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Quick Hits

Talkin' turkey donations

By Alan Madlane

Detroit Friendship House is once again looking to talk turkey with a few good folks.

The local Baptist-affiliated charity does like to feed'em some folks, and it all starts with you.

This year, perhaps more than any in even the longest of memories, the need is truly great. The all-too-familiar coronavirus has played havoc with many households, where so many people are now either out of work, or working far less than before, or waiting for back wages.

What can you do, and how can you do it?

Well, honestly, the Friendship House website doesn't yet appear to have a specific donation button set up for the Thanksgiving meal giveaway.

There is, however, a general donation link, but while their press release mentions a figure of \$32 to feed a family of, for example, a mother and five children with turkey, sides and fixings, there's as yet no mention of that specific amount on the website, nor indeed any specific reference to the Thanksgiving dinner giveaway – other than to say that they always have one.

So donate, and donate
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

WSU digs Hamtramck again; signs pact with museum

By Greg Kowalski

A bit of a bottle. A piece of pipe. The sole of a shoe. Trivial trash?

Not to the trained eyes of more than a dozen Wayne State University students, who are wrapping up part two of their archaeological dig in Hamtramck.

Two years ago, the students did the first phase of their project: digging into the history of the site of the old Village Hall on Jos. Campau, between Grayling and Alice streets. The second dig began in August, and wrapped up this week.

Village Hall was built in 1914, and also housed the village fire department and police station. Working under the direction of WSU anthropology professor Krysta Ryzewski, the students have collected an assortment of items from the site of Village Hall, as well as about 17 other buildings that occupied the



A Wayne State University student sorts through items that were recently dug up during an archeological excavation at Jos. Campau and Andrus that WSU sponsored.

area over the years.

The site included the famous old Nut House bar, a tin shop and a residence. All are long gone.

The goal of the class, Ryzewski said, is to interpret the items to learn about the lives of the people, mainly immigrants, who

lived and worked there for more than a century.

"We're looking to uncover the unwritten history that tells us about the rise of Hamtramck in the early 20th century," Ryzewski said.

Even simple things, like a bit of a bottle, can reveal

something about the lives of the people who were there, by showing what they drank. A fragment of an animal bone shows what they ate.

Individually, it's not much, but taken together it tells a much more in-depth story.

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City Clerk August Gitschlag recently announced he was diagnosed with COVID-19. Two employees in his city hall office also tested positive for the disease.

City clerk and two employees test positive for COVID-19

By Charles Sercombe

This time for real.

A COVID-19 case has now actually happened in Hamtramck City Hall.

City Clerk August Gitschlag announced recently that he has come down with COVID, which has forced the city to close his office and quarantine the employees there.

The city manager's office is now handling all calls and inquiries that normally go through the clerk's office.

A week ago, it was reported that City Council member Ian Perrotta falsely claimed that there was a prior COVID case out of a different city hall department.

He later said he suspects he was "spoofed," but he came under criticism for not first contacting city hall about his alleged tip. Instead, he posted the claim on his Facebook page.

Gitschlag's case un-
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Plenty of buzz about newest biz

By Charles Sercombe

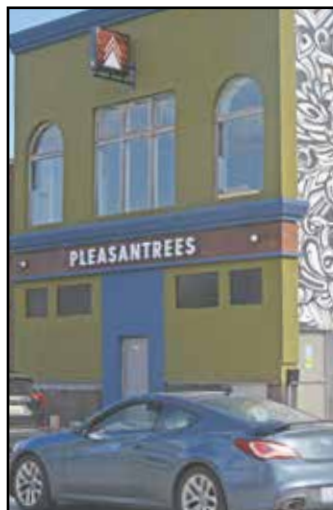
And just like that, Hamtramck has a retail outlet where adults 21 years old and older can now legally purchase recreational marijuana.

You don't need a medical marijuana card, but you will need an ID to complete your purchase.

And that's it.

The shop opened last week in a former veterans post building at 2238 Holbrook Ave., next door to Kowalski Sausage Co.

In other words, the building with the giant abstract black and white mural on its side wall.



Hamtramck now has a recreational marijuana retail outlet, located on Holbrook Ave.

It's opening seemed to catch a number of folks by surprise, considering that just two years ago Hamtramck went through a heated public debate on whether to allow marijuana dispensaries and grow facilities to locate here.

There was a huge push-back from both the Yemeni and Bangladeshi communities about allowing those types of businesses to locate here. Many of the critics said they were con-

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cerned about marijuana shops attracting crime, and that their presence would influence their children.

