitled "World Trade: Our True Interest is in More" and "Immigration: The Real Issue is an Evil Law."

The editorial on trade made the familiar points that some foreign governments are propping up their own economic interests at the expense of the United States by using tariffs and export subsidies. It warned against trade wars abroad and "stricter governmental controls at home."

The editorial on immigration was even more pertinent as it dealt specifically with refugees.

"They have no hope, no haven (so it has begun to seem to most of them) ... These are refugees..." Many of them, it went on, fled their homes in the belief they could find new homes in America.



The Polish Americans of Detroit cling to their old-country culture

Life magazine took a look at some pertinent topics of today back in 1955.

Both editorials go into much greater detail, referring to the issues of the time - which was April 25, 1955. And both were printed in that week's issue of Life magazine. For decades Life magazine was the picture book of the world's current affairs.

that time the refugees referred to in the editorial were seeking to escape the ravages of a Europe still torn by the destruction of World War II and from countries that came under communist control following the war.

And while there was no mention of China in the

editorial on trade, its tone and topic were right out of todav's headlines.

Interestingly, the reason this magazine came to our attention at all is because of a story it contained on Hamtramck, specifically its Polish community.

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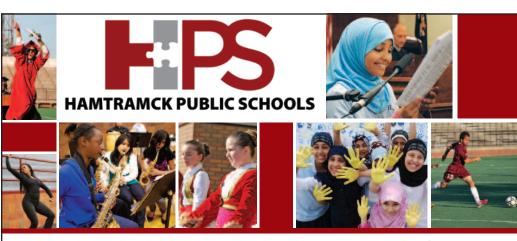
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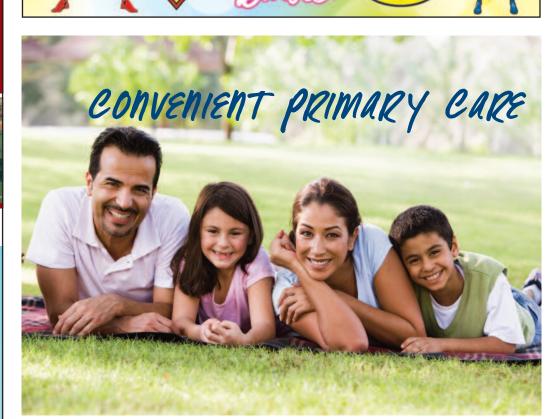
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The more things change...

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World's Last Days: The Polish Americans of Detroit cling to their oldcountry culture," the story mainly focused on Hamtramck, which was about 80 percent Polish at that

Its opening statement is remarkable: "Of all the peoples who migrated to the U.S. beginning in the mid-19th century, none came more readily to the new world than the Poles. Yet none have fought so hard as the Poles to take with them the world they left. More fiercely than Italian or German, Swede or Irishman, the Poles have clung to the language, customs, the athletic dances of their European past."

You might want to think about that the next time you see an immigrant

today dressed in the clothes of their homeland.

You can learn more about Hamtramck's colorful history at the Ham-Historical tramck Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and by appointment. Call (313) 574-9758.

Review of city finances is underway cont. from front page

ous reasons.

One of the reasons had to do with waiting for an adjustment to the city's current budget to include a federal grant to fund salaries in the Fire Without Department. that grant, the city was reporting a deficit.

Still, the TAB's mandate required the follow-

"The Board shall publish an annual report each year that discusses its activities, findings, recommendations, and accomplishments. The annual report may take any form the Board so chooses. A copy of the annual report shall be delivered to the State Treasurer, the City of Hamtramck, and be available for public consumption."

Without the evaluation, city officials have no idea how close they are to having local control fully restored. The TAB was established after the city was under the control of an Emergency Financial Manager for 18 months.

Prior to that, city officials asked the state to step in because they were unable to balance the city's budget.

The city is now enjoying a \$3 million budget surplus, but there is possible trouble in the near future when the city will be unable to fund its pension system.

The Review asked City the City Planner, to Manager Katrina Powell several weeks whether she thought the city was ready for the return of local control.

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that will allow us to get

out of the way of those

wishing to start busi-

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making it easier for

them to do so, without

having to jump through

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with the City of Detroit

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· "Create a Code En-

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our website). We need

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time code officers. We

need a minimum of 5

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get the program started,

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the code when they think

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need a part time clean-

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on Sunday nights picking

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"Proceed with in-

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water and sewer fund

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so that we can fund our

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side of Hamtramck.

