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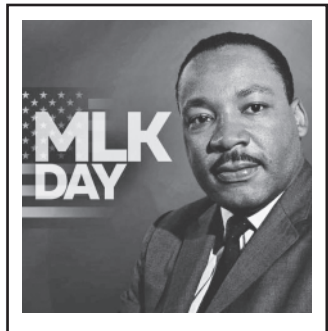
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## Quick Hits

This Monday, Jan. 15, is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. All schools, governments and banks will be closed for the national holiday. But the Hamtramck Public Schools will once again open the high school's community center for the annual Prayer Breakfast to honor King. The Concerned Women of Hamtramck hosts the event, which will feature a breakfast, presentation and a talent show by high school students. Admission is \$15 and \$5 for children. Members of the NAACP can get in for \$10. The community center is located at 11350 Jos. Campau, and the event starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m.



## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Inauguration ceremony caps election year, ushers in new term

**By Charles Sercombe**

The last leg of the 2017 city election is now complete. On Sunday, Mayor Karen Majewski and Councilmembers Andrea Karpinski and Ian Perrotta were sworn in for a new term. Newly-elected Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi was also sworn in. He is the city's first Iraqi-American to serve on council. The event was held at the public library and was officiated by Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Alexis Krot. The library was packed with over 100 residents, well-wishers and family members of the elected officials. Mayor Majewski is starting her fourth term, at the end of which she will have served as mayor for 16 years. As usual, Majewski



**Scenes from last Sunday's inauguration ceremony for Mayor Karen Majewski and Councilmembers Andrea Karpinski, Ian Perrotta and new councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi.**

delivered a short speech. This year's theme



was one of unity – a concept that has often eluded elected officials once a new term is underway. She started off welcoming the new "configuration"

on council. Councilmember Mohammed Hassan is no longer serving on council since he opted to challenge Majewski for her job. His stepping down opened up a seat on council. Al-Marsoumi ran as a slate member with Councilmembers Karpinski and Perrotta and the mayor. Majewski went on to say that residents are bound together by a "shared

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## Get in shape for Paczki Day

**By Charles Sercombe**

Just as the winter blahs are about to set in, Hamtramck's very own holiday is coming up quick on the calendar. Paczki Day arrives early this year, occurring on Feb. 13. And for the sixth year in a row, the special day will get a kick off with the 5K Paczki Run on the Saturday before, Feb. 10 (which is also a certain local editor's birthday). The event is sponsored by Tour de Troit, and you can already sign up. Last year several thousand runners and walkers participated. This is no ordinary run. Hamtramck being Hamtramck, at the end of the run, participants can enjoy free paczki and beer. "This is the only race in America where you are rewarded with a paczek and a beer after a run," said Vittoria Katanski, Director of Tour de Troit. "With thousands of runners participating in the Paczki Run, we're really looking forward to showing off all the great shops and eclectic restaurants in

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# Metro news ...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modeld-media.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:

There is a real estate market is exploding in Hamtramck and Detroit, but this surge some-

times comes at the expense of low-income homeowners.

Here's a story about one group addressing the needs of the low income

Earlier this year, Forbes ranked Detroit's real estate market as the most undervalued in the nation. The report cited the city's low housing prices and the prospect of increased development as

reasons for Detroit's recent real estate boom.

Discussions about Detroit's ripe real estate opportunities are often geared toward affluent outsiders and metro Detroiters who can afford to take on the financial risk of buying and rehabbing a home. But what about the long-time Detroiters who wish to keep their properties in good shape and avoid displacement?

In October, the North End's Vanguard Community Development Corporation, an economic equity and racial justice-focused nonprofit, prevented 24 low-income family homes, collectively called Melrose Square, from going into foreclosure.

"Vanguard is so very pleased to be able to preserve these homes for low-income families; especially given that the homes are located within the greater Downtown Detroit footprint," says Pamela Martin-Turner, CEO of Vanguard. "It is important for people of modest means to be able to remain in their neighborhoods and to enjoy the benefits of Detroit's new economic boom."

