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Quick Hits

Freebies at Wheelhouse tonight

By Alan Madlane

Those fun folks at Wheelhouse Detroit (located at 9401 Jos. Campau) are at it again, with a full calendar of goodies (meaning, activities) for locals to enjoy.

First up, they run a monthly First Friday "Happy Hour." That is, they have snacks and beer and music and a charity they partner up with. This month, it so happens to occur tonight, Friday, Dec. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m., and the charity partner is seasonally appropriate – the Hamtramck Goodfellows.

They will get 10 percent of all sales made during the evening, on both merchandise and consumables.

There is no cover charge for this event. Your snacks will come from Polish Village Café (more about PVC in a minute), there will be Axle Brewing beer on tap, and Hamtramck school teacher Blair Arbaugh will be DJing.

Also, if you purchase over \$100 in merchandise or a like amount in a Wheelhouse gift card, you receive a \$20 Polish Village Café gift card as well; spend

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HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

Remembering the painful birth of the Poletown plant

By Greg Kowalski

It was a Saturday morning when I got a call from then-Mayor Robert Kozaren.

I can't remember his exact words, but it was something like, "This is really big. General Motors is going to build a new factory in and around Hamtramck that will replace Dodge Main. This is going to save Hamtramck."

He was as excited as I had ever heard him. He swore me to secrecy and so for three weeks I sat on the biggest news story to hit Detroit – even Michigan – in ages. It was excruciatingly painful to wait, but finally he gave me the go-ahead to run it.

At the time – 1980 – I was editor of The Citizen newspaper, the predecessor of The Review, and we were in a world of turmoil. Dodge Main had closed and with it Hamtramck had lost about one-quarter



The demolition of the former Poletown neighborhood to make way for the GM Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant attracted national media attention. While residents in the neighborhood protested the loss of their houses, the new plant was a financial boon for Hamtramck.

of its tax revenue.

The city was on the verge of a financial collapse. That was the greatest crisis Hamtramck has ever faced and no one knew what to do.

Journalists had come from around the world in the wake of the closing of Dodge Main to document the death of an American city in what had then become known as "The Rustbelt."

The state and federal governments sent representatives in as well to come up with ways to help Hamtramck survive the calamity. Dodge Main had built modern Hamtramck.

From 1910 to 1979 it was the financial foundation of Hamtramck. But with Chrysler Corporation itself facing bankruptcy at the time, it announced it could no longer afford to keep the ancient factory running.

For about a year Dodge

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City officials do not want you to throw garbage out in this manner. Instead, make sure garbage does not overflow from your trash container and do not put more than one bag of trash out next to it.

City newsletter has helpful tips and reminders

By Alan Madlane

Hamtramck's Fall Newsletter focused on several issues:

- Reminders about trash policies and rodent control measures
- Water meter replacements and water bills
- Snow removal from private walkways and snow emergency parking policies
- City income tax information
- Police updates include the establishment of a 12-member citizen's advisory council to the department

The city's DPW reminds residents that trash containers should always be kept out of alleyways except from 6 p.m. the night before pick-up through 9 p.m. the night of pick-up.

Lids should be able to close tightly; do not overfill containers. One large item only may be placed for pick up next to the container.

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Police contract raises questions

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck police officers have a new employment contract, but not everyone in the community is pleased.

Why's that?

While officers will enjoy a bump up in pay (6 percent), there is a clause in the contract that is causing controversy.

The contract says that the city administration has a right to exercise an option to have officers cross train as firefighters. The city is agreeing to pay for the training and give those officers who finish the training an extra \$1,000 annually.

The contract is good through 2019.

What has some people upset is that the cross-training may lead to doing away with an independent fire department and creating a hybrid that is commonly known as a public safety department.

In this scenario police officers and firefighters cross-train for each other's roles.

Some communities have tried this approach, and it has been met with varying degrees of success. In the case of Hamtramck's neighbor, Highland Park, it proved to be a failure and the city went back to two independent departments.

But there are financial circumstances facing Hamtramck.

