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Keyworth

a new turf

school district and the

On Wednesday after-

noon, it was announced

that the Ralph C. Wilson

Jr. Foundation awarded

the joint school district-

partnership

\$800,000 grant to pay

for a new turf at Keyworth

Stadium and fund a mas-

ter plan on making improvements in Veterans

Funding for the master

The Wilson Foundation

is awarding communities

with grants to foster more

physical activity among

A press conference was

held at Keyworth Stadium

with great fanfare. The

high school's band wel-

comed attendees and the

League – the fiduciary of

the grant - made the offi-

cial announcement of the

building a community,"

"We're talking about

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plan study is \$175,000.

Memorial Park.

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By Charles Sercombe Christmas came early this week for the public

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Quick Hits

Crime Watch... **By Charles Sercombe**

If it's Christmas time, there must be a Grinch somewhere.

In Hamtramck, Grinch comes in the form of "porch pirates."

They are the people who steal packages from your front porch.

There have been two reported incidents this week and two last week.

The holiday season tends to bring out the best - and worst - in human nature.

Obviously, packages left on porches are extremely vulnerable.

Hamtramck is not alone. On local television news shows there are weekly reports on crime trend, this thanks to home surveillance recordings.

But it is easier here in Hamtramck because the distance from the sidewalk to a front porch is a mere few feet.

So, what can you do? Home monitoring devices are inexpensive now and allow you to keep an eye on your house from your cellphone or laptop when you are away from home.

But catching someone in the act of a theft doesn't do any good if you can't get

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The simplicity of Christmas...

By John Ulaj **Publisher of The Hamtramck Review**

Perhaps you think of Christmas as an important time to celebrate the Christian religion. Perhaps you see it as a time for getting together with family and friends. Or maybe you think of it in terms of

gifts, whether getting or giving. In certain ways, then, Christmas can reveal the true nature of humanity. In that, how you think about the holiday may say something about you.

As this world grows smaller and smaller, the power of social media grows stronger. As useful as it can often be, social media has in some ways also warped our minds, and in a certain sense hijacked the true meaning of life and of Christmas.

The golf great Walter

Hagen is credited with originating the phrase "Stop and smell the roses" in his 1956 autobiography. This simple line means, of course, to pause long enough during your hectic days to appreciate life for what it really

Life is lived nowadays at hyper-speed, and we often seem to get way ahead of ourselves, in a big rush to get nowhere. Maybe that new car will make me happy, thinks the well-off businessman.

I want that new toy, thinks the kid, already drowning in toys he or she never even looks at anymore. I need that perfume I saw on television, thinks the bored woman, lured by the powerful tricks and

triggers of advertising experts.

This disease of ennui, as I think of it, is not what God intended. Rather, it is rooted in the greediness and ego of Mankind. Many, instead of doing even the least bit of soul searching, blame God for their continued unhappiness, even as they add more and more material things to su round them.

Some even question

God's existence. With so many religions and philosophies available to explore via the internet or books, how can the true God be revealed? Continued on page 2

said Dan Gilmartin, the executive director & CEO of the Michigan Municipal League. This grant, he said, will once again revitalize Keyworth and Veterans Park a place with a history that boasts of "authenticity." cool as it is," he added.

"Hamtramck is pretty

The current turf at Keyworth is 18 years old and is way past its expiration

The stadium has experienced a rebirth in recent years ever since the Detroit City Football Club en-

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The simplicity of Christmas...

Continued from front page

Who is God, and what is God's nature; what is our purpose in life? Whatever happened to simplicity? To interacting in a neighborly fashion? Whatever happened to humility?

When I was 19 years old, I worked for Encyclopedia Britannica, and believe me, we had the gold standard of sales training. Our regional manager reinforced the principle of simplicity by employing the by-now more familiar "KISS" acronym to our sales work: "Keep it Simple, Stupid!" As in, don't overthink or things: overcomplicate don't overwhelm yourself.

But don't many of us do just that? And ironically, don't we do it even worse right around the Christmas holiday, which should by rights be the best time to slow down and, yes, smell those roses? Take stock of ourselves, plan for the new year and our future, but also relax, enjoy time with loved ones, and give gratitude?

The lure of advertising, the pressure from massive corporations needing to sell, sell, sell just to exist; the seemingly million rules from our governments at all levels; these have truly complicated our lives.

This constant pressure causes it to seem like the world is spiraling down the drain, and our every discourse - where once we used to strive for civil tones – is becoming more, well, "coarse" with angry rhetoric.

In such times of peril, Christmas gives us pause, speaking softly in our ears that there is hope for those who hunger for it. That it is possible to experience joy and contentment in this world; that loneliness and depression should not become the norm. We have the power to change the way we think, even if at first we have to fake ourselves into this "better thinking" at first.

It's called intentional living. The battle is between our ears. Christmas is a reminder that God understands the pain and sufferings of us all, and He became Man to demonstrate his power and unconditional love - his ultimate gift to humanity, giving us all another chance to come to Him.

