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Quick Hits

There are plenty of places here in town to get a good Lenten meal, but one of our favorites is Kelly's Bar on Holbrook, right across from the Kowalski plant.

Hosts Patty and Brad also know how to create a warm and welcoming place. Don't let the gruff exterior put you off – this is the place to be at.

Their Fish Fry dinner starts today, Friday, March 10, and continues every Friday through April 14.

Kelly's will be dishing up cod, perch and walleye, and their kitchen is open noon to 8 p.m.

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, corned beef dinners will be the only offering.

If you can't make the Friday fish fry, stop by every Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., for one of the best brunches in the area. It's called Boboville Brunch and word is it's mighty good.

Also coming up is a benefit for the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium on March 25 at 8 p.m. The organization will soon be starting up an online fundraiser to raise money for renovating the stadium and grounds.

The bar also hosts live bands every now and then, and this Saturday, March 11 is Hamtramck's own Devious Ones, who are celebrating a record release.

If your music taste includes punk/power pop, this is the ticket for you. Also playing that night is Detroit's legendary punk outfit, Cinecyde, who have been playing steady for 30-plus years.

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After a weeklong celebration of food and music, can there be more?

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events throughout the city

By Charles Sercombe

For a while last week, there was a glimpse of a Hamtramck that could be.

It started with Paczki Day and crescendoed with last weekend's Hamtramck Music Festival.

What we saw were thousands of people walking our streets, hitting our bars and halls and crowding into restaurants.

We were left wondering: Why can't this be every week?

On the other hand, with more and more folks getting squeezed out of midtown Detroit, maybe that day isn't too far off.

Paczki Day was again another resounding success, and the Hamtramck Music Festival keeps getting bigger and bigger.

We spent Saturday night visiting several venues, and dang we wished there had been a few more hours to catch more. Of course the best

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Above and below: Scenes from last weekend's Hamtramck Music Festival.



Newly-appointed fire chief talks about his role in the community



Fire Chief Danny Hagen is no longer the Interim Chief. He was appointed to full-time Chief last week.

By Charles Sercombe

Last week Hamtramck Interim Fire Chief Danny Hagen got a new job.

He was promoted to be the city's actual, permanent Fire Chief. His appointment was made by City Manager Katrina Powell and authorized by the state-appointed Receiver-ship Transition Advisory Board, which is tasked with overseeing all city financial decisions.

We asked Hagen to introduce himself to the community.

Hagen: I grew up in Eastpointe (then East Detroit), both my parents were Police Reserve Officers; I grew up in a civic-minded household. After high school I went to Macomb Community College and obtained an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Fire Science.

Shortly thereafter, the summer of 1978, I first

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Councilmember behind in water and tax bills

By Charles Sercombe

Councilmember Saad Almasmari is known to be a stickler when reviewing city expenses, no matter how small or routine.

But when it comes to his own properties' financial concerns, it appears he is not so vigilant.



City Councilmember Saad Almasmari

In a review of city, county and state records, Almasmari is facing foreclosures on two homes he owns at 2261 and 2267 Faber.

He is also behind in property taxes for a commercial building at 9723 Conant where he runs his ice cream distribution business.

He has also consistently been threatened with water shutoff notices from the city for his two Faber residences. At times he has owed up to several hundred dollars.

At his Conant building, his water service is billed at a nearby address at 9735 Conant, which is owned by Almasmari Investment. That address has received several water shutoff warnings for over

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way to start out any night on the town is begin at any of our mouth-watering restaurants. We chose Polish Village Café, just cause we were in a Polish food mood.

Inside were several music festival fans starting their night out right. We grabbed two seats at the bar and ordered meatballs and pierogies and boomba glasses of Tyskie beer – or was it Zyweic? Trust us, you cannot go wrong here with any dish, or Polish beer.

With our bellies full, it was off to the races, starting at the new Planet Ant hall on Caniff, and the Ghost Light Bar attached to it. The license from the bar came from the much loved and missed 7 Brothers Bar on Jos. Campau near Zinow.

Former owner George

Cvetanovski sold his bar and license to the folks at Planet Ant Theatre, who decided to relocate their theater across the street at a former Polish fraternity hall.