GM recently announced that it will cease production and its Detroit-Ham-

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Remembering the painful birth of the Poletown plant

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Main – which spanned 135 acres on the south end of town – sat vacant. It was a dismal time. Everyone knew that despite that feel-good public relations efforts and proposals to redevelop the city’s financial base, in fact the only thing that could save Hamtramck was money. Lots of it. And that was in very short supply.

Then came GM.

The company presented a plan to create a joint agreement involving the automaker, Hamtramck and Detroit. Together they would acquire a site, clear every building on it, including tearing up old water and sewer lines, and build a state-of-the-art auto factory that would employ thousands.

It was a monumental task that would require the demolition of about 1,500 homes and businesses, a hospital (where my mother worked) and several churches.

When The Citizen came out with this story, cover-

ing the entire top of the front page, the impact was enormous. What followed was even more incredible.

Almost immediately Hamtramck, Detroit and GM were embroiled in a massive legal and public relations battle that painted the three as greedy neighborhood destroyers.

There were protests, pickets and auto industry critic Ralph Nader joined the fray, denouncing the plan.

At one point I wrote a guest column for the Detroit Free Press to point out that while the old Poletown neighborhood was losing a lot, there really wasn’t a lot left to lose there. And Hamtramck would only have to demolish a handful of homes plus Dodge Main. And the new tax revenue would be a godsend to the city. It was a fair trade, I wrote.

It took a lot of fierce negotiations and Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young nearly exploded before finally agreeing to let Ham-

tramck tap into the income tax generated by the workers at the new plant, but the result is that Hamtramck ended up regaining much of the revenue the city had lost with the end of Dodge Main.

In the months that followed the legal challenges were overcome and the once-mighty Dodge factory was reduced to rubble and swept away. It had been one of the biggest factories in the world. Today collectors have only a handful of bricks and bits of other memorabilia. And memories.

This period was one of the most exciting in Hamtramck’s history. The city was a flurry of activity as plans were made and presented, protesters took to the streets and the city was awash with visitors and media from around the world who came this time, not to write Hamtramck’s obituary but to announce its rebirth.

Back then, you didn’t dare call it “the Poletown plant.” GM, whose trademark “Mark of Distinction” phrase was twisted into the “Mark of Destruction,” was extremely sensitive of the Poletown term because of its relationship to the old demolished neighborhood. Today, it’s commonly used to refer to the plant.

It’s hard to believe now that the plant is facing closure. It never did de-

liver all that was promised, but it did make a huge impact on Hamtramck and Detroit.

And ultimately the plant may not close. Its future may actually depend on contract negotiations between GM and the UAW.

And old wounds never heal. GM, Detroit and Hamtramck took a tremendous beating for what had been done to the Poletown neighborhood. People still remember. I sure do.

But if there is a lesson

here, it is that Hamtramck survives. It survived the end of Dodge Main and it will survive the death of the Poletown plant, if it actually comes to that.

(Greg Kowalski was editor of The Citizen from 1977 to 1981.)

Freebies at Wheelhouse tonight

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\$50 either way and get a \$10 PVC card.

Upcoming dates for other First Friday Happy Hours include a Feb. 1, benefit for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan and on March 1 there will be a fundraiser for the Detroit Theatre Collective. There’s not one in January, due to the holiday.

If you’re looking for original ideas for the holidays, consider that Wheelhouse is choosing one category of items for price reduction each day now through Dec. 23.

You can figure out which type of item is on the menu for markdown by checking their Facebook or Instagram accounts.

Wheelhouse is also promoting some one-day-only events this month.

Want to try something crafts, but with a twist? Come on down on next Friday, Dec. 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and for a \$30 materials fee they’ll show you how to make an interesting, unique, “beautiful and clever” (they promise) wreath out of a bicycle wheel. Putting a new “spin” on it, as it were?

Once a month, die-hard bikers can try to ignore the elements and participate in a two-hour winter ride. Next Saturday, Dec. 15, they’re aiming for the West (Indian) Village area and the Red Hook Coffee shop on Agnes St., just east off Van Dyke, a block north of Lafayette.

