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Red The American Cross, as part of its Communities Coming Together program, is sponsoring a blood drive in town next Thursday (Feb. 18), and they're seeking your help.

So far, the response has been, well, underwhelming. Only 20-some folks have signed up, but there is room for 50 or

Healthy blood of all types is always at a premium. Now, with the coronavirus about, it is perhaps even more so. To put it bluntly: there is a critical shortage.

The drive will be held at the Hamtramck High School Community Center at 11350 Charest St. (north of Caniff St., adjacent to the school itself on the south side), on Thursday, Feb.18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The blood drive is being sponsored locally by the Hamtramck Human Relations Commission, as well as Hamtramck Public Schools.

Those running the show want you to make an appointment, to set a time for the day. For one thing, this will help ensure that they don't end up overcrowded.

To make your appointment, go to RedCross-

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Paczki Day celebrations will go on, but it won't be the same

By Charles Sercombe

For the second year in a row, Paczki Day isn't going to be what it usually

Blame COVID, of course, which has altered many of our lives.

Local bars can be open, but they won't be able to pack in all the paczki revelers who would normally come out to celebrate.

In Hamtramck, Paczki Day, you know, is considered a holiday.

This year's party is scaled back because the state has imposed strict guidelines on how bars and restaurants can operate, in an effort to reduce the spread of the disease. Bars and restaurants can operate at a maximum of no more than 25 percent occupancy.

Our bakeries have been open, but you are encouraged to pre-order to expedite service, and cut down on long lines.

ing ahead, order your pac- the paczki are gone.



There won't be much of a party on Paczki Day, next Tuesday, and there definitely won't be the sharing of a "shotski" these revelers enjoyed a few years ago. But despite the threat of COVID, some bars will be open for business - but with limited capacity.

zkis at least a day ahead to avoid the wait.

At New Palace Bakery (9833 Jos. Campau), a variety of paczki flavors are available, starting today (Feb. 12) through next Tuesday. The bakery's special hours are: Sunday, 9 a.m.-3p.m.; Monday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; If you don't mind jump- Tuesday, 3 a.m. until all

Place your order ahead of time by calling (313) 875-1334.

Up the street at New Martha Washington Bakery (10335 Jos. Campau), paczki were available starting on Wednesday. Its special hours are: Friday and Saturday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Monday, 5 a.m.-7

until sold out.

Phone your order in at (313) 872-1988.

Need a place to grab some paczki in a couple of minutes and be able to hit the road? Check out Detroit Donut in the Hamtramck Town Center, or Family Donut at Conant and Caniff.

Hamtramck's bars will **Continued on page 2**

p.m. and Tuesday, 3 a.m. **Mayor: New COVID** cases continue to be on the decline

By Charles Sercombe

On one hand, Hamtramck's new cases of COVID continue to remain relatively low, for the third week in a row.

But on the other hand, there were three new deaths from COVID in the last week, said Mayor Karen Majewski in her weekly broadcast to the community on Facebook this past Monday.

"Maybe because it's winter," Majewski said.

In the past week, there were 23 new cases of CO-VID, for a total of 1,838 cases since counting be-

The number of deaths for that same time period is now 41.

Those who died in the past week include 65- and 68-year-old males, and an

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Existing pot stores can stay

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's new marijuana ordinance goes into effect today, Friday, Feb.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, a majority of city councilmembers revamped their previous ordinance, which now allows those existing recreational marijuana outlets to continue to operate.

Mayor Karen Majewski called it a "compromise" from a previous ordinance that did not recognize the city's two already-existing dispensaries.

What's unclear is whether there are any more sales outlets in the works, and whether they can still go forward.

City Councilmember Ian Perrotta, who has favored allowing dispensaries, warned his fellow councilmembers that, by making the ordinance go into effect immediately upon publication, which is Feb. 12, there could be lawsuits from investors thinking they had until Feb. 26 to get their paperwork in order.

Normally, when the city publishes a new ordinance, that ordinance does not go into effect until 14 days after publication.

In a clumsy move at Tuesday's council meeting, those supporting the ordinance forgot to amend it to change what date it goes into effect.

