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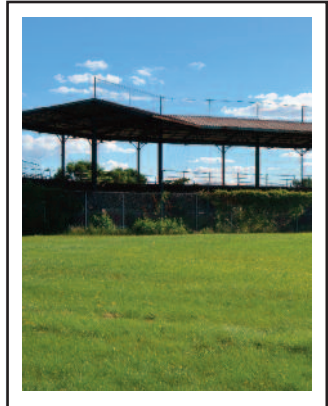
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Quick Hits

The City of Hamtramck wants to hear from you.

The future of the Hamtramck Stadium will be the subject of an Open House being held next Monday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., at the public library.

The public will be given an update on the stadium's condition and what renovations will be required.

A study is currently underway thanks to a \$50,000 grant for the National Park Service.

At the Open House, “hands-on activities will allow community members to share how they currently use Hamtramck Stadium and Veterans Park, and select their top priorities for future activities at the Stadium and its grounds,” according to a press release issued by the city’s Plan Department.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Mayor talks about her political career and the city’s future

By Charles Sercombe

Mayor Karen Majewski, Hamtramck’s first woman to hold that position, is now starting her fourth term in office. The Review asked the mayor to talk about her tenure in office and where she thinks the city is heading.

What do you consider some of your achievements during the past three terms?

Majewski: None of what has been accomplished over the last 12 years has been the work of one person alone. As a city, we’ve done a lot in that time, just in very practical terms and often under challenging conditions – we’re address-

ing our sewer issues, repairing streets and alleys, we finally put up street signs throughout the whole city (it might seem like a small thing but it was a huge struggle!), we’ve brought the R-31 lawsuit to near conclusion, we created a Hamtramck Historical Museum.

These may be the kind of day-to-day projects that face any city, but they have been no small thing for Hamtramck. I like to think I’ve had a hand in guiding us in this good direction. Beyond the shovel in the ground projects though, I think my most important task has been solidifying the city’s reputation as a diverse community that



Mayor Karen Majewski is starting her fourth term in office. She is seen here at her inauguration ceremony held earlier this month.

welcomes people of all backgrounds and beliefs. More than anything, projecting that positive image, without whitewashing real

life conflict and the messiness of the democratic process, reflects well on the city and underscores

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The annual “Chair Affair” provides funding for Hamtramck’s Recycled Treasures. The non-profit organization often provides free bedding for low-income families.

Pull up a seat for the annual ‘Chair Affair’ and support a worthy cause

By Alan Madeleine

Special to The Review

Like art? Like to eat? Like to sit?

Like to help out a local non-profit business while doing any or all the above? Tomorrow (Saturday, Jan. 27) is your golden opportunity.

Once again, second-hand store Recycled

Treasures is hosting a fundraiser, this time its eighth annual “Chair Affair.” The concept is to fuse a buffet of local restaurant fare with an auction of artist-enhanced chairs. This all occurs at the business’s address, 12101 Jos. Campau, which is on the

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City and schools team up

By Charles Sercombe

The city council and school board made history in December.

The two government entities, which have rarely joined forces in the past, held a joint meeting in the public library and agreed to partner up in the development of the city-owned Veterans Memorial Park.

The park has served as a recreation hub for the community, and the teaming up occurred to attract grants for renovation.

The park has seen a number of improvements over the last several years, but many agree it has a long way to go. One of the key developments would be to refurbish the baseball stadium, once home to the Negro National League back in the 1930s when African-Americans were barred from playing professional baseball with white players.

Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer called the stadium “one of the gems of the community.”

With the city and school board acting together, it is also hoped that funding from the

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Pull up a seat for the annual ‘Chair Affair’ and support a worthy cause

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west side of the street, a block south of Carpenter. Park along the curb, pay your \$25, and feast and bid to your heart’s content. Call it “Chair-ity.”

Recycled Treasures overseer Catrina Stackpoole cautions that “seating” is limited, and demand – in past years at least – has proven high for the fun, casual evening.

The non-profit organization offers used furniture and items at super low prices and often donates bedding to low-income families.

Among the expected providers of foodstuffs, she mentions Maine Street Restaurant, Bono-ful Sweets, Royal Kabob, the Polish Village Café and Yemen Café.

Chair-wise, expect another wild entry from pre-

vious multiple contest winner Glen Watt among the entries for this year’s competition, which has been playfully dubbed “A Chair to Remember.”