As we previously reported, she declined to say whether the city is ready, but she outlined what the city has to solve in the coming months:

flow solvent, we still have a critical lawsuit (filed by the police and fire retirees) hanging over the city's head and various million-dollar ticket items pending, which could cripple the city if we do not remain diligent in trying to increase our revenues and in keeping expenses

"While the Federal Court dismissed the re-

are in a fantastic position. In addition, there are a few million-dollar issues we need to figure

coming up with \$2.3 million a year to replace a federal grant that is subsidizing some of the salaries in the Fire Department. There is another \$100,000 grant that helped with salaries in the Police Depart-

As for Powell's goals,

- tinuous flooding in the city and find funding (\$30+ million dollars in today's costs) to continue the upgrades/repairs to the combined system. We just submitted our Distressed Cities Grant application asking for funding for Phase 2 of the Sewer Relief Project.
- "Continue with the Road Improvement Program we have in place for the next few years. We are following the plan aggressively.
- "Start setting aside funds every year from the General Fund to repair the Alleyways. Now that a study has been done, we can put a plan in place to attack them as funding becomes available. Because we can't use Act 51 funds or any other state/federal funds for roads to repair them, this project will be a bigger challenge moving forward, but they have to be done.
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"While the city is cash

tiree lawsuit in its entirety, an appeal has been filed, and if the court's decision is overturned, the risk for the city can cost millions in healthcare costs, compensatory damages and attorney fees. "If we prevail, then we

out how to fund." Those issues involve

she has the following:

- "Addressing the con-

- "Put an economic development team together that will include

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City owes it to homeowners to come up with a clear tree policy

Last week we reported on the city's removal of a handful of old, huge trees on Prescott.

Residents there were understandably upset about losing their shade trees.

As it turned out, two of the trees were rotting inside, way up on top where no one could see it from the street.

One was illegally taken down by a homeowner and the fourth was the victim of water line washout that compromised its roots system, which left it vulnerable to falling

It's easy to be wary of the city's reasons for taking down trees. Past

city have had a love/hate relationship with trees. There have been several times where work crews swept down streets, seemingly cutting down trees with little reason.

A common excuse given is that large trees often lift up sidewalk slabs and make the city vulnerable to tripand-fall lawsuits.

We have noted before that other cities handle matters like this differently. In Oak Park, for instance, the city curves sidewalk slabs around their large oaks, realizing that trees add value to properties.

> for As diseased

administrations trees, it would be nice if the city would set aside a budget to have an arborist go around town and determine what can be saved through intervention.

> The city was dealt a devastating blow in 1997 when a tornado whipped through town and knocked down 500 large trees. We have lost our shade in summer, not to mention the beauty a canopy of trees provides.

Our homeowners pay a lot in taxes and don't demand too much in return. An aggressive tree policy that saves trees is not too much to ask.

Kosciuszko Middle

School News Middle Kosciuszko School is proud to announce students that made the honor roll for 1st card marking. This means that these students earned all A's and B's in their classes and 1's and 2's for citizenship: Sara Abdullah, Fariha Ahmad, Israt Ahmed, Forida Aktar, Rania Alasad, Shaima Almardahi, Rafid Almarsoumi, Nemah AlQosimi, Reem Alsomairi, Ehood Atiq, Adeeb Azfar, Adnan Bakht, Sophia Baldoumas, Emon Barua, Adisa Begic, Akhy Begum, Marzana Begum, Mita Begum, Andrew Bist, Mutammim Choudhury, Abid Choudhury, Musharrat Chowdhury, Nailah Chowdhury, Shimla Chowdhury, Aziza Cook, Selma Custovic, Rejoana Evana, Nadia Fahria, Sadia Fouzia, Yunae Gillespie-Thomas, Mylitka Grove, MD Hanjala, Tanya Haque, Mira Hughes, Bushra Islam, Rafiqul Islam, Jelan Jafree, Nusrat Jahan, Zahanath Junu,

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Hamtramck High School

· Wednesday, December 14 - Principal's Forum at 9:30 a.m. in the library. The topics will be grades, attendance, and dress code. All parents are encouraged to attend.

· Wednesday, December 21 at 7:45 a.m. improvement meeting at Hamtramck

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Letters • Letters

County Commissioner Scott has been an asset to the community

A letter written by Mr. John Kovach of Hamtramck, published in The Review, October 14, has just come to my attention.

In it, Mr. Kovach complained that staff of County Commissioner Martha G. Scott was unresponsive to his requests for information or assistance. This is unfortunate, as citizens deserve to hear from those that they elected to represent and serve them. I hope Mr. Kovach renewed his efforts to contact Commissioner Scott's staff.