Built in 2006, the Melrose Square homes are just north of Grand Boulevard on Melrose and Cameron streets. Vanguard has been working to secure financial support since 2015 and were able to start making capital improvements with grants of \$965,000 from the city of Detroit and \$700,000 from IFF. Rehabilitation efforts which include improvements on the roof, insulation, landscape, exterior appearance, concrete repair, and exterior lighting will continue through July 2018.

By Imani Mixon

# Get in shape for Paczki Day

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Hamtramck."

The route of the course runs through the city's neighborhoods. The run starts at 10 a.m. at Jos. Campau and Hanley, just south of Holbrook.

Funds raised from the 5K go to renovating Hamtramck parks and supports the Hamtramck community by assisting the Hamtramck DDA with its non-motorized transportation plans. The runs so far have raised nearly

\$30,000 for the DDA.

Afterwards, many local businesses will be offering special discounts for the day.

Online registration is \$35 before January 12 at [www.tour-de-troit.org](http://www.tour-de-troit.org). After January 13, registration is \$40 per person.

For more information about Tour de Troit go online to: [www.tour-de-troit.org](http://www.tour-de-troit.org).



The annual Paczki Day run will be held on Feb. 10. Thousands of runners and walkers are expected to participate.

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**Holiday** – In observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday, the library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15.

**ESL Class** – Wednesday, January 17, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**ESL Class** – Friday, January 19, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**New Video Release** – A film has been made of the Inauguration Ceremony that was held on Sunday, Jan. 7 2018 to swear-in newly-elected Hamtramck officials. It is available on the library website as well as on YouTube under "Hamtramck Inauguration 2018."

**Family Movie Night** – Join the Hamtramck Drug Free

Coalition along with the Piast Institute at the Hamtramck Public Library Thursday, January 25, 4-6:30 p.m. Light refreshments with be provided.

**City of Hamtramck Hosting Hamtramck Stadium Pre-Development Planning Community Open House** – The City of Hamtramck is hosting a Community Open House for the Pre-Development Planning of Hamtramck Stadium. The Community Open House will take place on **Monday, January 29** at the Hamtramck Public Library (2360 Caniff), from 7 to 8 p.m. and is open to everyone.

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**Michigan Activity Pass** – The pass will enable Library card holders to obtain a one-time free entry into any Michigan State park or recreation area, and free entry into over 100 participating cultural institutions. Ask at the circulation desk for more details.

**For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.**



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# Second Front Page

## School Bell

### Early Childhood Elementary School News

On December 20 the school gym was packed with eager family and friends attending the winter music concert.

Under the direction of Mr. Maxwell Spayde and Mr. Matthew Rautio, music teachers at ECE, the students filled the air with joyous songs.

Favorite songs such as “Frosty the Snowman,” “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” and even “The Elf Rap” had the crowd cheering for more. The morning performance was part of festivities celebrating the end of the second quarter and the winter season.

On December 22 the whole school had an indoor snowball fight. The annual event is favorite for all.

### Hamtramck High School News

Congratulations to the HHS DECA team. Sixty-two students competed at the District competition at Baker College in December.

The competition was based on written examinations and presentations. A total of 45 students received recognition amounting to 107 medals. HHS will have forty-two students represented at the State competition in March.

Thanks to all the teachers who have contributed to the education and growth of our students. Your influence shows. Congratulations again to all the students and good luck in the state competition. Go Cosmos!

### All Schools

• Monday, January 15 – No school for students or staff. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Concerned Women of Hamtramck presents the 21st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast, “A Life of Love and Action,” held at the Hamtramck Community Center, 11350 Charest St. from 9-11 a.m. Student show, “Hamtramck’s Got Talent.” Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children and may be purchased at the door. For more information you may contact Madelyn Porter at (313) 573-0782.