Would-be attendees can purchase tickets at the shop during business hours (Tuesday-Friday noon-6 and Saturday 10-5), or online through the website (recycledtreasureshamtramck.org; click on the Events button). One could also chance putting your name in for an un-prepaid reservation (313-826-7158), but one then risks being shut out as prepaid persons will obviously take precedent.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and other nominal giveaways. Expect an hour or so of wine and cheese reception and shopping

the store’s wares or bidding, before dinner is served at approximately 7 p.m.

Stackpoole says the store could use a boost due to the mid-winter retail doldrums and a brutal series of unforeseen expenses.

“One Monday, the store furnace went out, and then mine at home went out on the same day,” Stackpoole laments with a wry laugh. “Our business truck has broken down four times in the past two months as well; my car had a problem too.

“Each time the truck breaks down, in addition to the cost of the repairs, it costs \$300 to have it towed, not to mention \$150 or so to rent another one to complete the scheduled run,” she adds, sounding overwhelmed by the numbers.

Obviously, they could use a break. Why not help give them one, and have a winter blast of your own while you do?

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City and schools team up

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Ralph C. Wilson Foundation can be made available. That foundation seeks to get youths more physically active.

The Wilson Foundation released a study in which a majority of the nation’s kids are overweight and not getting enough physical activity.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, who is liaison between the school district and Wayne County education resources, said there is a critical need to improve the health of children.

“This is about the health and well-being of our next generation,” said Rezmierski, who moderated the meeting.

Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay said the alliance will also help the Detroit City Football Club to expand its activities. The club leases Keyworth Stadium from the school district to host its semi-pro soccer team.

That partnership with the school district has allowed hundreds of thousands of dollars to be pumped into Keyworth for major improvements. The

DCFC has turned out to be a sensation, attracting upwards of 6,000 spectators to each home games.

In parting, Mayor Karen Majewski said the partnership between the city and schools represents a

“special place right now.”

“The energy is here, the commitment is here to do this.”

School Board President Magdalena Srodek added: “The opportunity has slapped us in the face.”

Special note: Last week we ran the Hanley Academy Principal’s Award and Honor Roll list. Students in Mrs. Mcray’s Kindergarten class were inadvertently left out. The following is a list of those students:

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ESL Class – Monday, January 29, 9 a.m. and noon, ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required

ESL Class – Wednesday, January 31, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class – Friday, February 2, 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.”

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.

Books For Free! – Monday, January 22 through Friday, January 26. You are invited to a gently used books giveaway. We have something for everyone:

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- Various Magazines
- Audio Books (on audio cassettes)
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Winter Toddler Time – At the Hamtramck Public Library

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

Thursday – February 1 at noon. Learn about arctic animals II “Penguin Day.”

Thursday – February 8 at noon. Celebrate Valentine’s Day with us “Heart Day.”

Thursday – February 22 at noon. Celebrate Chinese New Year with us “Dog Day.”

Thursday – March 1at noon. Celebrate Dr. Seuss’s Birthday with us “Dr. Seuss Day.”

Thursday – March 8 at noon. Say Goodbye to winter “Snowman Day.”

Exhibit – The Hamtramck Public Library &The Creative Spirits Art Collaborative presents the 2018 Black American Art & History Exhibit (The Black Explosion), “We No Longer Have To Be Silent.” **February 1 –March 31.** Opening Reception February 8, 5-7 p.m. For exhibit hours call (313) 733-6821. ART BY LOCAL BLACK ARTISTS, Shirley Woodson Lolles, Creative

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City Wide Poets: Are you a writer? Join Citywide Poets – Every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30p.m. At the Hamtramck Public Library, 2360 Caniff. Free and open to all teens. Sessions Begin January 30. For more information, please contact: justin@insideout-detroit.org or visit www.insideout-detroit.org

2018 Free Tax Services – Free service for those whose annual household income is less than \$54,000. **Monday, February 5-March 26, 10 a.m.- 4p.m. Closed February 19.** Call (734) 284-6999 for an appointment.

ABCmouse.com – Now available at the Hamtramck Public Library, ABCmouse.com is a free digital learning resource for children ages 2-8+ with more than 8,500 Learning Activities and 850 lessons, ABCmouse.com is the most comprehensive early learning curriculum available online. Ask your library staff for more details.

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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Early Childhood Elementary School News

Since the winter break, students have been busy showing what they have learned so far this school year through different testing assessments. Each student is being assessed on their reading level through the DRA test to track their progress. District tests as well are going on in the computer lab as the students show what they have learned in math and reading on the NWEA tests.