This oversight required Councilmembers Nayeem Choudhury, Fadel Marsoumi, Mohammed Hassan and Mohammed Alsomiri to revisit the ordinance, change the date, and then re-approve it.

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Mayor Karen Majewski has been giving weekly updates on Mondays about how COVID has affected the city.







Paczki Day celebrations will go on, but it won't be the same cont. from front page

Tuesday, but they will be at limited capacity, per the state's health orders.

One of the more popular bars to hang out at has traditionally been Whiskey in the Jar, on Yemans at Jos Campau. There won't be a big tent party or live music this year, and there will be a door person taking a head count to limit the number of people who can come in.

Given the small size of this neighborhood hangout, that will only be a

also be operating on handful. But there is a heated patio with two tables.

> New Dodge Lounge, on the southend of Jos. Campau, is another popular drinking hot spot, and it's larger than the Whiskey. But again, it's not going to be the shoulderto-shoulder crowd as in years before.

Owner Cathy Gordon is calling her party the CO-VID Paczki Palooza, and will offer Polish food, with music provided by DJ Reverend Tire Iron.

Her party starts at 9

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Smalls, at Caniff and Conant, is another favorite for paczki lovers.

As usual, the bar will be offering its "paczki bombs" - paczki infused with vodka.

Fan favorites Captains of the Head will be livestreaming their raucous sea shanties beginning at 7 p.m. You can also get Polish food to help balance out those boozy paczki.

The bar opens at 10 a.m.

PLAV Post 10, on Jos.

Campau at the northend of town, usually plays host to a number of bands, and is also the home of the annual Paczki Eating a.m., and will offer break-Contest.

Well, all of that is canceled this year, but you can stop by for drinks and good company.

Post 6, at 9545 Mc-Dougall St., will open its doors at 10 a.m., and will offer paczki.

Hamtramck's Moose Lodge, at 9421 Conant Ave., will be open at 7 fast until noon. There will be a DJ and drink specials.

To get your party juices flowing, stop by today (Friday, Feb. 12) starting at 2 p.m. The kitchen will be dishing up corned beef

sandwiches and corned beef eggrolls. Call in your order at (313) 871-9115, or (313) 753-2026.

Also getting into the spirit of the day, Polish Village Café is making paczki pierogi, which might just be the perfect marriage of two Polish favorites.

And, well, here's to next year!

State expands food assistance for families with students

By Alan Madlane

In a press release from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the state has gotten federal approval for \$741 million dollars' worth of extra aid for school children, for their meals.

Students in grades pre-K through 12 are eligible if they already qualify for free or reduced-price lunches at their school, and in-person learning is either not yet available at all, or else is not yet available full-time.

Families whose school children meet this threshold will receive an estimated \$127.53 per month for each student whose school has no in-person classes, or \$77.06 for each student with a hybrid schedule of in-person and remote learning.

Benefits will be based on the number of school days in each month. They are retroactive to September, and will be paid through June.

They are expected to start being paid in late March, at this point. The MDHHS is working with the state's Department of Education to get the information from local school districts for eligibility.

These "Pandemic-EBT" payments will be paid automatically, either directly onto household Bridge

Cards (if the household is currently receiving normal state food assistance), or else households will receive cards in the mail if they are not otherwise already part of that program.

The bonus payments will be in addition to the monthly temporary pandemic increases already announced recently.

Families can use their cards to pay for groceries, either physically at stores, or while online shopping. As far as recipients being able to

use their Bridge Cards at participating restaurants, at this point only persons over 60, or those with disabilities, are allowed.

"The last thing that families should have to worry about during a pandemic is feeding their children. I am happy that Michigan families will be able to count on this additional support to help them access nutritious meals during the ongoing pandemic," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said of the program.





Public Hearing was held at the Regular City Council Meeting on February 9, 2021 at 7pm via public Zoom for the purpose of hearing public comments on adding Chapter 21 to Title XI to the Hamtramck Code of Ordinances. The changes were all adopted by Council. Summary is as follows. Full text of the ordinance is at the Clerk's Office and online at Hamtramck.us under BoardDocs.

