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## Quick Hits

You can help feed the needy and get some fun exercise all in one night.

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Your donation will go toward supplying food for hundreds of low-income families and individuals who rely on Friendship House.

Friendship House has been located in Hamtramck for years, and for those who need to check out its services, it’s located at 9540 Conant.

The Fowling Warehouse is located at 39091 Christopher, off of Conant.

## Quote of the week ...

**Who said this, and what is it about?** You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

**“As with any lawsuit any attorney fees are borne by the city and insurance company jointly.”**

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Alley sewer line cave-ins can end up as a costly stinker

**By Charles Sercombe**

Homeowners, consider yourself warned:

The city will soon aggressively go after repairing collapsed sewer lines in the alleys.

Mark Ragsdale, the Director of Public Works, said letters will begin going out in the next few weeks to property owners telling them their sewer line hook-up has collapsed and needs repair.

That fix is not cheap. It’s estimated repairing the lines costs anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and homeowners have to pay for that.

The city began charging homeowners for repairs a couple of years ago. In the past, the city ate those costs, but according to the administration the city’s ordinance on the matter puts the financial responsibility on the shoulders of homeowners.



**Heads up homeowners: The city has identified dozens of collapsed sewer lines throughout the city and will soon send out letters to homeowners about the needed repairs. It costs about \$4,000 to fix the problem, and homeowners are responsible for the bill.**

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As long as the insurance policy is in place before a homeowner gets notification from the city, the insurance company will cover the repair – at least up to \$4,000.

“Once the letter gets out, it will be too late to get insurance,” Ragsdale said.

The need for the repair becomes noticeable when the alley pavement behind

## ‘Whistleblower’ lawsuit settled for \$75,000

**By Charles Sercombe**

Rather than rack up a huge legal bill, the city settled a “Whistleblower’s” lawsuit filed by a former department head.

The city has agreed to pay Steve Shaya, the former Director of Public Works, \$75,000, said City Attorney Travis Mihe-lick.



**Former Director of Public Works Steve Shaya settled one of two lawsuits he filed against the city.**

“This was a business decision made by the city’s insurance company,” Mihelick said.

He added that the city’s insurance company will pay the entire settlement. The deal must still be approved by the city’s Receivership Transition Advisory Board.

The board was appointed by the state to oversee all city financial decisions, and it next meets this coming Tuesday, March 28.

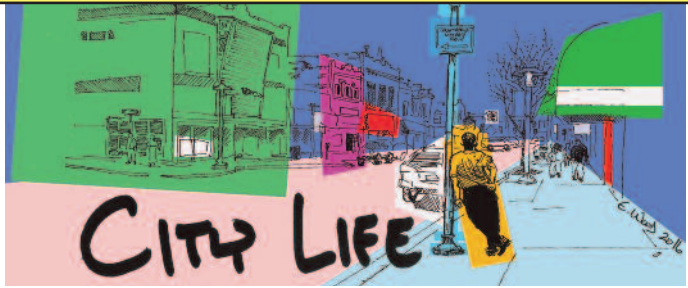
The RTAB is expected to accept the settlement.

Shaya was initially seeking \$10 million in damages.

The attorney for Shaya,



**Photographer Marcin Szczepanski will have photos he took from South American wetlands communities on display at Oloman Cafe this Saturday, March 25.**



## With spring a celebration of the arts blooms

**By Walter Wasacz**

Mid-afternoon sunlight streams through my window as I sit down to write. I’m about to go for a walk, my energy renewed after an unseasonably warm but wet and windy Michigan winter.

Spring is here, finally, and that calls for anticipa-

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# Alley sewer line cave-ins can end up as a costly stinker

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your house caves in. The likely cause of that depression is a leak in the homeowner's sewer line that caused a washout below the pavement.

Ragsdale said many more sewer lines will be repaired this year to coincide with the beginning stage of a citywide alley resurfacing.

The first alleys to be resurfaced will be those along Jos. Campau.

The insurance program protects against leaks, breaks and clogs due to normal wear and tear, age, ground shifting and tree root intrusion.

"Homeowners believe that the pipes located on

their property will last forever or that the city will repair the line if it breaks," said City Manager Katrina Powell when the insurance program was first rolled out.

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# With spring a celebration of the arts blooms

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be out there even sooner. Our year is split roughly between living in a drab beige and brown environment for six months and enjoying various shades of vibrant green for the other six months.