While there was stiff opposition, there was one thing the Hamtramck City Council didn't do: Choose to "opt in" – which would open the doors for the businesses – or "opt out," which would have prohibited them.

Since the council chose none of the above, state law allows marijuana shops to open in the community, and there's nothing the city council can do at this point to shut this business down.

"We can't stop it from coming here if there isn't an ordinance," said City

Manager Kathy Angerer.

Work on the building began several months ago.

The outlet is part of a chain called Pleasantrees, and its headquarters is located in Harrison Twp. So far, the company has just one other store, which is located in East Lansing.

The general manager of the Hamtramck store, Jonathan Coleman, said the company plans to open several more stores in the state, including in Detroit.

As long as COVID-19 remains an ongoing health concern, there will be only curbside pick-up for now and the foreseeable future, in the parking lot next to the building.

Coleman said he is aware of the past resis-

tance to the business.

"One of our pillars is to be a strong community member," Coleman said.

And for those who have concerns, Coleman said he welcomes them to visit.

"I will listen to them, and find out how to alleviate their concerns," Coleman said.

Coleman also said that he has put a premium on hiring local and Detroit residents. There are now 12 employees.

The store also provides security service 24 hours a day, every day of the week.

Retail hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. very day.

The store offers over 200 products, including edibles and other items. The store does not have a grow facility in the building, nor is there a plan to install one.

The store's cannabis is grown in the company's 50,000-square-foot facility in Harrison Twp.

While there may still be resistance to a marijuana facility locating in town, Mayor Karen Majewski welcomed the new business. Majewski has been in favor of allowing such businesses.

"The owner has Hamtramck roots going way back, and is committed to being a good civic partner, as well as to hiring Hamtramck residents," Majewski told The Review.

"The building has undergone a careful renovation with sensitivity to its architectural integrity. I welcome this new business to Hamtramck and wish it every success."

WSU digs Hamtramck again; signs pact with museum

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Last week the students brought their finds to the Hamtramck Historical Museum, where they cleaned and processed the objects. Following correct Covid-19 operating procedures, the students worked either in pairs or singly, and all wore masks and followed proper spacing requirements.

Each student will now take one object and do a "biography" of it, explaining what role it played in the lives of the people. Eventually, an assortment of the items will be placed on display at the museum with explanatory text on what the students learned.

This second dig was held because the previous one was so successful. In fact, aside from revealing in-

formation about the past, the experience led Wayne State University to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hamtramck Historical Museum, to cooperate on future projects.

The official signing saw Stephanie Hartwell, dean of the WSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Museum Executive Director Greg Kowalski each signing the document.

This agreement provides that the museum will offer internships to students, invite WSU researchers to participate in a variety of projects in conjunction with the museum, host guest lecturers from WSU, participate in joint grant writing opportunities, and

publicize the joint ventures.

In return, WSU will recruit students to do internships at the museum, provide faculty consultation to assist with projects, help identify grant sources, invite museum staff to lecture at the university, and share digital media and library resources with the museum.

The Hamtramck Historical Museum is the first museum to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with WSU.

"This is a major step forward in our development," Kowalski said.

And it just might lead to more digging into Hamtramck's past.



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From the Superintendent

Hamtramck Public Schools released the following statement from Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed in response to the passing of the Wayne RESA millage on Election Day last week:

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- In the HPS survey, parents shared that students needed time to finish classwork and did not want any additional home-

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Second Front Page

Mayor: COVID cases increase, and the death toll

By Charles Sercombe

The grim COVID news continues to mount in Hamtramck, as well as nationwide.

“The numbers are spiking everywhere, and Hamtramck is no exception,” Majewski said, in her weekly Facebook talk with the community on Monday morning.

The mayor reported that, for the second week in a row, there was another COVID-19 death in Hamtramck – this time, a 71-year-old man.

The total death rate for the year in Hamtramck now stands at 29.

On top of that, the number of new cases reported last week surged up to 66.

There have now been 964 cases in town this year.

On the same day that Majewski spent talking with the community, the state of Michigan reported a record 9,000 new COVID cases over just two days.

There was some good news that Majewski had to share.

Hamtramck has a new bakery, called Roti Max, and it's at 3124 Caniff Ave.

Also, some bars reopened recently, she said: Bakers, Bumbo's and Barter.

The only new business she did not mention was the recreational marijuana retail outlet, Pleasantrees, on Holbrook Ave., which generated much recent discussion on social media.