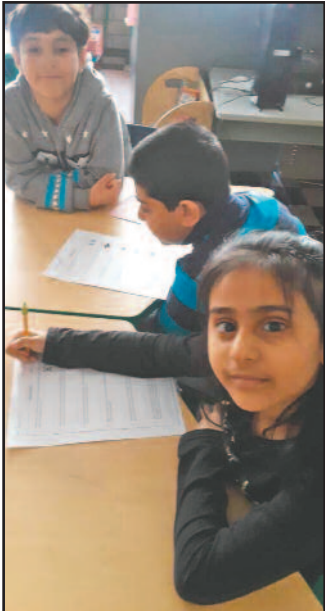


At the Early Childhood Elementary School students have fun learning math and improving their reading skills.



Half day for all students. Staff Development Day in the afternoon.

- Monday, February 19 - No school for students and staff. President's Day and Midwinter Break.
- Tuesday, February 20



– School resumes.

Recreation Department News

- Soccer Clinic: Co-Ed ages 7-13. Practice held at the Community Center Saturday's at 1 p.m. \$15

resident. \$25 non-resident.

Athletic Events

- Friday, January 26 – JV Boys' Basketball vs. Harper Woods at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Friday, January 26 – HHS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Harper Woods at 7 p.m. Home.
- Tuesday, January 30 - JV Boys' Basketball vs. UPA at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Tuesday, January 30 - HHS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. UPA at 7 p.m. Home.
- Friday, February 2 – JV Boys' Basketball vs. HFA at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Friday, February 2 – HHS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. HFA at 7 p.m. Away.

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The Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on **February 14, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**, to consider and afford the opportunity for input to be recorded on the appeal for a modification under Zoning Ordinance 497 on the premises described below. Any variation or modification granted would have no bearing on private restrictions. The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearing or to make written comments on or before the date of the hearing. Written comments should be made to the attention of Melanie A. Markowicz, City Planner, ATTN: Zoning Board of Appeals, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

- **Public Hearing – Karen Kahn, Nosh Pit Detroit, 2995 Yemans** Ord. 497. Article V. Residential Zones. Section 1. Residential District (R). Paragraph 1.02. Permitted Uses. The request is for a use variance to permit a restaurant use in a residential zoning district.

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our importance as a model of the American Dream. In the end, I think that message will be my most important legacy.

In your opinion, how is Hamtramck doing, financially, economically and culturally?

Majewski: It seems like every year I find myself saying that I've never felt so positive about Hamtramck's future (well, maybe except for 2010. We did have some hard

years...) And I find myself saying it again. In financial terms, the city budget is stable and the city is attracting new businesses and residents. We've still got big ticket financial issues like pensions and infrastructure, but we should feel pretty good about facing those issues from a solid foundation.

We have some gaps in city services and some problem buildings on Jos. Campau, but also dozens

of new businesses and a high demand for housing as new people move into the city. Culturally we're more exciting and more dynamic and diverse than ever.

What do you hope to achieve in this new term?

Majewski: I have several priorities going into this new term. They include focusing on city services, infrastructure, and economic development. What would

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In Our Opinion

City manager search reveals a weakness in city charter

The search for a new city manager is about to wrap up.

The private company that was hired to conduct the search will reveal its findings at the Feb. 12 city council meeting. Word is that over 20 candidates applied but only a handful met the city charter qualifications.

The qualifications for Hamtramck's city manager need to be looked at again, with an eye toward revising it. Simply put, it requires a city manager candidate to have had experience in that position in a city with a population of at least 10,000.

That's about 5,000 too many in our way of looking at things.

We understand that the framers of the charter purposely raised the bar on qualifications to prevent local elected officials of playing games and hiring one of their buddies who had little experience.

We are past that moment. It's too bad no one thought to put an expiration date on that requirement and allow for it to come down to a more reasonable qualification.

Hamtramck is too small of a town to expect that level of experience, and we are limiting ourselves to otherwise qualified candidates.

We urge the city council to form a sub-committee to explore updating our city charter and presenting updates for the voters to consider. The charter is out of date and needs to be refreshed.

Odds & Ends

Job training... We received an email from city hall about a job training program available to Hamtramck residents.

It's being offered by the Living Trades Academy (LTA) that offers training in the following:

- Repair and maintain their own homes;
- Mentor others in their neighborhood to repair and maintain their homes;
- Acquire valuable entry level skills for employment in the preservation field; and
- Acquire business and entrepreneurship skills.

Trainees will work with traditional and modern building materials as well as appropriate tools and equipment to develop skills in preservation and receive a certificate once the program requirements have been met.

The program will run for 10 weeks beginning in late February through the end of April 2018.

Applications for the program are due Feb. 1. For more info and to apply go online at: <https://www.mhpn.org/programs/living-trades-academy/>

Interns... Here's a sweet deal for Hamtramck students who are in college. The Detroit City Football Club is offering an intern program for their new season.

