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Quick Hits

A few weeks ago, we featured a story on Woodward Throwbacks, the relatively new local business that has refurbished and occupied former Garrity Dodge building at Jos. Campau and Casmere.

Turns out, other eyes were watching their progress as well.

Co-owner Bozenka "Bo" Shepherd is featured in the current month's O Magazine, the namesake publicastar-maker of Oprah Winfrey.

Shepherd, who is African American, came from a background of designing interiors for pickup trucks at GM, a field long dominated by men.

"Now... I spend my days covered in dust, and I couldn't be happier," she says. She and her business partner, Kyle Dubay, salvage wood found around the local area, and then re-

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Let the party begin: Paczki Day brings on the Mardi Gras spirit

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's very own holiday kicks off this Satur-At 10 a.m. the annual

5K Paczki Run starts at Jos. Campau just south of Holbrook (in front of the Motor City Bar).

After the run, which is sponsored by Tour de Detroit, the fun continues at the Downtown Development Authority's Countdown to Paczki Day in heated tents set up in the Hamtramck Town Center parking lot.

Inside, you'll get free paczki and enjoy live polka music. Thousands of runners and spectators have been turning out for both



Local bakeries will be jammed with paczki lovers this coming Tuesday. The wait can sometimes stretch for over two hours. You can beat the rush on Paczki Day by picking up your dozen on Monday.

continues on luesday, Feb. 13 - Paczki Day. Once again, thousands of people will be walking the city

The Mardi Gras spirit streets to buy their dozens live music. of paczki at local bakeries.

The day is also a huge revenue stream for local bars, many of which host

A crowd favorite is watching the paczki eating contest hosted at PLAV Post

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CM search leading to charter change

By Charles Sercombe

Some 39 people applied to be Hamtramck's next city manager.

But only three met the city's charter requirements, and only one is being recommended to interview for the job.

That was the result of a search performed by a private company called GovHR USA. The city council and mayor were presented with the findings at a special meeting held on Monday.

The lack of candidates to interview led to some anguish among councilmembers, and they are

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The lore of Hamtramck ...



Holbrook School once had a third floor intact. The photo was taken in about 1920.

Touch the past at **Holbrook School**

By Greg Kowalski

The old red bricks of Elementary Holbrook School have seen a lot since they were first put in place alongside a dusty country road more than 120 years ago.

Holbrook School on

Alice St. was the first school in the area that would become the Village of Hamtramck, but it's so old it predates the village by several years. And that is one of the keys to its remarkable importance

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CM candidate is well known in the area

By Charles Sercombe

The one and only candidate for Hamtramck city manager has a long history in the business.

Hamtramck's search for a new city manager yielded only one viable candidate, according to GovHR USA, the search firm hired by the city to conduct the hunt for candidates.

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Let the party begin: Paczki Day brings on the Mardi Gras spirit

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10, in the upstairs hall. That starts at noon, and lasts an agonizing 15 minutes. In the past, the winner has eaten upwards of 20 paczki.

Don't think too hard on

Also later at Post 10, Hamtramck favorites Danny D plays at 4 p.m., and the Polish Muslims play their third and final set at 6:30 .m.

The Polish Muslims kick off the day at 10:30 a.m. at the New Dodge Bar, and then move the party over to Whiskey in the Jar at 2:30 p.m.

Post 6, at 9545 Mc-Dougall, will be open at 10 a.m. on Saturday to accommodate runners from the 5K, and on Paczki Day the bar opens at 9 a.m. where they say you can "enjoy your Paczki Day in comfort."

You can start your day really early at the Moose Carpenter just south of

Paczki festivities kick off

on Saturday (Feb. 10) with

the 5K Paczki Run. The run starts at 10 a.m. on Jos.

Campau just south of Hol-

brook. After the run you

can enjoy free paczki in a

heated tent located in the

Hamtramck Town Center

Lodge, located at 9421

Conant. Starting at 7 a.m.,

they'll be serving up egg

souffle with kielbasa and

paczki. DJ "Chuck E" will

be spinning tunes. Admis-

sion is super cheap at \$6

with proceeds going to the

parking lot.