However, they will tailor the ride’s length of time and distance to the wants of those who show up. Be at the Wheelhouse at 9 a.m. to take part.

They will hold these brisk forays once a month into March, visiting a different coffee shop each time to warm up before returning to base.

Finally, later that same day at 2 p.m. there will be

an hour-long class on how to fix a bike’s flat tire by replacing a tube.

The class is free, and it’s usually held every other week through the winter months in case you can’t make this one. Wheelhouse is offering a 10 percent discount on all tubes and tools you might purchase after taking the class.

It all sounds like the “wheel deal” to us.

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ESL Class Wednesday December 12th, 9:00 am and 12:00 pm
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ESL Class Thursday December 13th, @ 12:00 pm
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School Bell

Dickinson East Elementary School News

Recently, Dickinson East teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson received a mini-grant from Kiwanis Detroit #1 for 100 books for her sixth grade class and the HOPE students.

Each student was able to choose a book to keep, such as “Who Was Ronald Reagan?” and “Who was Gloria Steinem?” from the popular biography series.

Extra books are now part of the sixth grade classroom libraries so that students can share them.

Early Childhood Elementary School News

The activity room at the Early Childhood Elementary was packed with students and parents on Thursday, Nov. 29, as Mrs. Nyaeka Seppala, preschool teacher and Ms. Janice Rakoczy, first grade teacher presented a workshop entitled "Reading Rodeo."

The workshop was a way to help parents at home with different reading activities for their children and websites for reading. Students preschool through second grade learned ways to improve their reading by using techniques to remember what they read, retell what they read and how to learn the meanings of different words.

Games, songs, websites and resources where to buy inexpensive books were shared.

The importance of

Above: Early Childhood Elementary School students and their parents recently received tips on improving reading skills and interest. Right: Dickinson East teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson received a mini-grant from Kiwanis Detroit #1 for 100 books for her sixth grade class and the HOPE students.



reading every day to a child for 20 minutes so they pick up good reading habits and language skills was emphasized.

Mrs. Nyaeka Seppala read the classic, "The Mitten" by Jan Brett. She showed how remembering details, characters and sequencing in a book is important for comprehension of the story.

Ms. Janice Rakoczy read the book, "How Animals Keep Warm," an informational book about animals and their habitats and how they keep warm in winter months.

It was stressed as children begin to read, that they learn fictional stories; however, their home library should have mostly informational text as they grow older.

Parents read to their child from a book they picked out. Each child not only received a new book but a cowboy hat, bandana and snack as well. It was a fun afternoon on a snowy November day.

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Winter Glow ushers in the holiday season



By Charles Sercombe

There is one thing you can say about Hamtramck's yearly Winter Glow:

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Yes, it's usually a cold night, but the hot chocolate and good cheer offset the sting of Jack Frost last Thursday evening at Zussman Park.

The campfire for the marshmallow roast helped warm up the hands of a certain photographer.

Highlights of the night included horse-drawn carriage rides (the line was never-ending), ice skating on some new-

fangled plastic material, crafts, Hamtramck Public School kids singing and a visit from Santa.

(Note to public: Do not get in the way of a kid and Santa.)

And, of course, to cap off the evening there was the lighting of the tree.

Scenes from last Thursday's annual Winter Glow, held in Zussman Park.



City newsletter has helpful tips and reminders

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tainer. Alleys should be otherwise kept clear.

These policies are in part there to stem the potential presence of rats. To this end, tips include: the elimination of excess bird seed on the ground if you

have a feeder; the removal of any food, especially fruit and vegetables left over in gardens or spilled out of rubbish; the clearing of weeds, long grass and other vegetation from your area of the alley; and the

removal of any debris around houses or in alleys that could provide shelter to rodents, such as (for example) old mattresses, appliances or tires.

If your water meter has not yet been upgraded, you are asked to schedule an appointment with the DPS at (313) 800-5233 to do so. There is no cost for this upgrade, and bills could be positively impacted by more accurate readings. The DPS says that the entire swap-out process normally only takes 25 to 35 minutes to perform.