According to a memo from the club:

"The internship is geared towards students who are looking to get college credit. ... The internship is unpaid, but we do pay a \$100 stipend to interns for each gameday that they work."

To apply and for more information, go online at: http://www.detcityfc.com/news_article/show/879412?referrer_id=1533258

Yemeni immigrant complains of police treatment in traffic stop

By Charles Sercombe

A police complaint brought to light by Councilmember Saad Almasmari raised a number of concerns this week.

Almasmari relayed a message from a Nasser Almasmari (it was unknown at press time if he is related to Saad) who claimed a Hamtramck officer pulled him over for an expired license plate and impounded his car.

The alleged incident happened while his family, which includes his two sons, ages 10 and 2, and two daughters, ages 2 and eight months, and his 8-month pregnant wife, were in the car. The man claimed they were forced to walk home on Jan. 3 while the temperature was below zero.

He said he asked the officer for a ride home,

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I like to see?

City wide curbside recycling, the completion of the final R-31 homes, street and alley repaving, the next phases of the sewer rehab project, and the creation of a robust Department of Community & Economic Development. For starters.

Do you think local control will be returned to Hamtramck? Why or why not?

Majewski: I'm confident that once we hire a permanent city manager, which I estimate will happen within the first 6 months of this year, the State of Michigan will be more than happy to cut us free.

Especially since the Flint fiasco, the State has been distancing itself from the emergency management formula in general, and it's my impression that they are just waiting for evidence that we are under stable management to happily step away from us as well.

What are some of the challenges facing the city?

Majewski: Finances continue to be the biggest challenge. Obviously, we face some huge longterm expenses — our pension obligations, deferred maintenance on our streets and alleys, our inadequate sewer system. No surprise there.

Deferred maintenance of many of our commercial buildings is also proving a serious deterrent to outside development. This will be part of the challenge facing — and signals the need for — a reinvigorated economic development department.

After this term is completed you will have served as mayor for 16 years. The longest serving mayor, Robert Kozaren, served for 18 years. Are you interested in breaking that record?

Majewski: When I first ran for mayor in 2005, if anyone had told me I would still be serving in 2021, I would probably have been terrified! I'm not interested in breaking any record for longevity in office for its own sake, and of course it's way too soon to talk about a 5th term.

I've always said that I will be ready to step away from this position when I feel comfortable that Hamtramck will be in good hands with my successor. That means someone competent, smart, progressive, with the best interests of Hamtramck at heart.

So one of the most important things I can do is to hasten my own obsolescence by cultivating our younger residents for leadership roles, whether in elected office or some other avenue of public service.

While experience, stability, and institutional memory are valuable in public office, I would also like to see people with new ideas, new areas of professional expertise, and new energy ready to guide this ship.

What would you like to say to the residents?

Majewski: Thank you for hitching your star to this great little city. You are all welcome, and you are all valued.



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Obituaries

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Marvin B. Lewis, 88, died January 22, 2018.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Adela; daughter, Sarah L. Lewis; sons, William E., Steve; sister, Margaret Lewis; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Lewis was a retired truck driver. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Funeral services were January 25, at St. Ladislaus Church in Hamtramck, with burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Arrangements were entrusted to Krot Funeral Home in Hamtramck.



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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.

SATURDAY, Feb. 3, 2-4 p.m. – Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross Parish, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming, one week early. All are welcome.

SATURDAY, February 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

Tau Beta School is ready to open next week



By Charles Sercombe

The public got a sneak peak Wednesday evening at Hamtramck's newest school.

The Hamtramck Public School District hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at its brand new school, called Tau Beta School.

The building, located at 3061 Hanley, is actually a historical treasure for the city. It was originally conceived and built in 1927 by four wealthy

Grosse Pointe teens. The teens were part of the Tau Beta Society.

The goals of the group were to train new immigrants on how to assimilate into America and how to run their household.

The new school opens this Monday (Jan. 29), and there is still plenty of room for students to enroll. It will serve students in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Scenes from the open house at the new Tau Beta School on Hanley St.

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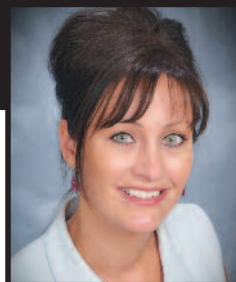
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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 16-22.

