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Quick Hits

Summer fun continues this Saturday (Sept. 8) when Hamtramck firefighters host a "Field Day" at Pulaski Park.

There will be a "moon-walk" for kids to bounce around in, and plenty of free food, featuring the firefighters' famous chili, halal and vegetarian offerings and all-beef hot-dogs.

The event starts at 11 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m.

Another event coming up is "Art in the Park," which is on Sept. 27 at Zussman Park.

And there is one more upcoming arts event called "Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival," which will be held in mid-October.

Organizers of this event are holding an on-line fundraiser to help with funding. You can help out by going online at: https://www.patron-icity.com/project/hamtramck_neighborhood_arts_festival#/

The event is described by organizers as "a loosely curated showcase of artists, writers and musicians living in Hamtown and the surrounding neighborhoods. The festival takes place annually the second weekend in October with the goal of activating the city's indigenous talent and create a walkable, neighborhood-scale, art experience on porches, in houses, on sidewalks and storefronts."

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Despite hot, rainy weather, Labor Day Festival remains a 'people's festival'

By Charles Sercombe

One thing you can say about this year's Hamtramck Labor Day Festival, it had its ups and downs, and ins and outs.

It was because of the wild weather.

First it was the heat, then the brief outbursts of rain and then the soaking humidity.

That combination resulted in what appeared to be a lower than usual attendance, but a spirited one for sure.

This was the 39th year for the festival, and it has had a history of plenty of other bumpy rides.

But in recent years the festival has rebounded and considering it's put on with a shoestring budget of \$85,000, it's been a success.

One observer has called it a prime example of a festival put on by the people for the people – a

people's festival.

That's because it relies on unpaid volunteers to organize it and help with cleaning up the grounds each day and staffing the beer booths.

This year was more special with the performance of Motown legends Martha and the Vandellas, who paid a special tribute to Aretha Franklin who recently passed away.

One almost-casualty was the Polish Day Parade, which came close to being cancelled when a torrential rain and wind whipped through the city right before it was to start.

The parade, however, was delayed by only about 20-30 minutes, and onlookers stuck around to make it festive and hometowny.

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Photo by Emily Pokoj



Hamtramck now has a new city manager

By Charles Sercombe

City officials gave it one more shot to vote on whether to hire a city manager last Friday evening.

City Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi called for a special meeting after last Tuesday's vote was prevented when two councilmembers suddenly walked out of the meeting, which created a lack of a quorum.

Mayor Karen Majewski, who votes on department heads being hired, was not at Tuesday's meeting as was Councilmember Saad Al-masmari.

On Friday, the situation was different. Everyone on council and the mayor were in attendance despite it being the start of a holiday weekend.

Long story made short: Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer is now the new city manager. She has been in the acting city manager role for a year and two months.

Prior to that she has served in a number of positions with the city for the past several years.

And prior to that she was a state legislator and worked with the Dundee Public School District.

Councilmembers Perrotta and Karpinski, who walked out of Tuesday's council meeting, voted against Angerer's hiring, while Mayor Majewski was in favor along with

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Hamtramck now has a new city manager

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Councilmembers Anam Miah, Abu Musa, Saad Almasmari and Fadel Al-Marsoumi.

Perrotta and Karpinski said that while they have nothing against Angerer, they think a search should have been conducted.

They pointed out that a majority of the council agreed to ask voters to change the city charter language on what qualifications are needed to fill the position of city manager. It was thought the

requirements as originally adopted were too limiting, and that by loosening up the language would allow the city to consider otherwise qualified candidates.

The voters overwhelmingly approved the change in the August Primary Election.

But an anticipated search never happened. Councilmember Al-Marsoumi, instead, proposed hiring Angerer and to instruct the city attorney to draw up a three-

year employment contract.

He had the support of Councilmembers Miah, Almasmari and Musa, as well as Mayor Majewski.

Their reasoning was that Angerer had already proven herself.

