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Quick Hits

Want to share in some holiday cheer, and also help out with a good cause?

From 5 to 8 p.m. today (Dec. 6), the folks over at Wheelhouse Hamtramck (located at 9401 Jos. Campau) will be hosting their “First Friday Happy Hour,” with 10 percent of their sales during those hours going to the Hamtramck Goodfellows.

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Former police chief makes a comeback in a new role

By Charles Sercombe

Two employment contracts set off fireworks at last week’s city council meeting.

Councilmembers Ian Perrotta and Andrea Karpinski were alone in objecting to the contracts, which were submitted just before the council meeting started.

They both questioned why there was an apparent rush to get the contracts approved before they had time to examine the contracts.

Karpinski said she was “disgusted” by the process and accused others of conducting “back-door meetings.”

First up was a contract to bring back former Po-



Former Hamtramck Police Chief Max Garbarino is coming back as a community liaison officer for the police department. He will be reporting to the city manager, not the current police chief. His return has stirred up controversy among some.

lice Chief Max Garbarino. City Manager Kathy Angerer created a new position for him to be Director

of Community Safety and Services, with a salary of \$85,000 a year.

The position is akin to being a liaison between the police department and the public.

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For Thanksgiving, community leaders held clothing drive

By Alan Madlane

A whole lot of folks came together on Thanksgiving Thursday to make sure some less fortunate than themselves would be warm enough this winter.

A winter clothing and canned food drive was held for two hours on Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, outside the Hamtramck Library. From

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., both new and gently used clean coats, gloves or mittens, hats, scarves, boots and the like, as well as non-perishable food items, were taken in by hardy volunteers.

The items were given to the Genesis House for the Homeless Shelter in Detroit. Genesis House has three locations

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Pot sales are sky high

By Charles Sercombe

Marijuana appears to be a cash cow for four recreational retailers.

Monday was the first day that recreational marijuana could be sold in Michigan to the public. Sales for the day brought in over \$200,000, according to media reports.

Out of that amount, over \$30,000 was collected in state taxes.

There are three retailers in Ann Arbor and one in Morenci, a small town near the Ohio border.

One city that won’t reap any of that business is Hamtramck – and neither will hundreds of other cities that have either opted out of allowing marijuana sales and growth facilities, or have put off making any decision.

One attempt to opt out was recently made by some Hamtramck city councilmembers, but that vote failed.

Hamtramck is thus still in legal limbo.

A bare majority of councilmembers, Anam Miah, Abu Musa, Saad Almas-mari and Fadel Al-Mar-soumi, have spoken against allowing sales and growth facilities.

But if there is a change of mind, or if perhaps the three incoming new councilmembers are so inclined, the state is offering a helping hand.

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He will serve as an “at will” employee with no expiration date in his contract. Garbarino will also have police powers, but will report to the city manager – not the police chief.

Perrotta reminded the council and public that Garbarino left several years ago “under a cloud” of controversy.

He agreed to leave as police chief following an investigation conducted by then-City Manager Katrina Powell.

The nature of the investigation was never revealed, and part of the separation agreement

that Garbarino signed included a stipulation that neither he nor the city could talk about the reason for his leaving.

There was talk that before being fired, Garbarino had wiped clean his city-issued cell phone and possibly his laptop despite being told not to do so.

The agreement, however, can be undone if both the city and Garbarino agree to it.

In a WXYZ Channel 7 interview this week, Garbarino said his leaving had to do with “politics.” He also said that he and Powell “didn’t see eye-to-

eye” on matters.

For the past few years, Garbarino had been working as an Eastpointe police officer. His start date in his new job is not yet known.

Councilmember Perrotta pointed out that Garbarino’s new position was not one that existed before, and questioned whether it is even needed.

He also lashed out at the city administration for not putting the two contracts in question on the agenda so the public could be notified ahead of the meeting.

The other contract is a modification of Angerer’s previous contract. She also works as an at will employee, but no longer has an expiration date on her contract.

She also has a new termination clause that will give her two-years’ worth of her salary if she is fired.

That will amount to \$240,000, plus benefits, which would be covered

for six months after her termination.

Her salary is \$120,000 a year, plus \$500 a month for her to maintain a vehicle, plus other perks as well.

