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Quick Hits

Hamtramck's growing nightlife is about to get a new player.

Several months ago the owner of Celina's, Lee Gjokaj, at Jos. Campau and Pulaski, closed down his bar to make a total overhaul.

We mean a complete redesign and a new name and theme.

If all goes as scheduled the new place will be open by Labor Day weekend, but it's going to be tight.

We couldn't resist giving a sneak preview.

First of all it's going to be called Metro Pub, and like the name implies it will have a pub-like atmosphere.

The wrap-around bar will keep its shape but it's been moved - yes, moved. That opens an area where a DJ or a band can set up on the weekend. The pub will also feature a kitchen for all kinds of pub-like food – burgers (of course), wings, and fish and chips.

For you late-night food hounds, the kitchen will remain open until 2 a.m.

On tap will be 16 — yes 16 — craft beers - which is likely the best selection of craft beers you'll find in Hamtramck.

The pub will be open seven days a week, and for you sports fans, there will be a large screen television for all the important games.

The place is looking for experienced staff, especially bartenders. Call (586) 294-4101 if you're interested.

Until then, save us a

HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

County executive urges state lawmakers to fund road repairs

By Charles Sercombe

It's hard to believe that when a road gets repaired, it's a major news story.

But such is the state of things in the metro area and the state. On Wednesday Wayne County Executive Warren Evans came to Hamtramck to talk to reporters about repairs being made on Conant and elsewhere in the county.

Evans used the opportunity to urge state lawmakers to come up with a funding solution to repair roads - something they have been unable to do for two years now while the condition of roads deteriorate statewide.

"I'm to the point where they need to make a decision - fix it," Evans

He said the county has

\$23 million to spend on road repairs, but that amount will only cover 14 projects.

The county has over 700 miles of road, half of which are in need of repairs, Evans said.

"The reality is, there is not enough money, but we just can't sit back and wring our hands," he added.

Conant has been in poor shape for several years. Despite repeated pleas by city officials for the county to step in and repair its road the answer has been the same: Get in line and wait.

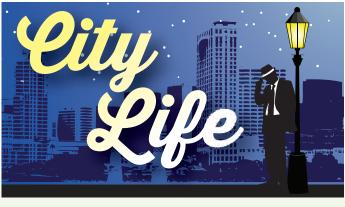
City Manager Katrina Powell took on the project soon after being hired in December. She attended several meetings with county officials to get Conant moved up on the list of repair proj-

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Above: Wayne County Executive Warren Evans was in Hamtramck Wednesday to talk with reporters about the need for road repair funding. Hamtramck City Manager Katrina Powell is on the right. Below: A work crew resurfaces part of Conant.





By Walter Wasacz

Hello Hamtramck, please allow me to reintroduce myself.

I'm the guy who walks your streets and alleys, eats in your restaurants, drinks in your bars, finds art and music in your galleries and alternative creative spaces, and pops into your pop ups.

When I walk I hear tunes in my head that I first heard, transistor radio to ear, as I walked from my house on Edwin St. to Jos. Campau. I do remember the exact spot - crossing Charest at Evaline in

1965 - that I first heard the Rolling Stones' "Get Off My Cloud" on WKNR Keener 13.

A bit of an odd thing to remember, I admit, but music has played an important role in my life as those who stick with me in the weeks ahead will see. Every stroll around the city holds a memory sometimes related to sound, other times vision, or both – some going back half a century or more.

My first recollection of Hamtramck city life is from 1960, when I saw JFK's motorcade roll into Keyworth Stadium. I was 5 and with my mother. A few years later, putting my uniform on, carrying my spikes and baseball glove, I walked to Veterans Park to play for the Giants. then the Cubs and the National League All-Stars, in what was still one of the best Little League Baseball programs in the country.

In 1966, I discovered the bus lines that rolled through Hamtramck. Off I went with my neighborhood friends downtown (to see the Pistons and the Tigers), to Edgewater Park (to ride the Wild Mouse) and to malls that were opening up on Detroit's

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Suspected carjackers nabbed

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck police have apparently busted a carjacking network.