The quality of human life is enhanced when we marry it to plant life. Urban trees, for example, help cool down the air and remove pollutants from it, helping us breathe a little easier as we walk around the city.

I met a young filmmaker from Berlin yesterday doing an open-ended project here, with no preconceived idea of what his subject will be. That's perfect, I thought, let it develop as it will, paying attention to the changing seasons and the burst of colors that will soon begin

to help transform and make life visible again in the city.

I've seen artists and other visiting creative people from Germany and elsewhere react with awe to the sudden natural eruption of green, pink and white that comes with springtime after the barrenness of winter. Nature asserts itself by sharing its beauty with us. It's our little secret, an unexpectedly tender gift to the world.

Speaking of gifts, the season brings with it a bunch of cool arty events that will help make the transition from dark to light, cold to warm, more fun.

Tonight (Friday, March 24) is the official grand opening of Ant Hall, which has been hosting periodic music and theatrical performances since last fall and more recently was the setting for the Hamtramck Music Festival's opening party.

Doors for tonight's event open at 6 p.m. A grand opening ceremony starts the night at 7 p.m. followed by a performance of "The Detroit Musical" at 8 p.m.

The cast and crew party

at 7 Brothers Bar (which was moved from its location on Jos. Campau and is now tucked into the southwest corner of the hall) is at 10 p.m. followed by music by the Scrappers and Matt Dmits at Ghost Light, another bar inside the building. The renovation work on the former BHA (and before that PRCU) Hall is impressive, well worth checking out. There will be food from Pol-

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**Wayne Metro's Free Tax Program** – Mondays, 10 a.m-4 p.m. The service offers accessible services throughout Wayne County, with different times and locations.

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While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are also accepted. To make an appointment, please call (734) 284-6999 or (313) 388-9799.

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# Second Front Page

## School Bell

Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism and world understanding.

In this spirit — and in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Hamtramck Public Schools’ chapter, ADK-Beta Nu — it was decided to raise much needed funds for a gem of our school community, the Hamtramck Public Library.

Funds raised will be used to benefit the Children’s Collection or Children’s Programming at the library. Donations up to \$24.99 receive a thank you note. Donations \$25.00-\$49.99 receive a thank you note and a personalized book plate in a book in the Children’s Collection.

Donations \$50.00 and over receive previous gifts and a vintage Hamtramck Library T-shirt.

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Hamtramck Public Library and send to Jackie Dziedziula (Co-President of ADK-Beta Nu) at Early Childhood Elementary School 11680 McDougall Hamtramck MI. 48212 by March 30 to be included in the ADK fundraiser.

Donations directly to the Friends of the Hamtramck Public Library are welcome year round. ADK Beta Nu is sponsoring Reading Month activities each Wednesday during the month of March at the library. Thanking you in advance for your contribution.

**Dickinson East Elementary School**  
Eight students from

Dickinson East were treated to an Optimists of Downtown Detroit luncheon on March 15.

The students were finalists who competed for a spot in the annual Optimist International Oratorical Competition at the local level.

The results from the girls' division were: first place, Nazifa Suhal; second place, Jasmin Begum; and third place, Nilla Ghose.

The boys' division results were: first place, Al-Khalil Mashrah (also last year's champion); second place, Fahim Uddin; and third place, Marwan Nazad.

Two honorable mention/alternates were Shazid Khan and Tarik Custovic. They were asked to present their speeches as a bonus.

The fifth and sixth graders were escorted to the event by Nazad's

mother, Dilruba Miah, and the students' coach, Rahiel Housey-Johnson. Assistant coach, Karen Swords, was unable to attend.

The speeches began with the title, "What the World Gains from Optimism", but took different twists and turns for each competitor.

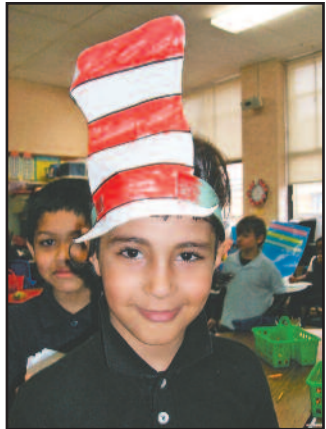
Students made powerful connections with quotations from historical figures, current events, personal accomplishments, and tales of courageous feats as they held the judges spellbound.