While we miss the old bar terribly, this new hall is going to be a great place to catch plays and other performances. No doubt it will be one of the city's biggest cultural attractions.

George's old bar will apparently remain a practice space and venue for special events.

We also took a quick look-see at the brand new Hamtramck Corner Bar, which is the former Temptation Lounge location at Jos. Campau and Yemens. The new owner took over the former DMC office space next door, opened up an entrance inside and set up

a stage for what will be the music room.

We have a feeling that it will present some competition to Small's Bar, but heck, there is plenty of room here in Hamtramck.

Moving on, we stopped by our favorite hangout, and also part of the music festival, Bumbo's on Holbrook, right behind CVS Pharmacy.

Hosts/owners Brian and Tia were their usual welcoming selves, and as usual, the place was packed with a bunch of young-ish adults. There was a very cool trio playing a kind of space/lounge music – just the right vibe for the night.

Check out Brian's pop-up dinners on Wednesdays. He serves creative twists on Polish favorites and a bunch of other intriguing specials. The guy could easily open his own restaurant and be a hit – especially now that the Detroit area has won national acclaim for being a major foodie town.

Somewhere in all that we made a pit stop at Kelly's Bar, also on Holbrook across from the Kowalski plant.

Hosts Patty and Brad are always a pleasure to see, and they offer some

exciting food options as well. You can read more about that on the front page of this issue in the "Quick Hits" column.

And yes, they too, were part of the music festival, and yes, the place was jammed with music fans. I think we saw some half-naked guy doing a rap/rock sort of thing.

It's strange how fast time flies when you're having fun. Let's do it again, Hamtramck.

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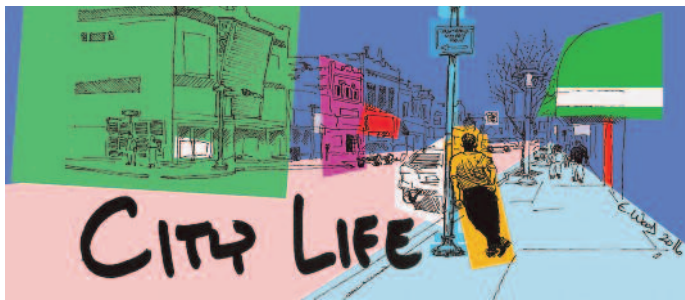
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End of winter walking

By Walter Wasacz

No doubt that this winter has been weird. The only sustained period of snow and ice came in late December and early January. There were record high temperatures in February, windstorms at the beginning of March. Physically, it has been manageable; psychologically, it's been a grind, especially for those of us who like spending quality time outside in the city.

The good news is that spring is less than 10 days away. The sound of that, reading those words on paper, can make the heart leap, if only just a little.

We're luckier than most in Michigan. In Hamtramck, the end of winter is when we turn up the heat, getting ready for warmer days to come. In the past few weeks the city hosted the Paczki 5K Run and Paczki Day parties and the recently completed Hamtramck Music Festival, held annually during the

first week of March. All 'hot' events.

People were on the streets, in the alleys, walking to their destinations. I see more end of winter walkers every year, a great sign that people are buying into Hamtramck as a place where foot transit can be the number one option. And why not? The city has a classic, yet simple early 20th century grid plan, a design that makes it easy for pedestrians to navigate any course of their choice.

When the city has a party it's time to leave your cars at home. If you don't own one, no worries: save some money, get a bicycle and use Lyft, Uber, Zipcar (you can find it in the public lot on Yemens, east of Jos. Campau) or share cars when you need to.

Trust me, one of the current selling points of Hamtramck residency is that you don't need a car. Not all the time, anyway. A high quality non-motorized lifestyle can be had here. I

have a car but I keep it in the garage and only use it when I leave the city. That's a good place to start in modifying your motorized transportation diet.

Last Thursday, I walked to the opening night party at Ant Hall. The renovation work done at what recently was BHA Hall, and before that an old Polish-American (P.R.C.U.) social hall, is impressive.

There are two bars, a small one in the back that pays homage to 7 Brothers, which adopted Planet Ant actors and technicians beginning in the 1990s, and Ghost Light, a spiffy space that once contained Taj Mahal, Hamtramck's first Bangladeshi-Indian cuisine restaurant.