Last week two carjackings occurred involving three armed suspects. Wednesday an auto theft unit called C.O.B.R.A. (Communities Opting to Beat Rising Auto theft) involving officers from Hamtramck, Highland Park and Ecorse arrested "multiple" individuals connected with the carjackings.

Acting Police Chief Anne Moise said the names of the suspects and other details can't be released yet because it is an ongoing investigation.

But she was able to say this about the arrests:

"After a failed attempt by suspects to elude officers in a brief pursuit, suspects fled the vehicle on foot. Suspects attempted to evade the police by committing a home invasion in the City of Detroit but were unsuccessful. Officers arrested all suspects inand recovered volved weapons and the two vehicles from the initial carjacking cases. One vehicle used in conjunction with the carjackings was also recovered."

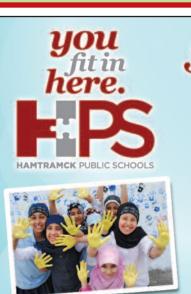
That C.O.B.R.A. team has made a number of other arrests lately in the city.

One of the carjackings occurred at 11:30 p.m. at Conant and Caniff in which the intentionally suspects bumped a driver with their car. The driver pulled over, apparently thinking it was a legitimate accident, and was then pulled out of the car by three men and pistolwhipped.

The suspects drove off in his car - a 1999 Toyota

Moise added that charges are being sought through the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.





Thank You

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County executive urges state lawmakers to fund road repairs

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ects.

Two weeks ago the county began milling and resurfacing the worst sections of the street, and it is now in much improved shape.

But Powell stressed that this is a temporary repair and the county will still one day completely resurface the street.

Evans said the temporary repair is an example of the county and community leaders working together.

"It's about working with communities," he said. "That's what county government is

about."

As for the deadlock among state legislators, he blamed it on a "polarized" political environment in Lansing.

Evans also vowed to make it "simpler" for the county to coordinate repairs to county-owned roads that border between two or more communities.

One of the roadblocks cited in the past about repairing the portion of Conant that runs between Hamtramck and Detroit is that it takes the cooperation of both city officials to sign off on repairs.



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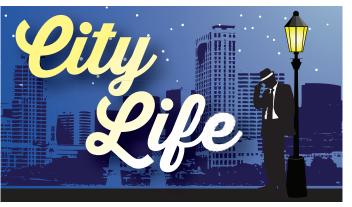
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suburban periphery.

I remember, around that same time, how a small subset of Hamtramck youth began to reject the traditional greaser vs. frat social framework of the day and began to grow their hair longer, wear their skirts shorter, hanging out at places like the House of Rau (a "beatnik" coffeehouse), Ableman's Books and Old Town records.

It was at Old Town where I first saw teen boys and girls who dressed like Brian Jones and Keith Richards of the Stones in plush red or (no doubt fake) snake-skin pants.

How cool, I thought then (and still do). I bought my first 45s by bands called the Blues Magoos, Electric Prunes and the Bubble Puppy. I was 11, hadn't a clue what "cool" meant. In retrospect, it was all around me like a cloud, all I had to do was step into it and walk through.

I punk-rocked through the 1970s and early 1980s at bars like the Misty Inn and Crest Lounge (the building that housed those places, on Jos. Campau south of Commor, was later destroyed by fire) and, of course, the godmother of all them all, Lili's 21.

Phone (313) 874-2100

I started writing about music for Detroit-based publications like Creem and the Metro Times, and some out-of-town magazines and newspapers in New York and London. But my base was my desk in Hamtramck, in the house my dad bought in 1947, the same house I live in

I was here in the 1990s, when another burst of cultural energy brought more changes to city life in Hamtramck.

Coffeehouses like Shadowbox and Planet Ant (now a venue for live theater) opened, artists moved in, people began to pay attention to an evolving neighborhood project called Hamtramck Disneyland, the underused Polish Falcons Hall became first the Falcon Club (punk, new wave and ska) then Motor (a "super" club with three rooms of techno, house and related electronic music styles), Whizzbang bookstore opened, held poetry readings and other literary events.

