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City settles

ex-department

head lawsuit

By Charles Sercombe

lic services.

Steve Shaya.

settlement

\$225,000.

The city has settled a four-year lawsuit filed by a former director of pub-

The final part of a two-

part settlement was

reached several weeks

ago between the city and

The total payments

amount to \$300,000.

The first settlement was

reached a year ago for

\$75,000, and the recent

was



Last week we overlooked this past Tuesday's 9/11 remembrance.

It was 17 years ago that this nation was forever changed when terrorists hijacked airplanes and destroyed the World Trade Center in New York City and part of the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

If it had not been for the brave actions of passengers on a third hijacked plane, we could have lost either the nation's Capital building or the White House.

The passengers of Flight 93 physically overtook the hijackers, forcing the panicked hijackers at the control of the plane to crash into a field in Pennsylvania.

In all over 3,000 people died that day. Included in that number were 343 firefighters and 60 police officers who died trying to save people in the World Trade Center and other nearby buildings that were part of the collateral destruction.

At Tuesday's city council meeting here in Hamtramck, a moment of silence was held.

Several firefighters and police officers were in attendance. Hamtramck Fire Chief Danny Hagen spoke, saying that if public safety officers ever doubt being supported by the public to "listen to souls" of those who died that day.

"You are admired and respected for what you do," he said.

Expanded alley repair program gets the green light

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

By Charles Sercombe

The city's alley repaving project is getting an extra boost.

City officials found some extra money from savings in the budget and also dipped into the city's budget surplus to come up with over \$700,000 to pave eight more alleys this year.

But instead of concentrating on alleys bordering on Jos. Campau or Conant the city's main business districts - this project will concentrate on residential alleys.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said spending the money on residential improvements is something the city owes to residents. Angerer added that it's better to spend the money than "put it in the bank for a rainy day. We already have a rainy day fund. We are going to live within our means."

Mayor Karen Majewski



Eight residential areas will benefit from the city's expanded alley repaving program. The project, which will cost over \$700,000, will continue until cold weather returns. Work will continue in spring if the project is not completed.

"I'm really excited," she said. "It's about time we worked on residential areas."

The work started this month, but may not be completed before cold weather sets in. If that's the case, the project will pick back up in spring. Repairs will also be made to catch basins and sewer lines if needed.

"We do not expect issues, but if we encounter them we will need to address them," said Angerer.

There was one slight snag in the matter. Councilmember Saad Almasmari wanted to know if the council could still weigh in on which alleys to improve. Angerer told him the city is

relying on an engineering study, which ranked the city's entire alley network

from worst to best.

"This is a scientific study," Angerer said. "We have to be fair to every-

She said that jumping ahead of the scheduled repairs would appear like the

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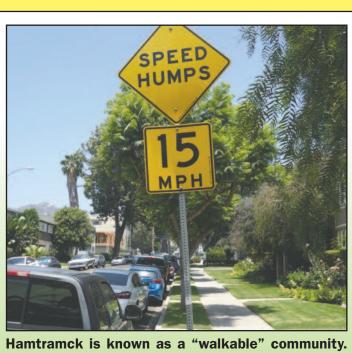
Steve Shaya

On top of that, the city spent \$350,000 in its own legal fees handling the case.

Shaya, who is an Iraqi-American, made several claims against the city, including having to endure ethnic slurs and being retaliated against for alexposing legedly wrongdoing in city hall.

But at one time a magistrate judge overseeing the case recommended dismissing Shaya's case, saying that none of Shaya's allegations of ethnic slurs or other comments and actions failed "to rise to the level he (Shaya) perceives them to be."

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But reckless and speeding drivers are making our streets unsafe. Should we lower the speed limits?

Complete streets now: lives depend on it

By Walter Wasacz

A comprehensive strategic transportation and urban mobility plan was published earlier this month by the City of De-

Using Complete Streets

principles - rapidly gaining traction from coast to coast as a way to make motorways, pedestrian walkways and bicycle lanes safer for all users implementation of the plan

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Expanded alley repair program gets the green light cont. from front page

city is giving "preferential treatment."