Jos. Campau the bar will open at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, featuring "Jezy" (Polish brandy, also known as "stupid juice") specials, food, open mic comedy and karaoke. Small's Bar, at Caniff and

Conant, also opens early at 10 a.m. and will once again offer up their "paczki bombs." If you have not heard of this before, just take a guess, considering this is a bar and they are offering paczki.

Hamtramck Goodfellows.

Over at Trixie's Bar on

Yes, you guessed correctly, it's a booze-infused paczki.

The bar also has a fantastic line-up of bands. One of the highlights is Polka Floyd, which again if you are guessing what that is, it's a polka band playing Pink Floyd tunes.

Here's to a safe and fun Paczki Day.

Quick Hits

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purpose it into attractive and useful furniture and other objects.

The magazine article is titled "What Defines You." We think what defines this business is some genuine creativity. Well done, Bo and Woodward Throwbacks!



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ESL Class - Monday, February 12, 9 a.m. and noon, ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required

ESL Class - Wednesday, February 14, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class - Friday, February 16, 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."

Winter Toddler Time -At the Hamtramck Public Library

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EVENTS SCHEDULE: Thursday – February 22 at noon. Celebrate Chi"Dog Day."

Thursday - March 1at noon. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday with us "Dr. Seuss Dav."

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 Spirits Artistic Director.

City Wide Poets: Are you a writer? Join Citywide Poets - Every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.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

www.insideoutdetroit.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, mouse.com is the most comprehensive learning curriculum available online. Ask your library staff for more details. **Michigan**

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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

Community groups take a creative approach to battling litter

By Alan Madeleine

Special to The Review

Tired of seeing trash in the streets of Hamtramck?

The folks at the 3C7 Block Club in Hamtramck's northwest corner were tired of it too. Then they came up with a clever solution.

But let's back up a moment.

The Hamtramck Community Initiative, or HCI, is a civic activist group that all residents should know. Per their website, their overriding mission is to help create and ensure a "safe, clean and vibrant Hamtramck."

Their "Weed and Seed" project, begun more than a decade ago, serves as a focal point for block clubs and oversees the city's important Community Patrol.

Their intern for 2016, Naheda Begum, through Wayne State University's Social Work school, researched the phenomenon of litter in the city. It was her conclusion that engaging youth was an important aspect in creating and maintaining neighborhoods.

During July and August of that year, HCI and the 3C7 block club (the



Volunteers with the Hamtramck Community Initiative get creative in painting garbage cans. The cans are now placed throughout the city, and are part of an effort to curb littering.



blocks in question being those bounded by Carpenter south to Caniff, and I-75 east to Jos. Campau) teamed with the H.O.P.E. Summer Program Middle School (the acronym stands for

Hamtramck Odyssey Project for Excellence, a three-pronged school enrichment initiative) to have students design and paint half-a-dozen garbage cans.

These cans were then

placed at logical locations within the block club's range. Several local businesses, among recognizable them names like Steve's Party Store, Caniff Grocery, Sam's Market and USA Party Store, were asked to oversee the cans upon their installment.

This responsibility involved allowing the cans to be chained to their physical building or a nearby light post, emptying the cans when full, and politely reminding customers to use them to keep the area clean.

Be watching for a follow-up story on how the project has fared.

Contact HCI through Chair Sharon Buttry at 313-570-9201, or President & Treasurer Ron Orr at 313-850-5379, or by email HCInonprofit@gmail.com; the H.O.P.E. program through Craig Daniels, 313-872-9270 (the Hamtramck Schools number), ext. 2636; or the 3C7 Block Club via Ray Waddy at 313-815-5757.



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happens to Detroit, so friends over at modeldmedia.com have been reporton fascinating development projects for the past several years.