Trying to break in a new city manager, said Councilmember Miah, would slow the “momentum” of the city’s progress.

“Angerer is doing a wonderful job,” Miah told The Review.

Perrotta and Karpinski said city officials owed it to the community to conduct a search.

Both insisted there would be no slowing down of the city’s progress, and stressed Angerer could also apply for the job.

The matter isn’t entirely over.

The council will once again revisit the subject when City Attorney James Allen returns with a proposed employment contract.

The lore of Hamtramck ...

Hamtramck and weapons of war

By Greg Kowalski

The spirit of patriotism traditionally has run deep in Hamtramck going back to its earliest days. And, fittingly, it often has been tied to the immigrant experience.

Consider that Col. John Francis Hamtramck was originally a French-Canadian named Jean Francois Hamtramck, who changed his name John Francis when he came to the new United States to fight against the British. He embraced his new country, serving bravely in the Revolutionary War and in the army long afterward. He eventually set-

tled in what would become Hamtramck Township and is now buried at Veterans Memorial Park in Hamtramck.

In more recent times, many European immigrants who flooded into Hamtramck in the early 20th century found themselves back in Europe during World War II fighting for America.

Poles, Ukrainians and other ethnic groups shared a love of their “Old Country” along with this new land and were deeply affected by the ravages of war over there even as they raised families here. And African-Americans here, though largely overlooked, fought in our wars bravely despite the disrespect they often received on the home front. That’s another story we will explore later.

Of course, relatively few residents were in the military compared to the total number of people living here. But even those who stayed home got to show their support for the troops in other ways. There were endless bond drives and people made do with few complaints

during rationing. And every so often, Hamtramck took a higher profile with naming rights to various pieces of military hardware. There was a Hamtramck-sponsored bomber in World War II, a tank and a jet plane in the 1950s.

The jet, in fact, was named “City of Hamtramck.” The christening of the F-80 was held in October, 1953, at Selfridge Air Force base. An official ceremony was held, with Council President Julia Rooks smashing a bottle of champagne against the wheels of the plane. Also participating was Brig. Gen. Felix Vidal. And after the ceremony, two jets soared overhead in tribute at more than 600 mph.

And on a related note, there was a submarine named the Casimir Pulaski. It didn’t have a direct connection with Hamtramck, but because of the city’s strong Polish ties at the time, it made news in Hamtramck. In fact, the Navy chose Rep. Lucien Nedzi, Hamtramck’s congressman, to inform when the submarine was named in 1963.

That was during the depths of the Cold War, and the name Casimir Pulaski was approved by President John Kennedy in May, 1963.

The Casimir Pulaski was 425 feet long and 33 feet wide. It had two steam turbine engines and was capable of reaching a speed of greater than 23 mph. It had 16 ballistic missile tubes and four torpedo tubes and was capable of reaching a depth of 1,300 feet.

On Feb. 1, 1964, the Casimir Pulaski was launched and sailed on to a relatively uneventful career. It was decommissioned on March 7, 1994, and scrapped by October 1994.

The Casimir Pulaski would be lost to the obscurity of old Navy records except that its framed photo was presented to Mayor Joseph Grzecki. You can see it today at the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

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The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

Second Front Page

Former Hamtramck police officer accused of assaulting arrestees

By Charles Sercombe

A former Hamtramck police officer is charged with multiple criminal counts of assaulting two people he arrested in 2014.

The Department of Justice recently indicted Ryan McInerney, 42, on six counts involving civil rights violations, obstruction of justice, and firearms offenses, according to a press release from the Department of Justice.

The incidents allegedly occurred on July 22, 2014, and involved two separate arrests.

McInerney was with the Hamtramck Police Department for only several weeks, and he resigned after being placed on administrative leave.

City Manager Kathy Angerer declined to comment on whether he was placed on leave because of the allegations.

The indictment further

says “as a result of the assaults, one of the civilians suffered broken facial bones and lacerations requiring stitches, and the other civilian suffered broken teeth, among other injuries.”