Councilmember Ian Perrotta stressed it is important to "follow facts, not opinions."

Almasmari was the only councilmember to vote against the alley improvement schedule.

The alleys in question will be torn up and repaved with asphalt - not concrete.

The alleys slated for improvements include:

· Alley north of Florian, from Lumpkin to Brombach

- · Alley east of Lumpkin, from Faber to Goodson
- · Allev north of Norwalk. from Brombach to Jos. Campau
- · Alley east of Gallagher, from Commor to Casmere
- · Alley north of Holmes, from Mackay to Jos. Cam-
- · Alley east of Klinger, from Carpenter to Commor
- · Alley north of Norwalk, from Dequindre to Lump-
- · Alley north of Belmont, from Jos. Campau to Gallagher

City settles ex-department head lawsuit

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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."

As for the city's alleged retaliations against Shaya, in one instance he said 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 the department head, Cheryl Karpinski, 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.

Karpinski was also let go by Emergency Manager Cathy Square, who refused to disclose publicly why she left.

Shaya accused the Police Department of falsely claiming he was involved in a hit-and-run accident involving an off-duty Detroit police officer.

His employment with the city has had a rocky history. He was first hired in 2002 when the city was under the control of a state-appointed emergency financial manager, Lou Schimmel, when the city had tailspinned into a financial crisis.

He was let go by Schimmel when city employees claimed he assigned them to work on a house he owned and that he failed to disclose he had been convicted of a felony fraud charge.

Shaya came back several years later, after Schimmel had left, during a politically-charged council meeting. Shaya's supporters on council of that time pushed his hiring through.

But three years after that, in 2014, when the city was in another financial crisis and under state control, Shaya was fired by former state-appointed Emergency 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.

Shaya had not previously informed city officials of that relationship.

There were also questions about whether Shaya had paid his income taxes.

City Attorney James Allen said the settlement prevents Shaya from filing any other lawsuit regarding his time employed here.

He also said that settling the case is far less expensive than going through a trial and continwhich he said would include possible hostile or inconsistent - interviews with city employees who are either no longer or still employed by the

Out of the total settlement, the city's insurance company will \$80,000. The settlement also includes Shaya's legal fees.

"Enough blood has been shed," said City Attorney Allen of the money spent by the city to defend the lawsuit.

Most of the legal fees

ued depositions, some of are for the work performed by the former city attorney hired by former Emergency Manager

Cathy Square. Allen said his portion of the fees amounted to

\$60,000.

Councilmember Ian Perrotta said it is unfair that the city has to pay the settlement for actions allegedly taken against Shaya that happened while the city was under the control of a state-appointed emergency man-

"It's bull—," he said.

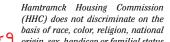






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6:30 p.m. For additional

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School Bell

Hamtramck Public Schools Pre-K - 12th grade enrollment for the 2018/2019 School Year

Please bring the following documents to the HPS **Enrollment Office located** at 3201 Roosevelt: Original birth certificate, up-todate immunization record, parent ID, two proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage, etc.), proof of income (preschool only).

Early Childhood Elementary News

Students are settling into their second week of school learning the rules, routines and new concepts in all subjects.

They are practicing reading with stamina so they can get ready to do their Reading Workshop cen-

Next week begins NWEA







Above and below: Scenes from a special program at the Early Childhood Elementary School that helped prepare students for an upcoming test.



testing in math and reading, so it is very important the students get plenty of rest and either eat breakfast at home or in school.

Pictured in this week's photos is Mrs. Lvnn Balko's kindergarten class. The students are busy learning printing skills, choosing books at their level, doing fine motor activities, and much more.

The happy class is always eager to show others all the wonderful learning they are doing at the different learning centers.

Curriculum Nights

- · September 19 Holbrook Elementary School -3:30-5:30 p.m.
- · September 20 Dickinson East Elementary School-3:30-5:30 p.m.
- September 27 Early Childhood Elementary School and Tau Beta Elementary School-3:30-5:30 p.m.
- September 28 Horizon High School-3:30-5:30 p.m.