While some in the community called the termination payment a golden parachute, it is not unheard of.

It was recently reported in the Detroit Free Press that Birmingham’s city manager, Joseph Valentine, will be paid \$300,000 if he is fired.

Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi told The Review that Angerer’s contract is worth it because she is doing a good job, and he wants to make sure to keep her here.

In both votes on the two contracts, Councilmembers Perrotta and Karpinski were in opposition.

Councilmembers Anam Miah, Abu Musa, Fadel Al-Marsoumi and Saad Al-masmari, as well as Mayor Karen Majewski, voted in favor of the contracts.

Majewski normally doesn’t vote on most matters, per city charter, but does vote on employment contracts.

As for the Garbarino contract, Councilmember Karpinski questioned where the funding is coming from – especially in light of the city’s deficit spending this fiscal year.

Angerer said that Garbarino is being paid with

funds from an unfilled position of deputy city manager.

Garbarino’s supporters on council noted that, while he was police chief, he made connections with the city’s immigrant community.

“He’s a very good friend of the community,” said Councilmember Musa. “If Max comes back, it will move the city forward.”

Pot sales are sky high

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19 cities that can jump ahead of the line for those seeking to open a retail outlet.

That provision was included in the 2018 state ballot legalizing the recreational use of marijuana.

The provision recognized that Hamtramck and the 18 other cities were unfairly targeted in the nation’s “war on drugs.”

Besides local taxes that could be collected from sales outlets, the city could also share in a state pool of money that only cities that opt in – in other words, allow marijuana sales – can dip into.

Some have estimated that these fees and sales taxes could result in millions of dollars for the state and participating communities.

The city has been working its way through this issue for several years. At one time, the city attorney worked up an ordinance allowing sales and production, at the council’s behest, but when word got out to the community about an impending vote on it, dozens of residents, mostly from the Yemeni and Bengali communities, jammed into the council chambers to oppose it.

The council held off on the vote, and instead hosted a town hall meeting, where once again dozens of folks attended, with many urging the rejection of allowing marijuana sales here.

Most of the concern was over a perceived increase in crime that such outlets might attract, and the possibility that marijuana will get into the hands of minors.

Since a new governor has come into power, the laws regulating who can obtain a license to sell marijuana have been loosened.

The new rules, however, have only caused confusion, a number of attorneys have said. In other words, it’s guaranteed that there will be several lawsuits over the meaning of the regulations.

One fuzzy aspect is what happens if a city neither opts in nor opts out. The law says that anyone who applies for a license in a community that has not taken action on the matter can still get one if that community decides later to opt out.

In other words, if the applicant is approved for a license, he or she can still operate a sales outlet in the community, even if the community decides later to opt out.

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Movie Night - Tuesdays @4:00 p.m. September 10 - December 17. Family Friendly Movies. Snacks provided!	Computer Science Week - December 9-15 3:30-4:45 p.m. Grades 3 and up are invited to Tech Club Monday 12/9 Wednesday 12/11 Friday 12/13 Explore basic coding, tech & computer science	ANIME CLUB - Every Thursday 3-5 p.m. September 6 - December 20. Hang out, share and discover Anime and Manga. Grades 6 and up. Adults are also welcome.

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School Bell

Giving back during the holidays

Hey teachers, looking for ways to get your students in the holiday spirit?

This is the season for giving, and the good folks over at EducationFundingPartners, an online education organization, have these suggestions:

- Coordinate a food drive or fundraiser for Feeding America.

The impact of going hungry or malnourished on a child is devastating, which is why food drives or donating to organizations like Feeding America can make such a positive difference.

2. Write holiday cards to active military members. It won't cost your students anything to pick up a colorful marker and write a cheery message in a holiday card, but the impact of receiving one of these cards can go quite a long way.

Every year the American Red Cross hosts the Holidays for Heroes campaign, where they collect holiday cards to send to members of the military.

3. Make pet toys for a local animal shelter. Many of your students likely have pets that are loved just as fiercely as any other member of their family (or maybe loved more, if they have siblings). Unfortunately, not all animals are as lucky as their pets



Above and below: Scenes from a visit by students and faculty from University of Findlay at Dickinson East Elementary School.



and are still looking for their forever families.