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

Heads-up Hamtramck, here's an idea from our the 48215 zip code near neighbor, Detroit, that's worth making happen here as well:

It's said that whatever issued itself an important, albeit monumental goes Hamtramck. Our task: make sure every rental property in the city is up to code. On Feb. 1, an initiative began to have landlords renovate their rental properties to make them follow all of the city's regulations and

safety standards. The initiative started in the Grosse Pointe border, which will undergo a sixmonth compliance pe-The city of Detroit has riod. Landlords have until

May 1 to register their rental properties.

Properties will then be inspected to assess renovation plans and receive a certificate to confirm the compliance period, which begins Aug. 1.

The city plans to add a new zip code approximately every month for inspection. After the zip code 48215 launch begins, the next will be 48224 (March 1), 48223 (May 1), 48219 (June 1), 48209 (July 1) and 49210 (Aug. 1). Information about the rental property repairs will be sent out to residents as the start date nears.

The city will also safeguard renters from a variety of outcomes. For example, landlords will not receive payment from renters if the property has not been registered for the compliance period. If the landlord does not register the property, renters will be granted their money back without being evicted.

And if landlords meet all the guidelines, there will be fewer inspections on their properties.

Public records will be posted on a website to show what properties have been registered and certified.

By Chanel Stitt



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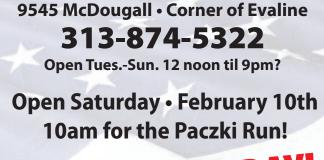












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The lore of Hamtramck ...

Touch the past at Holbrook

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tramck.

There is an argument to be made that Holbrook School is the most historical building in the city today. The story goes back to 1891 when Hamtramck was still a township stretching far into areas of what are now parts of Detroit. But at that time a group of people had settled in the area where Hamtramck is today, mainly near the railroad tracks at the south side of town.

With the new community taking shape the government township gave approval for the building of a school, and

in the history of Ham- in 1896 or so (the date is not exact) a small wooden school building was erected on land once owned by Dewitt C. Holbrook, who became county clerk.

> In 1897 the wooden building was supplemented with the construction of classrooms in a brick structure. In three years this modest building would play a key role in Hamtramck's history for it was here in 1900 that a group of area residents met and decided to petition the state to form the Village of Hamtramck.

> Those old red brick walls witnessed that act

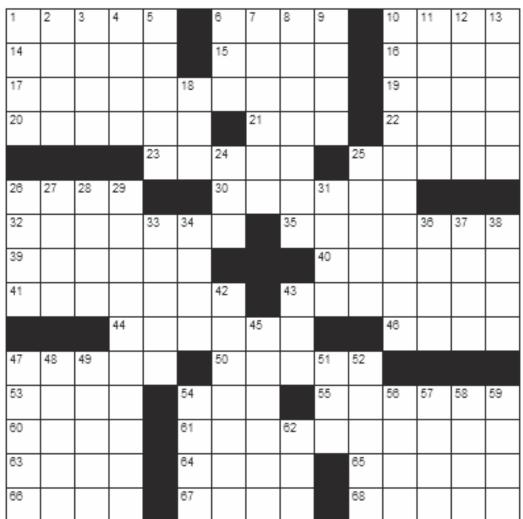
as it happened and remain one of the few places you can reach out and still touch the past dating to that era.

In 1913 Holbrook School was expanded, which included adding a third floor. By then Hamtramck was in the midst of incredible growth as thousands of immigrants were flooding into the community.

With the population exploding, immense pressure was put on the school district, and by the mid-1920s Holbrook School was deemed too inefficient to continue operating. Plus it was called

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Crossword



City Hall Insider ... What is our City Council up to these days?

We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Nov. 28, and Councilmember Mohammed Hassan was absent. Before the regular meeting, the council met in a work session.

At that meeting, Coun-

cilmember Anam Miah owed the city. questioned the cost of repairing water shutoff boxes.