There are two stages: a big one in the hall for theatrical or musical performances and a smaller, but ample stage down the hallway and through the door into Ghost Light.

If you missed the opening HMF party you can still make the grand opening night ceremony for Ant Hall. That's March 24 and features a performance of 'The Detroit Musical' in the big hall and music by the Scrappers and Drinkard Sisters at Ghost Light. Food is from Polish Village Cafe.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$21.

On the Saturday of the music festival I helped organize a dance party at Oloman Cafe. I DJ'd with Franki Juncaj, better known to international techno fans as DJ 3000. After a few years away from live performing (his last Detroit appearance was at the Movement Festival in 2013) and concentrating on running his Motech label, Franki took over a darkened cafe and had kids of all ages dancing until after midnight.

Franki, who lived on Oliver St. between Conant and Mt. Elliott when he was a boy, has put together dates in Europe this spring to celebrate 15 years of Motech releases. Do yourself a favor and search for his music, a tasty blend of Detroit and southern European styles.

Aside from the community festivals, events and parties of the last few weeks, I did some long walks, including one with Marcin Szczepanski, a Polish-born photographer now based in Ann Arbor who is interested in doing a future project featuring Hamtramck people and places.

We walked up into the residential north end of

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Councilmember behind in water and tax bills

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a year, according to city records.

As of Wednesday of this week, Wayne County Treasury property tax records show that Almasmari owes over \$4,600 in property taxes for both Faber properties and \$569 for his Conant building. He has until the end of March to make payments.

After The Review talked with Almasmari on Thursday morning, he said he went to the county treasury office and paid the full tax owed at 2261 Faber and half for the house he owns at 2267 Faber.

At press time on Thursday, The Review was unable to confirm that payment.

On top of that, despite claiming to be a resident, Almasmari does not have a Homestead tax exemption for either of his two Faber houses.

A Homestead exemption is for homeowners who live in the house they own. However, although it is not mandatory to claim a Homestead exemption, Almasmari is losing a substantial savings.

When he filed to run for council two years ago, Almasmari said he lived at 2261 Faber, but there has been no Homestead tax exemption listed for that property since at least 2015 according to city assessment records, which can be accessed through the city's official website.

However, last June he sought a Homestead exemption for his house at 2267 Faber, but was denied by the state Treasury Department. That denial was retroactive to the year 2013.

In a Freedom of Information Act request made by The Review, the Treasury Department

said in a letter to Almasmari his request was turned down because the department “did not receive a completed questionnaire or other requested information.”

Almasmari, according to the department's letter of denial, did not respond to the request for additional information within 30 days.

Almasmari admitted that he has fallen behind on water and property tax bills.

“I'm living paycheck to paycheck,” he said. “I'm not Donald Trump. Everything will be paid in a month.”

Almasmari added that he sits on city council for no pay, which is not accurate. He is paid a stipend of \$245 a month.

He added that bringing up these issues serves only to “divide the community.”

As for his delinquent water bills, Almasmari brought up the issue at last week's city council meeting. Almasmari was responding to a comment made by Mayor Karen Majewski on her Facebook page where she let it be known that a councilmember, who she did not name, was behind on his water bills.

Almasmari said at last week's council meeting that he got behind on his water bills because he was renovating his house at 2261 Faber, which is the address he supplied to the City Clerk's Office as his official residence when he ran for office two years ago.

Water service at that household was shut off in January of this year but was turned back on a little over a week after. The city charges property owners to turn off and turn back on water serv-

ice.

It was not entirely clear why he would stop making water payments while renovating his house. The city continues to bill for water and sewerage service no matter if a house is vacant, unless the owner requests a water shutoff.

Almasmari's delinquent water and property taxes raise a question of whether he is qualified to remain on council.