Rally your students to bring some brightness to these animals' lives by hosting a crafting session where they can make pet

toys that will then be donated to a local animal shelter. The Anti-Cruelty Society has a list of easy DIY toys that require just a few simple materials.

4. Express gratitude for

your own school community. There are tons of ways your students can make a positive difference outside of school in ways that help those across the country or even the world.

And while this should be encouraged, we can sometimes forget that our community close to home also deserves some love and attention.

So if your classroom or school doesn't have the resources to take a big action, focus on doable little actions that together can make a big impact. Something as simple as penning notes of appreciation for the school principal or writing positive chalk messages on common school spaces can uplift someone's day and bring good vibes to your school.

Dickinson East Elementary School News
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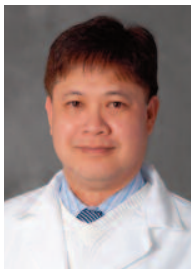
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around the city: near Mack and Conner, near Elmhurst and 14th St., and near Meyers and West Chicago. This organization says that they serve the entire area, including Hamtramck and Highland Park.

The main groups banding together for this drive were the CWA & MASCH (Community Word Alliance Clergy Interfaith Organization & Ministry & Spirituality Centers for

Humanity, with interfaith minister Imam Arif Huskic serving as president of both) and the Hamtramck Residents Forum (Rezaul Karim, president), as well as community activist coordinator Asm Kamal Rahman and the owners and/or CEOs of local businesses Bengal Auto Sales (Talukder Gias) and Basic Styles LLC (Baher Sarkar).



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Get Out on the Hamtown!



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faculty from University of Findlay (located in Ohio) visited Ms. Rahiel Housey-Johnson's classroom.

International students with the Buford Center for

Diversity and Service shared history, culture, and language of their home countries of Japan and Czech Republic with the Dickinson East sixth



**Kosciuszko Middle School Students of the Month
pose for a photo.**

graders.

This is part of a long-standing collaboration that brings future teachers and our students together for a half day of making connections as well as celebrating similarities and differences.

This is a valuable opportunity for both sides to formulate new ideas and demolish misconceptions. They also gain insight and cultivate an appreciation for other cultures.

Kosciuszko Middle School News

Each month at KMS, students have the chance to be nominated for student

of the month. Students were chosen for the month of November for being scholarly.

Below is the list of Students of the Month for November:

Laila Almardahi, Shahab Ali, Annbreda Habucke, Keila Sanders, Loretta Habucke, Jakora Hayes, Stella Hughes, Areefin Ahmed, Mahbuba Khanom, Maha Uddin, Naser Almardahi, Arian Azad, Shaira Choudhury, Abrar Al-Nahari, Nusrat Lisa, Zakaria Alzamzami, Amgad Yahya, Aisha Almasmari, Afsana Akther, Sumaiya Ahmed, Hamzah Choudhury, Olla Elnaham, Dina Alhalemi, Torey Jones, Sadia Choudhury.

Congratulations to these students. Keep up the good work!

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Upcoming events

- December 6 – End of Progress Report Period 2.
- December 12 – Progress Report 2 Distributed.
- December 23-January 5 – No school for students and staff. Winter Break.
- January 6 – School resumes.

**Compiled by
Janice Gandelman**

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Yemeni mural compromise exemplifies holiday spirit

It now looks like Hamtramck’s famed Yemeni mural on Jos. Campau and Goodson will be saved.

Saved, in the sense that a proposed development project will not end up blocking it from public view.

Thanks to a coordinated effort by the city manager’s office, the developer and OneHamtramck, the developer has agreed to a land swap.

The deal will require the

city to sell a city-owned lot on Goodson St. It appears the city council will be on board with this proposal.

This is a prime example of Hamtramck taking on a challenge and working out a compromise.

Unfortunately, Hamtramck is known for its divisive politics. When cooler heads prevail, however, the city has shown it can rise above the political fray and get things done.

For this holiday season,

it would be nice to see the community celebrate what unites us, rather than delving into petty squabbles.

The Yemeni mural is certainly a treasure for the community, and it has now taken on the new role of being a prime example of Hamtramck at its best.

Enjoy the holiday season folks, and remember that we all have much in common, and plenty of reasons to celebrate our community.

Odds & Ends

By Alan Madlane

Ho Ho Ho... And no, he probably won’t have any lumps of coal with him, so you’re safe!