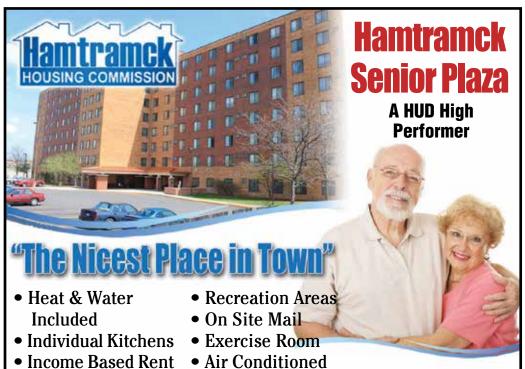
City of Hamtramck Notice of Ordinance Adoption

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XI OF THE HAMTRAMCK CITY CODE ADDING CHAPTER 121, MARIJUANA BUSINESSES, PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES AND ADULT USE MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; SETTING FORTH THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECEIPT OF SUCH A LICENSE AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SUCH A LICENSE MAY BE GRANTED; PROVIDING FOR AN APPEALS PROCESS TO HAMTRAMCK CITY COUNCIL FOR THE DENIAL OF SUCH A LICENSE BY THE CITY CLERK; AND THE IMPOSING OF A PENALTY FOR OPERATING A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT IN VIOLATION OF THIS OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE ORDINANCE OF THE HAMTRAMCK CITY CODE.

This ordinance bans new Marijuana establishments and regulates those in existence in the City of Hamtramck, effective upon the date of this publication.

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Hot Spots: Hamtramck Library has received another grant which made it possible to triple the number of hot spots that can be loaned to Hamtramck resident patrons. When the unit is checked out, it can be used for a period of three weeks, and it can be extended once afterwards. The hot spots will provide service for up to eight units such a computer, phone, iPad or any other device that connects to internet.

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Famous Birthdays: Susan B. Anthony, one of the most important females in the American History, who helped to bring about the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of United States giving women the right to vote, was born on February 15. Norman Bridwell, who wrote about 150 Clifford books that were translated into 13 languages and sold nearly 130 million copies was also born bon February 15th. Art Spiegelman, one of America's most impactful cartoonists and first Pulitzer Prize winner for a graphic novel based on his own parents' experiences as World War II victims in the Auschwitz concentration camp, was also born on February

Random Acts of Kindness Day: February 17th if celebrated as Random Acts of Kindness Day. You know what to do. Perform a few random acts of kindness, almost any kind deed will do. It is recommended that you perform kind acts on as many people as you can. It makes both the giver and the receiver feel good.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822 Or visit its website at http://hamtramck. Lib.mi.us When you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff Avenue.

Second Front Page



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 Jan. 12, and all councilmembers were present.

The council was presented with its meeting schedule for the year, as well as a proposed park plan and the rules for how council meetings are conducted.

During public comment, a Farmington Hills resident said that the council has been violating the state's Open Meeting Act. He said councilmembers must identify what city they are in while joining the Zoom meetings.

(For the past several months the city council - and most other public bodies in the state - have been conducting their meetings via Zoom.)

He also said the council

has failed to identify the name of a lawsuit that it will discuss when calling for a closed meeting on the subject.

A Holmes St. resident said that he was opposed to a proposal to allow medical marijuana to be sold in existing recreational marijuana outlets operating in the city. He said this is "not a good idea."

Kit Parks disagreed, saying it "makes logical sense" to allow it. However, she acknowledges it's a "contentious issue" in Hamtramck.

"I don't think it's urgent," Parks said.

Justin Jessop said it's "irresponsible" of the council to ban marijuana sales. But he also said the council should not now "push" the issue of allowing medical marijuana to be sold.

The medical marijuana proposal was presented by Councilmember Ian Perrotta. He said that allowing medical marijuana to be sold offers patients a discount rate to purchase it.

In his proposal, he said: "... (A)llowing businesses which are already licensed to sell recreational marijuana to also sell medical marijuana will not create adverse effects to the community or alter the current pattern of commerce or clientele. ... It is simply a quality-oflife issue that can provide lower cost treatment for patients in need. ..."

Councilmember hammed Hassan complained that the subject of marijuana sales keeps coming up from some residents. He said the council needs to focus on city finances.