• Thursday, January 25 – Hamtramck High School (HHS) and Kosciuszko Middle School (KMS) Semester Exams. Half day for HHS and KMS students. Records Day in the afternoon for HHS and KMS.

• Friday, January 26 – HHS, KMS and Horizon

Semester Exams. Half day for all students including all elementary schools. Records Day in the afternoon for all staff. End of 1st semester and 2nd quarter.

• Thursday, February 1 – Report Card #2 distributed.

### Recreation Department News

• Girls Volleyball: Start date TBA. Time: 4 p.m. Grades 4th – 8th Uniform provided \$15 resident. \$25 non-resident.

• Junior League Basketball: Co-Ed. Ages 8-13. Locations KMS/DW, D. East, Holbrook. Starts Saturday January 20 at Community Center at 1 p.m. \$15 resident. \$25 non-resident.

• Soccer Clinic: Co-Ed ages 7-13. Practice held at the Community Center. Starts Saturday, January 20, \$15 resident. \$25 non-resident.

Compiled by  
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# Hamtramck Love Letter: A reflection on the journey to stay in one place

By Michelle Oberholtzer  
*Special to The Review*

I never imagined I would be washing his dishes: the remains of some crusty casserole, six or eight months old; a mystery Tupperware; a rimmed teacup. I'm sure that if he had could have known that I, a woman he met only once, would be cleaning up after him, he may have taken care of the mess himself. Or maybe not.

Maybe a century-old man only needs one plate and one cup, and maybe he relishes in leaving the rest of them dirty. Maybe he feels he's cleaned enough dishes in his life and gets a kick out of the idea of some family member, some hired worker, some stranger doing it for him.

I don't really know what he thought or what kind of man he was because our time only barely intersected. Ben Jaros lived in one home each of his 98 years and I have now passed one of mine in that same house. His house. My house. Home.

I moved here scared and reluctant after finding out that my apartment was turning into a condo and that my work-for-rent gig was over. I had bought a \$500 home in the tax auction but it had no windows, electricity, plumbing, or heat and it was still winter. I had not signed a lease since my divorce and, after moving twelve times in three and a half years, I seemed to know less about where I belonged than where I didn't.

These frequent moves gave me a strong sense of respect for the idea of "home" so I think that's why I was so stunned when I met Mr. Ben Jaros in front of his Hamtramck house that he proudly told me had never moved from. I asked if I could take his picture and he agreed.

Immediately, I knew this picture would be the olive branch in our friendship. I would print the image of the old man with his house and he would fill in the stories of his time these. I wanted to know what he had lived through

and, even more than that, I wanted my restless soul to learn what it was like to be satisfied with that which you already had.

My intentions were good but I didn't exactly prioritize this little project. Nine months passed until I finally printed the photo, found a frame for it, isolated a time in my schedule and summoned up the nerve to drop by.

Nobody home. On my next visit, I saw a neighbor walking his big goldendoodle down the sidewalk and learned that the old man had done what took most people less time to do: he died. I went home feeling disappointed and inexplicably sad about my failure to anticipate this inevitable event. It seemed to matter that I'd never have the chance to hear those stories.

Meanwhile, I had been living in a beautiful apartment in Detroit as a building superintendent. After all those years of moving, I had narrowed my belongings down to "fun size" to ease the burden of the inevitable transition.

But at this apartment, I let myself accumulate the many trappings of a stable life (mattress! dresser! lamp!) because I believed my space would serve as the "model unit" for the building's upcoming transition from apartments to condos and that I would be living there throughout that long process. I remember the pride I felt sliding a little tab with my name written on it into the slot for my little mailbox and thinking "home is happening here."

Then, I found out that I had to leave my apartment. Again. I stared at that framed picture of the old man who never moved and realized I couldn't throw it out or bring it with me, so I had to find its rightful owners.