Cafe Zuppa, a lunch spot that replaced Shadowbox, served one-of-akind soups that attracted diners from near and far.

Meanwhile, the Conant and Caniff commercial city's strip and the southend were being transformed by South Asian and Middle Eastern entrepreneurs. tramck was no longer seen as just an enclave for Eastern European-

Americans. It had a global vibe with destination cachet. Its ceiling for growth expanded, more people wanted to come here for food and fun.

National media paid attention, the UTNE Reader declaring Hamtramck one of the hippest neighborhoods in North America in 1997. Blender, a music magazine, said Hamtramck was number 2 on its list of rock 'n' roll towns (second only to Williamsburg, Brooklyn).

Sure, that's hype, but there is truth there on a granular level. I know it's there: I've lived this truth my entire life, and I'm happy to share it with you.

I bring all this up as a way to introduce what I will be writing about in this column. Real experience in a real place is the subject for City Life. This is not reporting in the conventional sense. It is more intimate than that. If love for Hamtramck does not come through in my words and pictures, then I am not doing my job.

There will be no shortage of experiences to write about.

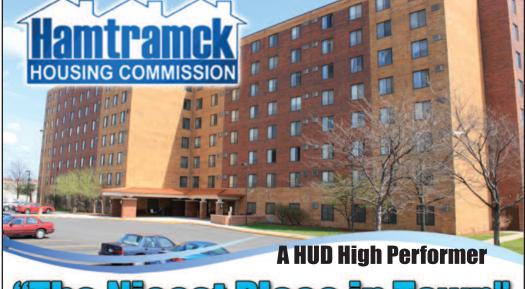
In the past year I've participated in art, music and literary events at Public Pool, collaborated on a performance piece at last fall's Neighborhood Arts Festival, led a mobile workshop at the Porous Borders Festival, and put a lineup of techno DJs together at Detroit Threads during the Hamtramck Music Festival.

But that pales next to the awesome work done by pros and volunteers who dedicate their time to making Hamtramck a better place. I will find you guys and expose your good deeds as best I can.

Fall is coming, cool stuff is happening and I plan to be there, hanging out and writing about it every two weeks. Memories are made of this. Let's live it

Walter Wasacz is a freelance writer, a consultant for the Detroit-Berlin Connection and a former managing editor for Model D. He worked for the Hamtramck Citizen from 1993 to 2004. Like Mitch Ryder, he was born at Hamtramck City Hall when it was St. Francis Hospital.





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This week at the library...

ESL Class - Monday, August 31 at 11 a.m. Summer ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration required.

Tutoring Service

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, children can take advantage of a tutoring service provided South Asian Student Society and the Hamtramck Library. The program is free of charge to Hamtramck residents and open to students and adults.

Common Word Al**liance of Hamtramck** -Monday, August 31 at 7 p.m. The Hamtramck Common Word Alliance will hold its monthly meeting at the Library. For more information call Arif Huskic at 313-999-5483. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is

invited. Movie Night - Tuesday, September 1 at 4 p.m. All children are invited to view this week's movie "Planet Earth." Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Summer Reading Program - Wednesday, September 2 at 1 p.m. This week the Michigan Science Center will present program entitled "Super Hero Science," followed by book reports and selection of reading materials. All children are invited.

Teen Summer Reading Club - Thursday, September 3 ad 4 p.m. The SRP program for teens will be held in the Library auditorium. Everyone, ages 12 to 17 years old is invited to participate.

Polish Day Parade -Monday, September 7 at 1 p.m. The annual Polish Day Parade will be held on Monday, September 7. Everyone who wishes to march with the Library Group should report at the meeting location, on the parking lot at Jos. Campau and Holbrook at 12:30 p.m. More information about the parade can be obtained at the Library.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, September 10 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

Summer Reading Awards Program - Friday, September 11 at 5 p.m. All children are invited to participate in the Summer Reading Awards program. The best readers will receive prizes they won during the sum-

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, September 17 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us where you can also access our online catalog.