Everybody’s favorite big jolly ruddy elf, that would be Santa Claus, is making time for a quick appearance at the Hamtramck Library.

Seriously, how does he do it all? We can barely get a few gifts bought and cards mailed out on time. Must be some real magic in that red suit.

In any event, the date of his coming will be next Thursday, Dec. 12, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. You can get your picture taken with him, or more appropriately you can get your kid’s picture taken with him.

Either way.

Here’s some other things we know, or are guessing about, or some myths debunked:

- He’ll be coming down the chimney, down: Or possibly entering by way of the front door, like a normal person.
- You better not pout, you better not cry: You should probably just stay home if you’re in a bad mood.
- He’s coming right down Santa Claus Lane: It’s actually more likely he’ll either take I-75, or possibly Jos. Campau to avoid rush hour traffic.

The library is at 2360 Caniff Ave. There’ll be a person there playing the flute too. We don’t know why the flute either, but we’re sure it’ll be nice.

So come, all ye faithful. And the rest of you too – but behave!

Warning... According to a WDIV Channel 4 news report, two students at Dickinson West Elementary School said a mysterious woman tried to lure them to go with her.

The students, instead, ran to a school security guard.

The woman was described as wearing a gray coat with only her eyes visible. She also reportedly spoke Bengali.

The woman told the students that she was their neighbor.

School officials are warning students to not talk to strangers, or get in a car with a stranger.

Students are advised to walk with at least one other student when going to and coming home from school.

Students are also encouraged to report to police or school officials any suspicious activity.

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 settled 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

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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Nov. 12, and all councilmembers were present.

Virginia Skrzyniarz, the Chairperson of the Complete Count Committee, submitted information about the upcoming Census 2020 Count.

Residents can participate in the count either by filling out a questionnaire, or by going online.

Some 95 percent of households will be invited to participate in the national population count by mail. A census form will be mailed this coming March.

During the public portion of the meeting, Kamal Rahman thanked those councilmembers who were not re-elected for their service to the community.

He also stressed the importance of the upcoming census.

“Hopefully, we can all work for the census,” he said.

Justin Petrusak advised the council to reject a new development plan being submitted by Dr. Sami Bilani.

The council later approved the project, which involves the construction of six townhouses at 9331 Brombach. The site is currently an unused parking lot.

Mark Koroι, an attorney, predicted that a sexual assault case involving a community activist will end up being dismissed.

He said the case is not going well for the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.

(Editor’s note: The case in question was indeed later dismissed at a preliminary examination held in Hamtramck 31st District Court. Koroι was not involved in the case.)

Robert Zwolak, who lost his bid to be elected to city council in the November General Election, said the “six luckiest people in this election” were those who won, and those who lost.

He said that the reason for this is the upcoming financial decisions that will have to be made.

He also noted that a portion of Jos. Campau, from Holbrook to Caniff, is poorly lit at night. Zwolak added that trees along Jos. Campau are blocking business signs.

During the business portion of the meeting, the council approved the hiring of a company to install security cameras at Veterans Park. The cost of the project is \$36,000, which is being paid for by grants.

The council took the first step in a process to allow a building at 2950 Holbrook to be rezoned from residential to mixed-use commercial. The building in question already has a storefront, and had been used for years as a barber shop.

The council OK’d site plans for a business, NuVue Foods, located at 8800 Conant. The business plans an expansion of its facility.

In another matter, the council approved a contract to hire G’s Trees to trim city trees. The city has a budget of \$50,000 to perform the service this year.

During a review of city expenditures, Councilmember Andrea Karpinski noted that the city attorney’s legal firm, Allen Brothers, submitted a \$30,000 bill.

“We’re spending a ton of money on legal,” Karpinski said.

She suggested creating a staff position for a city attorney instead of contracting out the service.

“I’m just putting it out there,” she said.

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Obituaries

WOJTALIK



Louis Wojtalik, 98, died December 1, 2019.

Mr. Wojtalik was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor in 2005. He is survived by daughters, Louann Wojtalik, Elaine (Jim) Dingledine; son, Alan (Nikki) Wojtalik; brother, Fred (Jo) Wojtalik; grandchild, Anya.