I searched online records of recent editions of The Hamtramck Review until I found the obituary, which cited Polonia funeral home, who I called and then was put in touch with the family of the deceased.

I asked where I could

send a gift and instead found myself sitting on an orange velvet armchair in the middle of the living room of that old house while a player piano churned out a hands-free tune to a room full of people I'd never met.

The Jaros family was spread around a long living room filled with ancient furniture, heavy curtains, thick carpet and mothball air. When the music ended, we introduced ourselves, and shared stories.

Eventually, the conversation turned to the house. It was empty, they said — Ben had never married and had no children, and the rest of the family had moved out of the area. Would I be interested in buying it?

The short answer was, "no."

Firstly because I already had a house I wanted to live in one day and I didn't need another project and secondly because I couldn't afford it. Lastly, I wasn't sure I could live in this stuffy museum anyway. It was lovely but "Catholic" isn't really my design aesthetic.

Some time passed. I did the usual apartment

search, but fear or indecision or fate kept me from making any choices. In February, my job ended so my income plummeted and I was cheated out of \$2,000 of savings on a Craigslist scam. I had to move at the end of the month and things were getting desperate. With no assurances that I could or would buy it, the relatives of a stranger let me move into their beloved family home.

The first night in that house was scary. It seemed that there was so much house but no space for me. I cleared off one of the mattresses and found something that looked like blood rimming the box spring. The shower didn't work and I took little "bird baths" in the cold water dripping from the bath faucet.

Every surface was thick with dust. I cleaned and, when I emptied the heavy vacuum filter, I see the dust and hair and skin cells of people who were no longer living falling away. I counted five different types of electrical outlets, but none that could plug in my modern appliances.

There were ostentatious

ship-themed scones and a tacky nautical mural plastered directly into the wall. There were bedpans and buckets and bags of clothes and vacuums all around the house. I washed the old dishes and wondered how the hell I had ended up there.

It was also beautiful in many ways. I loved the curve of the plaster on the walk up the stairs and the decal in the ceiling. I loved the big bedroom and the front porch and the way I just fit into one house on the big block like it was my personal pocket. At one point, I rummaged through the bags of unclaimed clothes that were heading to Salvation Army. I found three soft sweaters that had once belonged to Ben and put them on. It didn't feel creepy, it felt cozy. They became part of my winter uniform.

I stayed. The family allowed me to buy appliances and make repairs instead of paying rent. I learned to "water" the boiler every day and fell asleep at night to the whistle of the steam radiators. I got a job — a great job — and realized that I might actu-

ally qualify for a mortgage. I shoveled the sidewalk and met the neighbors.

Ben's family told me all about the house. The original owners — Ben's parents had been Polish immigrants living in New York City. Mr. Jaros Sr. worked for the Aeolian piano company (creator of the player piano that now sat in my living room) until he was recruited by Fisher Body and moved to Detroit.


His family crammed into overcrowded temporary housing and, while he was at work all day, his wife put the children in a wagon and walked up and down and around town looking for a home to buy.

She discovered this house while it was still under construction and, for \$2 down, they bought it. That was 1915.

The kitchen was in the basement and the house was heated with a coal furnace. The oldest daughter went back to Poland to work as the handmaiden to a duchess until World War II broke out and she had to leave Europe. She returned home with an advanced


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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### The fair thing to do about the city’s water bills

Last week we reported that the city is considering what to do about its water bills. Due to a technical failure, some households and businesses have received astronomical bills. One business was given a bill for \$70,000. The explanation is that while the meters were recording water usage accurately, the transmission device attached to the meter was under-reporting water usage. The city was able to later calculate the unbilled amount of water used and passed that overdue amount to property owners. You can imagine the outrage and shock. Who has several thousand dollars on hand to pay for an overdue water bill that’s overdue because of a mechanical failure on the city’s part? It is simply not fair to expect folks to pay off these bills. The city is currently looking at what options to take, which will likely lead to asking for partial payments. One option is to wipe the slate clean, and just move forward. That option, however, is not feasible. The water was used, and the city was billed for it. The fair thing to do is require a partial payment. Just what that percentage will be is not determined yet. The lesson going forward is that the city has to stay on top of its water billing system. That’s not asking too much from city hall.