Per-Councilmember rotta pointed out that the city could potentially double the revenue collected from the existing marijuana outlets.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari wondered if the city could find out who in Hamtramck has a medical card for marijuana. He was told it would violate federal privacy rules regarding patient informa-

The resolution was defeated, with only Councilmember Perrotta voting in support.

In other business, the council Ok'd an agreement with Wayne County to keep Hamtramck eligible for federal grants for community development, known as Community Development Block Grants.

The council appointed Josh Gardner, of Oak Park, and George Elkind, of Florian St., as advisory members to the city's Arts and Culture Commis-

Gardner is the co-founder of The Film Lab, a micro-cinema and cocktail bar in Hamtramck.

Elkind has a degree in radio, television and film, as well as creative writ-



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Existing pot stores can stay That move angered May-

or Majewski, who scolded them for not knowing what they were doing.

"I'm beyond pissed that we are re-considering this right now," she said.

She added: "It's evidence that you weren't paying attention when you took the vote."

Majewski also warned that a third marijuana sales outlet is on the verge of receiving permits and that pushing up the date this ordinance goes into effect could lead to a lawsuit.

Majewski initially supported the revised ordinance when it was first voted on just before it was reconsidered, but voted

in opposition the second time around – apparently angry over how it was fumbled.

Perrotta voted in opposition both times.

The ordinance sets into place a number of restrictions and requirements to get yearly permits. This ordinance goes one step further than the state's restrictions.

Hamtramck's ordinance does not allow a dispensary to be within 1,000 feet of a place of worship.

On the surface, that appeared to affect Quality Roots on Caniff Ave., which is located near a newly-opened mosque at Caniff and Lumpkin.

But a city attorney, Harry

Kalogerokos, pointed out that the sales outlet is exempt because it received its permits under state regulations, since the city did not have an ordinance in place at the time it

While the councilmembers behind this latest ordinance agreed to allow the existing dispensaries, they have refused to allow them to sell medical marijuana – a proposal that Perrotta tried to get passed.

Perrotta argued that allowing the dispensaries to sell medical marijuana gives card holders a discount, and that the nature of their business is not altered.

Mayor: New COVID cases continue to be on the decline continued from front page

86-year-old woman.

While there has been much talk about rolling out more vaccines, the mayor said that, for the most part, Michigan has yet to receive a significantenough shipment to offer it to more people.

As of now, only frontline workers and those 65 and older are able to schedule an appointment.

On the good-news side of things, bars and restaurants were able to open last week, although they can only operate at no more than 25 percent capacity, and they must close at 10 p.m.

Some Hamtramck bars and restaurants have re-

opened, and will be offering festivities next Tues-

Majewski noted that our bars would normally be packed next Tuesday for Paczki Day – Hamtramck's unofficial holiday.

"It's going to be a different kind of Paczki Day this year," Majewski said.

Bakeries have been opened as well, and will be taking advance orders to make sure no one has to wait in long lines

Although this year's celebration will be muted, Majewski was optimistic that next year's Paczki Day will back to normal, and that we'll all enjoy "a big celebration."

Also, if this had been a normal year, there would be a Paczki Run this Saturday. Although that is canceled, you can sign up for a virtual run. In this case, you run on your own anywhere you want to.

To sign up – and if you do, you get a T-shirt – go to: www.runsignup.com.

As we all know, COVID Brrrrrrr? has been financially devastating for a lot of businesses. If you have found yourself out of job, the state is offering free tuition for those 25 years and older who do not have a college degree. The program is called Michigan Reconnect.

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Everyone is still urged to wear masks while out in public, and you are supposed to periodically swap out your mask. You can get free masks, the mayor said, for both adults and children, in the Hamtramck City Hall lobby. Take as many as you need, Majewski said.

With snow showers predicted for this week, there is a city program where you can ask for free shoveling, or where you can sign up to volunteer to shovel snow for residents.

Go here for more information: www.facebook. com/HamtramckFirst

Need a warm meal? Majewski said that Holy Cross Parish will host a soup kitchen this Saturday (Feb. 13), from 2-4 p.m. The church is located at Pulaski and Fleming.