McInerney additionally is accused of “writing false reports to cover up his excessive uses of force.”

The DOJ press release did not say why the two people were arrested.

If found guilty, McInerney faces a lengthy maximum prison sentence for each charge: The obstruction charges carry a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for each offense. The firearms charges carry a mandatory minimum and consecutive sentence of five-to-seven years in prison for each offense.

The case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frances Lee Carlson of the Eastern District of Michigan and Trial Attorney Risa Berkower of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division.

In another legal action, the Hamtramck Police Department faces an addi-

tional lawsuit alleging that a Hamtramck police investigator was part of a scheme involving the police towing company.

The lawsuit, which at press time had not been served to the city, alleges Michael Stout, who is now a detective with the department, worked with a Highland Park investigator in an auto theft unit where they falsely had vehicles towed from a collision shop in Highland Park.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court a few weeks ago, also accused the investigators of using ethnic slurs against two Arab-Americans working at the collision shop.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit were told to either sign over the cars they had to the towing company or pay high storage fees to get them back.

This is the third lawsuit involving the police investigators and others. One lawsuit had to do with an incident at Sam’s Tires on Conant.

Hamtramck agreed to settle the two previous lawsuits. Details of the settlements were not available at the time The Review went to press Thursday.



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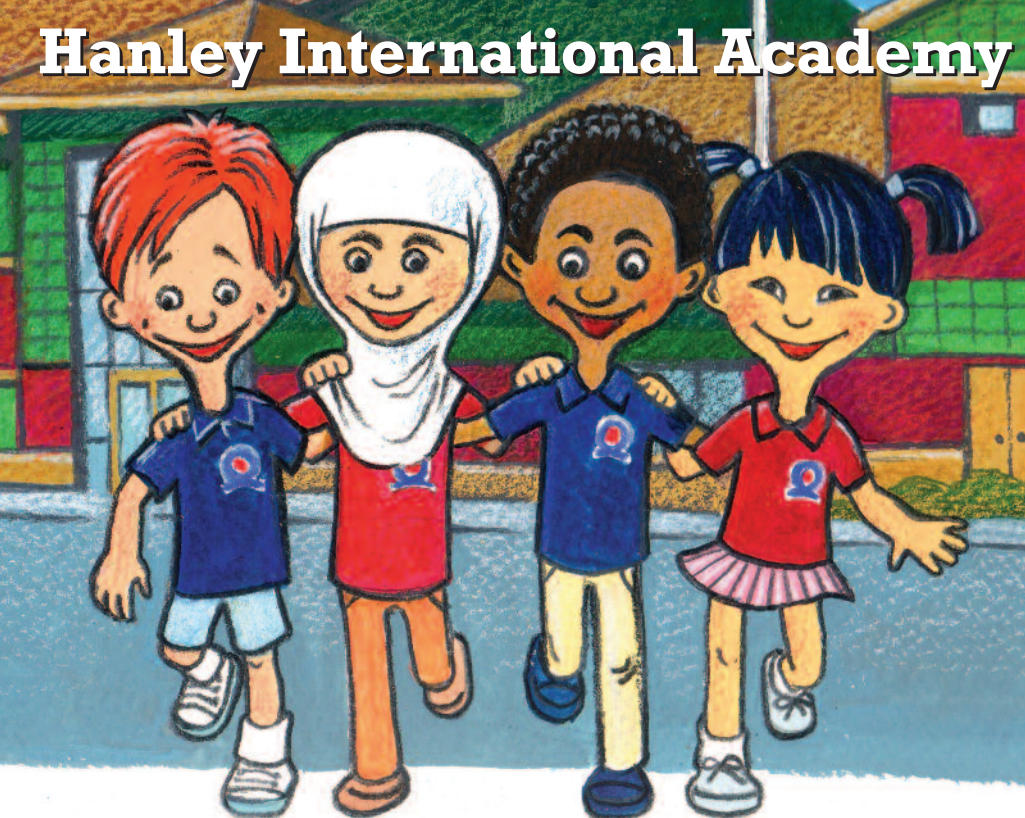
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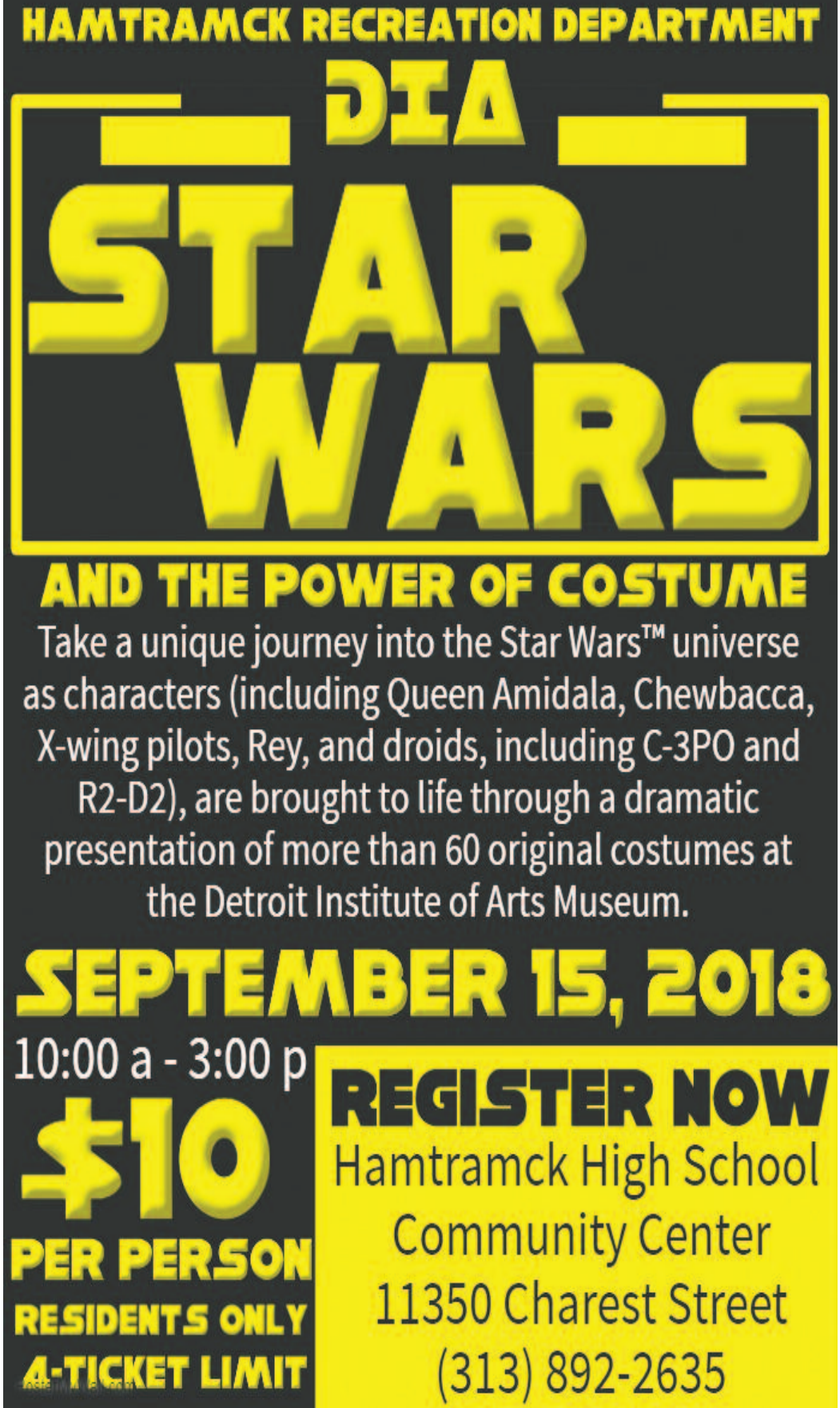
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Despite hot, rainy weather, Labor Day Festival remains a ‘people’s festival’

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Tigers’ pitching legend Denny McLain – he of the 1968 World Series Champs fame – was the parade marshal. At the grandstand, he thanked the city and seemed genuinely surprised by how organized the parade and festival was.