Methods of calculating water bills have been changed, based on a city-wide rate study completed this past July. Bills are now based on two factors: the size of the residential meter, and usage. Contact the DPS for further clarification.

Snow removal is the responsibility of the occupant or owner. If you rent, you may want to get with your landlord and make sure it is understood who

is ultimately responsible (generally, that may be the property owner, unless a specific wording has been added to the lease placing the responsibility on the lessee).

If there is no actual sidewalk, a path must still be cleared across grass or dirt, for example. The responsible party has 12 hours to clear new-fallen snow; the city does not specify what minimum amount must have fallen. This applies to all properties, residential, commercial or industrial.

In addition to designated fire routes, during a city-declared snow emergency parking is also temporarily forbidden on the city's four major thoroughfares, specifically Jos. Campau between Carpenter and Hamtramck Dr., Conant between the same, Caniff between Grand Haven and Buffalo, and Holbrook between St. Aubin and Buffalo.

Hamtramck is one of 22 Michigan cities that charges residents and

businesses a city income tax, as well as non-residents who work in the city.

You are required to file a return, or a request for extension, by April 30. Specific questions can be answered by the Tax Department at (313) 800-5233 extension 819, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except during holiday closures.

With cold weather coming early this year, the Fire Department reminds residents about the safe use of space heaters. Heaters should be laboratory tested and approved models with thermostats and automatic shut-off functions in case the heater gets tipped over or overheats.

They should be kept at least three feet away from anything flammable, such as papers or fabrics, and kept out of the reach of young children, and kept from blocking doorways.

Always plug space heaters directly into the wall, and avoid using ex-

tension cords unless they are the type specifically rated to handle space heater draws on electricity, which are normally very high. Don't plug more than one in per two-hole outlet. Place them on solid, flat surfaces, and always unplug them when leaving the house or before retiring to bed.

Finally, Police Chief Anne Moise is in the process of creating a Chief of Police Advisory Council, and is currently considering applications for 12 potential volunteer community members to be part of it.

It is hoped that the council will help implement an improved strategy for the department to communicate more efficiently with city residents and businesses.

That's it for now – have a great "fall" (such as it was; did it even really come this year?) and get ready to get cozy (however you do) for the long Hamtramck winter ahead.

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In Our Opinion

City is in no position to say ‘no’ to new businesses

Without a doubt, if GM follows through on ceasing production at its Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant – known as the Poletown Plant – Hamtramck will be in a financial crisis.

GM is mincing its words on what will happen to the plant, saying it’s not being closed, but merely work there will cease by June of next year.

The plant’s future, GM says, depends on how negotiations go with its UAW workers.

In the meantime, insiders have told us that its closure is a done deal.

Well, we will all see.

This warning gives city officials time to figure out a plan on how to keep the city going with the loss of \$850,000 to \$1 million a year we get from the plant. As

Mayor Karen Majewski recently said, it will take “creative” thinking.

No matter what, it will likely require a major budget change.

We will pick up on this thread down the road, but the thing that struck us immediately is the city can’t afford to say “no” to new businesses.

Case in point: city officials bowed to an outcry from about 100 residents who vehemently opposed allowing the sale of medical marijuana to happen here or even allow grow facilities from operating.

The city was considering a set of ordinances that would allow those businesses to open – but only in restricted areas. Opponents claimed it would lead to an increase in crime and that marijuana

would eventually get in the hands of minors.

We have a feeling these same folks would prevent the sale of alcohol if that issue were ever to come up for a vote.

Instead of Hamtramck enjoying a minor tax windfall from the sale of legal marijuana, Detroit will likely get that business – leaving us behind.

The sale and growing of medical marijuana are tightly controlled by the state, and even getting a license from the state is no easy – or inexpensive – endeavor.

In light of the city possibly losing a huge chunk of change from GM’s Poletown Plant, it’s time to revisit the medical marijuana issue.

We can’t afford to say no.

Odds & Ends

Looking good... Have you noticed the holiday decorations and lights at city hall?