Did we mention winter is on full blast - as in

This week, extreme cold settled in, and it doesn't look to be moving on any time soon. Majewski urged those with pets to take special care, and not allow them to stay outside for too long.

"Watch out for your pets, and stay warm" the mayor said, at the end of her 15-minute talk.



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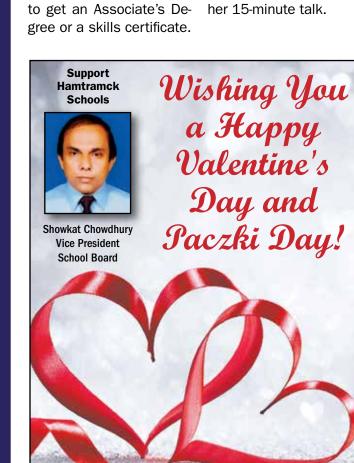
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In Our Opinion

By doing nothing, council guarantees financial collapse

One way or another, have, at the very least, folks who refuse to put Hamtramck, you are going to pay.

Pay for what, you ask? Pay for the pension costs for firefighters and police officers. The city simply can't afford the yearly \$2.2 million cost.

Last November, Hamtramck voters overwhelmingly rejected a millage increase proposal that would have raised property taxes by as much as 10.5 mills. Recently, the council revisited that proposal, but shot down another attempt to ask voters.

While we understand that asking voters for a huge tax increase like this is a losing proposition, the council should allow voters one more chance to consider it.

As it turns out, the council was warned by the mayor and city attorney that if the city misses a pension payment - which is a strong likelihood in the near future - the matter will go to court.

A judge would then likely order a special tax crash course for finanon the property rolls to fund the pension. That millage rate could be much higher than 10.5 mills.

We find it curious that some residents who demand that the city maintain its independent fire and police departments are the very same

their money where their mouths are.

Hamtramck Review

The city no longer collects enough revenue from taxes to pay for everything, as it stands now. The cost for providing these services keeps going up, while tax revenue goes down - or at best remains static.

We appear to be on a cial collapse.

If you want city services to remain as-is or even demand an improvement – you have to pay for it.

The easy, but not the smartest, thing to do is absolutely nothing which is what the city council opted for.

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Odds & Ends

Vaccination update...

Meijer pharmacies will now be offering COVID vaccinations, and they planned to give 25,000 doses this week to those who are at least 65 years old.

The nearest Meijer to Hamtramck is at Woodward and 8 Mile.

You can register online or in person. You will need a second follow-up shot.

Vaccinated... Hamtramck teachers and staff finally got their shot.

On Friday, Jan. 29, teachers and staff for the Hamtramck School District were provided the opportunity to get vaccinated against COVID-19 at the Detroit Medical Center's (DMC's) Harper University Hospital, in partnership with that facility.

of the district's teachers and staff took advantage of the program. The vaccines were ad-

It is unknown how many

ministered in accordance with the state's guidelines for eligibility.

For the general public, the DMC is vaccinating by appointment only. They cannot take walk-ins.

Patients who meet the state's criteria for being able to get the shot will first receive an email invitation from the DMC, then will have to fill out an electronic request form. After this, they will be scheduled by appointment to come in and get the vaccine.

Contact sports... Contact sports can now re-

State officials made that announcement earlier this

week. Athletes must wear masks, but if they play a sport where that is not possible, they must get tested regularly for COVID-19.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) also issued these safety measures:

- · Wash hands frequently and cover coughs and sneezes.
- · Do not share items that are difficult to clean, sanitize or disinfect. Use separate towels, clothing or other items used to wipe faces or hands.
- · Individuals should use their own gear/equipment minimize sharing equipment.
- Individuals are encouraged to provide their own food, drinks and/or water.
- · If a mask is removed during a break, participants must remain at least six feet apart from others.
- Refrain from pre- or post-event handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, high fives or contact celebrations.
- Ensure enough time between events or practices to allow for proper cleaning and disinfection of the facilities and shared equipment.
- Prioritize outdoor, as opposed to indoor, prac-

tice and play as much as possible. · If playing inside, en-

- sure ventilation systems or fans operate properly. Increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows and doors.
- · Areas with poor ventilation (weight rooms, small spaces) where social distancing cannot be implemented should be avoided.
- · In practices, prioritize noncontact activity, like conditioning and drills, where social distancing can be maintained. Small groups may help reduce the risk of teamwide CO-VID-19 outbreaks as they allow for greater social distancing, easier contact tracing, and reducing the number of athletes that need to be guarantined.
- other communities and regions for practices and competitions. As for those wishing to

Minimize travel to

see sporting events, there is a limit of two spectators per athlete.