## Odds & Ends

**Batter up...** The future of Hamtramck’s baseball stadium is in your hands. The city is hosting an Open House on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at the public library to get the public’s input on what activities should be offered at the stadium, which is located in Veterans Park. A study is underway to determine what renovations are needed at the historic site, and a budget will be drafted to fund the repairs. It is hoped the city will receive a grant of some kind down the road to pay for repairs. What makes this stadium so unique is that it served the National Negro Baseball League back when Major League Baseball forbade African-Americans from playing with white players. Times, of course, have changed. The stadium has great bones, as they say, and it has the possibility to serve the community in many ways. That’s where you come in. Attendees will also be able to learn about the planning study; learn about the history of the stadium and significance of its redevelopment; and see potential program ideas of spaces for the redevelopment.



The public is invited to an open house hosted by the city to gather ideas on what activities to offer at Hamtramck Stadium. A study is being performed to find out what renovations are needed at the historic stadium and how much it will cost.

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### Mayor’s inauguration speech for her fourth term

The following is the speech Mayor Karen Majewski gave at the inauguration ceremony held last Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Hamtramck Public Library. We are reprinting it with her permission.

**By Karen Majewski**

Welcome everyone, and thank you for coming out on this cold winter day. I’ve had the honor of participating in five of these inauguration ceremonies, and each one has, in its own way, opened a new chapter in Hamtramck’s history and a new door to its future. Today, with reinvigorated belief in the qualities that make Hamtramck unique and that make us all proud to live here, we welcome in a new configuration of elected leadership and look forward to the promise of 2018. More than ever, we should have confidence in that future. We’ve come a long way together – struggled and hoped together in bad times and good – and that shared path bonds us to each other, no matter who we are, where our families come from, what language we speak, who we love, or how or even whether we worship. We are family. We are neighbors. We are Hamtramck-

Mayor Karen Majewski delivers her inauguration speech at Sunday’s swearing-in ceremony. The mayor is starting her fourth term.

serve you today are only one component of the city’s architecture. As are our city employees, those who run our schools, our places of worship, our nonprofits, our businesses and other institutions. But no city is formed of framework alone. Being Hamtramckans makes us all colleagues in this task. It makes us all co-creators of the Hamtramck in which we want to live, the Hamtramck we aspire to be, the Hamtramck we envision in our most inspired moments. A city is a living, breathing, entity, which we all flesh out in our interconnected individuality. I believe there are no accidents in this universe. And so I firmly believe that we have come together in this place and time because, no matter what our individual paths, we are also meant to be partners in a collective project. We are blessed to come together in a place where we know we are part of a community, where we know our neighbors, our council members, and the woman who bakes our bread. Where we can walk

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# Hamtramck Love Letter: A reflection on the journey to stay in one place

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sense of style and later oversaw many of the wonderful and strange renovations that remain today.

Ben later was drafted and went to a base in Texas (technically, his only time not living in the home) but he never served in active duty because he was so good at baseball that the Army captain maneuvered for him to stay so that the army team could continue to beat the Navy team in scrimmages at the base.

Another daughter married and planned to leave home but her parents arranged for the second story to be built so she wouldn't have to. Her husband spoke another language and was unable to communicate with his parents-in-law. At one time, eleven people lived in the home.

All these stories, and more, I might've heard from Ben if I had ever taken him out for that breakfast, but instead I lived them like inherited memories in the place I now call home.

I had never really lived alone before: I grew up with five sisters, lived with friends in college and got married at 21. The hardest thing after my marriage ended was figuring out where to live. I was making decisions for myself but I really didn't know what I wanted.