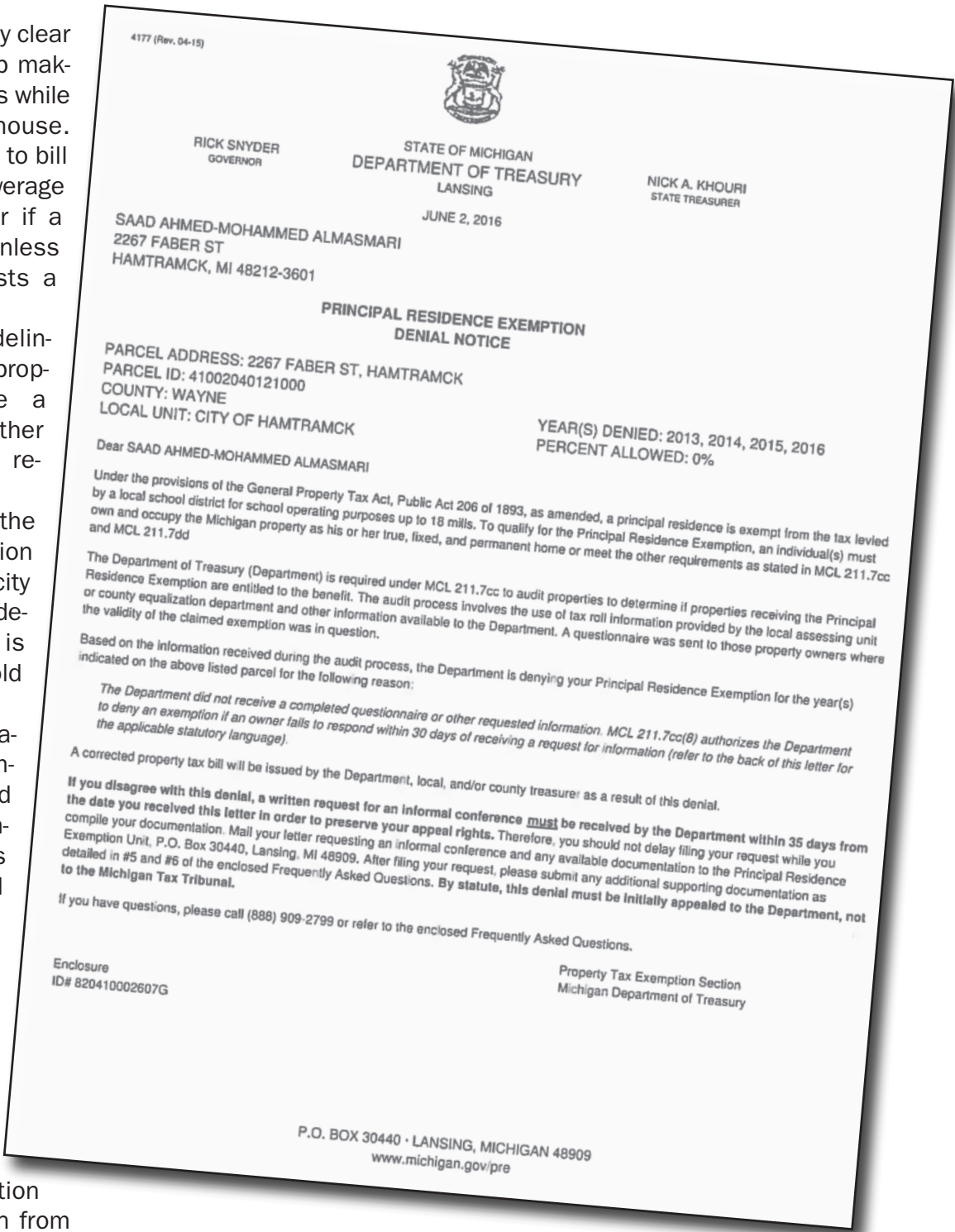
According to the City Charter, Section 6-08, an elected city official who is in “default” to the city is not qualified to hold office.

That's a predicament Councilmember Mohammed Hassan found himself in three years ago when he fell behind on his water bills. At the time Hamtramck was under the control of state-appointed Emergency Manager Cathy Square.

Square declined to take action to remove Hassan from council, saying she wanted to avoid legal fees.

City Manager Katrina Powell said she is looking into the city charter section in question.

Above: A copy of the letter that the State Treasury Department sent to City Councilmember Saad Almasmari. The department denied his request from last year to claim a Homestead exemption for a house he owns at 2267 Faber. Almasmari told The Review he lives at another house he owns at 2261 Faber, which does not have a Homestead exemption.