Tuesday, January 16

- A driver was arrested for drunk driving after a traffic stop at Carpenter and Sobieski.
- A Danforth resident reported her car window was smashed out while her car was parked at Jos. Campau and Jacob.
- A Selfridge resident was arrested for domestic violence.
- A Detroit resident reported someone attempted to use his lost credit card at a business on Caniff.
- A driver for a prescription company reported he saw two males get out of a grey Kia and steal several packages containing prescriptions from a business in the 9600 block of Conant.
- A hit-and-run accident in which a car struck a building was reported on Poland west of Brombach.
- A resident reported

their gun was missing.

- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for numerous violations, including driving without a license, possessing narcotics and having an improper license plate.

Wednesday, January 17

- Detroit police recovered a car stolen out of Hamtramck.
 - A resident was arrested at Brombach and Florian for obstructing officers.
 - A bus driver dropped off a special needs child at the police station after the student's parents failed to answer the door when the child was taken home. After the parents woke up, they picked up the child and received a parental responsibility ticket.
 - Officers assisted ambulance personnel with a highly intoxicated male who spoke broken English and had no ID. The man was taken to a local hospital.
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Thursday, January 18

- A Detroit resident was arrested for armed robbery and assault.
- Officers checked on an open door at a building in the 3300 block of Edwin.
- A Warren resident re-

ported damage to the garage door of his rental property in the 9400 block of Charest.

Friday, January 19

- A resident reported someone attempted to open an unemployment claim in their name.
- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic

stop for driving without a license, having an improper plate and being wanted on a felony warrant.

- A resident in the 9400 block of Mitchell was arrested for domestic violence.
- A resident reported that while at a counter of a restaurant in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau a person he knows grabbed money out of his hand and fled.
- A 14-year-old girl re-

ported that while in the 3300 block of Edwin two men in a car attempted to entice her into their vehicle. The girl ran away and the suspects drove off at high speed.

Saturday, January 20

- A business in the 10300 block of Jos. Campau reported an attempted break-in.
- A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a valid

license.

- Property damage was reported in the 2400 block of Burger.

Sunday, January 21

- A resident reported someone damaged his car while it was parked in the Caniff-Klinger area.
- A resident reported being assaulted while in the 11600 block of Klinger.

Monday, January 22

- A resident was arrested for parole violation.
- A resident in the 3200 block of Belmont reported the theft of their 1998 Oldsmobile.
- A resident in the 11300 block of Moran reported the theft of their 1983 Chevy conversion van.

- A resident in the 3400 block of Evaline reported someone broke into her car and stole her purse.
- A resident reported a suspicious phone call from a blocked number that claimed they won a prize and then asked a number of detailed questions.
- A business in the 3300 block of Holbrook reported a suspect punched and broke a computer monitor worth \$1,100 and then fled.
- Three male suspects forced their way into a party store in the 11600 block of Lumpkin and stole numerous items. The suspects were described as being 17 to 18 years old.

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Yemeni immigrant complains of police treatment in traffic stop

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but the officer refused, even though it was dangerously cold out.

Almasmari concluded, saying: “When we got home all of us got sick because of the weather. I’m asking you as voter, are we really being treated as human or animals in this city? As many people I know we feel like we are not welcome to live in Hamtramck. What happened to us will never be forgotten by my family. Do we need to protest against the police officers who are worrying only about their paychecks?”

The alleged incident prompted over a dozen responses, mostly from Bengali-Americans and Yemeni-Americans who accused Hamtramck officers of being prejudiced.

The incident also was reported on by a TV reporter for WXYZ-Channel 7.

One respondent on Saad Almasmari’s Facebook page, Tarek Baydoun, who says he is an attorney, also accused Mayor Karen Majewski of being a racist, to which she replied: “That’s bullsh**.”

Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer weighed in, asking Councilmember Almasmari to have the family contact her so she could set up a meeting with Police Chief Anne Moise.

Councilmember Almasmari, who is running for state senator in the dis-

trict that includes Hamtramck, declined the offer, saying: “An issue like this doesn’t get solved with a meeting with police chief. We have been telling you many stories like this and the police promised us to do something and done nothing. The guy has an attorney you can talk to. I posted this story because I know nothing will happen if we talk to the city.”

That prompted Mayor Majewski to question Almasmari what his “solution” was if he didn’t want to arrange a meeting.

Almasmari did not reply.

The Review reached out to Chief Moise who said: “There are aspects of this case that were not shared on social media. In the meantime, I am looking into the matter and gathering facts of the incident,” Moise said. “However, at this time, I have not heard back from the family involved.”

A police source who is familiar with police procedures said the officer should have driven the family home or at the very least to the police station.

Nasser Almasmari, a Yemeni immigrant who does not speak English fluently, went to Tuesday’s City Council meeting and spoke through an interpreter to tell his story.

The council asked for the police chief to look into the matter.