Don't carry life's burdens on your own. You are uniquely and wonderfully made. God demonstrated it on Christmas through Jesus the Son of God, the TRUE GOD and savior who lived a human life, and experienced the pain and sufferings, as well as the joys and hopes, that we also all experience.

Is this not the best Christmas gift one could have ever asked for?

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and a peaceful and healthy New Year!



City of Hamtramck Joint Meeting

Department of Community and Economic Development **Regular Plan Commission Meeting** January 2, 2019 6:30 P.M.

2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall 3401 Evaline Street Hamtramck, Michigan 48212 313.800.5233

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Approval of Minutes:
 - -December 5, 2018
- 5. Public Comment (Not Related to Agenda Items 2 Minutes per Person)
- Public Comment (Agenda Items that are not public hearings 2 Minutes per Person)
- 7. Public Hearings -None
- 8. Old Business
- -None
- 9. New Business
 - Wayne Metro Refugee Housing
- 10. Commission Announcements
- 11. Staff Announcements
- 12. Adjournment PLEASE NOTE: This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.71 a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). City of Hamtramck will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the Meeting to individuals with disabilities at the Meeting or Public Hearing upon 10 day notice to the City Clerk's Office. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Hamtramck City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk's Office at (313) 800-5233 x821.

In Our Opinion

Holiday season gives all of us a time to reflect on past year

our annual Christmas son's spirit of good will. edition.

has always been special here in Hamtramck. Whether you are religious or not, it's a time for reflection for all of

While we have many different cultures and religious beliefs in our city, chore of elected offi-

This week's issue is we all share the sea-cials.

The next few weeks The holiday season also gives our staff some down time to recharge their batteries and gear up for what will likely be another exciting year in Hamtramck.

> Strengthening the city's continued financial health will be the top

After this week's issue, we will be presenting our annual "Year in Review" in two parts over the next two weeks.

In the meantime, we wish peace and health to all of our readers and advertisers, and know that we humbly appreciate your support.

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Crime Watch... cont. from front page

them identified.

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office box at the local post office, but they usually close around 5 p.m., so being able to get there during the day can be a problem for some working folks.

There is one fool-proof solution, but it's becom-Or you can rent a post ing more and more out-

dated: Actually go to a store in the area and buy whatever you need in person and then take it home, safe and sound.

At the very least if you must order online, remember to insure your package.

This week at the library...

In observance of the Christmas and New year Holidays the **Hamtramck** Public Library will be Closed to the Public December 24-January 1. We will re-open Wednesday January 2nd. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. At this time we would also like to wish everyone a Joyous and Safe Holiday!!!

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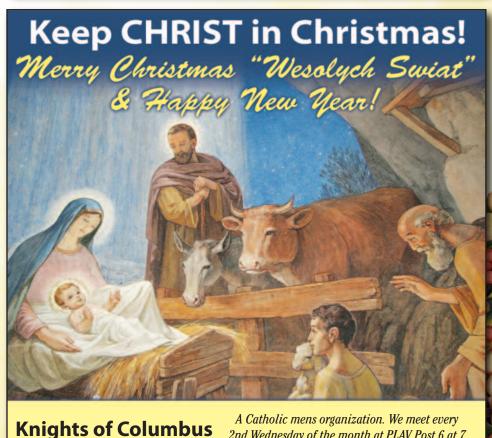
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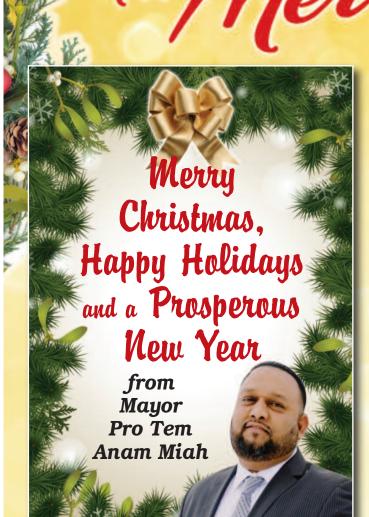
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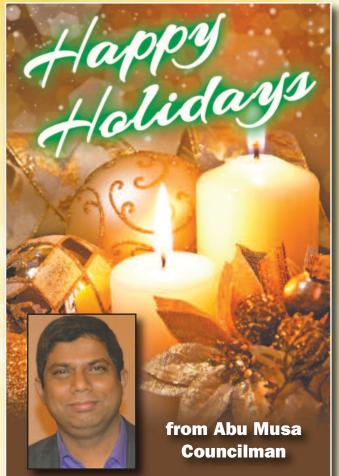
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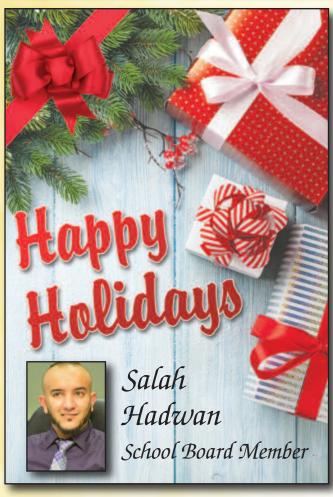