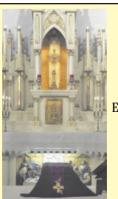
Upcoming Calendar:

- Monday, September 17 - First day for Preschool. Half day.
- · Tuesday, September 18 - Half day for Preschool.
- Wednesday, October 3

- Fall Count Day and end of Progress Report Period #1.
- · Thursday, October 11 -- Progress Report #1 dis-
- tributed. · Thursday, October 11 -
- Half day for Hamtramck High School and Horizon

High School. Parent teacher conferences from 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Full day for all other schools.

Athletic Events Continued on page 5



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When Detroit bent the best metal

By Charles Sercombe

For vintage car lovers, Kelly's Bar was the place to be a few weeks ago on a Saturday afternoon.

That's when the annual Dead Last Car Club held its roundup of Detroit classics.

About 30 vintage cars and trucks were parked on the side street next to the Holbrook bar, some nicely restored, others, as the aficionados say, ratted out.

For many, the grungier the better.

And for those who came to gawk, for a few hours you could fantasize about owning one or more of the cars.

For sure, they don't build them like they used

Dang.

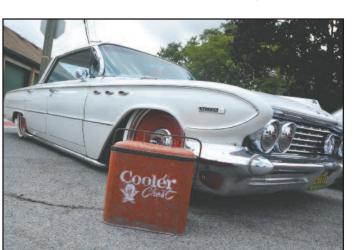
Scenes from the recent **Dead Last Car Club vin**tage car show held outside of Kelly's Bar.



Friday, September 14, 2018







Obituaries

WOJTOWICZ



Delphine Wojtowicz (nee Zlotucha), 87, died September 12, 2018.

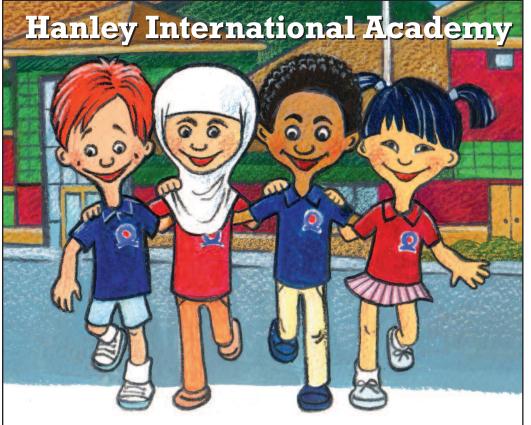
Mrs. Wojtowicz was the beloved wife of Raymond; mother of Susan (John) Liska, Christopher, Dean (Sheila), Renee (Mark)

Dudek, and the late Wesley; grandmother of Jacob (Rebecca) Liska, Nathan Liska, Evan, Ashley (Thomas) Marlin, Griffin (Erin), Joseph, Marcella, Alexandra, and Marcus; great grandmother of Julianna, Jaxon, Jameson, Nora, Jubilee, Jane, October, Elizabeth; sister of

Regina "Virgie" Kerszulis, and the late Celia Leyman. Mrs. Wojtowicz was the daughter of the late Stella and Michael Zlo-

Visitation is Monday, September 17, from 3 to 9 p.m., with scripture service time to be determined later, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck Laura Brefka, the late MI 48212. Mrs. Wojtow-

icz will lie in state at 10:30 a.m., until the time of the funeral Mass at 11 a.m., at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck MI 48212. Interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Henry Ford Hospice in Delphine's name.



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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Is it time for the city to invest In the Labor Day Festival?

Hamtramck annual Labor Day Festival has once again to ponder its future.

First of all, the lead organizers of the festival. Shannon Lowell and Konrad Maziarz, deserve praise for their hard work and donation of their personal time without compensation to put this event together.

A big thanks also goes out to the dozens of volunteers who also work tirelessly - and also for free - to make sure the festival is cleaned and staffed.