Mr. Wojtalik was a retired electronics repairman. He was a former treasurer and lifelong

member of the Polish National Alliance and a member of the St. Aubin Block Club.

Visitation will be Friday, December 6, from 4 – 8 p.m. at Krot Funeral Home, 2687 Hamtramck, MI. The funeral service will be Saturday December 7, at 11 a.m. at Krot Funeral Home.



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Security cameras is latest addition to Veterans Park

By Charles Sercombe

Veterans Memorial Park will soon have some extra eyes.

The city is installing security cameras in the park, at a cost of about \$36,000.

Police officers will be able to monitor activities in the park from the police station.

In the past, vandals have damaged buildings and other structures in the park, located on Jos. Campau on the southend. Several years ago, someone was repeatedly setting playground equipment on fire.

JMC Electric won the contract, which will be paid through both a community development grant and a Wayne County

parks grant that County Commissioner Martha Scott steered to the city.

The park has gone through extensive renovations in recent years, and there are plans for more.

There is a possibility that, through a combined city and public school district effort, a multi-million-dollar grant might be awarded to fix up the historic baseball stadium.

The stadium was built for a Detroit Negro baseball league team in the 1930s, when African-Americans were not yet allowed to play in the all-white major leagues.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said the cameras are a way to “protect the investment in the park.”

City Councilmember Ian



Security cameras are coming to Veterans Memorial Park thanks to a couple of grants.

Perrotta suggested having the live surveillance stream be broadcast via the internet, but that idea was shot down.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski was concerned about the safety of children being compromised if the surveillance footage

was streamed for anyone and everyone to view.

“I’m just concerned about predators,” Karpinski said.

Mayor Karen Majewski also said that there are privacy concerns for those using the park.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 26-Dec. 2.

Tuesday, Nov. 26
• At 1 a.m., a resident was arrested after stabbing another resident in the chest while in the area of Doremus and Conant.
• A Detroit resident reported that his vehicle was stolen.
• A Goodson St. resident reported a theft.

Wednesday, Nov. 27
• A resident was accused of trespassing at a business in the area of Conant and Caniff.
• At a little after 4 a.m., a resident was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a drug overdose.
• A Moran St. resident reported that his vehicle was stolen.
• An Edwin St. resident reported that someone damaged their property.
• A Caniff Ave. resi-

dent reported that someone damaged their vehicle.
• A hit-and-run accident occurred in the area of Jos. Campau and Carpenter.

Thursday, Nov. 28
No criminal activity was reported on this date.

Friday, Nov. 29
• At noon, a resident of Dearborn was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license, and for being wanted on a Hamtramck misdemeanor warrant.
• A resident of Detroit was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license, and for being wanted on a Hamtramck misdemeanor warrant.
• A resident was accused of trespassing at a business in the area of Conant and Caniff.
• A break-in was reported in the area of Hol-

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Saturday, Dec. 14, 2-4 p.m. – Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome.

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brook and Jos. Campau.

• A resident reported that someone broke into their car while it was parked in the area of Evaline and Lumpkin. Items were reported stolen.

• A resident reported that, while in the area of Dyar and Carpenter, they were assaulted.

Saturday, Nov. 30

No criminal activity was reported for this date.

Sunday, Dec. 1

• A St. Aubin St. resident was arrested during an investigation.

• A Nagel St. resident was arrested for being a fugitive.

• A resident on Jacob

St. reported that someone vandalized their vehicle.

• A Detroit resident was arrested in the 9300 block of Conant Ave. for being disorderly.

Monday, Dec. 2

• A resident was arrested for being wanted on a Wayne County Circuit Court warrant.

• At 5 a.m., a person was arrested in the area of Caniff and Nagel for a domestic assault that occurred near Pulaski Park.

• A Goodwin St. resident reported a suspicious situation.

• A Sobieski St. resident reported a garage break-in.

• Officers responded

to the 2300 block of Burger St. for a call about a suspicious situation.

• A resident from New York reported that someone broke into his vehicle, while it was parked in the 11500 block of Conant Ave., and stole their computer.

• Officers responded to a residence in the 9600 block of Gallagher St. for a “misuse of 911 calls,” and were confronted by a high-intoxicated and assaultive resident. The resident was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a psychological evaluation.

The lore of Hamtramck ...

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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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