If not, check it out. You can thank Hamtramck resident Bob Straske of BCL Contractors for doing a great job.

Also, a big hand goes out to the organizers of this year’s Winter Glow, which gets better and better each year.

Now if only we could do something about the bitter cold.

Holiday shopping... On Dec. 15 – next Saturday –

Woodward Throwbacks will once again open its doors to host a huge holiday shopping and party night.

We went last year and it was a blast.

On hand will be local vendors and crafts folk selling some really high-quality items.

And unique – perfect for finding a one-of-a kind gift for that picky friend or relative we all have.

There will also be paczki, beer and entertainment.

Woodward Throwbacks, located in the former Gar-

city Dodge Dealership on Jos. Campau and Casmere, is a fascinating store by itself, featuring many handmade wood items and all sorts of furniture and shelving.

And the folks there are really friendly and helpful.

The event goes from 6 to 11 p.m. Also, they are asking for a \$1 donation that will be given to Hamtramck’s Friendship House, which supplies food and other items to several hundred needy families.

Letters • Letters

Hamtramck needs to welcome the Christmas spirit

I would like to ask a question: Where is Christmas in Hamtramck?

I drove Joseph Campau one evening and all I saw was darkness. The snowflakes on the light poles are very generic and say “winter” but not Christmas.

Where is the city Christmas tree?

When and why was the decision made to discontinue it?

I realize that there are other faiths that live in the city, but there are still three active Catholic churches in the city, not to mention other Christian denominations. We are asked to respect all faiths, but Christianity seems to get lost in the mix.

Last year on a Christmas special on Channel 2 one of the reporters, Roop Raj, who is of Indian descent and grew up in Troy, told a story of his youth.

Even though he is Hindu, every year his father bought and decorated a Christmas tree. One year when Roop asked why they do that, his father replied: “The world is celebrating Christmas and it is important for us to celebrate with the world.”

I know of many Jewish families who celebrate both Hanukah and Christmas. Why is there no Christmas in Hamtramck? There is enough dark-

ness in the world today, and Christmas is a chance to bring some light into the world. I am certain that I am not the only resident who feels this way.

Many people come to Hamtramck during the Christmas season, and I am sure they are surprised that there is no hint of the Christmas spirit anywhere, except for the Polish Art Center and CVS Pharmacy where decorations and cards have been out since October.

What would it take to bring some brightness to the city?

Merry Christmas,

**Mary Urbanski
Hamtramck**

Obituaries

CONNER

Bessie Mae Stephens Conner, 96, died November 28, 2018.

Mrs. Conner was born November 7, 1922 in Columbus, Georgia. She was the second of seven children born to the union of James Louis and Carrie Belle Stephens. Mrs. Conner graduated in 1941 from Hamtramck High School. In 1942, she married the love of her life, Edward Conner. In 76 years, they never spent a night apart. Starting in 1942, she was employed at the Packard plant; and then the Chrysler Corporation, retiring in 1991.

Bessie Conner passed away peacefully in her sleep with her best friend, Edward Conner at her side. Besides her beloved and devoted husband, she leaves to mourn her passing, six children; 23 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; a brother and two sisters.

Visitation is Friday, December 7, 2018 from 9

a.m. to 9 p.m. at the James H. Cole Funeral Home Main Chapel, located at 2624 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48208. The funeral service will be held Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Corinthian Baptist Church located at 1725 Caniff Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit, MI.

— Memoriam —

Odell Wright

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Love, love, Marie*

See what the archeological dig turned up

By Greg Kowalski

After months of painstaking digging in sometimes awful weather, the students of Krysta Ryzewski’s Archeological Field Methods class at Wayne State University are ready to present their findings to the public.

The students have been working on the site of the old Hamtramck Village Hall on Jos. Campau and Grayling streets since September, carefully digging up the soil to find hints of the past.

The block-long site also housed the notorious Nut House bar, a house, shops and miscellaneous smaller buildings. All have been gone for decades, but the soil holds mementoes of the past.

The students will show and explain what they have found at a presentation 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at the Ham-

tramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau.