Spectators are allowed, up to 250 people in stadiums that seat less than 10,000, and up 500 people at venues that seat over 10,000 people.



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Study outlines concerns and needs in a post COVID-world

By Alan Madlane

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, took a recent open survey of area residents' opinions on balancing the local government budgets, including when under duress.

The results have shown what we focus on as priorities in a post-COVID economy.

Asked what area residents valued most in their community, the answers were "a safe place to live" - which may strike some incongruous, given later results about public safety - and sound "infrastructure."

Younger

were more varied in their answers to this question, also valuing "diversity," "quality public transportation" and "quality walking/biking infrastructure."

Asked then what services should be prioritized for funding, the top responses reverted to "schools" and "fire and police services."

Notable perhaps in their absence are once highlyvalued libraries.

Fire services, quality water service and schools were again mentioned as things few respondents wanted to see any cuts made in.

Public service, no doubt respondents in light of recent controversies, was a bit thornier, with four percent wanting to defund departments totally, and another 17 percent suggesting that "budget cuts should be considered," according to the SEMCOG news re-

Few people wanted to see any cuts made even in the almost certain event of a budgetary shortfall, which is almost certainly an unrealistic stance.

About 25 percent of the responses came from local government officials.

"These results will be help for local governments moving forward in an unenvironment," certain said SEMCOG Executive Director Kathleen Lomako in a press release. "The results are also important as we work on the region's next Economic Development Strategy."

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A Michigan-based 501 non-profit called Cobalt Community Research prepared the results.

Quick Hits

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org/RapidPass, where you can read up on the procedure, and fill out a health history questionnaire.

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Those donating blood will also get tested to see if they have COVID antibodies - which will tell you if you have had been infected recently.



Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed

State Superintendent Dr. Rice is calling for additional instruction time for students next vear during a meeting yesterday with Michigan policy makers, I am concerned about the impact the announcement may have on the teaching profession.

While I agree with Dr. Rice that students need more additional time, it is important to see how we can preserve the academic time now. Having the high stakes assessments waived would be a start. This would preserve valuable instructional time for our students, build morale among the educators, and minimize the learning loss.

In a time where there is a teacher shortage, it is important to ask ourselves:

Will this very much needed initiative drive teachers to retire or resign? As of December a study indicated that there are 27% of teachers considering quitting because of COVID. According to the report by Mann Educator, 77% of educators are working more today than a year ago, 60% enjoy their job less and 59% do not feel secure in their school district's health and safety precautions.

Is this something we want to risk in a time of teacher shortage? Will this deter people from going into the teaching profession?

Teaching in a pandemic has been exhausting and emotionally draining on teachers everywhere. Many have lost loved ones while trying to navigate the virtual platform.

It is important that we are mindful of our students and the adults' social and emotional needs.

So how will we address the needs of our students?

Public Hamtramck Schools is fortunate to have a Recreational Center that we oversee, we are planning to give opportunities for our students to engage in field trips, sports and activities during the summer considering it is safe.

Rather than asking teachers to put in even more time, we are exploring opportunities for credit recovery, enrichment and summer school programs to meet student needs without further taxing the state's exhausted teachers.

The productivity our employees is essential and having them refreshed and ready for 2021-22 is best especially during more uncertain-



City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing Plan Commission

The City of Hamtramck Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:30pm 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 Mara Braciszewski, 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 Mara Braciszewski at (313) 800-5233 ext. 316.