However, in tendering his complaint, Mr. Kovach drew the conclusion that the failure of communication between Commissioner Scott's staff and himself was due to the

fact that Commissioner of the Hamtramck Drug-Scott does not care about Hamtramck citizens and thus neglects to provide services to people in the

I would like to correct that impression. No public servant whose district includes Hamtramck has been more dedicated to serving the people of the city than Martha G. Scott.

Commissioner has brought many programs and benefits to the city and its people. She assiduously moted our interests and she is often in the city meeting with individuals and groups. Her concern for our youth, for example, is demonstrated by her regular attendance and participation in the work

Free Community Coalition (HDFCC).

She also goes out of her way to make herself available to the citizens at her monthly breakfast meetings at Maine Street Restaurant on the fourth Monday of each month. She listens and attends to everyone who wants her attention and help.

The City of Hamtramck is well-served by Martha G. Scott, and I hope Mr. Kovach will take advantage of the opportunity to meet with her at Maine Street Restaurant.

Thaddeus C. Radzilowski, Ph.D. **President, Piast** Institute



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Dickinson West Elementary School News

Mrs. Bosnjakovski's 5th grade class earned a pizza party for the class with the most at home reading minutes. They read 30, 620 minutes at home. Dickinson West student's read a total of 63, 623 minutes during the month of November. Keep up the good work students.

Holbrook Elementary School Upcoming Events

- · Wednesday, December 14 - Parent Teacher School Association meeting, 2-3 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend.
- Tuesday, December 20 - Bake sale after school.
- Wednesday, December 21 – Bake sale after

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- · Thursday, December 22 - Bake sale after school.
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- · Tuesday, December 13 - End of progress report period #2.
- · Wednesday, December 21 - Progress report #2 distributed.
- Saturday, December 24-January 8 - No school for students. Winter Break.
- · Monday, January 9 -School resumes.

Athletic Events

- · Monday, December 12 - KMS Boys' Basketball vs. Detroit Community at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- · Wednesday, December 14 - KMS Boys' Basketball vs. UPSM at 4:30 p.m. Away.
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City takes first step in allowing marijuana dispensaries to open up

By Charles Sercombe

Anyone who has been waiting to open a marijuana dispensary in Hamtramck will have to wait at least another year.

The state legislature recently passed a new law that revamps the 2008 law allowing the use of marijuana for approved medical purposes.

Hamtramck has refused to allow dispensaries to open even though many other communities have allowed them when voters agreed to legalize medical marijuana eight years ago. But the city did adopt an ordinance regulating dispensaries despite the ban on allowing them to set up shop.

City officials insisted that all of the legal challenges facing that law would have to be settled first before taking action

The new state law allows cities to "opt" out of permitting dispensaries to open. Hamtramck officials say they are in favor of allowing dispensaries to operate here.

Last week city councilmembers, upon the recommendation of the city's legal firm, took the first step to wipe the slate clean here by repealing a previous ordinance. That action allowed them to adopt a new ordinance that is in line with the new state law.

The new law imposes a tax on the sale of medical marijuana and allows the city to collect yearly operating fees.

Thomas Lavigne, an attorney with the Cannibas Collective, a Detroit law firm, said the new law clarifies some issues left

open-ended by the previous law

"It's about time the law has clarified patient access," he said.

By that he meant that the law now protects sellers of medical marijuana from prosecution. Some cities were raiding dispensaries and prosecuting growers.

The new law now also officially allows marijuana edibles to be legal even though many dispensaries have been selling those products.

During the past eight years that dispensaries have been allowed to operate the city has received dozens of inquiries from potential operators. At least two dispensaries that never checked with the city were shut down by

Michigan dispensaries

have earned \$60 million a year, according to media reports.

Several Michigan cities, including Detroit, have voted to legalize marijuana use, even for non-medical

reasons. Six states have legalized marijuana and have collected hundreds of millions of dollars in tax sale revenues.

All of this could change, however, if President-elect Donald Trump's candidate for Attorney General, Jeff Sessions, is confirmed by Congress.

Sessions is an outspoken critic of marijuana use, even for medical purposes. Critics of his say he could instruct federal authorities to shut down retail sales of marijuana.

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• A Goodson resident

Two Detroit residents

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dent reported being

robbed at knife point.

Thursday, December 1

· Warren police noti-

fied Hamtramck that

they recovered a car re-

ported stolen out of

A man reported that

while his car was parked

in the 3800 block of

Edwin, someone stole an

A man reported his

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 29-Dec. 5.