He said it costs the city \$1,400 to replace damaged boxes but that amount is usually more than what the customer

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Rodney Johnson, the director of public works, said the city can't allow homeowners to keep running up water bills.

Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer said her

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- 6. Hairdo
- 10. Not hard
- 14. Hyrax
- 15. Caribou
- 16. River of Spain
- 17. From the inside
- 19. Period
- 20. A Japanese feudal baron
- 21. 59 in Roman numerals
- 22. Labyrinth
- 23. Master of ceremonies
- 25. Doorkeeper
- 26. Go on horseback
- 30. Coming
- 32. Relating to urine
- 35. Competitor
- 39. Casual eatery
- 40. Spectator
- 41. A reversion to the state
- 43. Blight
- 44. Unfurl
- 46. Blackthorn
- 47. Vice
- 50. Spats
- 53. Decorative case
- 54. A Buddhist temple
- 55. Narcotic

- 60. Big party
- 61. In all
- 63. Mimics
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- 65. Fruit of the oak tree
- 66. Where a bird lives
- 67. Combustible pile
- 68. Verse

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- 3. Against
- 4. Appear
- 5. Lofty nest
- 6. American Dental
- Association
- 7. Cut down
- 8. Remedy
- 9. African antelope
- 10. Dressmaker
- 11. A religion based on sorcery
- 12. Immobilized
- 13. Laser printer
- powder
- 18. French for "Name"
- 24. Islet
- 25. Loosen, as laces
- 26. Country bumpkin
- 27. Colored part of an eye

- 28. Platter
- 29. Fanatic
- 31. Covetousness
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- 36. Absent Without
- Leave
- 37. Roman emperor
- 38. Tall woody plant
- 42. Completely
- 43. Santa's helper
- 45. Rubbish
- 47. A strict vegetarian 48. French for
- "Storehouse"
- 49. Governs
- 51. Mist
- 52. Lance
- 54. Stinging insect
- 56. Skin irritation 57. Greeting at sea
- 58. School session
- 59. Sea eagle
- 62. Lyric poem

Teeth whitening.





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CM search leading to charter change

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now seeking to rewrite charter requirements.

Even the search firm. GovHR, said the city charter's requirements "significantly hindered the opportunity to vet additional candidates for the city manager position."

Seven of the candidates who applied worked in executive positions in cities and counties with populations of over 100,000.

Hamtramck's charter requires a candidate to have been a city manager or assistant city manager for at least three years in a community with a population of at least 10,000.

Councilmember Anam Miah was the only councilmember to vote against interviewing the lone candidate because he said the city first needs to change the charter.

"We should fix this, even if it puts the process back a little bit," he said.

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Miah added that the city is missing out on a chance to widen the candidate pool.

Changing the charter would require putting it on a ballot and winning the approval of voters.

Councilmember Perrotta said despite the charter's stringent requirements, the

needs a city manager in place.

"We need somebody in charge of the ship," he said.

The previous city manager, Katrina Powell, left at the end of last June. A divided council blocked extending her contract.

Since that time, Kathy Angerer, who had served in several roles in the city administration, has been acting city manager.

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a public hearing on Repeal of Hamtramck Code of Ordinances Title III Administration Chapter 30 General Provisions on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM in City Council Chambers, Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212. The proposed changes relate to repealing the Council Rules ordinance and replacing it with an annual rules resolution.

Get Out on the Hamtown!

CM candidate is well known in the area

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Stephen Duchane, a former city manager for Sterling Heights and most recently Eastpointe.

Duchane, 62 years old, was let go from the Eastpointe job last August after serving there for seven years. He has been in the city administration field for nearly 40 years.

The reason for the departure, according to a report in the Macomb Daily, was because a divided city council had a falling out with him. Duchane said the council wanted to "go in a new direction."

But one councilmember, Cardi DeMonaco, told the Macomb Daily the issue with Duchane had to do with him not following Eastpointe's bidding process when making purchases.