Newly-appointed fire chief talks about his role in the community

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became united with the East Detroit Fire Department. I started first as a volunteer and in 1980 became a Full-time Firefighter/EMT.

In 1992, after a testing process, I was appointed as the department's Fire Marshal. In the summer of 1993 I became the Acting Fire Chief and 11 months later the permanent chief — a position I held until 2010 when I retired from the department.

During those 30-plus years, I accrued over 2,500 hours of training (some of my certifications include: Fire Officer I, II, and III; Fire Inspector; Fire/Arson Investigator; Firefighter I & II Instructor; Emergency Response to Terrorism-Basic Level Instructor).

For 18 years I was the Emergency Management Liaison between the city and Macomb County, if some type of disaster occurred. I served as President for both the Macomb County Association of Fire Chiefs and the Southeast Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs; and served on various committees with the Michigan Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

This September my beloved wife Mary and I will be celebrating our 36th anniversary. We have been blessed with two wonderful children – our daughter, Lauren, is in her ninth year as a grade school teacher and our son, Nick, is a successful free-lance photographer.

In my leisure time I enjoy cooking, reading, being a percussionist with the Warren Concert Community Band, golf and rowing competitively with the Detroit Boat Club Crew.

Q: What attracted to become a firefighter?

Hagen: As a child I was always fascinated with the fire service; every Saturday I would drive with my dad to my grandmother's house and we would see the fire station. The truck would be outside and sometimes the men would also be out washing the trucks.

As a teenager, I worked at a small local hardware store that employed off-duty firefighters. I would listen to their stories and set my goal to be one of them. Also, at that time the TV show “Emergency” (about Firefighters/Paramedics) truly influenced my life.

Q: In your role as Acting Fire Chief, what have you been doing for the past few months?

Hagen: The first thing was to learn and understand the different personalities that made up the Hamtramck Fire Department. I have a pretty good handle on the “general” personality make-up of firefighters. Yet, each fire department and unit within the department has their own uniqueness.

I worked on building trust with all members of the department, and

maintained open and honest communication, along with smiling and listening to them. I looked over the apparatus, equipment and building, making all necessary repairs.

I started the process of reviewing and updating the department policies, procedures and rules. I attended work sessions and council meetings to get a better understanding of the council.

As a fitness buff, I worked with the firefighters to replace and relocate their exercise equipment to make it more “user friendly.” I have met and spoke with Mr. Tom Niczay, Hamtramck School Superintendent. I also attended the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition through the Piast Institute and the Second Annual Safety Day hosted by the Yemeni American Leadership Association.

Q: What are your impressions of Hamtramck?

Hagen: This is a very nice community with friendly people; the food is great. I had the pleasure (?) and the adventure of standing in line for paczki and observing the happening in the city during Paczki Day. You folks do enjoy a good time.

Q: Are there any special challenges here?

Hagen: Trying to learn the many different cultures and at the same time not unintentionally

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Rejection of ZBA appointments underscores city’s political instability

It’s back to square one for the city council.

Last week the Receiver-ship Transition Advisory Board (RTAB) rejected the council’s appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals, largely because a bare majority on council who passed the appointments failed to follow the recommendation of a department head.

Instead, Councilmembers Anam Miah, Abu Musa, Mohammed Hassan and Saad Almasmari voted in a ZBA alternate member who showed up for only one meeting in three years.

Worse yet, the ap-

pointee, Mohammed A. Rahman, failed to show up for his first meeting as a full member of the ZBA a couple of weeks ago.

The four councilmembers did not give clear reasons why they disregarded the recommendation of the City Planner, Melanie Markowicz. Councilmember Hassan was the only one who gave something close to a reason, saying he didn’t think Markowicz was competent.

That statement was bizarre on a number of levels considering Markowicz has been on the job only for a couple of months.

While the RTAB rejected

the four councilmembers’ appointments, there were no follow-up directions.

So, it appears the whole appointment process begins again.

Let’s hope common sense prevails the second time around because just as it appeared the RTAB might be inching toward returning local control, the council does something illogical and capricious.

The botched appointments only showed why the city, at least politically, is not anywhere near ready to regain local control.

Letters • Letters

DDA says thanks again for another successful Paczki Day

Countdown to Paczki Day 2017 was a huge success for the City of Hamtramck!