Not only is the coronavirus going up in numbers,

but so too are the number of folks filing for unemployment in Michigan. If you need to file, or if you are having problems with your claim, Majewski suggested going to the state's website: mich.gov/uia.

For those receiving food aid from the state, Majewski said that the state has extended its financial help, and that those with Bridge cards should have already received an upload on their account.

Majewski also noted that Hollywood was in town last week, shooting a movie called “No Sudden Moves.” The mayor's Jos. Campau store was remodeled for one of the movie scenes.

And that was her report for the week.

City clerk and two employees test positive for COVID-19

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derscores the increasing number of COVID cases in Hamtramck, which for the last two weeks has spiked to over 60 cases per week, with two additional deaths for the year in the last couple of weeks.

So far this year, there have been over 900 cases reported in Hamtramck, with a total of 29 deaths.

Gitschlag said he thinks he got the disease be-

cause of the huge number of people coming in to city hall to vote.

“Well, I guess with the amount of people I had to come in contact with over the last 3 weeks it was inevitable. I tested positive for Covid-19 yesterday morning,” Gitschlag said, on his Facebook page, last Friday.

“I AM OK.

“I have mild head cold

symptoms and some fatigue. I will be alright. I was careful, wore masks (many) and burned my fingerprints off with hand sanitizer all day long ... just wasn't enough. Be smart out there everyone.”

Since his announcement on Facebook, there are two other employees in his office who have tested positive for COVID.

Gitschlag and his two employees are not the only city officials to contract COVID. Mayor Karen Majewski announced a couple of months ago that she tested positive for the disease, but she reported no symptoms.

She eventually tested negative for it.

At press time Thursday, Gitschlag reported that his symptoms were still like a having a head cold, and he is also still experiencing fatigue.

News of Gitschlag's COVID case prompted several election workers to criticize the city's handling of the matter.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, they said that they were not informed of Gitschlag being diagnosed with COVID.

Angela Fortino said city officials acted “extremely irresponsibly,” and were “unprofessional, and lacked transparency.”

Gischlag said he only came in contact with chairmen of precincts and election workers assigned to handling absentee ballots, which was being done away from the public in a secluded room in city hall.

Mickey Lyons, who also said she was an election worker and was not notified of Gitschlag's status, said she will file an ethics complaint with the state over how the matter was handled.

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Once again, councilmember comes under fire

By Charles Sercombe

The hits just keep coming against City Councilmember Ian Perrotta.

At Tuesday's council meeting, a majority of councilmembers took a rare – if ever – action, and voted to remove Perrotta as Mayor Pro Tem.

They replaced him with Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi.

The position of Mayor Pro Tem was created to fill in for the mayor when they can't perform their duties – such as running a council meeting.

The matter was the only issue not requiring a consent vote on the agenda, and as you can imagine, it became a heated discussion.

Perrotta has been no stranger to controversy. He has twice been censured by a majority of his fellow councilmembers for past behaviors. Even censures are an action rarely ever taken against a councilmember.

(Perrotta was censured for creating a hostile work place, and berating a city employee, in two separate incidents.)

It doesn't stop there. Perrotta is now the target of a recall effort that is being spearheaded by fellow Councilmember Mohammed Hassan.

The two have previously



Ian Perrotta

tangled during council meetings, with some interactions resulting in shouting matches, and to the point of Perrotta stomping out of one meeting.

Besides the recall, Hassan was behind the resolution to remove Perrotta as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Al-Marsoumi co-sponsored the resolution.

The reasons given for stripping Perrotta of his title as Mayor Pro Tem were:

- His past two censures
- A loss of confidence in his ability to represent the council
- A loss of council support

• And “the credibility of this council will erode as long as Councilman Perrotta holds the position of Mayor Pro Tem”

Perrotta, in a 20-minute speech he gave later in the meeting, lashed out against his colleagues. (You can read his full state-

ment on his Facebook page.)

Essentially, he called the matter a “giant con.”

“Another council meeting, another item on the agenda trying to do something negative to me rather than something positive for the city. The whole thing is a farce and a petty misuse and abuse of the office of city council,” Perrotta said.

He then went on to highlight all of his achievements in the community, and how his achievements outweigh what others on council have done, and how he became an attorney.

Perrotta also referred to Hassan and Al-Marsoumi as “clowns.”

During most of this statement, he played a recording of Scott Joplin's “The Entertainer” because he said it was an appropriate “theme” to a con.