Duchane has been lauded in his handling of finances, notably turning around Eastpointe's budget deficit as well as one in Lincoln Park where he served as city man-

Duchane has written a number of papers on municipal affairs for the Municipal Michigan League and is part of a lawsuit challenging the state's interpretation of the Headlee amendment and how tax dollars are distributed to communi-

He says the state is cheating communities out of their fair share of tax dollars.

In a brief interview with The Review, Duchane said he thinks Hamtramck has a bright future.

"It's a very exciting time for Hamtramck," he said in regard to the city's potential for development.

Taking off of the city's motto, he added: "The world in two square miles is appealing to me."

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a fire trap that posed a danger to the children. In fact, it was not used to capacity because of that

Within a short time of that report being made the building did catch on fire, which destroyed the third floor. In 1929 the building was remodeled and upgraded, minus the third floor. Remarkably it has remained in use ever since.

It has fireplaces and built-in bookshelves that give some rooms a charming feel of the past remains today. Through the years many persons have served as principal of Holbrook School including E. G. Van Deveneter, Hamtramck's first superintendent more than 100 years ago, and current superintendent Tom Niczay.

But it's that link that this is the place where the concept of Ham-Village tramck took shape that gives the building its special tie to our history. There's something wonderful about going to a place where history occurred and physically connecting to the past.

You can do that also at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call (313) 893-5027. And visit the website www.ham-

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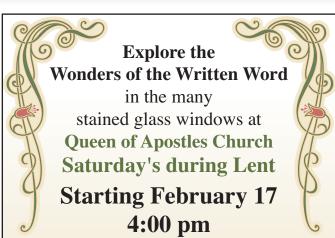
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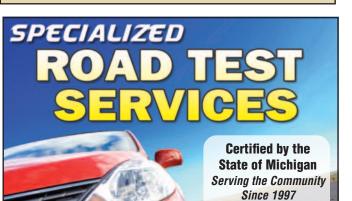
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Hamtramck High School News

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Dickinson East Elementary School

On Tuesday, students were treated to a free mitten giveaway from the Mitten for Detroit organization. Volunteers with Fiat Chrysler also helped with the distribution.

Thousands of mittens were given to all HPS students on Tuesday.

All Schools

- Wednesday, February Day.
- Friday, February 16 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 Saturdays at 1 p.m. \$15 resident. \$25 non-resident.

Athletic Events

- Friday, February 9 --JV Boys' Basketball vs. River Rouge at 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 9 --HHS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. River Rouge at 6 p.m. Home.
- Saturday, February 10 - HHS Wrestling at Warren Fitzgerald Individual Districts at 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 14 - JV Boys' Basketball vs. University Prep at 5:30 p.m. Away.
- Tuesday, February 14 14 - Supplemental Count - HHS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. University Prep at 7 p.m. Away.

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In Our Opinion

City reaches a fair deal for water bill snafu

Recently, city officials agreed on a deal to settle up on water bills with a few hundred property owners.

What happened was that the city's meter underreequipment ported actual consumpservices. When new meters were installed, over 300 folks received bills for hundreds of dollars — and in some cases thousands, for service that had not been reported.

Obviously, many folks were upset at receiving that bill.

So, the city administration and city council agreed that the city will eat 60 percent of the corrected bills, and property owners will have to cough up 40 percent of the new bill.

That's a generous sotion of water and sewer lution considering that although the meters under-reporting were water and sewerage usage, that service was actually used.

> In other words, propriety owners are getting a deal.

> This episode underscores a disconnect in city hall. How in the

world did this problem go undetected for so long?

And by so long we mean this problem could have been going on for several years.

It's mind-boggling to say the least.

A silver lining to this mess is that under the current acting city manager's administration, problems are being fixed. Let's hope whoever gets hired as the new city manager continues to address problems rather than let them linger.



City Hall Insider...

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administration will "drill time you're trying to hire down" on the matter and figure out a way to work said. with water customers.

A discussion was held on whether the city owes former City Manager Katrina Powell vacation pay. There was some confusion over whether Powell's contract allowed her to pay herself for unused time off.