It's no easy task put-

this size.

But we have to ask if wrapped up, it's time the city should continue to rely on volunteers to organize this festival. Most other cities take ownership of their festivals or hire someone, or some company, to run it.

> We have floated the idea of once again hiring part-time special events coordinator to help with this and other city events.

Or, how about actually compensating the current organizers?

We can't continue to expect volunteers to do this amount of work for

The city has a whole

Now that this year's ting together a festival of year to think this one through.

> It might be we don't change a thing and continue to plug along with all volunteers.

Yet if they choose to away midway through the year - what

Do we value this festival? Or have we become fatigued with it? It's time for a serious discussion on where to go from here.

One thing that is agreed on is that the festival gives the city a tremendous boost in public relations. That is certainly worth something.

Odds & Ends

Congratulations...

Americans across the nation now know what Hamtramckans have long

New Palace Bakery has been named one of the best donut shops in America by an online publication called Thrillest, which specializes in food.

The publication said New Palace is one of the nation's top 31 donut

shops.

Our only beef is that New Palace is so much more than just a donut shop - this is a bakery that has some of the best breads, cakes and pas-

It's also the number one destination bakery on Paczki Day, where lines of folks wait up to three and four hours for the yearly

Polish treat. And it's the bakery's paczki that gets singled out by Thrillest, which praised their version as

the best.

"At New Palace, though, every day is Paczki Day, with the city's best version of the dense, stuffed Old World donuts come in flavors ranging from rose hip to Boston cream, apple, cherry, blueberry, and prune, just in case

you overdo it. New Palace didn't exactly reinvent the wheel. They just kind of pumped it full of fat and butter and some of the best custard you've ever had. Then coated it in Thrillest sugar," the gushed.

New Palace was the only bakery in Michigan to be singled out. Several are located in California. The bakery is located at 9833 Jos. Campau, and its hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

New Martha Washington, noodle soup to guests just down the street on when they are sick. She Jos. Campau, is pretty remembers orders of platamazing as well.

Make that two... As in two congratulations. According to a press release we received from the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Hamtramck's own Fathima Rahman was awarded for her excellent customer service at the 2018 Recognition of Service Ex-

cellence (ROSE) Awards. Rahman, Room Service Operator at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, was named the hotels category winner. She received a \$100

Visa gift card, dinner for two at the London Chop House, two Detroit Tigers game tickets, a crystal award, one dozen red roses, a bottle of champagne and an announcement in the next issue of Visit Detroit Magazine and on visitdetroit.com.

There were a total of almost 200 nominees for six categories. According to the press release "Rahman never misses a single step, even when the hotel is busy. She adds personal touches, And while we're at it, such as sending chicken inum guests, consistently provides excellent customer service and is always a team player."

The press release continued to say:

"During the busy weeks of the North American International Auto Show Rahman has been known for working all night operating the phone for inroom dining and returning first thing in the morning to hostess at the hotel lobby restaurant, then heading back to in-room dining for the evening."

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Letters • Letters

Kathy Angerer is the right choice for city manager

Thank you to Council member Anam Miah for drafting the resolution to hire Kathy Angerer for city manager.

And thank you to all those who support her for the job.

With her high energy, pleasant personality, and thorough knowledge of Hamtramck and its residents because of the many years she has served successfully in our town's administration, Kathy Angerer is the perfect choice for City Manager.

She has extensive government experience dating back before she arrived in Hamtramck. That experience has been well applied to everything she does for

Recently, Ms. Angerer was interviewed on Jack Lessenberry's 910 AM radio program along with August Gitschlag, Greg

Kowalski, and others. Ms. Angerer was confident, but friendly, and gave an upbeat, knowledgeable response to all questions.

She gave listeners the information that will make them want to visit Hamtramck, live here and send their children to school here. She was great!