Second Front Page

Labor Day Festival is ready to roll out the fun

By Charles Sercombe

The Hamtramck Labor Day Festival is just one week awav.

This will be the 36th festival to take over the northend of Jos. Campau, and as usual it promises to be a fun time for all.

The festival kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 5 and runs through all day Monday on Sept. 7.

For three days you can see some of the best in Detroit music – for free – and enjoy midway games and rides.

between will be plenty of cold beer and food.

On Monday at 1:30 p.m. the Polish Day Parade takes over for about an hour. The parade starts at Holbrook and Jos. Campau and runs north to Casmere.

asked Michael Davis, the festival public relations guy, what he has to say about Hamtramck's salute to the end of sum-

"All kinds of stuff!" he said.

OK then, do tell:

"The committee is very excited for this year's fes-



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tival! We're very thankful for our sponsors including Distributing. Eastown Sterling Services, Hamtramck Public Schools, Hamtramck DDA, Empire Disposal, Wheelhouse Detroit, HATCH art, McCarver Mechanical Heating and Cooling and many more.

"Interest in The Polish Yacht Club's Canoe Races, sponsored by Mc-Carver Mechanical Heating & Cooling, is heating up. We may see a number of new entrants this year. The races may be even more entertaining this year with the addition of tasty bloody mary mix donated by McClure's pick-

"The Fowling Warehouse is back this year with 'winner-stays' fowling in the streets, with a twist. Every evening there will be a 10-pin challenge with a cash prize. Two teams (from all teams that won three consecutive games during each day) will be drawn from a hat. Those teams will compete in that day's 10pin challenge.

"In addition to our solid music lineup, Tunde Olaniran will be performing Saturday evening. He was just named in Rolling Stone magazine as one of the top 10 musicians you need to know.

"The Golab-k 5K, Polish



this year."

Well said Mike.

nual festival guide.

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Metro news ...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modeldmedia.com have been reporton fascinating ing development projects for the past several years.

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

Detroit's Banglatown neighborhood is the

focus of a theatrical installation set to run this coming Labor Day weekend. On Friday, September 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, September 5, from 5 to 9 p.m., Washington, D.C.-based artist Carmen C. Wong will offer "Tactile Taste of Banglatown." The event will take place at Play House, 12657 Moran St.

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The guided, interactive experience will use food and audio to tell the stories of Banglatown, a neighborhood named for its large population of Bangladeshi immigrants and businesses.

Wong stayed at nearby Power House Productions over three separate peri-

Cobras

ods to learn the stories recipes and Banglatown residents. For Wong's Banglatown "gastro-performance," she'll be serving the foods she picked up on in the area, from fusion stews to "the perfect cup of tea."

According to organizers, Wong is a self-proclaimed avant-pop provocateur. Her "Tactile Taste of Banglatown" is part of a larger series of gastro-performances that have already occurred in Washington, D.C. and Finland. Detroit's Power House Productions commissioned "Tactile Taste of Banglatown" and is presenting it along arts ensemble the Hinterlands.

Over the two-day event, up to 15 visitors at a time will be guided through the installation, where they'll experience Banglatown by sight, sound, taste, and more. It's an informative picnicmeets-playground, one that runs every half hour. Tickets are limited and can be reserved via phone, (313) 454-1756, or email, info@thehinterlandsensemble.org, with a \$5 to \$10 suggested donation as a price.

Writer: MJ Galbraith



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enrolling their children in HPS schools can do so at 3201 Roosevelt in Hamtramck. Summer Registration hours through August 28 are as follows: Monday, Thursday, Friday between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., and Tuesday, Wednesday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Enrollment documents are also available on the HPS website at: www.hamtramck.k12.mi.us For further information,

call 313-892-2306.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN AMENDING WATER AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL RATES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.