(The council meetings have been held via Zoom, with each councilmember at their own location. Perrotta has been Zooming from what appears to be his bar, Trixie's, with a backdrop behind him of rows of shelving stocked with liquor bottles.)

His supporter on council, Andrea Karpinski, said the actions being taken against Perrotta are “infuriating.”

(Both Perrotta and Karpinski were the only ones to vote against the resolution to remove Perrotta as Mayor Pro Tem. The mayor was not required to vote on the matter, unless there was a tie.)

Karpinski also said that it should be Councilmember Hassan being taken to task, since he was recently warned by the state Attorney General's Office for alleged illegal campaign activity leading up to the Nov. 3 election.

Hassan has not been charged with a crime, and he told The Review he did not do anything improper during the election.

Also voicing their outrage were several community members.

Asm (Kamal) Rahman, who has run for mayor in Hamtramck in the past, said the council's action is tantamount to “double jeopardy.”

He said that Perrotta has already been “punished” by the censures.

Rahman also said that some members of the council are making “decisions based on hatred” of Perrotta.

Bill Meyer had an, er, interesting take on the matter. He theorized that if Perrotta was removed as Mayor Pro Tem, it could be “a trick up the mayor's sleeve” to allow her to

appoint him as assistant mayor.

Mayor Majewski did not respond to that comment, but right after Meyer spoke she let out a chuckle.

Before the vote was taken, both Perrotta and Karpinski first proposed having Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri be appointed as Mayor Pro Tem,

instead of Al-Marsoumi.

That motion failed, with even Alsomiri voting against it.

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury was absent from the meeting.

(Editor's note: Perrotta is a former copy editor for The Review. He is no longer associated with the paper.)



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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City is running out of options on how to pay its bills

Now that Hamtramck voters have rejected funding public safety pensions, and allowing the city council to revamp police and fire services, there is a big question remaining. How is the city – which is already in deficit spending – going to be able to fund public safety?

Voters, not surprisingly, rejected paying more in property taxes to alleviate the city's cost to cover pension costs for police and firefighters, and they also rejected allowing the city council to come up with a plan to provide police and fire services at a lesser cost.

Voters apparently want their cake, and eat it too, observed one wag.

Yes, the city council probably made a crucial mistake in not telling voters what an alternative plan would look like, for another way to provide police and fire services.

And that may be one way to revisit this thorny issue.

We would all like for our police and fire departments to continue as is, but there is a problem: The city can't afford to support both departments just as they are.

Some people refuse to realize this.

So, Hamtramck will continue to spiral toward another financial meltdown that will likely require – for the third time in 20 years – another intervention by the state and the likely appointment of an emergency financial manager.

Maybe, just maybe, the third time will be the charm, as the saying goes. Chances are, residents will not like what that plan will be.

At the very least, in the meantime, the state will have to give the city an emergency loan to keep it limping along for the next several months. But, sooner or later, the city will have to pay its bills.

The fact remains: more money is going out than coming in.

Somewhere, someone will have to come to grips that the status quo is simply not sustainable.

Odds & Ends

COVID health tip...

At Tuesday's city council meeting, a few election workers complained that they had not been notified that employees in the City Clerk's Office had been diagnosed with COVID-19.

City Clerk August Gitschlag announced his predicament last Friday on his Facebook page.

He said he came in contact with only precinct chairpersons and election workers who handled absentee ballots, who were kept apart from the public and other election workers.

Those folks were all informed.

But apparently not all election workers were given a heads-up – even though they likely did not come in direct contact with Gitschlag.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said that the word was put out to all who had direct contact, which is something the city is required to do.

It would have been helpful to have spread the word further.

The public can't thank election workers enough for performing this civic duty. However, here's some advice to anyone out there dealing directly with the public on daily, or weekly basis or even just at a one-time major event:

Get yourself tested – especially if you were – or will be – working at a potential super-spreader event like at an election day polling place.

We also know Hamtramck is home to many restaurant and bar employees. We know several of them who periodically – and often – get themselves tested for COVID.

You can just assume that if you come in contact with the public – no matter what precautions you take – there is a high risk of coming down with COVID.

It's not too late to get tested.

Wayne County has a health clinic here in town, located at 9021 Jos. Campau (in the Hamtramck Town Center shopping strip).

Last we heard, the clinic offers free COVID testing. Call (313) 871-1926 for more information.

Food assistance...

Many Michigan families who receive food assistance will apparently have something extra to be thankful for this year over their turkey dinners.