The public is invited to see what they found. Don’t expect any gold bars or skeletons (except some animal bones) but the students did unearth hundreds of items, including floor samples, bottle shards and other objects. Each item gives an insight into the past.

Ryzewski’s class was the first official, documented

archeological dig done in Hamtramck. After the presentation, the items will be placed on display at the museum in an exhibit designed and archived by a WSU student involved in the dig.

The dig was a cooperative effort between WSU and the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

(Mr. Kowalski is the director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum.)



Wayne State University archeological students recently performed a dig at a former municipal site on the southend. Their findings will be revealed this Monday (Dec. 10) at the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

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Police contract raises questions

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tramck Assembly Plant, known commonly as the Poletown Plant, which could possibly lead to a complete shutdown.

That would mean a loss of \$850,000 to \$1 million annually for Hamtramck.

On top of that, it is feared that Wayne County will walk away from its county jail located in Hamtramck once its new downtown facility is completed in a few years.

That would be a loss of about another \$1 million annually.

“We have no other options at this point,” said City Attorney James Allen in regard to starting cross-training.

But even before last week’s unexpected announcement was made about the Poletown Plant, City Manager Kathy Angerer told The Review previously that the costs of funding a police and fire department is “unsustainable.”

That’s because a federal grant that had been subsidizing the salaries of firefighters – about \$2.3 million per year – for the past several years may not be available, or

will be scaled back.

The city’s fire department’s budget is \$3.3 million a year.

Mayor Karen Majewski underscored that having police officers cross-train is just an “option” – not a done deal on establishing a public safety department.

It has also been pointed out that Hamtramck firefighters participated in over 800 runs in 2017 in a special mutual aid agreement with Detroit and Highland Park. To the surprise of some, less than 100 of those runs actually involved a call in Hamtramck. In other words, the majority of work being performed by Hamtramck firefighters is in Detroit and Highland Park.

That has begged the question of how balanced that agreement is and what the eventual cost will be from the wear and tear of Hamtramck’s trucks and equipment.

There are other options for providing fire service, but nothing that city officials have talked about publicly. One would be to ask voters to join a fire authority with East Pointe

and Hazel Park, who already have a joint agreement. That would also require voters in those two communities to allow Hamtramck to join – which would be challenging politically, to put it mildly.

Other options include scaling back the department’s fulltime force and filling in the other positions with part-timers.

Or, the city could just contract with Detroit to take over the service.

For many residents, the only option that is acceptable is for an independent Hamtramck Fire Department.

Just how the city would continue to fund it, though, has yet to be answered.

Rachel Renee Srodek spoke out against cross-training in a Facebook post.

“I am so disturbed and disgusted with Hamtramck’s administrators they want public safety in

our city, they want to get rid of our fire fighters,” Srodek said.

She added: “Is it just to save a dollar in the pockets of the administration? Because it’s obviously not saving me, as a homeowner and business owner anything. I will lose my insurance. It’s hard to even get an insurance company to insure living in this city now and if we go to public safety, I will bet you that no insurance company will cover us.”

At last Tuesday’s city council meeting, the police contract was approved, with only Councilmember Andrea Karpinski, the sister of Srodek, opposing.

Karpinski said that she couldn’t support the contract because the concept of cross-training should have been brought up months ago so the council could fully discuss it.

A breakdown on the salaries of firefighters

By Charles Sercombe

Back in July The Review published a story on the cost of salaries of the fire department.

At that time, most of the department was comprised of veterans. And as can be expected, the longer an employee works, the costlier they become.

The total cost of salaries is about \$2.3 million.

In a review of the department’s 2017 salary breakdown, here is what we found out via a Freedom of Information Act request:

Seven were paid in the \$90,000 range a year. Another four were paid over \$80,000, seven were in the \$70,000 range, two were paid over

\$60,000, five earned over \$50,000 and two were paid over \$30,000, while one was new on staff and worked only part of the year brought in over \$11,000.

The highest-paid firefighter earned a little over \$99,000 a year.