Thank you to all the generous individuals and businesses who donated paczki, bought a sponsorship, or volunteered to make this event one of the best yet.

The success of Countdown to Paczki Day has helped attract the wonderful Tour de Troit 5k Paczki Run, which brings thousands of hungry, thirsty people to our city in the middle of winter,

Those visitors will have many great things to say about Hamtramck. And best of all, they will be back to visit again.

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Countdown to Paczki Day was an excellent opportunity to showcase our city to our residents and visitors.

With your help we can continue our efforts to make the City of Hamtramck a place where people want to come to live, work, visit and build a better business.

Thank you all for attending our events and working together creating a successful, clean and safe Hamtramck. With your help we will continue to sponsor events like Countdown that benefits every business throughout Hamtramck.

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Vince Szymborski, Chairman Hamtramck DDA

Newly-appointed fire chief talks about his role in the community

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offend anyone. Another challenge is the different firefighting style in this city due to the close proximity of houses.

Q: What would you like to do with the department? Any significant changes?

Hagen: I would like to enhance the school fire education programs. The goal is to get into the schools more, talk with the students and provide them with a better understanding of both fire behavior and fire personnel (us). The goal is to touch a young life that may later on pursue becoming a firefighter.

I will be bringing into the department experts on cultural diversity, to improve our relationships with all 26 different backgrounds. I would also like to use today’s technology and have either laptops or pad, in the engines that store all business pre-fire survey information (floor plan, exits, storage, and identifiable hazards).

When responding to a certain address, the officer would have all necessary information with him

and use the proper tactics and strategies, along with knowing what the firefighters may encounter.

Q: Is there any special training you would like to see the department take on?

Hagen: We are going to continue joint training efforts with both Detroit and Highland Park Fire Departments. There will be more survival training, i.e. what to do when something goes wrong in a fire, like being trapped.

This is for both the rescuers and the one being rescued. I hope to bring in on-line firefighter training that would elevate their knowledge on all aspects of the fire service.

Q: What can the community expect from your leadership?

Hagen: Honesty, transparency, caring and compassion; everyone will be treated with respect and dignity.

Q: Down the road, federal funding will be cut off for the department. Any recommendations on

where to find funding to replace that revenue source?

Hagen: This is an area I wish I had a crystal ball. Will the state increase “state-shared” revenues that have been tragically underfunded? I would recommend having a “Town Hall Meeting” with our State Rep/Senator along with local politicians to work on increasing state funds for public safety services, both fire and police.

It is my understanding the city has maximized any future millage requests. Another possible option is either joining or forming a “fire authority.”

Q: Anything you would like to add?

Hagen: I am a firm believer that knowledge is king. I had a sign hanging in my office that read “Ancora Imparo” meaning “I am still learning.” Arabic lessons, for me, are on the horizon, and I ask for patience while I’m learning. Lastly, I am truly blessed for this opportunity to return to a profession I love and to give back. Thank you.

Strong winds caused citywide damage to power lines and trees

By Charles Sercombe

Much like the rest of the metro area, Hamtramck experienced its share of damage from Wednesday’s windstorm.

Wind gusts of up to 50-60 miles per hour hammered the area.

At press time on Thursday, there was one house fire on Gallagher caused by a power line surge.

“Fortunately, we got a good stop on it,” said Fire Chief Danny Hagen. “That was the first call of this adventure.”

At least three large trees fell, on Goodson, Hanley and Carpenter, two of which rested on live power lines.

A street light pole toppled over on Hanley, exposing a rotted out core. That pole also was wrapped up in a live wire.

Behind Mostek Paint and Glass on Jos. Campau a utility pole threatened to fall over, held up by wires. Despite police tape blocking off the area, pedestrians were seen walking casually past the pole.

On the other side of Carpenter on the Detroit side another utility pole was about to fall down.

The winds started a little before noon and did not let up until about 10 p.m.

In the late afternoon

Above: A huge tree at Carpenter fell on a power line during the windstorm on Wednesday. Below: On Goodson another large tree toppled during the storm, but this time avoided any power lines.

DTE Energy reported over 600,000 households in the area were without power.

Parts of Hamtramck were also out of power – mostly on the southend.