Tuesday, November 29

- · At almost 5 a.m. officers pulled over what had been reported as a stolen car. As it turned out, the car had been legally repossessed.
- A Danforth resident reported someone broke out his car windshield while the car was parked in front of his residence.
- · A resident reported his 70-year-old brother had been missing for three weeks.
- A Selfridge resident reported someone broke out a window in her apartment.

Wednesday, November

- At about 9:30 p.m. a resident in the 2300 block of Yemans reported someone damaged their car.
- · A resident in the 12000 block of Dyar reported a break-in and the theft of several
- · At 4:30 a.m. two De-

 A man was arrested for driving without a license and being wanted

Friday, December 2

on a felony warrant. · A Norwalk resident reported receiving ha-

rassing text messages.

· A St. Aubin resident reported someone damaged her car.

Saturday, December 3

- At about 3:30 p.m. teen suspects set fire to a tire under the bleachers at Veterans Memorial Park. The suspects fled before officers arrived.
- A resident reported the theft of her pink wallet from her car while the car was parked in front of her residence in the 2600 block of Botsford.

Sunday, December 4

- · At about 1 a.m. a Canton resident was arrested for drunk driving after causing an accident and an injury.
- · At about 2 p.m. an agent for the Hanley Home for Boys reported one of the boys left the building without permis-
- An agent for Walter's Party Store reported a suspect attempted to cash a fraudulent check. The suspect fled before officers arrived.
- At a little after 6 p.m. agents at Hungry Howies on Jos. Campau reported being robbed by

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City takes first step in allowing marijuana dispensaries to open up

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iuana should be legal. His administration has not challenged states that have legalized marijuana.

After adopting a new ordinance in accordance with state law, the next step for local officials is to come up with a zoning plan for dispensaries. In the past, officials have clashed over where the facilities should be allowed Campau. to operate.

Some wanted dispensaries located only in isolated areas away from neighborhoods, schools and churches.

Others have argued to allow them to operate in the existing commercial districts, such as the city's main business drag, Jos.

As for now, according to the new state law, those wishing to open a dispensary will have to wait until next December to apply for a license. Existing dispensaries are being alto continue lowed operating.



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two suspects, both of whom were armed with silver revolvers.

Monday, December 5

- Detroit police reported they had recovered a car stolen out of Hamtramck.
- Four male teenagers were observed breaking

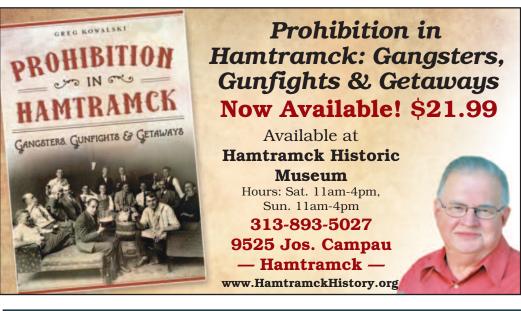
out a window of a business in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau. The suspects then fled.

- · At about 1 a.m. a resident was arrested after he was seen assaulting a dog in the Brombach-Florian area. The dog's injuries were so severe it had to be euthanized.
- Hanley Academy reported someone broke out a classroom window

on the second floor.

- · A person said he was assaulted by two males after a road rage incident.
- · Utility workers reported someone stole some of their tools while they were working.
- A resident from Skokie, Illinois reported someone broke out her car's rear window while it was parked on Caniff.





City Hall Insider ...

We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Nov. 15 and all councilmembers were pres-Mayor Majewski was absent.

Before the regular council meeting a work session was held. During that meeting Councilmember Anam Miah asked for the city administration to come up with a letter stating that Hamtramck is a "Sanctuary City." City Manager Katrina Powell said she will put out a press release announcing that.

Councilmember lan Perrotta noted that Hamtramck is already a part of the "Welcoming Michigan" city program.

Miah added that word needs to get out that Hamtramck is welcoming to immigrants because there is so much "tension in the air."

During the regular meeting, City Clerk August Gitschlag gave an overview of the Nov. 8

What is our City Council up to these days?

Presidential Election. He said this was the second Presidential Election he

oversaw in Hamtramck. He said there were no serious problems, and that no voter waited longer than 40 minutes to vote.

Also on hand were federal election monitors,

There was a blip with some election workers, however. He said 20 people signed up to work the election, but only 15 showed up for training, and out of that only 12

showed up to work. On top of that, three workers walked away from their job on election day.

In voting, Gitschlag said many people just voted for president and skipped voting for the school board election.

As for the high turnout, over 50 percent, Councilmember Andrea Karpinski said she wishes that would be the case for every election.

"Keep that mojo going," she said.

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