“I respect Hamtramck more than ever now,” he said.

There was also the yearly “canoe race,” and it has continued to grow and grow in participants and fans. It has now doubled in size and rowdiness.

It’s amazing how people can weaponize water balloons, squirt guns and plain old buckets of water.

The race consists of teams – mostly from our local bars – who build their own “canoe” on wheels, with one team member riding in the canoe while another pushes it down a one-block stretch on Jos. Campau. At the end of the block, the team members switch positions and race back to the starting point.

In the meantime, folks

looking on are encouraged to pelt the racers with water balloons and anything that can hold water. Just about everyone leaves soaking wet – which in the heat was an added relief.

The winner? Does it matter? Well, OK, the Polish Sea League.

Kudos though goes out to Painted Lady Bar which had the most “canoe” looking ship.

And a bigger shout-out goes to Outer Limits Bar for bringing added humor with having their canoe fitted out with a guy playing the snare and bass drums (and, yes, cowbell) and the team members looking like members of the band, Devo.

(Maybe this event confirms we have all truly reached a level of de-evolution that the band sang about back in the 1980s. Although, arguably, Hamtramck has always been way ahead of the curve.)

*“Are we not men?
We are Devo
Are we not men?
D-E-V-O”
“Jocko Homo” by Devo*



Everyone knows Joe Marecki, a longtime local plumber. He took this photo of his niece and nephews who were on their way to the “canoe race” on Monday. Believe it or not, they packed up over 2,500 water balloons to throw at the participants.

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City manager hiring allows us to move on; Big thanks to festival organizers

As it turns out, Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer was indeed appointed as the city's new city manager.

That appointment happened at a special meeting held last Friday evening with all councilmembers present, including Mayor Karen Majewski. A regular city council meeting on Tuesday of last week resulted in a walkout by Councilmembers Ian Perrotta and Andrea Karpinski before the resolution to hire Angerer could be voted on.

Their absence caused a lack of a quorum, thus preventing a vote.

On Friday, as expected, Angerer received the support of Councilmembers Anam Miah, Abu Musa, Saad Almasmari and Fadel Al-Marsoumi. Mayor Majewski also was in support.

Councilmembers Perrotta and Karpinski voted in opposition.

We are not going to hash over the details of the division here. Instead, it's time to move on and accept the appointment.

We have said before that we think Angerer has done a good job for the past year in her role as acting city manager, and that searching for a new person to take over would be a waste of time and money.

Angerer, we think, has proved herself.

We look forward to continued progress in the city.

And while we are in a thankful mood, a big

Odds & Ends

Follow-up... Recently, we reported that Police Chief Anne Moise said a rumor that there had been a murder/rape in Hamtramck that ended with the body being burned was a "false rumor."

That was indeed just that.

But, what some people may have been thinking is that there was a carjack-

ing of a woman in Hamtramck that ended up with the victim being kidnapped and raped in a Detroit park.

According to a Fox 2 television news report, the suspect then drove off with the woman's car and burned it in the area of Jos. Campau and McLean – north of Carpenter.

The suspect, Tony Kings-

Metro news...

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

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Early Childhood Elementary News

The first day school at the Early Childhood Elementary School started with Mrs. Colleen Stevens, the Principal, and staff greeting parents and students in the gym.

Mrs. Stevens talked to the students and parents about the important things they should know to start the school year.

Among the things discussed was making sure the address and phone numbers on the emergency cards were up-to-date, including any medical information.

Students learned the expectations, met their new teachers, and had some time in the activity room during their first school day.