City Manager Katrina Powell said some households will likely remain without power through the weekend.

Fire Chief Hagen said that despite the damage, there were no injuries. In all, firefighters responded to 21 calls here and in Detroit regarding

wind damage.

The windstorm also blew off house siding, swept away plastic porch chairs and garbage cans and piled up loose trash. If the city wanted to, it could have easily swept up the mounds of garbage swooped up by the winds and deposited in convenient rows and in nooks and crannies.

Ha!

Just kidding, the city would never take advantage of Mother Nature’s

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School Bell

Kosciuszko Middle School News

On February 21, Mrs. Nancy Walter, KMS English Language teacher, coordinated a celebration for Bangladesh Language Day at KMS.

Parents and students brought in traditional Bangla food for students, teachers and the community to try. Students also wore traditional dress. Teachers and community members had the opportunity to try on traditional saris.

Ms. Walter is planning another event in the near future to showcase other cultures as well.

This quarter in English Language Arts classes, students will be exploring



Above and below: KMS students, as well as teachers and parents, explored the Bangladeshi language and culture.



the different forms of non-fiction text both on-line and in print. In addition, students will be using strategies to assist them in understanding informational text. Please review the following key terms with your students at home:

Determining the author's purpose, summarizing, the central idea, fact, opinion, logic, bias and objective.

If you have any questions please contact your child's English Language Arts teacher for more information.

Dickinson East Elementary School News

Community Guest Readers will be at Dickinson East March 15 to read to our students. Students are looking for-

ward to welcoming the guest readers in their classrooms. Dickinson East 4th and 5th grades went to the DIA for a hands on field trip. They all enjoyed themselves.

Dickinson West Elementary School Library News

Kudos to Mrs. Bosnjakovski's 5th grade class for winning the February bull dog (the school mascot) reading contest. Students read 48,189 minutes at home during the month of February. The class will be rewarded with a pizza party.

All Schools

- Thursday, March 31 - End of 3rd quarter.
- Thursday, March 31 - Half day for Horizon High

School- Final exams.

- Monday, April 3-7 - No school for students. Spring Break.
- Monday, April 10 - School resumes.

Upcoming Athletic Events

- Friday, March 24 - HHS Girls' Varsity Softball vs. Pontiac A E at 5 p.m. Home.
- Saturday, March 25 - HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Harper Woods at 9 a.m. at Mumford Away.

**Compiled by
Janice Gandelman**

*Get Out
on the
Hamtown!*



Dickinson East 4th graders recently went on a field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts where they got to create their own art.



Obituaries

PAHOSKI

Marci Pahoski, 70, died February 18, 2017. Mrs. Pahoski was the mother of Renee, Denise, the late Paul and Jerome; grandmother of Felicia, Jerome; great

grandmother of D'maya. Memorial services were held Saturday, March 4, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck, MI.



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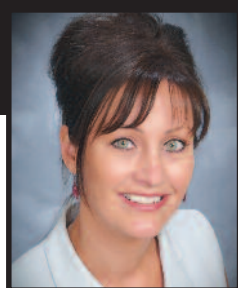
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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 28-March 6.

Tuesday, February 28

- A Redford resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A Sterling Heights resident reported being assaulted at Commor and Conant.

Wednesday, March 1

- A Belmont resident reported his handicap parking sign was stolen from in front of his residence.
- A resident in the 2600 block of Botsford reported a garage break-in and the theft of his Fuji road bike and another bike, both worth over \$1,000.
- Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 11000 block of Dequindre about a domestic assault taking place. When officers arrived there was no assault happening, but a person was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

- A Neibel resident reported that Wayne County prosecutors lost his Green Card.

Thursday, March 2

- At almost midnight a person was arrested for a hit-and-run accident at Klinger and Commor and possessing an open intoxicant.
- A Sobieski resident reported the theft of her laptop out of her unlocked vehicle.
- A Norwalk resident reported that someone stole her catalytic converter.
- An agent for a Holbrook business reported that someone cashed several bad checks.

Friday, March 3

- A Detroit resident was arrested at the Macomb County Jail on an outstanding warrant.
- A Clinton Twp. resident was arrested at the Macomb County Jail on an outstanding warrant.
- A woman reported the

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