After the contest, the group enjoyed a bit of sightseeing in Downtown Detroit and a photo opportunity at the Riverwalk.

The next phase will occur on a Saturday in April when Al-Khalil Mashrah and Nazifa Suhal will defend their titles against students who

are sponsored by other Optimists clubs. The team has been invited to return for the Winners' Circle and Law Day Luncheon on May 2. We wish these students good luck in the next competition.

### Early Childhood Elementary School News



ECE students celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

It has been very busy at the Early Childhood Elementary School for March is Reading Month. Students have celebrated

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# With spring a celebration of the arts blooms

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ish Village. Ant Hall is at 2320 Caniff, just west of the Hamtramck Public Library. Tickets are \$10 and available here: [www.planetant.com](http://www.planetant.com).

Public Pool, the storefront art space on Caniff that celebrates seven years of quirky creativity this month, is throwing a big fundraising party at Jam Handy (it's at 2900 E. Grand Blvd in Detroit's nearby North End neighborhood).

Called "A Wild Gift for Detroit," the event features headliners John Doe and Exene Cervanka of Los Angeles-based punk legends X. They will do an acoustic set. Also performing: Supercoolwicked, the Vitas, Yada Yada, and DJs Ryan Spencer and James Insight.

The party is this Saturday and goes 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

All proceeds go to Public Pool, which operates as a break-even business and relies on volunteers and other supporters to keep its curatorial and community engagement mission afloat.

Get an advance ticket or make a donation here: <http://publicpool7.brownpapertickets.com/>

Also this Saturday: Marcin Szczepanski, a multimedia director/senior producer at the Uni-

versity of Michigan and former video producer and photojournalist at the Detroit Free Press, has a show of his photographs taken in the wetlands of South America opening at Oloman Cafe.

Szczepanski, who now lives in Ann Arbor but was born in Poland and came to the U.S. in 2000, wrote this description of own his work:

"Life and death are partners in a beautiful dance in Pantanal. The largest tropical wetlands in the world, the Pantanal lies on the border of Brazil and Bolivia and spans an area 10 times the size of Florida's Everglades. Here voracious piranhas are rumored to eat toddlers who fall into the river, jaguars kill horses left on flooded pastures, and dogs and bulls fight daily for females and food. Nature surrounds and shapes the lives of humans in Pantanal."

The opening reception is 7-9 p.m. Oloman Cafe is at 10215 Jos. Campau.

Next Friday, Polish-American artist Wojtek Sawa, who is based in Sarasota, Florida, opens his immersive exhibition "The Wall Speaks – Voices of the Unheard" at Bank Suey.

The multimedia piece makes use of history to draw viewers into sharing contemporary experiences of marginalization of immi-

grants and refugees.

Sawa says he chose to bring the exhibition to Hamtramck specifically as "the meeting place of past and present America, home to diverse marginalized immigrant communities.

Hamtramck exemplifies opportunities and challenges presented by a multicultural city, the only U.S. city with a majority-Muslim city council."

The "Wall Speaks" opens at Bank Suey (10345 Joseph Campau) on March 31, at 7 p.m. The exhibition will run through Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. There are several special events planned for the two-month run of the show. We will drop in and write about it again in the coming weeks.

Also next weekend is Hatch Art's annual juried exhibition featuring 54 artists and 60 art works.

Treena Flannery Ericson serves as jurist this year, choosing from over 300 entries. Artists include Jide Aje, Linda Allen, Emilie Beadle, Jennifer Belair, Craig Billings, Alyssa Bogdan, Steve Boni, Jef Bourgeau, Jackie Brooks, Jeff Cancelosi, Roy Feldman and many others.

Hatch Art is in the former Hamtramck Police Station, 3456 Evaline St. The opening night reception is April 1, 6 - 10 p.m.

# 'Whistleblower' lawsuit settled for \$75,000

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Mark Koroi, said that although the city won't have to pay the settlement, it spent over \$200,000 in attorney fees on this case and another one involving Shaya.

"The city could have settled earlier," Koroi said. "We're glad the federal case has been settled – it's been three years."

Mihelick said there was a principle behind fighting Shaya's allegations.

"It was important to defend this to show Mr. Shaya's claims had no merit," Mihelick said.

He added a magistrate did exactly that.

"The city and all defendants were vindicated," Mihelick said.

As for the fees, Mihelick said that is inevitable.

