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Poletown

By Charles Sercombe Hamtramck city offi-

cials are preparing for a

huge financial blow to

On Monday, General

Motors unexpectedly an-

nounced it was closing or

ceasing work at five as-

sembly plants - including

the Detroit-Hamtramck

City Manager Kathy An-

gerer said the city could

lose anywhere from

\$800,000 to \$1 million

"The GM plant closure

is devastating financially

to the city," Angerer said.

"This doesn't include the

impact on local business

or families in our commu-

In all, about 5,000

blue-collar jobs will be

lost at all five plants. The

other plants are Warren

Transmission in Warren,

nity."

Ontario.

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the city's budget.

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crisis

Our friend Janice at the Gandelman Hamtramck **Public** School District gave us a heads-up about this weekend's Hamtramck SOUP event.

We'll let her explain: "Hamtramck SOUP is scheduled for Sunday,

December 2 at Planet Ant Hall. "Hamtramck SOUP is

a periodic potluck community dinner that funds micro-grants for community-based projects and programs that directly benefit Hamtramck.

"People donate \$5 at the door, listen to project proposals, enjoy soup/salad/bread, and then vote on which of the proposed projects should receive the money donated.

"Winners then return to a future SOUP event and report on how they used the money and the status of their proj-

"SOUP is a potluck. We always welcome and love when people bring food to share! We make sure there is always

vegetarian/vegan option so everyone can eat. If you bring something to share, we'll give you a minute on the microphone as well for any announcements you may have.

"Planet Ant Hall is loat 2320 cated Caniff. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Proposals start at 5 p.m."

Goodfellows start their yearly paper sales for the needy

By Charles Sercombe

If you see a Goodfellows volunteer in the streets today (Friday, Nov. 30) holding up an issue of The Review, dig deep into your pocket.

This Friday is the annual Hamtramck Goodfellows paper drive. The Goodfellows need to raise about \$5,000 in order to supply food vouchers to about 300 needy individuals and families.

"We want every kid to have a Christmas dinner," said Chris Cornwell, Co-Chair of the Hamtramck Goodfellows.

In Hamtramck there is definitely a need for help. Over half of Hamtramck's residents are living in or near poverty, and in the public schools almost every child qualifies for a free lunch.

Over the past 10 years been able to build a cash several years, that's this week's issue during



The Goodfellows annual newspaper sales will be held this Friday. Volunteers are seeking donations to help give 300 families and individuals a food coupon so they can have a holiday meal. If you miss the paper sale, be sure to stop by Bakers Streetcar Bar (9817 Jos. Campau) for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday (Dec. 1). Admission is \$20, and dinner starts at 5 p.m.

reserve, but with the need still out there and the donations not as plentiful, it's been hard.

Mike Wilk, the chairman of the Goodfellows, said the group relies on someone to step forward and make a substantial the Goodfellows have donation. For the past Obviously, you can buy

come true. Wilk is crossing his fingers it will hap-

pen again. "We always manage to somebody who comes up with a nice donation," Wilk said.

the paper drive on the streets.

And then on this Saturday (Dec. 1), you can go to Bakers Streetcar Bar (9817 Jos. Campau, between Evaline and Ye-In the meantime, you mans) for a spaghetti can help out in two ways. dinner fundraiser for the Goodfellows. The sug-

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Lordstown in Ohio, Baltimore Operations in Maryland and Oshawa in

has 1,500 employees. GM is also eliminating 6,000 to 8,000 white collar jobs, according to

The Hamtramck plant

media reports. GM is not alone in scaling back its workforce. Ford is also laying off 20,000 workers.

The Hamtramck plant produces the Impala, Chevrolet Volt, the Cadillac CT6 and the Buick LaCrosse.

GM is making the move because car sales are down in the US and consumers now prefer SUVs and pickups.

Production at the Ham-**Continued on page 5**



Walking to school can be a challenge for students. Drivers often block crosswalks at intersections, preventing students from safely crossing the street.

Restoring traffic balance: it begins with the schools

By Walter Wasacz

At the November meeting of the Hamtramck Board of Education I was invited to do a short presentation based on my City Life articles on pedestrian and motor traffic safety.

I thought it went very

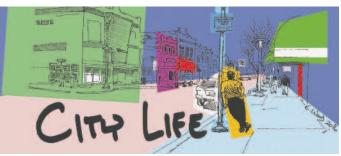
well.