Governor Whitmer has authorized the extension of maximum benefit amounts to those families not yet at that level, due to the ongoing economic issues related to the coronavirus pandemic.

The maximum amounts range from \$204 for a single-person household, to \$1,224 for a household of

eight. For every extra person in a household, the amount difference goes up anywhere from \$102 per month to \$170.

The news will affect approximately 350,000 families currently on the food assistance program. It was announced through a press release from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

The state had done this before in March through June of this year, again due to the pandemic. As the numbers on the virus, and subsequently the economy, improved, the amounts returned to normal. Now, they have been boosted once again for November.

It's speculative to say, but possible, that they could be extended further if the numbers stay high, or increase even more rapidly.

These benefits will be loaded as a separate transaction from one's normal amount, beginning on Nov. 21, and all who are to get them should have them loaded up by Nov. 30.

Reminder... In last week's front page Quick Hits column, we passed along information on the city seeking residential developers for up to several dozen city-owned vacant lots.

The city is actively courting a variety of developments, ideally: anything from lofts to detached traditional houses, even including cottage houses as accessory dwellings.

The point is manifold: generate more property and city income taxes, while filling in unsightly vacant lots, preferably while avoiding that suburban "cookie cutter" uniformity look.

Nor does it have to be a big-name developer who comes calling; individual developers are welcome to apply as well.

To read the full Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document, and properties perspectives, see <https://hamtramck.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Residential-Development-RFQ.pdf>

For more general info about the overall program, contact City Manager Kathleen Angerer at (313) 800-5233 ext. 361, or kangerer@hamtramckcity.com.

Security... The governor's office recently proclaimed October as Michigan's Cybersecurity Awareness Month, in ad-

vance of the upcoming tax season.

While October is now over, the state's warning still applies.

The Michigan Department of Treasury says folks need to be aware of potential ways that cybercriminals infiltrate personal information. Information can be, and is, used to file fraudulent tax returns in people's names.

Here are some tips, many of which will probably be at least somewhat familiar:

- Don't respond to emails, or click on links or attachments, from someone you don't know (this can be tricky if you're expecting an email from someone you've never gotten one from before; consider finding out in advance what email address they will be using).
- Type out website names by hand, rather than clicking on an embedded links (again, this can be tiresome, as some link addresses are extremely lengthy and complicated to reproduce).
- Never respond to online requests for personal identification information. Most legitimate sources know better than to ask for such data online (if it is an official form on, for example, a government or university website, that's a different story).
- Limit what information you share on social media. Review your privacy settings on these sites.
- Trust your intuition – if you think an offer sounds too good to be true ("I wonder why someone I've never heard of is offering to give me a \$15,000 loan at zero interest? Must be my lucky day!"), it almost certainly is. Check search engines for scams involving shady-seeming companies' names.
- Password protect all user accounts and devices that connect to the internet. Use strong, not common, passwords.
- Don't use the same password on different sites. Change passwords regularly. Don't keep a written list in your wallet, which could get lost or stolen, or on your computer; consider keeping the list somewhere safe at home.
- Report all suspicious activities to the proper authorities, including the police and FBI.

The Treasury, if they communicate, will always send confirmation quiz letters as an added level of security.

For more, go to Michigan.gov/IdentityTheft.



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Study finds that rat infestation is still a problem in Detroit area

By Alan Madlane

There ain't no party like a ro-dent party, 'cause a ro-dent party don't stop.

A recent national survey has given some very unpleasant information about Detroit's place in the rat-verse. Or rats' places in the Motor City, Kitty.

As Charlie Brown used to say: "Rats!"

Precisely. We agree. Cute, as pets; less so when you're a guy walking in New York City and the pavement caves in and you're immobilized amongst a horde of the unruly variety, crawling all over you for an hour. We digress.

Hamtramck has long had a relationship with the varmints, if by rela-

tionship one means, "war mentality."

This survey, by the Orkin pest control company, sticks Detroit in the top 10 of national rat-topias, at number six. Since Hamtramck is an enclave surrounded by Detroit, that likely means we, too, have a rodent issue.

The Grand Rapids area came in 29th, and Flint

was 42nd.

Orkin's data was put together as a direct result of the number of residential and commercial rodent treatments it performed between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020. It's possible that could include preventative treatments where rats had yet to actually be observed.

Rat numbers were up all over, it was noted, because the coronavirus pandemic caused both temporary and permanent restaurant closures, and the rats, used to dining on scraps in the dumpsters, moved out into the community to find other food sources.