Felicia Davey Hamtramck



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- Friday, September 14 -HHS Varsity Football vs. River Rouge at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 18 - HHS Boys' Soccer vs. Taylor Prep at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Tuesday, September 18 - HHS Girls' Volleyball vs. Detroit Community COMING GAME. 5:30 p.m. Home.
- Thursday, September 20 -HHS Boys' Soccer vs. University Prep at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Thursday, September 20 - HHS Girls' Volleyball vs. Ecorse 5:30 p.m. Away. · Friday, September 21 -
- HHS Varsity Football vs. Ecorse at 7 p.m. HOME-

We would like to see the community come out to support the Cosmos. Homecoming Parade leaves from HHS at 5:00 p.m. and goes down Casmere to Jos. Campau to Keyworth Stadium. Cosmos!

Compiled by **Janice Gandelman**

Holy Cross continues its tradition of donating school supplies

By Alan Madlane

Kids without school sup-"Parish" plies? thought!

"Parish," as in, Holy Cross Parish, whose Parent Teacher Organization has once again organized their annual drive to supply one designated Hamtramck school with ... supplies.

This year, the fortunate recipient was the Early Childhood Elementary School on McDougall, near Commor. The parish collects donated monies throughout the summer, shops for the supplies, and then delivers them the week before school starts.

The donations come from the church's parishioners, yes, but also from other friends of the project: outside family, for example,

or even just good-willed souls who see their ads soliciting for such donations.

Normally, nothing comes from foundations or even corporations, according to Kathy Chockley, a parish spokesperson with knowledge of the situation. One woman dropped a check off at the church's office, she adds; it would seem that good will can and does take many roads.

Chockley added that even the parish priest, the Very Reverend Jaroslaw Nowak, helped to deliver the supplies.

And while the drive was put together by the parish PTO (also known as "Sunday School"), Chockley noted that parish PTO Superintendent Nancy Wisbiski was the individual on

whom it fell to contact the school and round up their supply request lists. Likewise, credit the volunteer shoppers who then turned the cash into the supplies.

Chocklev was enough to provide a copy of the actual enumerated list of specific supplies delivered on Aug. 28. Some of the more expected items included writing and coloring implements, specifically 2,352 total pencils (along with 73 sharpeners, 99 large erasers and 498 eraser pencil caps), 142 packs of colored pencils, 348 boxes of crayons, and 72 washable magic markers; 4,530 total sheets of construction paper, 780 total sheets of drawing paper, 222 packs of filler

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four-year phases.

That's good news for our neighbor that borders Hamtramck on all sides (but for a small piece we share with Highland Park). Evidence of Detroit's commitment to safer, more complete and shareable streets can be seen in the construction of protected bike lanes in the Jefferson-Chalmers, Corktown and Midtown neighborhoods.

In the North End neighborhood directly west of Hamtramck, the bike share company MoGo installed a station on Bethune at Brush. MoGo has developed partnerships with DDOT and Lyft, and plans to expand to northern suburban communities in 2019.

Urban mobility initiatives are here and gaining steam. Complete Streets is a positive national public safety movement, growing from 35 communities that adopted its policies in 2005 to over 1,300 small towns, mid-sized suburbs and big cities that follow its guidelines in 2018.

It's time Hamtramck

comes in one-year and joins its big neighbor in the 1990s, state-enforced making our streets safer for everyone.

It's long past due, of course, an issue many of us have raised for years. When I was a staff writer at The Citizen newspaper beginning in the early 1990s, I launched a column called "Sidewalking," a precursor in many ways to City Life. I began exploring similar themes that included ways to make the city safer and more attractive for pedestrians and other non-motorized traffic.

The main point has always been about public safety. Without streets shared by motorists, cyclists and people on foot there can be no "walkable discovery," which is what I call my journalistic mission.

Without safe streets Hamtramck cannot make a claim for premium "walkability," despite the fact that by its early 20th century design alone it should be near the top of every list statewide.

It's understood that the city's financial resources are lean, and that since

emergency management has interrupted momentum to implement a master plan that begins to address some of these is-

Hamtramck is a desirable place for residential and commercial investment. People want to live open businesses here, and it is a popular destination for its many food and nightlife options.