At different times in my life, I have been at home in New York City and alone in the woods. I am

comfortable everywhere and I belong nowhere. I did know that I wanted to be able to stay or leave on my own terms and that meant making a commitment.

I imagined Ben's spirit infusing me with an anchoring sense of stability, I allowed myself to believe that what had been good enough for him for nearly a century might be good enough for me.

In September of 2016, I bought the home and became the first person outside of the Jaros family to own this home. I planted a tree in the back yard, painted the front door yellow and adopted a stray cat.

It's the little things.

I have my favorite grocery store, my favorite hardware store. When I go on walks, I pick up litter and my cat follows. I sit on the roof to get a breeze and view on summer nights. I get voice-mails from my neighbor about garbage cans and gardening and water bills.

My Mom and Grandma visit and we go to the Polish restaurants or sing karaoke at the PLAV. My dad comes over to help me with various projects around the house and I feel like I'm back in middle school getting help with my math homework, but this time I actually want to learn.

This beautiful chapter in our relationship is something I never expected or anticipated, that this house made possible. On Sundays, I sometimes sing at the old coffee shop. I mow my lawn and ride my bike and feel at home.

I am someone who has lived in a small town with dirt roads and the biggest city in the country without elevators in every building, and in the woods without a single person to talk to. I adapt everywhere and belong nowhere, so where do I belong?

Hamtramck is the perfect blend for me: small town in a big city. I do not

know exactly how long I will stay, I just know that I have no plans to leave, and that feels very very good.

Hamtramck is a small city landlocked within the much larger city of Detroit. It is something of an island surrounded by railroad tracks and factories and highways rather than water.

Such isolation leads to suffocation as often as to sanctuary, but Hamtramck has thrived in its own unique way and is the densest place in Michigan. Its slogan — "the world in two square miles" — denotes the incredible diversity it contains, with 44% immigrants, the first majority Muslim city council in America, and sizable minorities of Yemeni, Polish, Bengali, Ukranian, and racially diverse Americans.

When I moved here, some of my new neighbors told me "it's changed so much!" I never knew what Hamtramck used to be but I love it for what it is now. I have never been to a place that is so diverse and also so well integrated. I have never been someplace so global and yet so local.

Viva la change.

When driving down I-75, Hamtramck is a single exit. At highway speeds, the sign announcing its arrival is almost consecutive to the one announcing its ending.

Blink and you'll miss it.

Before I lived in here, I used to joke that the name Hamtramck was really a verb that meant "to quickly enter or exit". Now I know that, for every car on the highway, there's a destination at the end, and if you go slowly enough, it's possible to get stuck in Hamtramck's orbit.

I needed a new definition of the word and I got one on Sunday morning, singing one of my favorite songs at the coffee shop: "you might make it further if you chose to stay."

## Obituaries

### BRANOFF



Joan Branoff (nee Howard), 83, died January 2, 2018.

Mrs. Branoff was the beloved wife of Kris; mother of Diane, Kris Jr. (Christine), Lisa; sister of Joyce, the late Tom and Edward Jr. Mrs. Branoff is also survived by grandchildren, Kevin, (Kari), Deana (David),

Brian, Jillian, Danielle, Caitlyn; great grandchildren, Andrew, Ariana, Madeleine, Natalie.

Private services were held by the family. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.



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, January 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

– Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

SATURDAY, Jan. 13, 2-4 p.m.

– Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross Parish, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. All are welcome.

MONDAY, Jan. 29, 7-8 p.m.

– The City of Hamtramck is hosting a Community Open House for the Pre-Development Planning of Hamtramck Stadium. The Community Open House will take place at the Hamtramck Public Library (2360 Caniff ) and is open to everyone.