This review does not include all the firefighters.

Hamtramck’s department also has a work schedule where firefighters work a little over two weeks out of the month. Their work days are around the clock with sleeping quarters on the second floor of the fire station, located at Caniff and Mackay.

School Bell

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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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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 27-Dec. 3.

Tuesday, November 27
• A Yemans resident turned in property that belonged to her mother. The resident told officers she no longer wanted the items.
• A resident in the 3000 block of Evaline reported a theft.

Wednesday, November 28
• A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license and having never applied for a license.
• At about 12:30 a.m. a Commerce Twp. resident was arrested in the 2300 block of Caniff for assaulting an officer, indecent exposure, possessing an open intoxicant in public and obstruction. A Detroit resident was also arrested for indecent exposure, possessing an open intoxicant in public

and obstruction.
• A Prescott resident was arrested for trespassing.
• A resident reported someone stole their debit card and charged \$700 to their account.
• A Detroit resident was arrested at Detroit Metro Airport for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
• A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
• A resident in the 9500 block of Gallagher reported the theft of their 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee, with a Michigan license plate of DFT5655.
• A Warren resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

Thursday, November 29
• A resident in the 2300 block of Neibel reported the theft of their 2002 Toyota Rav4 with the Michigan license plate of DDF6833.

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- At a little after mid-night an Oak Park resident was arrested for driving without a license after causing a traffic accident.
- Officers alerted the Fire Department of two cars parked in in the 9700 block of Conant that were on fire.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license, possessing narcotics and driving with improper license plates.
- A business in the 11900 block of Conant reported receiving hang-up phone calls for the past two months.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license, having an improper license plate and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant. The driver had been ticketed for driving without a license 16 previous times.

Friday, November 30

- A person was found on the ground in the 2400 block of Hewitt. The resident was cited for being disorderly and taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for being highly intoxicated.
- A Detroit resident who has a record of being arrested for driving without a license 52 times was arrested for the same offense and for driving with an open intoxicant.
- A resident in the 2400 block of Faber reported the theft of their vehicle. Upon further investigation it was discovered that Detroit police

had impounded the car when it was found to be stolen.

- An agent for a business in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau reported the theft of a stack of payroll checks.

- A resident was arrested at a business in the 12100 block of Conant for being disorderly and trespassing.

Saturday, December 1

- At almost 2 a.m. the driver of a Ford Crown Victoria fled from officers during an attempted traffic stop.

- A resident reported that while his car was parked in the 8800 block of Conant, someone broke into it and stole items.

Sunday, December 2

- A Saginaw resident reported work property was stolen from her vehicle.
- A resident in the 2000 block of Yemans reported a break-in and the theft of several items.
- A hit-and-run accident that injured a pedestrian happened at Caniff and Dyar. The suspect was driving a 2010 GMC Ter-

rain, gray in color, with a Michigan license plate of CDV1937.

Monday, December 3

- At about 1:30 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving with an improper license plate, having an expired license and providing false information about his identity.
- A resident was struck by a car while crossing Caniff at Mitchell. The resident was treated for injuries at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Library inducts this year’s Hall of Fame members

By Charles Sercombe

It’s been a gala year for the Hamtramck Public Library.

This year is its 100th anniversary.

That birthday made this

year’s induction of Library Hall of Fame members extra special.

A celebration dinner was held a few weeks ago in the basement of St. Florian Church.

The dinner had to be moved at the last minute from PNA Hall when it was discovered that the hall’s dishes were missing.

(Editor’s note: This is Hamtramck, it’s supposed to be: “Who stole the kishka?”)

Dinner organizers were able to scramble and find a new gathering place. The church basement is used annually for its soup festival and the yearly Strawberry Festival.

Inducted this year were: Mayor Karen Majewski, Vera Burk, Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay and Cynthia Cervenak.

This year’s Library Hall of Fame included (from top to bottom): Mayor Karen Majewski, Vera Burk, Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay and Cynthia Cervenak. That’s Ray Bitner (on the left) and former Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Paul Paruk flanking the inductees.



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