"As with any lawsuit any attorney fees are borne by the city and insurance company jointly," he said.

In his lawsuit, which was filed in Federal Court in 2015, Shaya accused several city employees and department heads in his lawsuit of using ethnic slurs regarding his Chaldean heritage and retaliating against him after he made several accusations of wrongdoing.

Shaya was fired in 2014 by former Emer-

gency Manager Cathy Square after Shaya admitted he was the uncle of a contractor who did work for the city and whom he supervised and authorized billings to the city.

His relationship with the contractor had not been known. Shaya filed a separate lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court regarding his firing. That case is still pending.

Prior to the settlement a magistrate judge recommended to the federal judge overseeing the lawsuit to have the lawsuit dismissed. The judge overseeing the lawsuit ordered both sides to hold settlement negotiations.

At that time Mihelick said the city would have considered a settlement "if it makes financial sense."

Shaya's lawsuit had claimed he was subject to a hostile work environment created by former Police Chief Max Garbarino, former Acting City Manager Eric Tungate, former city administrator Kyle Tertzag and various city employees.

The magistrate judge who recommended dismissing the case noted that none of Shaya's allegations of ethnic slurs or other comments and actions failed "to rise to the

level he perceives them to be."

Citing case law, the magistrate said Shaya "has simply failed to show conduct 'so outrageous in character, and so extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency and to be regarded as atrocious and utterly intolerable in a civilized community.'"

In one instance he was allegedly called an "Arab prince," in another he was called "ghetto," and in another he was chastised for being "too busy with your sand meetings."

The magistrate said the comments – if they were truly made – were "mere insults, indignities, threats, annoyances, petty oppressions, or other trivialities."

Shaya's lawsuit also included allegations of retaliations for actions he took.

In one instance he alleged that two water department employees shut off water service to his sister, who at the time lived in the city, in response to his allegation that one of them committed water billing fraud.

As it turned out, Shaya admitted in a deposition that his sister had been behind in paying her water bill at the time.



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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Emergency manager law fails to address core financial issues

It comes as no surprise that a majority of community leaders in the state have problems with the state's emergency manager law, according to a recent University of Michigan study.

One of the main beefs, which Mayor Karen Majewski shares, is that emergency managers, who are appointed by the state, don't deal with the core financial problems a municipality faces.

The biggest structural problem is the result of reduced state financial contributions and rising legacy costs – meaning pension obligations.

The governor and state legislature are currently wrestling with the prob-

lem many communities are having in keeping up with pension payments.

The former Hamtramck emergency manager, Cathy Square, left the problem of fixing the city's pension costs with the city's administration. The state is also paying for financial experts to help out in this issue.

We're left scratching our head wondering why the emergency manager didn't lift a finger in tackling this subject while she was here for 18 months.

That was a serious loss of an opportunity because the emergency manager law gives EMs special powers to force change. In Hamtramck's

case, it was an opportunity that was squandered.

Now, local officials, especially the city manager, must tackle this issue head-on and all alone.

What is particularly concerning is that Hamtramck has twice now been placed under state supervision because of a financial crisis. The root of each instance was a loss in revenue and an inability to pay for services – including pension obligations.

If our legacy costs do not come under control, it is inevitable that Hamtramck will be thrown into another financial meltdown.

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## School Bell

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Dr. Seuss' birthday, wore shirts that they could read to each other, celebrated St. Patrick's Day with song, stories and rhymes and had guest readers coming throughout the day on March 20 to read to the classes.

Guest readers included Mayor Karen Majewski, the Hamtramck Fire Department fire fighters and school staff from Hamtramck Public Schools District. The staff and students from ECE would like to thank all those who took time out of their busy schedules to come and read.

This week kindergarten through second grade will be going to the Detroit Institute of Arts which was made possible through a Target grant to enrich the students' art appreciation.

Next week, a special reader will be coming to Ms. Janice Rakoczy's and Mrs. Rosemary Haacke's first grade classes. Radio personality Allyson Martinek, from WNIC 100.3 Jay Tower's morning show, will be reading to the students on March 27. The students have been looking forward to her coming to read all month.

### Hamtramck High School News

Congratulations to the Hamtramck High School DECA students for an outstanding job at the state DECA conference. The DECA program received two awards at the conference.

The first award was for growth in the DECA chapter and the other award was for raising over \$1,100 for MDA.