City Attorney John Clark said that the former emergency manager, Cathy Square, will likely say that the contract she made with Powell includes a payout for unused time off.

Councilmember Perrotta said if the city demands Powell to return the payment, the city will be met with "the middle finger."

During the public comment portion of the regular meeting, Carrie Beth Lasley said it's unwise to make an issue of Powell's vacation payout.

"It's a very strange message to send at a

a city manager," Lasley

She said the issue adds to the city's reputation of being petty and a

Later in the meeting

Councilmember Miah proposed sending Powell a letter demanding she repay the city. Miah defended his pro-

posal, saying there is a principle to uphold in spending the public's money wisely.

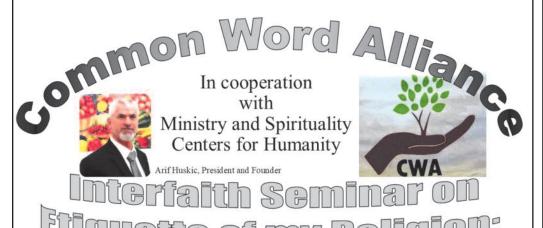
Councilmember Andrea Karpinski said this proposal will only "put a black mark on our community."

The proposal failed to gain support.

Attorney Mark Koroi urged the council to find out where the state police investigation into election fraud is heading. He said the city needs to determine if this is a "witch hunt."

(Editor's note: spokesman for the state police recently told The Review the investigation is still ongoing.)





Behavior February 12, 2018 - 5:00 pm











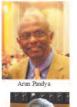


















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Obituaries

FERWERDA



Helen Ferwerda (nee Powell), 83, died February 7, 2018.

Mrs. Ferwerda was the mother Johnny of (Coleen) Tackett, James (Linda) Tackett, Debbie (Terry) McGovern, Susan (Eric) Franczek, Sonia (Dennis) Kochan, and the late Leslie. She is also survived by sister, Susan Miller; ten grandchildren; thirteen greatgrandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, February 9, from 6-9 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck. Mrs. Ferwerda will lie in state Saturday, February 10, at 10:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Holy Innocents Catholic Church, 16359 Fraser Rd., Roseville, MI 48066. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township,



GEROMIN



Linda n Geromin, 69, died February 3, 2018.

Mrs. Geromin passed away while visiting family in Norfolk, VA.

Mrs. Geromin embodied the virtues of a dedicated wife and mother. One time, she hopped in a car to East Lansing seconds after hearing her daughter had an asthma attack at Michigan State.

She and her husband Larry religiously drove from Michigan to celebrate birthdays with their two grandchildren in Virginia. And her central ambition as she struggled through a series of health crises in her final year was to be with her husband and her kids. She loved being called "Baci" by her grandchil-

Over the years, she expressed a great artistic flare, mastering intricate cake decorating skills, crocheting, calligraphy, painting fun portraits, and designing floral centerpieces for a long list of gatherings.

She threw amazing

birthday parties for her three children, loved to host Thanksgiving and Christmas, had an enviable collection of turkeys and Santa Clauses and took great joy in trying out new recipes for any occasion. She knew the old family recipes, too.

Her love of family included painstakingly researching the family tree. Hours before she died suddenly, she took pride in painting a beautiful mermaid sculpture with gold trim while visiting family at her daughter's home in Virginia.

Mrs. Geromin shared the same giving qualities within her community and church. She dedicated many years to substitute teaching Detroit and Hamtramck and teaching English as a Second Language in Warren.

As a graduate of St. Ladislaus High School in Hamtramck and Wayne State University in Detroit, she appreciated the importance of spending time to help children value reading and learning. She worked alongside her husband running a sports-themed prize booth at the St.Florian Strawberry Festival for many years.

She and her husband dedicated weekends to work with young engaged couples preparing for marriage. Married for nearly 46 years, she met her husband at the home of his aunt when the two women were working on a project as Girl Scout leaders.