Superintendent Thomas Niczay and members of the board listened as slides of crosswalk signage rolled on the wall behind them.

The pictures came from Continued on page 2

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several Michigan drives within a 200-mile radius I took earlier this fall. In town after town, big and small, I saw signage at crosswalks in commercial districts and near schools and universities.

motorists must yield to pedestrians crossing the street in Adrian, Manchester and Monroe; and come to a full stop for pedestrians in Ann Arbor.

You've seen them in other communities. Grand The message was clear: Rapids and Traverse City joined Ann Arbor in creating city ordinances that require motorists to stop at marked as well as unmarked crosswalks.

Other cities like Detroit. like at the intersection of Cass and Hancock near the Wayne State University campus, and Hazel Park, on John R near the popular Mabel Gray restaurant, require drivers to yield to pedestrians walking through crosswalks.

What does yield mean?

If someone on foot is in the crosswalk, or even at the curb at the edge of the sidewalk, motorists must defer to them: that is, stop and let them pass before driving through the intersection.

What was not part of the slide series at the board meeting were shots I'd taken that same after-Those noon. pictures cars rolling showed through the crosswalk at Edwin and Gallagher as students from Dickinson East Elementary School were walking across Edwin.

This is a daily occurrence I can witness from my upstairs window, or standing on the curb where I spent time one chilly afternoon earlier this week.

At around 3:15 each afternoon Edwin becomes jammed with cars, most of them driven by parents picking up students at the elementary school, some violating the right of way of other students attempting to cross at the Gallagher

vers with student-passengers in their vehicles not respecting pedestrian-students (and some parents on foot) should not be lost on any of us. At worst, it's a dangerous game of cat and mouse between motorists in a hurry to make a



ementary and Copernicus

Junior High (now Ham-

tramck High School) in the

1960s, when it was ex-

tremely rare for students

to be picked up from

How does the city send a message for drivers to obey traffic laws when stopped at crosswalks? That is the challenge for school and city officials to tackle.

turn onto Gallagher and children on foot that might be as young as 5 or 6 years of age.

The scene is much the same up the block at Evaline and Gallagher, where the pressure of motor traffic after dismissal easily overwhelms pedestrians legally trying to cross either street.

For many years, the school district had a crossing guard at this intersection. But keeping them has been a problem because of money, Niczay says. Crossing guards also complained about reckless and careless drivers that did not yield or stop for pedestrians, including elementary school age children.

It begs the question: why do so many parent-motorists feel the need to pick up their children from school in a community ideally made for walking?

I attended Dickinson El-

noon, ESL classes are

free to all Hamtramck

residents. Registration

ESL Class - Tuesday,

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noon, ESL classes are

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It was different era, of course, and to even try to compare then and now is a foolish exercise on its face. But I will say this: it would have been considered very, very uncool by me or my peers to have a car with a parent or family member waiting at the curb to drive us a few blocks home.

So how do we make it cool again to walk or ride a bike to school in a walkable town like Hamtramck?

Niczay says many parents believe the streets are too dangerous for their kids to walk to and from school. It pains me to say it but they are right. I am an experienced walker, know these streets, sidewalks and alleys like the back of my hand, but the motor traffic is so unwieldy and intense that I choose not to walk them around school dismissal.

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out there is a problem with speeding cars heading south from the direction of HHS. Gallagher from Evaline to Holbrook is a tempting straight away for teenage and adult drivers

We need to calm that stretch with signage first, a redesign of the road itself - calming zones with landscaped islands work quite well to do this - and police enforcement on the back end.

It will take a collaborative effort between city, school and community leadership and residents to solve what I believe to be Hamtramck's most critical public safety issue: how drivers of motor vehicles share the road with all nonmotorized traffic, including cyclists, skaters, people using scooters, runners. and walkers.

The fact is motorists are currently not sharing the road on which all of us have a right to travel. That must change to create a healthy balance and safety for pedestrians as well as motorists. Everyone must have the fundamental right to public safety.

After the meeting Niczav asked if I would be interested in moderating a town hall regarding traffic safety. I said yes, let's do it. We are working on scheduling a public meeting to discuss problems and solutions.

Keep reading, stay engaged and tuned in, an announcement will coming in the weeks ahead.

Hamtramck native Walter Wasacz writes about walkable discovery and adventures close to home for The Review.





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Kosciuszko Middle **School News**

On November 13 and November 27, 7th and 8th grade students visited the Capitol Building in Lansing.