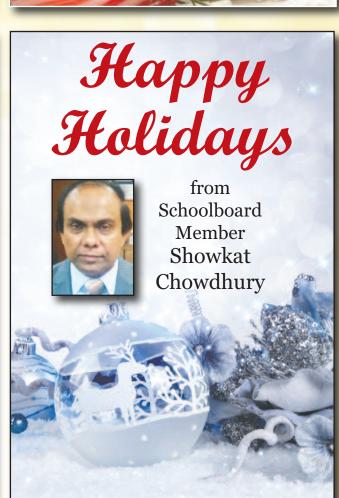


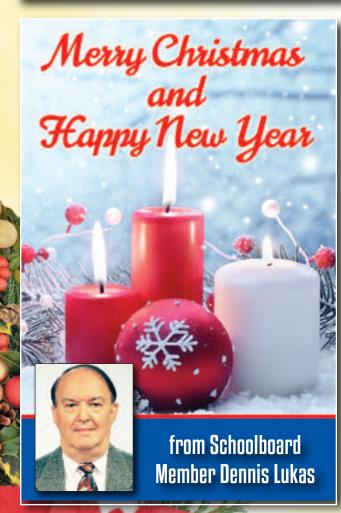












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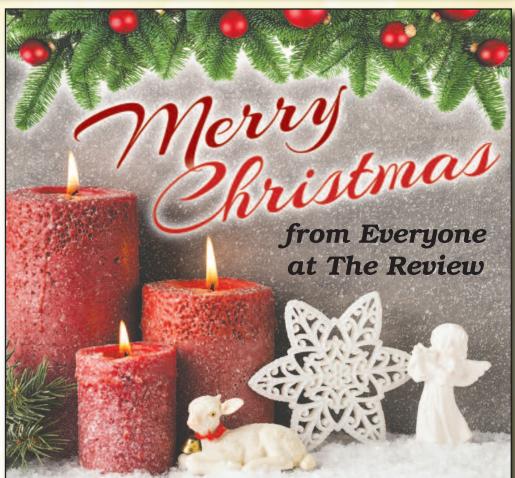
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Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day, Mass in Polish & English9:30 am

Monday, December 31

New Year's Eve Mass, Polish & English (added)......9:30 am Tuesday, January 1

New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary - Mass11:00 am Saturday, January 5 - Mass (English)5:30 pm

Sunday, January 6

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Upcoming Calendar:

- December 22-January 1 - No school. Winter Break.
- · January 2 School re-
- · January 16 Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Semester Exams. Half day for Hamtramck High School Students.
- · January 17 Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Semester Exams- Half day for Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszko
- Middle School Students. · January 18 - Hamtramck and Horizon High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Semester

Exams. Half day for all Hamtramck Public School students including all Elementary Schools.

· January 18 - End of 2nd quarter and 1st semester.

Recreation Department News

For more information give us a call at (313) 892-2635, or check out 2018 Fall/Winter Brochure. Follow us on Facebook for the most up date information: www.Facebook.com/HamtramckRecreationDepartment

Compiled by Janice Gandelman

Keyworth will get a new turf continued from front page

tered into an agreement with the public school district, which owns the stadium, to lease it for the team's home field.

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The club has already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair the stadium.

The grant will also allow the city and school district to turn Veterans Park, which is city-owned, into a 26-acre campus. High on the list of improvements to the park is to renovate Hamtramck Stadium, which is a state designated historic site.

The stadium was built in 1930 during the time of the Negro National Baseball League. The Detroit Stars played there in an era when African-Americans were not allowed to play in the white-only major league.

Legends - and Hall of Famers - like Satchel Norman Paige and "Turkey" Stearns played there.

The master plan will require input from the community, and is expected to about several months to put together.

The master plan is to include the following:

· Design and management of a community engagement process to identify resident needs and priorities;

- Development of a physical plan for Veterans park campus, incorporating the existing Smith-Group JJR recommendations for Hamtramck Stadium;
- · Suggestions for business models and governance structures for the maintenance and activation of the park, based on best practices from other cities;
- Suggestions processes to manage the use of the fields and stadiums to ensure accessibility for individuals and community groups;
- Feasibility for the fundraising for the cost of renovating the park.

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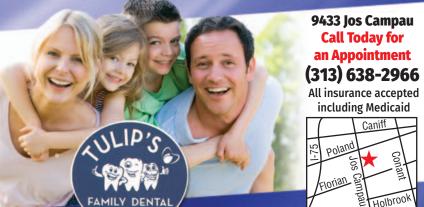


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