The City of Hamtramck hereby ordains:

Article I: TITLE

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This Ordinance shall constitute an amendment to the annual appropriations ordinance, Ordinance Number 2015-01 adopted June 17, 2015, in accordance with Section 13.17 of the city charter, the general appropriations act in accordance with the Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.436 and 141.437 and the special appropriations act pursuant to Public Act 493 of 2000.

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Article II: PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 12-02 of the city charter, this Ordinance was first read at a council meeting held on July 14, 2015 and, thereafter, made available to the public for fourteen (14) days at the city clerk's office. Pursuant to MCL 141.412, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in The Hamtramck ____, 2015 Pursuant to Section Review, a newspaper of general circulation, on _ 12-02 of the city charter, a public hearing on this Ordinance was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

ARTICLE III: AMENDMENT

Ordinance Number 2015-01, Article VI: Water and Sewer Operating Fund, is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI: WATER AND SEWER OPERATING FUND

The City Council and does hereby designate the rates to be charged for water and sewage disposal services to be as follows for all bills rendered on or after July 1, 2015, as reflected in the fee schedule attached as Exhibit B. In addition, the following rates and charges shall also apply:

Consumption Charges:

On or after July 1, 2015 Water charge \$3.87 per cubic feet (\$12.90 monthly minimum) and wastewater charge of \$7.00 per cubic feet (\$23.33 monthly minimum) of consumption.

Other Charges:

(On or after July 1, 2015)

Saturday/Emergency service

call out after hours (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.) ..\$240.00 minimum plus costs

(After July 1, 2015)

Emergency call out Sunday & City holidays\$350.00 minimum plus costs

(After July 1, 2015)

Payment after due date (late charge)5% of current bill

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Capital Improvement FeePer month, as specified in table below

Monthly Capital Improvement Fee Table:

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ARTICLE IV: SEVERABILITY

7/1/2017

7/1/2018

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this resolution and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and to the person or circumstances involved. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the resolution would have been adopted had such invalid provision not been included.

\$12.90

\$14.05

\$15.25

Article V: REPEALER; RATIFICATION

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. To the extent not repealed or amended hereby, (i) Ordinance Number 2015-01 is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved, and (ii) all actions of the officers and agents of the City which conform to the purposes and intent of Ordinance Number 2015-01 and this Ordinance whether heretofore or hereafter taken are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. The proper officers and agents of the City are hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things on behalf of the City as may be necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this resolution.

Article VI: PUBLICATION

The Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation.

ARTICLE VII: EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to MCL 141.1563, this Ordinance shall become effective August 14, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11 DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2015

AYES: NAYS:

ABSENT:

Karen Majewski, Mayor

ATTEST

August Gitschlag, City Clerk

PASSED: 7/11/15, PUBLISHED: 7/14/15 GRAPIDS 9858-2 369201v3

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In Our Opinion

Fighting crime begins with the help of residents

Hamtramck has always enjoyed a reputation of being a safe city.

But we are smack dab in the middle of Detroit and we do have crime. Lately, there has been a little too much of it in the form of street robberies.

We don't mean to sound alarmist, but it has gotten to the point something where needs to be done. But before we go on here, we want to stress that we are not faulting anyone or taking a shot at the police department.

Fighting crime is not just the job of our police department. It's something all of us

have to be aware of.

Our police force depends on residents to be their eyes and ears. It's imperative that if you see something suspicious, by all means report it – immediately.

What we would like to see is a little more community patrolling. Whether it's cops on bikes or walking the main streets, our officers need to be more visible.

Residents can further help by forming citizen patrols. We do have such a network in place, but we understand it could use more volunteers.

We need to be more

than vigilant in our watch for crime. You need to think defensively when walking around town. Be aware of your surroundings and by all means do not - do not - use your cell phone while out and about. There have been almost daily reports of bad guys snatching phones out of the hands of unsuspecting folks.

In some cases, it's likely just a crime of opportunity performed by someone acting on a sudden urge.