Eight students were recognized with medals for their outstanding performance at the competition: Ameer Ismail, Linda Ivanoic, Una Jakupovic, Selma Kaltak, Khalil Nasher, Maida Ribic, Naida Ribic and Tahmim Sidiquee.

Selma Kaltak, Maida Ribic and Nadia Ribic qualified for the national competition.

This is the DECA team's best performance to date. Thank you to Ms. Rula Bilbeisi and Mr. John Rostek, the student advisors, for the outstanding job you are doing with the DECA team and congratulations to all the students for a great performance.

We look forward to the national competition and wish those students good luck.

### 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



Above and below: A Hamtramck firefighter and Mayor Karen Majewski were guest readers at ECE during national reading month.



Below: Students from Dickinson East Elementary School participated in the annual Optimist International Oratorical Competition and after the event visited the Detroit Riverfront.



students. Spring Break.

• Monday, April 10 – School resumes.

### 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.

• Monday, March 27 – HHS Girls' Varsity Softball vs. Dearborn Fordson at 5 p.m. Home.

• Monday, March 27 – HHS Boys' JV Baseball vs. Dearborn Fordson at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Monday, March 27 – HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Dearborn Fordson at 4 p.m. Away.

• Wednesday, March 29 – HHS Boys' Varsity Base-

ball vs. Detroit CMA at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Wednesday, March 29 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Summit Academy at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Friday, March 31 – HHS Girls' Varsity Softball vs. Macomb Christian at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Friday, March 31 – HHS Boys' JV Baseball vs. Warren Fitzgerald at 4:30 p.m. Away.

• Friday, March 31 – HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Rochester Hills Lutheran NW at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Friday, March 31 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Cesar Chavez at 4:30 p.m. Away.

Compiled by  
**Janice Gandelman**



# Obituaries

## JONES



Larry Jones Sr., 62, died March 11, 2017. Mr. Jones was a retired self-employed real estate investor. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Sheila Tucker and Sybil Jones. Mr. Jones is survived by his former spouse, Norma Jones; daughter, Norma (Shawn) Chavis; son, Larry (Kimberly) Jones, Jr.; brothers, Frank (Joan), Harold (Donna) and Oscar Jones, Jr.; sisters, Sharon (Mike) Jeakle and Marilyn Goodwin; grandchildren, Jordan, Jaiden, Justin, Heaven, Selena, Larry; many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were made by Krot Funeral Home, and funeral services were held March 17 at Krot Funeral Home. Interment was at Gethsemane Cemetery.

## PELAK



Lorraine Pelak, 71, died March 18, 2017. Ms. Pelak was the beloved mother of David Carter; loving sister of Joanne McHarg, Christine Silisavage, John (Gilda), Daniel, Michael (Ingrid), Kathy (Phil) Pelak-Reggio, James (Michelle), Philip, Joseph, the late Carol Novak, Edward, Thomas, and Sister Barbara Jean Pelak; many nieces and nephews also survive. Visitation was Tuesday, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck. The funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit, with private cremation following.



# Saturday offers fundraisers for two worthy local causes

**By Charles Sercombe**

Saturday night (March 25) is going to be busy, busy.

There will be two important fundraisers happening that night, which will take some planning ahead to make it to both.

At Kelly's Bar, a get-together will be held to raise money for Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium. Funds raised here will go toward improving the grounds of the baseball field that was once home to the Detroit Stars.

The fun starts at 7 p.m. and admission is \$5, which includes entertainment by four bands: Hemlock Park, The Britemores, Loose Koozies and The Cowboys.

Also on hand will be food, and a chance to win a raffle and prizes. Kelly's is located at 2403 Holbrook.

The Detroit Stars were part of the famed Negro

League in the 1930s. The grandstands at the field are also slated to be repaired at some point once financing is secured.

Here is what the Friends of the Stadium have to say on its Facebook page about the historical significance of the site:

"Historic Hamtramck Stadium is one of only a handful of Negro League home ballparks still in existence and the grandstand and field are in Veterans Memorial Park on the south side of Hamtramck.

"It was the home field of the Negro National League Detroit Stars in 1930-1931 and in 1933. The Stadium was also home to the Detroit Wolves of the short-lived Negro East-West League in 1932 and to the Negro American League Detroit Stars in 1937. In 2012, the stadium was placed on the National Register of Historic Places."