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**By Charles Sercombe**  
This week's Crime Log covers Dec. 31-Jan. 7.  
**Sunday, December 31**  
• A Detroit resident was arrested in a bar in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau for trespassing and being wanted on warrants.  
• Officers helped ambulance personnel with a man who overdosed in the 3200 block of Lehman.  
• A Detroit resident was arrested for obstructing officers during an investigation in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau.  
**Monday, January 1**  
• At about 1:30 a.m. a Dearborn resident was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.  
• At 2:30 a.m. a resident reported her boyfriend assaulted her while in the 11000 block of McDougall.  
• A domestic violence report was made in the 12100 block of St. Aubin.  
• A report was made about someone throwing a chunk of ice through a living room window at a residence in the 2600 block of Whalen.

**Tuesday, January 2**  
• A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.  
• A Holbrook resident reported receiving harassing calls.  
• A resident in the 2600 block of Yemans reported someone stole their city-issued garbage can.  
• A resident in the 3200 block of Lehman reported a break-in.  
• A man turned in a passport and mail that he found on the ground on McDougall St.

**Wednesday, January 3**  
• A Detroit resident reported being assaulted by her boyfriend in the 11000 block of St. Aubin.  
• A resident reported that a person she knows was stalking her.  
• A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license. He had been previously convicted of this offense 25 times.

**Thursday, January 4**  
• A resident was ticketed for having a fraudulent li-

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- A Trowbridge resident reported her car was stolen.
- An officer found a loose dog (a mixed breed female, tan in color and weighing about 30 pounds) without a collar in the area of Lumpkin and Danforth.

The dog was taken to the Westland Humane Society.

**Friday, January 5**

- A Poland resident reported her car was stolen.
- A business in the 12100 block of Conant reported a robbery by two men.

**Saturday, January 6**

- A person was arrested for drunk driving.
- A person was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on multiple traffic violations and for possessing cocaine.
- A resident reported the theft of a package from his front porch.

**Sunday, January 7**

- At about 4 a.m. a resident was arrested for domestic violence for an incident that occurred in the 12100 block of Moran.

## Notice of Public Meeting

### CITY OF HAMTRAMCK PLAN COMMISSION

**The Plan Commission will conduct a public meeting in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on February 7, at 6:30 p.m.,** to consider and afford the opportunity for input to be recorded on the premises described below. The public is invited to attend and comment at the public meeting or to make written comments on or before the date of the meeting. Written comments should be made to the attention of Melanie A. Markowicz, City Planner, ATTN: Plan Commission, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

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# Inauguration ceremony caps election year, ushers in new term

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path.”

“We are family. We are neighbors. We are Hamtramckans,” she said.

While the mayor has enjoyed her role, she said the responsibilities of the job can sometimes “drive you crazy.”

As her speech went on, the sentiment began to weigh heavy on her. At one point she hesitated as she stifled tears.

She capped her talk by borrowing a promotional campaign slogan the state has been using for several years.

“It’s pure Hamtramck, and there’s no place like it,” she said.

**More scenes from last Sunday’s inauguration ceremony held at the public library.**



# Mayor’s inauguration speech for her fourth term

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to the bank and know the person who handles our money, where we stop at our favorite spot for coffee and are sure to run

into a friend.

We live in a place where we can see that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. In Hamtramck, one person’s presence matters. Your presence matters. And our presence together matters. So perhaps more than anything, a city is a process, not a product.

And each of us, in our acts large and small, conscious and unconscious, are part of the daily creation and re-creation of this place, partners in its continual formation. Our actions here change lives, transform streets, and they create our city.


If you’re like me, you have moments when this place frustrates you, when it annoys you, when it maddens you. But I know that, like me, you also have moments when

something you witness here simply takes your breath away.

More often than not it’s a simple thing – an act of neighborliness, a moment of intercultural understanding, an odd anachronism, a cool encounter on the street. That is when you smile to yourself and think, “This is my city. This is my city.” It’s pure Hamtramck, and there is no place like it.



Thank you for coming. Dziekuje. Shukran. Fale-minderit. Dhonnobad. Hvala. Djakuju. Thank you for investing yourselves in Hamtramck.


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