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The students also visited and toured Michigan's History Museum. It was a fun day of learning in Lansing.

Early Childhood Elementary School News

Parents and students at the Early Childhood Elementary were delighted to welcome the Kids First Initiative to the school. The volunteers from Kids brought science alive through S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) activities.

STEAM offers many jobs in the future for these upcoming young scientists integrating science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics into activities.

Everyone was treated to pizza and drinks as the presenter showed technology in drones, robots, balloons and an exciting dry ice experiment.

Beakers bubbled over in rainbow colors as the students experimented with mixtures that wowed the audience. All students received a present and a hat from the group.

Parents as well won prizes with two lucky parents going home with gift cards.

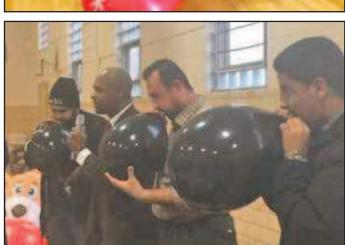
Another winner of the night was first grade student, Radiba Diha, who





Above and below: Scenes of the Kids First Initiative presentation recently made at Early Childhood Elementary School. Bottom photo: Kosciuszko Middle **School students recently visited the Lansing Capital** building.









won a new bicycle and helmet provided by Kids First Initiative. It was a fun and educational afternoon for everybody. **Upcoming Calendar:**

- · December 7 End of progress report period #2.
- December 13 -Progress Report #2 distributed.
- · December 22-January 1 - No school. Winter Break.
- January 2 School resumes.

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Compiled by Janice Gandelman



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Piast Institute appoints co-founder as CEO

Bv Alan Madlane

The Piast Institute, a research institute for Polish and Polish-American concerns, has selected one of their co-founders as their new Chief Executive Officer.

Virginia Skrzyniarz has been chosen to command the post, following the death of the other cofounder, Thaddeus Radzilowski, this past July 20. Radzilowski had been serving in the position up until his passing.

The pair founded the institute in 2003 here in Hamtramck, and it seemingly continues to thrive despite a notable drop of Poles in the city's popula-



Virginia Skrzyniarz

tion in the ensuing decade and a half: In 1970, Hamtramck was approximately 90 percent Polish. As of 2010, that number had fallen to a mere 14.5 percent, according to that year's the Cavalier's Cross American Community Survey.

Skrzyniarz has 35 years experience in managing non-profit organiza-Among tions. organizations she has also served, in both Hamtramck and Detroit, are ones dealing with drug prevention, the census, health clinics, and aging.

Additionally, she was chief of staff at St. Mary's College (a part of Madonna University, located in Orchard Lake Village), and also a past executive director of Hope Network in southeast Michigan.

Order of Merit by the nation of Poland, and Hope Network was recognized as the Michigan Nonprofit Organization of the Year by the Detroit City Council and Black Caucus of Health Workers of the APHA (American Public Health Association).

The Piast Institute has been designated by the federal Department of Homeland Security as an official Immigration Assistance Site, as they are authorized to assist in matters of visas, documentation and immigration status.

Piast is located at She has been awarded 11633 Jos. Campau.



By Alan Madlane

Cloudy, with a chance of meatballs?

That could well be the forecast for this coming Saturday, as the city will feature not one, but two charity spaghetti dinners on the same evening.

In this corner, we have the annual **HCAT** fundraiser. Held every year around this time, the meal is filling, tasty and cheap - only \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids (it's not specified what the cutoff age for the kid price is). For that price, you get spaghetti, salad, dinner rolls, a beverage (non-alcoholic) and a dessert – a great deal.

The organization works hard year-round to care for the city's stray cat population (who in turn help keep the rat population in check, for starters). The group provides food, water, shelter, medicines and care for these stray kitties.

Their dinner will be held beginning at 4 p.m. and runs to 10 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, located at 9421 Conant. Send them some love.

The other dinner is put on by the Hamtramck Goodfellows, best known for their annual holiday

newspaper drive, which aims to raise \$5,000 every year to supply roughly 300 families and individuals with food vouchers redeemable at either A&C Market (Jos. Campau and Jacob) or Sam's Market (at Commor and Fleming).

The applications for these vouchers are available at City Hall, the fire station and the public housing office during their respective normal business hours.

This dinner is potentially pricier (but note that the \$20 per plate is a suggested donation, not set in stone), and there is a vegetarian option available as well.

Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and is over by 8 p.m., and is held this year at the Baker Streetcar Bar at 9817 Jos. Campau (between Evaline and Yemans).

Choices, choices. Or better yet, why not forego eating all day, come to Hamtramck hungry, and indulge yourself in both dinners?

You could do worse, but you'll have a hard time doing better — for both the city's kids and kittens.



Goodfellows start their yearly paper sales for the needy

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Applications for a food

are also vegetarian op-

voucher, which can be redeemed at A&C Market on Jos. Campau and Jacob, or at Sam's Market at Commor and Fleming, are available at city hall, the fire station and the public housing administration office.

Individuals and families

gested donation is \$20. are invited to apply for Dinner starts at 5 p.m. the vouchers. The value and goes until 8. There of the vouchers depends on the need of each fam-

Coupons will be mailed out shortly after the application deadline, which is Dec. 13.

To make a donation, make out a check to the Hamtramck Goodfellows and mail it to: Hamtramck Fire Department, 2625 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212.





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In Our Opinion

Detroit City Football Club going pro is a step up for all

Congratulations.

Last week it was announced that the Detroit City Football Club is joining up with 10 other soccer teams to form a new professional league. This will mean an expansion of its season, and, of course, increased attention from the media and fans.

This is a huge boost not only for the team but Hamtramck as well.

The club's homefield is at our very own historic Keyworth Stadium. The team has attracted thousands of fans, and this

step up the professional ladder will likely mean even more fans will be coming to the stadium.

Those fans have injected a lot of business to our local bars and restaurants. The partnership be-

tween the team and public school district, which owns the stadium, has proven to be profitable in many ways.

Besides helping local businesses, the club has been pumping money into the stadium to begin renovating it to its former glory. The stadium was

built in the 1930s during President Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration.

That program built numerous structures during the Great Depression and helped put thousands of folks to work.

Hamtramck is lucky to have benefited during that era, and generations have since enjoyed playing on the field and watching high school sports.

The legacy continues with the Detroit City Football Club.

Metro news...

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

This week, with their permission, we are sharing one of their features:

The emergence of scooters in urban centers has been one of the more surprising transit developments in recent

Bird, Lime, and other companies have ployed hundreds of easy to access and use scooters in downtowns across America, including Detroit and Hamtramck.

But some critics have said that the scooters are only of use to a specific kind of city resident: one who lives or works downtown. That, however, might soon change.

The city of Detroit recently announced new guidelines for scooter companies that requires them to deploy in neighborhoods outside the urban core.

officials Hamtramck have so far not taken any

action on the issue. The city increased cap ers allowed to 400, but 100 of those must be accessible in neighborhoods outside Grand Boulevard.

"Anytime we can bring the downtown experience into Detroit neighborhoods, I think it is a sign of overall growth for Detroit," said Councilman Scott Benson, in a press release.

"This initiative is particularly important in a city where 33 percent of residents are without reliable transportation; this mobility option helps people get around neighborhoods with fun and

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Poletown plant crisis

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tramck plant will partly stop production first in March in 2019 and then acres - in a Detroit neighfinally in June.

GM is shading its wording on what will be happening, saying the plants are not being closed. Instead, the company is saying that production will cease at these plants and their future will be determined by upcoming contract negotia-UAW tions with members.

According to Review sources, GM is determined to close the Detroit-Hamtramck plant.

In retaliation to the plant closings President Donald Trump is threatening to take away tax incentives for electric vehicles and impose a 25 percent tariff on cars that GM imports from plants overseas and in Mexico.

The Hamtramck plant, commonly referred to as the Poletown Plant, was built in the 1980s.

The creation of the plant caused controversy because it required de-

molishing 1,600 homes in an area of over 400 borhood known as Poletown. Residents fought against being evicted but lost their case in a Michigan Supreme Court decision in 1981.

The court ruled the City of Detroit had the right to evict them through a legal process called eminent domain. Most of the plant is located in Detroit with a small portion on the Hamtramck side of the border.

In exchange for collecting property taxes from the plant, Detroit and Hamtramck were promised a yearly revenue in a special fund that was set up. At one time Hamtramck received \$1.2 milа year production was running high.

Mayor Karen Majewski said she plans to work with state officials and the governor to make sure "Hamtramck is at the table" during talks with GM.

"It's all hands on

deck," she said.

If the plant does close, Majewski said it will require "creative" thinking on how to keep the property productive.

"It's life-changing and culture-changing," Majewski added.