Mrs. Geromin is sur-

vived by her beloved husband, Larry, daughter, Reba (Kyle) Bloom, and two sons, Patrick (Courtney Rhodes) Geromin and Christopher Geromin. She is survived by two grandchildren, Carson Bloom and Penny Bloom.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jane and Mitchell Tompor. She also is survived by her only sister, Susan Tompor (Richard Burr), as well as her uncle, Edward Kalinowski. She will be missed by many neighbors. nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation is from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff in Hamtramck with Rosary service at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Geromin will lie instate at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Florian Catholic Church at 2626 Poland Street in Hamtramck. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, in Detroit.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Florian Church or the Michigan Parkinson Foundation via www.parkinsonsmi.org.

MATIJOW



Matijow (nee Bischoff), 80, died February

Elaine

6, 2018.

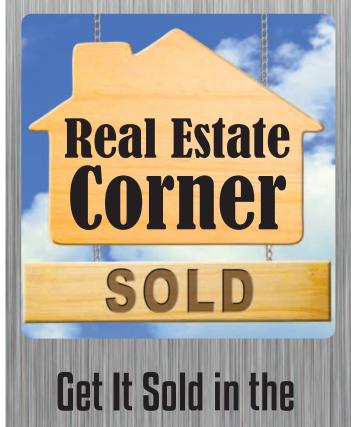
Mrs. Matijow was the mother of Karen (Shane) Gilbert, Daniel, Paul (Mary), Brian, and Raymond; grandmother of Melissa Baranski, Shane Gilbert, Lauren Gilbert, Raymond Matijow, Justin Matijow, Kayla Matijow, Stephen Matijow, and Melanie Marz; grandmother of Jayden, Raymond III, and Nicholas.

Visitation is Saturday, February 10, from 3-9 p.m., with services at 5 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck. Private cremation will follow.









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By Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 30-Feb. 5.

Tuesday, January 30

- · At almost 3 a.m. a resident was arrested after a traffic stop for drunk driving.
- A resident reported the theft of her catalytic converter while her vehicle was parked at PNC Bank.
- A resident reported someone attempted to open a Direct TV account in her name.
- · A Faber resident reported someone stole the license plate off of his vehicle.
- · A resident was arrested in the 11300 block of Jos. Campau for being wanted as a parole absconder.

Wednesday, January 31

 A resident reported being assaulted by her boyfriend while in the parking lot of a business in the 2000 block of Caniff.

- At about 3:30 a.m. a driver was arrested after a traffic stop for drunk driving.
- · A resident in the 2600 block of Florian reported the theft of money, jewelry and a china set from their residence.
- · A Lehman resident reported the theft of an item from their residence and noted that their patio furniture was rearranged.
- · A male reported that while waiting for his mother in the 2300 block of Caniff three teenagers assaulted him and stole his iPhone.

Thursday. February 1

- · At 8:30 a.m. an Evaline resident was ardomestic rested for violence.
- A resident in the 3800 block of Yemans reported the theft of two city-issued trash cans.

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 A business owner in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau reported the theft of steal gates from the front of their building.

Friday, February 2 At about 4 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license.

· At about 4:30 a.m. a resident was arrested in the 11000 block of St. Aubin for burglary, possessing narcotics and resisting arrest.

A Dequindre resident

was issued a citation for parental responsibility.

Saturday, February 3

- · A St. Clair Shores resident was arrested for carrying a concealed gun without a permit.
- A Detroit resident reported her car was stolen in the 2900 block of Belmont.

Sunday, February 4

No incident report was available for this day.

Monday, February 5

- · A resident reported being assaulted while in the 5000 block of Caniff.
- · A Nagel resident reported his car was broken into.
- · A Dyar resident reported damage to a window at her residence. A Yemans resident reported a similar incident.

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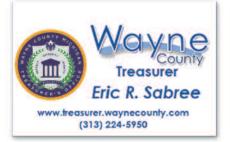
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