The subject of the hearing is:

Text amendments to the City of Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance

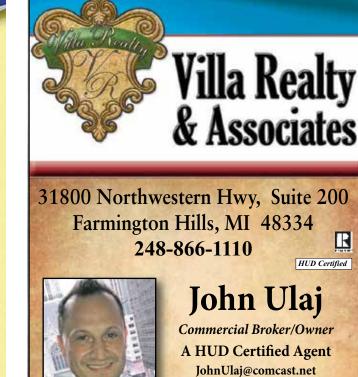
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CAR **AUCTION**

Car Rescue LLC will be holding a car auction at 10230 Livernois Ave Detroit, Mi 48204 on Tuesday February 16 at 12pm. The following will be up for auction 1984 Buick Regal vin: 1G4GJ11A7HP420264 and 2017 Dodge Charger vin: 2C3CDXGJ4HH603232 2/12

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By Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log

Tuesday, Feb. 2

covers Feb. 2-8.

- · At 12:30 a.m., a Detroit resident reported a domestic assault that happened in the 10000 block of Conant Ave. The suspect fled in a black SUV.
- A resident was issued a warning for trespassing at a Jos. Campau Ave. business.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

- · A Geimer St. resident reported a suspicious situation.
- · A resident was arrested in the 3900 block of Dorothy St. for domestic assault.
- · At 5 a.m., the driver of a grey, four-door sedan fled from officers attempting a traffic stop.
- reported the theft of their A Detroit resident tres-

· A Hanley St. resident

- passed at the Hamtramck Housing Commission.
- · A resident of Mt. Clemens reported that their vehicle was stolen while parked in the area of Lumpkin and Holbrook.
- · A resident was found unresponsive in the area of Holbrook and Gallagher. CPR was performed but

the resident died, apparently of natural causes.

· A resident was arrested in the area of Dyar and Circle Dr. for being disor-

Thursday, Feb. 4

- · A vehicle was reported stolen from the 2100 block of Trowbridge St.
- · A resident in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St. reported a theft from her residence.
- · A resident in the Belmont and Lumpkin area reported the theft of a mirror cover from his vehicle.

Friday, Feb. 5

- · A Sobieski St. resident reported being the victim of fraud.
- A Yemans St. resident reported that an item was stolen from their front porch.
- At 1:30 p.m., a person was arrested for driving without a license and for assault, after an incident at Evaline and Jos. Campau.
- · An employee at the state's Department of Health and Human Services on Jos. Campau Ave. reported receiving threatening phone messages.
- · A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau Ave.

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Saturday, Feb. 6

- · A Whalen St. resident was reported missing.
- At 3:30 a.m., a resident from Saline was arrested for drunk driving and also later charged with damaging police property.
- A Klinger St. resident reported that an unknown door and attempted to sell items.

Sunday, Feb. 7

 A Detroit resident as arrested for being wanted on multiple felony warrants.

Monday, Feb. 8

that an attempted robbery happened in the 2900 block of Belmont St. A male wearing all dark clothing pistol whipped a

resident, and then fled the scene.

- A resident was arrested in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave. for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.
- A Norwalk St. resident was arrested for domestic assault.
- An illegal dumping person knocked on their was reported to have happened in the area of Caniff and Dvar.
 - Officers were called to check on a resident's well-being, and found that resident to be deceased.
 - A driver being pulled over for a traffic violation fled while on I-75.
 - A hit-and-run accident A report was made occurred on Conant near Caniff.
 - A silver Nissan Altima was stolen while parked in the 9500 block of Conant



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Friday, February 12, 2021

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CITY OF HAMTRAMCK **BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Hamtramck Board of Review will meet in the Hamtramck City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212, Second Floor Council Chambers, ** **OR** by electronic means if required by M.D.H.H.S. order. If electronic meeting is required public notice will be posted not less than 18 hours prior to the meeting at the City Hall and on the City website. **

Meetings by appointment only on the following days:

Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 9:00 am for the organizational meeting (no appeals will be heard).

By appointment to hear appeals.

March 08, 2021 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm Monday March 11, 2021 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Thursday

The purpose is to review the assessment rolls of Hamtramck. Matters pertaining to the assessment of property may be brought before the Board of Review. Appointments will be taken until 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Appeals will also be accepted by letter.

All letter appeals must be **received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 11, 2021. **

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