That means people are here and more are coming. With Detroit implementing progressive urban mobility strategies at the city's doorstep it makes good sense to join in the progress and do it now.

One of the cornerstone proposals in Detroit's plan is to slow down motor traffic around schools and senior housing. Why not take that piece and simply localize it? That would be good place to start. The concentration of schools in Hamtramck effectively makes the entire 2-square miles of the city a school speed zone, does it not?

In some communities

speed limits are posted as low as 15 mph around schools. When I was in Los Angeles earlier this summer, I saw 15 mph speed limit signs posted in neighborhoods near Melrose and La Brea, an area of concentrated resident population and a destination for visitors day and night. Closer to home, I saw the same speed limits posted in Port Huron, on streets near a park south of the Blue Water Bridge.

No, not every street should be 15 mph. But why not 20, especially close to all schools? And 25 on major avenues like Jos. Campau, Conant, Holbrook and Caniff? Consider this: recent

studies show that at 20

mph, 93 percent of pedes-

trians survive being hit by a car versus just 40 percent at 40 mph. We're not talking about speed traps or putting the burden on the police to increase traffic enforcement.

The design of the streets and consistent messaging by the city itself that Hamtramck cares about everyone on its streets is the idea: let's begin there, not with more punishment for moving violations.

There is no justifiable reason why motorists should speed on Gallagher, which is the main connecting route between Tau Beta south of Holbrook, Dickinson East at Norwalk and Edwin, and Hamtramck High School north of Caniff.

Incredibly, motorists not only speed but pass each other on what is a residential thoroughfare, not a highway. "No Passing" signage should also be considered, as well as a double yellow line in the middle of the road. Those are good, and not costly, first steps to increased safety.

As I've written many times before, I live on the corner of Edwin and Gallagher and am a witness to excessive speeding everyday. At the same I am also seeing more bicycle traffic, skateboard users, bladers and soon, I'm sure, will see scooters that are quickly becoming popular in urban communities across the country.

Gallagher is also one of the busiest walking corridors for people of all ages: including elementary school students and the elderly, the most vulnerable among us.

It shouldn't take a catastrophic accident to get the city's attention or that of the board of education, which can also play an advocacy role for safe streets.

My challenge to you all: let's start talking, connecting, collaborating, planning and then doing something as if our lives depended on

Because they do.

The models are out there. Partnerships and coalitions are waiting to be formed. The time is now to calm traffic and improve quality of life for everyone who lives and visits here. Hamtramck's future is wide open: let's share it, beginning with our streets.

Hamtramck native Walter Wasacz's bimonthly walkable discovery column is a chronicle of his adventures lived close, and not so close, to home.

Coming events

WEDNESDAYS, 7 p.m., every second Wednesday of the month - The 3C7 and Midtown Block meets at 2339 Caniff PCS Senior Day Center. This block club includes all residents and businesses west of Jos. Campau and north of Holbrook.

FRIDAY, Sept. 21, 4 p.m. (until they run out) -All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner (meat and vegetarian choices), salad and bread, \$8, at the Ham-

tramck Moose Lodge (9421 Conant), proceeds to Women of the Moose Charities. No carry outs. SATURDAY, Sept. 22, 4-7 p.m. - Holy Cross