We are all in this together, and we need to watch each other's

Letters • Letters

We should all be more like 'Mr. Moe'

tramck residents who rely on the taxi services of Mahmoud "Mr. Moe" Alijibur, it was appreciated by all to see him acknowledged in The Review's "Quick Hits" ar-

While getting a ride to work shortly after the article appeared I spoke with Mr Moe about the article. More than anything, he was surprised by the attention his small gesture received.

the sweeping and cleaning of the city's cab stand stood out because

As one of many Ham- it was an act of civic pride that many of us who grew up in the '50s and '60s remember. A time when this kind of civic pride was so common as to be taken for granted.

I told him that I re-

membered walking to school in the early mornings and seeing my neighbors, up at the crack of dawn, not only sweeping the sidewalks and streets in front of their residences or busi-I explained to him that nesses, but in many instances washing them as well (sometimes on hands and knees).

Hamtramck has a history of civic pride (as evidenced by the young residents who recently took to repairing potholes on their own) and I think Mr. Moe's actions and the acknowledgment given by the mayor and The Review - warrants that all of us revisit this "vintage" pride and take a second to bend over and pick up that piece of paper or sweep our sidewalks.

If Mr. Moe can do it, so should we.

A proud Hamtramck resident

Obituaries



Helen nephews. Soto, 21, 2015. Mrs. Soto

was preceded in death by her

husband, Henry L.; sis-Jane Wittsock: brother, Anthony Fortunski; grandson, Thomas Henry. Mrs. Soto is surchildren, by Tommy (Doris), Joanne (Timothy) Warda; grandchildren, Scott (Wendy) gust 26, and her cre-Warda, Jacqueline; five mains will be buried

great grandchildren; many nieces and

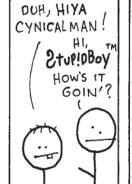
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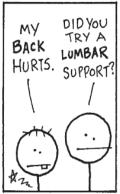
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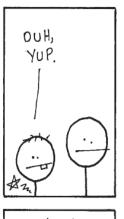
her husband, Henry at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The family requests that donations directed to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements were handled by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.



The Amazing CYNICALMAN 😅 by Matt Feazell

















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New landscaping at city hall is the start of more to follow

By Charles Sercombe

City Hall is looking

The 88-year-old three story building has never been much to marvel at. but recently some new landscaping in the front of the building has helped soften its look a bit.

It also coincides with the beginning of a major renovation of Zussman Park, located directly across from City Hall.

City Manager Katrina Powell is the one responsible for the new landscaping.

"The city solicited bids for the complete re-landscaping of the City Hall grounds, which included



City Hall has a new look thanks to a recent landscaping project.

but was not limited to: sprinkler system repair, removal of existing poor condition plants and disposal, weed removal and control, trimming of existing shrubs, fertilization, in-

stallation of greenery, mulch, etc.," she said in an email.

The company that performed the work was Metro Detroit Landscaping & Supply for a total of

Metro will also take over upkeep at Zussman Park. The city had been paying \$250 to Platinum Landscaping to cut the grass in the park.

Powell said she got a better deal through Metro.

"Now, we will pay \$75 per cut (but) only when needed," she said.

The company will also provide fertilization, flower bed weeding and the trimming of shrubs and trees - all of which are to be done when needed - for an additional fee.

Powell added that there will be improvements made to the front of city

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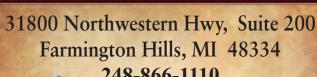
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 18-24.

Tuesday, August 18

- A man assaulted two people in a dispute over a parking space in the 3100 block of Caniff. One of the victims was taken to a hospital for treatment.
- · At 10 p.m. a Detroit resident was arrested after being observed driving a school bus with the headlights off and an alarm blaring. The driver was charged with driving without a license, possessing an open intoxicant and possessing narcotic paraphernalia. The bus had not yet been reported stolen.
- A resident in the 3200 block of Trowbridge was accused of making threats to another person via a cellphone text.
- · At almost 2 a.m. a Huntington Woods resident was found dead in a garage in the 3300 block of Caniff. The cause of death was reported as suicide.
- At about 7:30 a.m. a person was arrested for armed robbery following an investigation in the 9500 block of Conant.
- · A resident on Dequindre reported someone broke out the passenger side window of his car.
- · A contractor for the city reported someone stole supplies from the sidewalk on Edwin near Lumpkin while a crew was working.