The Friends want to bring back old-fashioned baseball – or "base ball" as it was once spelled out – as well as invite people to play other sports at the site.

The organization has partnered with the city and public school district. You can learn more about the organization at: [www.hamtramckstadium.org](http://www.hamtramckstadium.org)

Also on Saturday, Hamtramck's funkier art gallery, Public Pool, is getting a special financial boost thanks to Los Angeles rockers, Exene Cervanka and John Doe, who are part of the legendary band "X."

The pair will perform at the Jam Handy building at 2900 East Grand Blvd. – a short 10-minute drive from Kelly's, south of Hamtramck. This is a rare treat, and admission is a very moderate \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

There will also be a cash


bar, and the event starts at 7 p.m.

According to a Metro Times article, the gallery is behind in bills and has little in the way of revenue stream. Unlike other galleries, the article pointed out, Public Pool doesn't rely on sales of art pieces.

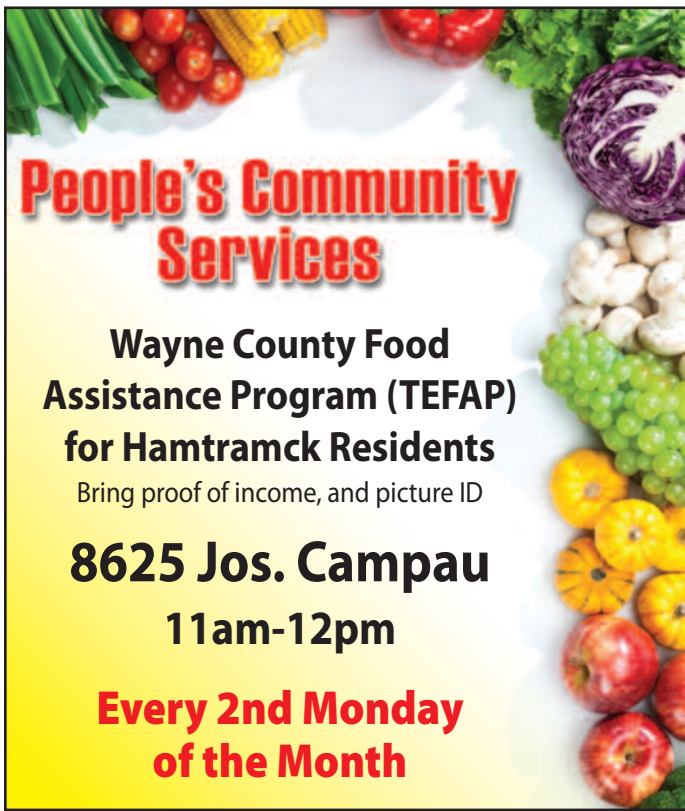
This is what Public Pool has to say about itself, and Saturday's event according to its Facebook page:

"Seven years, over 40 shows, more than 300 artists, 19 and counting Good Tyme Writers Buffets, four operas, and one robotic smash-up derby. We're still here and we're cooking with gas, ducks in a row, and suddenly one of our favorite bands has plane tickets with plans to hit the Motor City and help us celebrate."

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**By Charles Sercombe**  
This week's Crime Log covers March 14-20.

**Tuesday, March 14**

- At about 2 a.m. an Oak Park resident reported damage to his car while it was parked in the 2300 block of Caniff. A Detroit resident also reported damage to his car in the same location.
- At a little after 3 a.m. a Sterling Heights minor was arrested for possessing narcotics.
- A Pleasant Ridge resident reported her vehicle was broken into while it was parked in the area of Lumpkin and Caniff.
- A CVS employee reported a retail fraud incident during which the suspect threatened her with a knife.
- A resident turned in a passport he found on the sidewalk.
- A Gallagher resident was arrested for domes-

tic abuse.

**Wednesday, March 15**

- A Trowbridge resident reported that she was being stalked and harassed by a person she knows.
- A Commor resident filed a report for an assault.

**Thursday, March 16**

- At about 12:30 a.m. a man was arrested in the 3500 block of Caniff for possessing an open intoxicant and urinating in public.
- The Hamtramck Fire Marshall turned in a set of found keys.
- A Fleming resident was ticketed for having her unregistered pitbull running lose.
- A Zinow resident reported someone stole their license plate.

**Friday, March 17**

- A Grayling resident was arrested for multiple

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