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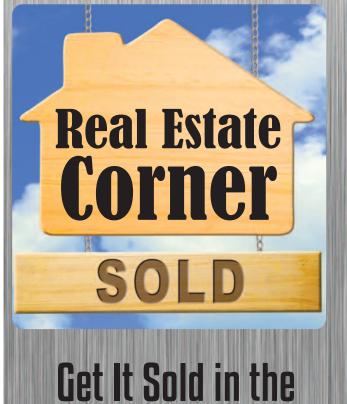
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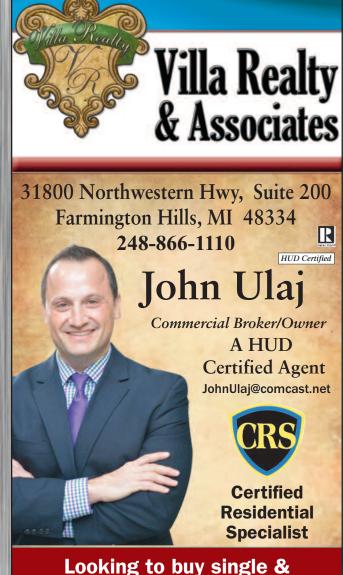
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- A Detroit resident was robbed of her wallet while on Jos. Campau.
- · A resident in the 12000 block of Mitchell reported a break-in.
- · An agent for a business reported a former employee embezzled over \$65,000.
- · A Clinton Twp. resident reported that while their car was parked in the 3300 block of Edwin someone broke the rear window.
- An agent for Hanley Home for Boys reported a resident was missing.
- · Officers arrested a suspect for an armed robbery at a business in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau.
- · A resident in the 9400 block of McDougall was arrested for domes-

tic violence.

Wednesday, September

- · A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant and for a traffic violation.
- A resident said that while his Jeep was parked in the 2600 block of Casmere, someone stole its navigation sys-
- · A resident in the 3100 block of Lehman reported someone damaged his residence.

Thursday, September 6

- · An Evaline resident reported someone damaged their vehicle.
- · A Whalen resident reported someone stole their vehicle's navigation system.
- A Danforth resident reported a toy being stolen from her front porch.
- · A Danforth resident reported family members damaged her residence.

Friday, September 7

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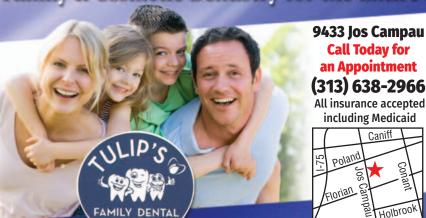








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paper, and 294 note books; 176 blunt-ended scissors, 62 rulers, 83 glue bottles, 10 large glue sticks and 504 small

The drive was also able to supply 55 back packs, approximately two dozen coats each for boys and girls, 40 pairs of gloves, 50 hats, and 15 scarves, as well as tissue, wet wipes and the like.

The teachers weren't for-

gotten either: the parish also supplied them with 204 pens and 13 boxes of fine-tip markers; 79 folders; 260 box tops; and 4 pairs of sharp scissors. Quite a haul all around.

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break-in on Danforth, officers arrested three people.

- A Charest resident reported a person they know damaged their property.
- A Dearborn resident reported his wallet was stolen from his vehicle in the 3300 block of Holbrook.
- · A Yemans resident reported her cellphone was stolen while she was at Keyworth Stadium.

Saturday, September 8

· A Geimer resident reported his city-issued garbage cans stolen.

- At about 1:30 a.m. a resident was arrested in the 11300 block of Conant for defecating in public, possessing open alcohol and drug paraphernalia.
- At about 3:30 a.m. a resident in the 12100 block of Lumpkin reported someone damaged her residence and

vehicle.

- At almost 4 a.m. a resident reported being assaulted in the 10300 block of Conant.
- A resident reported receiving harassing communications.

Sunday, September 9

- A resident in the 11600 block of Gallagher was arrested for domestic violence.
- · A resident in the 3100 block of Lehman accused his downstairs neighbor of possibly breaking into his residence.
- A resident said their car was stolen while it was parked in the 2400

block of Commor.

Monday, September 10

- · At a little after 2 a.m. a resident was arrested for possessing open intoxicants and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A Klinger resident reported someone attempted to steal their car and stole several items from inside it.
- A Holbrook resident reported a theft of their city-issued trash can. Another Holbrook resident reported the theft of four city-issued trash cans from his rental units.



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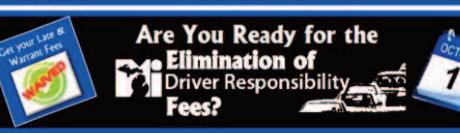
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