Wednesday, August 19

- · At almost midnight a resident in the 3100 block of Belmont was arrested for domestic violence.
- A resident in the

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11600 block of Charest reported a garage break-in and the theft of four bicycles and assorted tools.

- · A Holbrook resident reported someone broke into her car and stole several items.
- · Multiple people were arrested for cariacking, (No other information was available.)
- · A Warren resident was arrested for possessing stolen property following a traffic stop. He was in a car that had been stolen in Ann Arbor.

Thursday, August 20

- · At about midnight a resident in the 11300 block of Dyar reported the theft of their bicycle from their backyard. Almost three hours later officers located the bike in the 12000 block of Dvar. The victim identified the bike as theirs and officers arrested a man for possessing stolen property.
- An employee for the City of Hamtramck reported finding money from an unknown source placed in his work vehicle.
- · A Detroit resident reported the theft of a laptop computer from her car.
- · A Selfridge resident reported someone blocked her furnace exhaust with a
- A Lincoln Park resident was arrested following a traffic stop for being wanted on a felony warrant out of Roseville.

Friday, August 21

· At almost midnight a resident in the 2200 block of Holbrook reported that his mother was awakened by a man ransacking their

home. The suspect fled, but a plasma television, laptop computer and jew-

- elry had been stolen. · A man reported the theft of his black Chrysler 300 from the 2300 block
- of Commor. An agent for Bridge Academy reported damage to a school bus.
- · A McDougall resident was arrested for attempting a robbery at Hanley and Jos. Campau.
- · Officers removed stolen property found GameStop on Jos. Campau. No arrests were reported.
- · A Dyar resident was arrested for domestic violence.

Saturday, August 22

- · At 1 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested following a traffic stop for obstructing officers and resisting arrest.
- · At 3:30 a.m. a Clinton Twp. resident was arrested in a Jos. Campau bar for being wanted on a felony warrant.
- · A resident reported the theft of his red 20-inch Roadmaster bicycle from his residence in the 3400 block of Holbrook.
- A Dearborn woman reported her car was stolen while parked in the area of Circle Dr. and Denton.
- · A Detroit resident reported being assaulted in the area of Carpenter and Sobieski.
- · Officers confiscated a bicycle from a man who was seen walking into a backyard and returning with the bike. Officers were unable to contact the vic-

Sunday, August 23

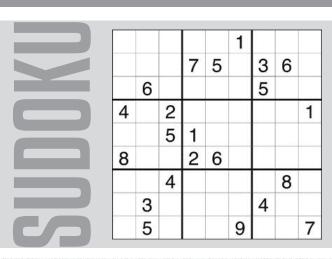
· At about 4 a.m. a resident in the 2900 block of

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The lore of Hamtramck ...

Tales of Hamtramck long ago

By Greg Kowalski

Considering that Hamtramck has such a rich history, it's almost shocking at how little we know of the town prior to 1910.

There are few pictures from that time, and village records are scarce and relate almost nothing of what life was like in this town in those days. But we do know that Hamtramck prior to the opening of the Dodge Main factory would be unrecognizable to anyone today.

But every so often, an old document or item surfaces that gives us a clue as to what life was like here when fields, not factories, dominated the landscape.

One such insight can be found in the Jan. 24, 1936, edition of The New Deal newspaper. Under the heading "Personality Sketch" is a rather folksy piece on John Fritz, who had been a 42-year resident of Hamtramck and had joined the Hamtramck Police Department in 1912. He was getting ready to retire when he was interviewed by a New Deal reporter on a day when a major snowstorm

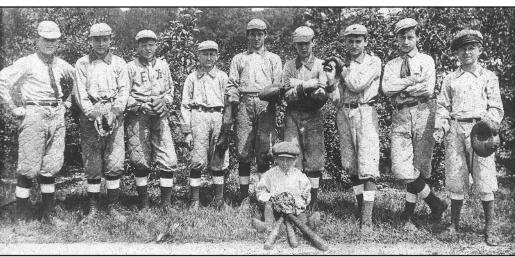
had just hit.