The plant never lived up to the expected production level as first promised.

The annual income from the plant has played a large part in Hamtramck's budget. Despite that infusion of money, the city has struggled financially in recent years.

The city's finances were so bad that the state had to intervene twice and appoint an emergency financial manager. The last emergency manager left four years ago.

Since then the city has managed to build up a \$5 million budget surplus - but much of that windfall came from onetime only revenues. The city's annual budget is about \$16 million.

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

By Alan Madlane

The eternal jokesters at Hamtramck's Planet Ant Theatre are coming at us again, this time with a double-barreled holiday comedy blast that opens this weekend.

Part of their new concept "Black Box Double Feature Series," which puts up two original oneacts in tandem with an aim to multiply the fun, these are "guaranteed to lighten hearts and lift spirits," they promise.

First up is "Toys for Toxic." It's a collection of sketches developed under Planet Ant's sketch writing program, written by four writers and then acted by five actors, and then there are the nine ladies dancing and ten

lords a leaping. Or else that was the special on Mar-a-Lago I saw last

Number Two is "Thaw

and Order," written by various persons within the Ant community who appear to wish to remain nameless, which is promising. This one-act features six new actors, in case you didn't like the first batch. Who does Number Two work for? You, you big fruitcake.

So, hurry on down to the big plum house (not made of gingerbread, but you should bring some bread, don't be a "gerk," and don't let them see you sneak in that gin) at 2357 Caniff Street (go ahead, pretend you've never noticed it.)

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Or vice versa. On Donna, you Vixen,

I'm blitzed from the Schlittzen. And THAT'S

entertainment.

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Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Nov. 30 through Dec. 15. There's one Sunday performance, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m., which is half-price. Since tickets are otherwise \$20, that would make Sunday \$10. See? And shh... Opening Friday night is also only \$10! Wowzers! Note that the box office opens, and seating thus mences, 30 minutes before curtain.

See you there, along with the other Illuminati trying to find parking for their Cadillac Escalade hybrids.

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Michael William Alford, 47, died Saturday, November, 2018.

Mr. Alford is survived by his wife, Beverly; son, Michael II. He is also survived by his mother, Jeanette; father, Michael; many uncles, aunts and cousins. Mr. Alford is predeceased by sons, William and Ezekiel.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday December 5, 2018 from 4 -7 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff Hamtramck MI 48212.

NORMAN



Arnold Ray Norman, 79, died November 21, 2018.

Mr. Norman was born February 22, 1939 and he passed away at his home in Hamtramck.

Mr. Norman was the father of Deborah (Mark) Caminita, Patricia (Steve) Werts, Teresa (Allen Sr.) Moza, Robert Ted Norman (Lisa) and Carl Ray (Maria) Norman. He is survived by his grandchildren, Stacy, Christopher, Alan, Christine, Stephanie (TJ), Jennifer (Josef), Christopher (Phylicia), Jacquelin, Crystal, Robert Samantha (Malek), Jessica (Luis), Carl Jr. (Beata), Tiffini, Ashley, Allen Jr. (Jessica), Summer Joy; great grandchildren, Anthony, Nicklas, Alayna, Tyler, Elliott, Evalina, Khalil, Nabeel, Jayden,

Johnathan, Leeland, Gracie, Danny, Anabella, Sophia, Lucas, Addison, Alexiana, Kaylee, Sophia, Aiyanah, AJ, Jade, Aubrey. He is also survived by his siblings, Christine, Rosie, Butch and the late Irene, Elva Jean, Geraldine, Violet, Faye, Theodore (Kelly), Jessie and Roger.

Mr. Norman's services were held in Matewan, West Virginia and his interment was in his hometown of McCarr, Kentucky. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

WIACEK



Wanda Wiacek (nee Kamyk), 89, died November 28, 2018.

Mrs. Wiacek was the beloved wife of the late John; mother of Mark and the late John; grandmother of James; sister of Virginia Dembinski.

Visitation is Sunday, December 2, 2018, from 12 Noon to 6 p.m. with Rosary at 5 p.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. In state 9:30 a.m., Monday at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church until the time of the funeral mass at 10 a.m., 2730 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Entombment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.



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New park dedicated to housing discrimination victims

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By Charles Sercombe

The city will have a permanent memorial park to commemorate the forced removal of African-American residents from their homes back in the 1960s.

During that period, city officials here carried out a massive housing demolition in neighborhoods that were populated predominantly with African-Americans.