New math concepts exploring "Number Talks" were introduced to show students there is more than one way to look at a number or equation and solve it. Not only do the students have to solve the math problems, they also have to tell how they found their answer.

In the upcoming weeks students will learn the routine and expectations of the school. They will also be taking tests in reading.

It is very important that the students get enough sleep every night to do their best. Students can bring water bottles to school to keep them hydrated.

The first day of school ended with Mrs. Stevens giving a candy chocolate kiss to each student. Students enjoyed their



Scenes from the first day of school at the Early Childhood Elementary School.



"Kiss from the Principal" as the delicious chocolate melted easily in their mouth. Everyone at ECE is looking forward to a successful year!



Upcoming Calendar:

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- Tuesday, September 18 – Half day for Pre-school.
- Wednesday, October 3 – Fall Count Day and end of Progress Report Period #1.
- Thursday, October 11 – Progress Report #1 distributed.
- Thursday, October 11 – Half day for Hamtramck High School and Horizon High School. Parent teacher conferences from 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-



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Athletic Events

- Tuesday, September 11 – HHS Boys' Soccer vs. Harper Woods at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Tuesday, September 11 – HHS Girls' Volleyball vs. UPSM at 5:30 p.m. Away.
- Thursday, September 13 – HHS Boys' Soccer vs. River Rouge at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Thursday, September 13 – HHS Girls' Volleyball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 5:30 p.m. Home.
- Friday, September 14 – HHS Varsity Football vs. River Rouge at 7 p.m. Away.

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Thanks to dough from Domino's pizza company, potholes get filled

By Alan Madlane
Hamtramck, get ready to stop being so cheesed off about local potholes. You likely won't need to avoid that void that used to rattle your adenoids anymore. That's because Domino's is tossing a grant party, and you're invited!

Tying it into their long-standing promise of swift delivery service, the pizza maker is taking on everybody's least favorite nemesis, the pothole. And thanks to several apparently persistent local nominators, Hamtramck has indeed been selected to receive one of the company's "Paving for Pizza" grants.

Does this mean Hamtown is about to become Ham-and-Pineapple-town?

Well, maybe not, but the Domino's pothole repair truck has already been spotted, accompanied by workers with

shovels, making good on their promise. And it looked like they were throwing "everything on it."

Founded in 1960 in Ypsilanti by future Detroit Tigers owner Tom Monaghan and his brother James, the pizza company, first known as DomiNick's, and since sold in the late 90s to Bain Capital, boasts 15,000-plus stores in 85 separate global markets. Slightly more than half its 2017 sales of \$12.2 billion came from overseas markets. Independent franchise owners account for 97% of the stores.

The "Paving for Pizza" project, already completed in four U. S. cities and currently toiling in 11 more, of which Hamtramck is one, is part of a larger strategy to eventually hit one or more cities in each of the 50 states. You can track progress through their

A Domino's pothole repair crew hit the streets this week. No, that's not pizza dough they are using to fill the potholes.

pavingforpizza.com website.

Domino's said they had received some 137,000 individual nominations for cities in 15,275 different U. S. zip codes, meaning Hamtramck had to beat out some plentiful competition for the grant.

Ironically, no Domino's exists within the city limits; to enjoy their pizza and other items, you

could contact their stores on Woodward near Wayne State, or on E. 8 Mile near I-75.

So have a deep dish about this with a neighbor, stay out of the heat (it's like an oven out there), and watch for, and wave to, your cheerful pothole fillers from Domino's.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 28-Sept. 3.

Tuesday, August 28

- A resident was arrested for being wanted on several Hamtramck warrants.
- The owner of a business on Conant reported receiving a fraudulent check.
- A Goodson resident reported someone damaged two windows at their residence.
- At almost 4 a.m. a resident was arrested after a traffic stop for drunk driving.
- A Lumpkin resident reported damage to their residence and the theft of a tool box.
- A Detroit resident was arrested at a business in the 12100 block of Conant for fraud and carrying a concealed gun without a permit.
- A sexual assault was reported.