The New Deal Story related: "Looking outside through his window of his well-heeled home (on Faber Street) Wednesday evening while an Arctic

to stand on a lonely horse trail, Jos. Campau Ave. to you youngsters, would probably heave a long sigh and collapse.

"'After a heavy snow in the old days a familiar

"There were only about 100 German families at the time when some real estate sharks started a rumor that the Dodge plant was going to be built on Jos. Campau. We can



A rare early photo of some Hamtramck kids playing baseball. This was taken in 1906 when there was plenty of open space to play ball.

blizzard raged through his street, Fritz said he couldn't help wondering what would happen to the Hamtramck of 1905 in a simi-

"'There just wouldn't be a Hamtramck after this blizzard.' Fritz tucked a small blanket around his fast-widening waist and looking through his partially frozen windows and continued. 'Those old wooden shacks that used

sight would appear on the streets. The Path-Master, a 1905 D.P.W. superintendent who did most of his own dirty work, would come driving down Jos. Campau on his nag, slowly dragging a thick plow in back of him.

"'There were no heavy D.P.W. trucks to take snow away. The Path-Master would simply plow the snow from the street onto the sidewalk.

still hardly believe the result of that rumor. This group of about 100 families was soon swallowed by an avalanche of Polish immigrants who jammed within the boundaries of Hamtramck until they bulged.

"'But that wasn't all. Real estate prices soared like a giant skyrocket, sprung houses overnight like mushrooms in a damp cellar. Huge factory chimneys soon surrounded the city ...'"

Fritz concluded by saying he had seen a lot of changes in town. We only wish he had said more.

Now for something else: A reader asked that we do a piece on Hamtramck school teachers. Remember Annie Shelegy? Or Bea Olmstead at Hamtramck High? Or Mr. Alan from St. Florian?

Whatever Hamtramck school you went to, send us your memories. This would not only make a nice column but also create a valuable addition to the Hamtramck Historical Museum archives.

Send your memories of your favorite teachers to hamtramckhistory@gmail. com, or by mail to the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212. And don't forget to visit the Hamtramck Historical Museum.



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Hanley reported someone broke out a window at their residence.

- · Also at about 4 a.m. a suspect was arrested after breaking a car window in the area of Goodson and Jos. Campau.
- · At 4:30 a.m. a suspect was arrested after attempting to rob a victim at Carpenter and Jos. Campau using a replica firearm.
- · At 5:30 a.m. officers recovered two stolen bicycles from a juvenile who could not prove ownership.
- · A resident reported that a male about 16-to-18-years-old showed her a handgun tucked into his waistband.
- A resident in the 11300 block of St. Aubin reported the theft of her wallet from her car.
- A man in the 2600 block of Zinow reported he gave a friend money who was then going to purchase a car for him. The friend, however, never turned over the car.
- · A resident was ticketed for public intoxication while at Roosevelt and Jos. Campau.

Monday, August 24

in the 3000 block of Hanley reported a person he knows smashed out his living room window and removed items from his residence. The suspect escaped in a silver mini-

- · At almost midnight officers found an intoxicated man passed out on the ground in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau. The man was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital.
- · Officers picked up a Detroit resident from the Dearborn Police Department who was wanted on a robbery warrant.
- · A Dyar resident reported that while she was asleep someone stole several items. There was no sign of a forced entry.
- · An Evaline resident reported the theft of his car while it was parked in the CVS parking lot on Jos. Campau.
- · A Trowbridge juvenile was arrested after punching his mother multiple times in her face. He was taken to the Wayne County Youth Home.
- · A Caniff resident reported someone entered his apartment and stole his bike and wallet while he was out for a walk.
- A Conant business · At 11 p.m. a resident owner reported receiving repeated obscene phone

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