It was done under the guise of "urban renewal" – which was a federally-subsidized effort to clear out blighted inner-city areas.

The former residents didn't go quietly. They banded together and filed a class-action lawsuit against the city in the early 1970s.

Scenes from last Tuesday's dedication of a new park being created on Dequindre, just north of Caniff, in memory of residents who were victims of a housing discrimination project over 50 years ago.

The city eventually agreed to build 200 housing units, but the actual construction of the units was delayed decades because there was no funding in place.

It wasn't until about 15 years ago the city received county and federal help to get construction going. Hamtramck is now only three houses away from completing the deal.

That is expected to happen this coming spring.

Recently, city officials agreed to set aside four city lots on Dequindre just north of Caniff (on the west side of I-75) and create a park there.

It is officially called the Sarah Sims Garrett Memorial Park. Garrett's name was used on the lawsuit.

She and most of the original plaintiffs in the case are now deceased. Their descendants have been given first dibs on the housing.

Last Tuesday city officials, surviving plaintiffs and others gathered at

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By Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 20-26.

Tuesday, November 20

- A Dyar resident was arrested for domestic assault.
- · A Hanley resident reported an incident of fraud.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A Macomb resident reported a theft of an item from his car.

Wednesday, November

- · At about 12:30 a.m. a Klinger resident was arrested for drunk driving.
- · At about 2 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- · A Roosevelt resident reported a roofing company dumped refuse in his yard.

· A resident was arrested for being wanted on a felony warrant.

· A business owner in the 10300 block of Jos. Campau reported theft.

Thursday, November 22

· A man was seen using a rock to break the glass booth at a bus

Friday, November 23

- · A Detroit resident was arrested for carrying an illegal knife and driving without a license.
- · A resident was arrested for drunk driving after causing a crash.
- A Danforth resident reported a break-in and the theft of their television.
- · A Mitchell resident reported a theft.
- · A resident reported being the victim of a bitcoin scam.

Saturday, November 24

 No incident reported **Continued on page 8**

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New park dedicated to housing discrimination victims Cont. from page 6

the park for ground break- brate the creation of any ing ceremony.

"It is a wonderful, wonderful occasion," said Bobbie Jordan, the wife of The Rev. Dr. Joseph Jordan, who helped initiate the plaintiff's lawsuit.

Jordan died several years ago.

Mayor Karen Majewski said the settling of the lawsuit and the building of the park represent a "long path toward jus-

The park is being constructed with city funding and work will begin next

Below are the complete remarks by Mayor Majew-

"On behalf of the City of Hamtramck, I welcome you all on this cold and snowy day. We all cele-

city park, as an endowment for our youth and families, as an investment in a livable, welcoming city, as a resource for recreation and community cohesion.

"The new park we dedicate today is all of those things. Children will play here. Neighbors will meet here. Families will celebrate here. But Sarah Sims Garrett Memorial Park is also much more.

"This park, this ground, carries an historical legacy. And like all of history, that legacy is layered, and complicated, made up of loss and of redemption.

"Many of you here today have deep connections to that history, and continue to work to make sure that

good emerges from injustice. This park is one more step toward that good.

"Yes, it will do all the fine things all parks do. But generations into the future, when residents and passers-by see this park, we all hope they also take a moment to learn of the wrongs done to the family of Sarah Sims Garrett and all the displaced families.

"That they contemplate the long struggle for justice, here and elsewhere. And that they take hope in our city's, and our nation's, ability to turn our faces toward the good, to recognize our failings, and to walk the long path toward justice."

Metro news...

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ease."

Bird and Lime released deployment numbers for each district. Every district in the city will have a minimum of 20 scooters between the two companies.

The new guidelines also establish a Commu-Advisory Board

around scooters. According to the city, they will engage residents and work with city agencies, especially the Office of Mobility Innovation, "to ensure mobility options, like scooters, are accessible and inclusive."

By Aaron Mondry





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was available for this

Sunday, November 25

· At about 1 a.m. a

disorderly conduct after being involved in a fight that occurred in the the theft of their vehicle 9400 block of Conant.

 A resident reported person was arrested for the window of his car

was broken.

 A resident reported while it was parked in the 9800 block of Conant.

Monday, November 26

· A business owner in the 11700 block of Klinger reported three males wearing dark-colored clothing robbed him at gunpoint and then fled in a blue van toward Carpenter.

Get Out on the



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.

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