Wednesday, August 29

- A resident reported

receiving harassing communications.

- A resident reported that a business on Conant sold an electronic cigarette to their underage son.
- A resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- Officers found a Fraser resident slumped over his steering wheel in the 2300 block of Denton. The man showed no vital signs, and officers began CPR and gave him Narcan. The man regained consciousness.

Thursday, August 30

- At almost 1 a.m. a resident was arrested in the Caniff-Dyar area for possessing narcotics, obstruction, and being wanted on Hamtramck warrants.
- A resident in the 2300 block of Yemans reported a neighbor cut down his plants, which were planted about one foot away from the neighbor's home. Until it is de-

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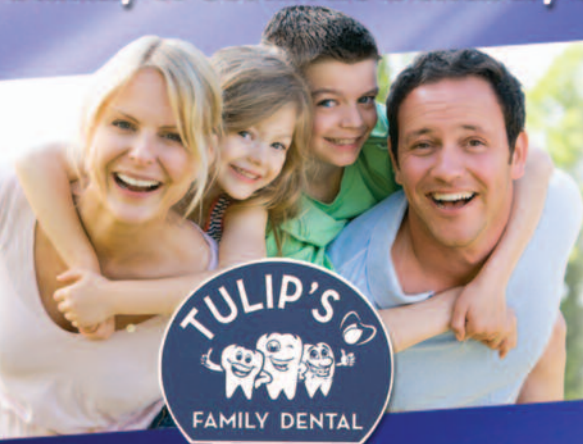
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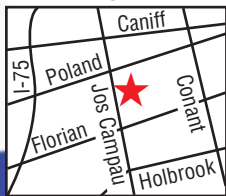
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terminated where the property line is, officers cannot complete their report.

Friday, August 31

- A resident reported their vehicle was stolen in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- A Holmes resident reported their city-issued trash can was stolen.
- An Evaline resident was arrested for domestic violence.
- A resident in the 2600 block of Holbrook reported someone stole their Social Security card.

Saturday, September 1

- A Flint resident was arrested for drunk driving after being involved in an accident in the 2400 block of Holbrook.
- A resident in the 3500 block of Caniff was arrested for obstructing officers.
- At 3 a.m. a resident in the 2300 block of Den-

ton reported his car was stolen. Officers later found the car at Davison and I-75 after it had been involved in an accident on northbound I-75, just north of Caniff.

- The owner of a business in the 2200 block of Carpenter reported being robbed of \$2,500 by a family member.
- A resident in the 11600 block of Moran reported her son assaulted her and then fled. Officers located him later and arrested him.

Sunday, September 2

- A Detroit resident reported their vehicle was broken into and property was stolen.
- An agent for Immaculate Conception Church reported a burglary.
- A visitor from Florida reported their vehicle was damaged while it was parked at Jos. Campau and Casmere
- A Livonia resident reported that while in the area of Jos. Campau and Casmere they were

groped.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license and being wanted on warrants.
- A Sterling Heights resident was arrested in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau for assault and battery.

Monday, September 3

- At 12:20 a.m. a resident reported being robbed at Caniff and Buf-falo.
- Two suspects were arrested in the 3500 block of Caniff for assault and damaging property.
- A resident was arrested for breaking into a business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- At 3:35 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested in the 12000 block of Selfridge for carrying a concealed gun without a permit.
- A Caniff business reported a break-in.
- A Selfridge resident reported a male pointed a handgun at her.
- An Eastpointe resident reported their ID and credit cards were stolen while visiting friends.

ART IN THE PARK 2018
Call for Artists and Volunteers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018
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SATURDAY, Sept. 8, 2-4 p.m. – Soup kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

SATURDAY, Sept. 22, 4-7 p.m. – Holy Cross Church (2311 Pulaski) will host a Polish Dinner, featuring live music by Grammy-nominated accordionist Mike Zawojky. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children, desserts included.