Worse yet, they were seen to be more aggressive and unusual in their habits. The Center for Disease Control actually took the extraordinary step of issuing public rodent control guidelines.

Most are common sense – don't put out food (even food for stray

cats or birdseed can, unfortunately, be a draw, although one hopes the cats would be a deterrent).

Cold weather may find them tucking up under the aluminum siding of homes, or digging under those on slabs, for example. Listen for telltale scratching sounds in the walls, as rats are known to gnaw electrical wires or do other damage. Seal possible entry points.

Keep outside clutter to a minimum, and weeds and grass trimmed down. Report sightings around dumpsters to Hamtramck's City Hall.



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Quick Hits

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what you will. Or you could call them at (313) 871-7443 to discuss it.

They also seek volunteer workers. Their office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as Saturdays from 9 a.m. until

noon.

Another important part of their work, especially with winter coming, is to offer local folks in need some gently used clothing, a program for which they also seek donations.

We're certain they will give their thanks for any, or all, help you might be able or willing to give.

Coming Events

SATURDAY, Nov. 14, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski Street at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

SATURDAY, Nov. 21, 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Drive-thru/Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski Street at Fleming. \$10 Adult/\$5 Child 12 & under. Menu: Pork Chop, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Sauerkraut, Mashed potatoes/gravy, Dessert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church. Masks to be worn for pick-up.



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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 3-9.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

- A resident found a gun in bushes in the 12000 block of Dequindre St. Officers recovered the gun.
- A suspicious circumstance was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff Ave.
- A resident reported that someone changed the pin number for his bank card, which prevented access to his account.
- A resident was arrested for making threats via the internet.
- A vehicle that was left unlocked and running was stolen in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau Ave.

A resident of Madison Heights was arrested for drunk driving.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

- At about 3:30 a.m., officers responded to a suspicious situation in the 11600 block of Klinger St. Upon the officers' arrival, several vehicles drove off. One of the vehicles was later found damaged on the block.
- An injured puppy was taken to the Michigan Humane Society.

Thursday, Nov. 5

- A resident of Hazel Park was arrested, after a traffic stop on I-75, for being wanted on two felony warrants.
- At 2:30 a.m., a resident reported being assaulted while in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St.
- A resident in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. reported that someone broke out a window at their residence.
- A resident was arrested in the 2200 block of Danforth St. for assault.
- A resident reported an incident of domestic assault in the area of So-bieski and Carpenter.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 3400 block of Caniff Ave.

Friday, Nov. 6

- At 1:30 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license.
- At almost 3 a.m., a Detroit resident and an Inkster resident were arrested, after a traffic stop, for carrying a concealed

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weapon without a permit and for having an open intoxicant.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 3500 block of Caniff Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 7

- At about 3:30 a.m., a resident was arrested for an assault that happened in the 5100 block of Yemans St.
- At 11 a.m., a resident reported that, while walk-

ing on Conant Ave., they were robbed.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Sobieski and Commor.
- A resident of Sterling Heights was arrested in the 11400 block of Conant Ave. for firing a gun.

Sunday, Nov. 8

- A resident reported that parts from their vehicle were stolen while it was parked in the 2200 block

of Holbrook Ave.

- A person was arrested in the area of Carpenter and Selfridge for being wanted on a Hamtramck misdemeanor warrant and for multiple traffic offenses.
- A resident in the 2600 block of Holmes St. reported that their gun was missing.

Monday, Nov. 9

- At about midnight, a resident from Pontiac was arrested in the 2100 block of Caniff Ave. for possessing narcotic paraphernalia.
- At almost 2 a.m., a resident was arrested, after a traffic stop, for driving without a license.
- At about 3:30 a.m., two people were arrested after a traffic stop for possessing cocaine with intention of delivery, and for driving without a license.
- A resident was arrested for a domestic assault that happened in the 2700 block of Yemans St.
- A resident reported that their bicycle was stolen, while it was in front of a business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.

City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing

City Council

The City of Hamtramck City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom and streaming live on the city’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CityofHamtramck/>) due to the inability to gather in person because of COVID-19 concerns. The public is invited to virtually attend and comment or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Address written comments to Grace Stamper, ATTN: Plan Commission, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212. Information about how to log on to the Zoom meeting can be found at Hamtramck.us or by calling Grace Stamper at (313) 800-5233 ext. 307.

The subject of the hearing is:

- Text amendments to the City of Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance

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BREAKFAST & LUNCH


9:00 am – 12:00 noon Mon-Fri



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