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Quick Hits

Time to spring forward

By Charles Sercombe

Spring is almost here (arriving on March 20), and you know what that means:

The return of day-light saving time, which takes place this weekend, on Saturday night, or early Sunday morning, whichever way you want to look at it.

On March 14, at 2 a.m., we go one hour ahead – or to look at it in another way, “spring forward.”

That means you'll be setting your clocks one hour later. As for the clock in your car, if you are like most folks, it was probably never changed when we ended day-light saving time last November.

So, you're probably good to go there.

This coming week also offers us St. Patrick's Day, on March 17.

Now that bars can stay open to 11 p.m. and allow up to 50 percent capacity, maybe we can celebrate a little more this year.

As they say: “Erin Go Bragh! (“Ireland to the end of time.”)



— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —



Community pays a tribute to Robert Zwolak...

By Charles Sercombe

Last week it was reported that former city official Robert Zwolak had died, after a 17-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was 79 years old. Mr. Zwolak was well-known in Hamtramck, and served in many roles for the city: city clerk, councilmember, and charter revision commission member.

We looked through messages of condolence on social media and our own website.

Here are just some of them.

“I am so lucky to have had this man as my dad and that I was there to stand with him through this battle. Please keep

the Zwolak family in your prayers.”

—Kari Shepley

“A great loss for me personally and an even greater loss for the City. My partner in crime on council, as well as one of my buddies has joined the angels in heaven. RIP Bob and know that I'll miss you immensely. Till we meet again ...”

—Cathie Gordon

“Bob has been an invaluable part of the city. Community lost a great man and he will be missed.”

—Kamal Rahman

“I was honored to serve with Bob both on council and charter commission. Rest well.”

—Scott Klein



Former city official Robert Zwolak (right) was well known in the community. He is pictured here doing what he liked best: being involved on election day. Mr. Zwolak died last week at age 79.

“With sadness I report the passing of Bob Zwolak, former city councilman, former city clerk, and 100% Hamtramckan to the end.”

—Karen Majewski

“Shocking. What a huge loss for Hamtramck. My condolences to his family

and friends. RIP Bob you will be missed. So sad about this. He really was Brave, Honest and fair person.”

—Saad Almasmari

“I'm so sorry to hear this. Bob gave me my first job, at the bike shop when

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Rolling in the dough

By Charles Sercombe

The recreational marijuana business is major money-maker in the state.

And Hamtramck is in line to receive a minor windfall in taxes and fees from the city's three operating dispensaries. That will be to the tune of \$28,000 per outlet – or, in other words, \$84,000.

And if word from city hall is accurate, there is

another sales outlet preparing to open, at the space where the former Oaza Bakery once operated – (11815 Jos. Campau). That will bring in an additional \$28,000.

So, add it all up and it comes to \$112,000.

Last week, the Michigan Department of Treasury issued a report on how much money was distributed to the 38

communities and counties that host marijuana dispensaries.

According to the press release:

“For the state of Michigan's 2020 fiscal year, more than \$31 million was collected from the 10% adult-use marijuana excise tax. Combined with fees, there was a total of \$45.7 million available for distribution from

the fund.”

Michigan schools are also getting a piece of the pie – or make that a piece of a gummy.

“Aside from the nearly \$10 million in disbursements to municipalities and counties, around \$11.6 million will be sent to the School Aid Fund for K-12 education, and another \$11.6 million to the

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Coming Events

SATURDAY, March 13, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out only, Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski, at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

ONGOING – The Hamtramck Health Center, 9021 Jos. Campau, is providing the free COVID-19 vaccination services for those 65 and older. Exceptions can be made if under 65, but you need to call first. All must call (313) 871-1926 to make an appointment.

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March 12 – Varsity Boys’ Basketball vs. River Rouge.	Home.	7 p.m.	
WEEK 7			
March 15 – Varsity Girls’ Basketball vs. UPSM.	Away.	5:30 p.m.	
March 15 – Varsity Boys’ Basketball vs. UPSM.	Away.	7 p.m.	
March 17 – Varsity Girls’ Basketball vs. UPA.	Home.	5:30 p.m.	
March 17 – Varsity Boys’ Basketball vs. UPA.	Home.	7 p.m.	

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Community pays a tribute to Robert Zwolak...

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I was 15. My deepest condolences to you and your family.”

—Mark Edward

“Hamtramck has lost a legend and I lost a friend. Rest in peace Bob and fly with the angels. You will be missed.”

—Marie Kendzierski

“My condolences and prayers to the family and friends. He was a great friend and true servant to our city of Hamtramck. May he rest in peace.”

—Arif Huskic

“You cannot write the recent 20-year history of Hamtramck without including Bob Zwolak. He was an icon in the development of the city and no denying his loyalties to the City he called Home! RIP and keep debating the issues up there!”

—Virginia Skrzyniarz

“I am shocked and saddened to hear about the death of Robert Zwolak, a true friend of Hamtramck city and a good friend of mine. He was a loved member of community and will be missed by so many. My sincere condolences and prayers for his family for their great loss. Rest in Peace dear friend.”

—Abu Musa

“Bob’s love for Hamtramck never varied. Our children were with him throughout his illness.”

—Betty Zwolak

“I was partners with Bob at Hamtramck Cycle and he always had good ideas and provided great customer service. He will be missed.”

—Joe Ignaczak

“A reminder that it was not just local government that Bob was interested in. Cousin Bob was a candidate for US Congress in the 1972 primary. I remember passing out literature for him and remember that Betty used to paint some of his campaign signs by hand. He took his civic duty seriously.”

—Jerry Dywasuk Jr.

“AMVETS Post 14 was deeply saddened to learn of Robert Zwolak’s passing. He was an active and lifelong member of our Post dedicated to the service of fellow Veterans and the surrounding Community. Interestingly Mr. Zwolak served our Nation in the Air Force as a Navigator on B-52 Bombers.

“He later continued his career in public service, as a long term, and dedicated City Clerk and Councilman for the City of Hamtramck. Everyone at our Post was proud to have him as a member and better off for the many contributions he

made to our Post.”

—AMVETS Post 14

“Bob Zwolak was one of the best historians of the City of Hamtramck. He served many years as City Clerk and had an encyclopedic knowledge of the Hamtramck’s election system as well as the inner workings of City Hall.

“I referred to him as ‘Mr. TAB Board’ as he was the only member of the public who attended every single meeting of the Receiver-ship Transition Advisory Board.

“He ran as a Republican in 1972 for U.S. Congress and later ran as a Democrat for State Representative. ...He was critical of the conduct of a number of public officials and wished a grand jury would investigate city operations. The city has lost a valuable

citizen.”

—Mark Koroi

“Bob was a very energetic and passionate guy and Hamtramck will miss him. On behalf of Cardinal Mercier Knights of Columbus, we send our condolences.

“Bob was always active and ready to step up and he will not be forgotten. Always opinionated and passionate, he was a very unique and valuable asset to everyone who knew him. He cared so much about Hamtramck and loved it.”

—Dan Finwall

“Bob Zwolak, was truly a great friend and a caring citizen not to mention, a fun and compassionate human being. May God rest his soul. He will be missed”

—John Ulaj



Notice of Public Hearing

City of Hamtramck – Department of Community and Economic Development

Notice is given to any and all interested parties that a public hearing will take place at the March 23rd City Council Meeting. This is a public hearing before the Council votes on two Department of Natural Resources grant applications: the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Land and Water Conservation Fund. The applications are to receive grant funding for the Veterans Memorial Park and Hamtramck Stadium ADA accessible Restroom Facility Renovation project. The project is the renovation of one ADA accessible restroom facility including a drinking fountain and utility infrastructure for Hamtramck Stadium and Veterans Memorial Park as part of the Hamtramck Recreation District. In order for the facility to be universally designed, the project will also feature a repaved path from the Hamtramck Stadium parking lot to the restroom facility. Considering the intense activity of Veterans Park, a restroom and drinking fountain are critical to enhancing the quality of life, health and well-being of the diverse community and many users of the park. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the applications and to determine if they should be approved by the City Council.

This week at the Library . . .

ZOOM Program: Wednesday, March 24th at 6:00 pm, we will have a ZOOM presentation of “Alice’s Ordinary People”, directed by Craig Dudnick. It is a Civil Rights documentary and details the efforts of Alice Tregay and her team of everyday heroes to bring about the changes needed to make their community thrive. Please reserve your space by emailing us at hamtramcklibrary@gmail.com with MOVIE in the subject line. The ZOOM link to attend will be emailed shortly before the event.

Share a Story: Is there a certain special woman who you know personally - one whose story you want to share? We would like to hear it! On one page, describe what makes her great and what she means to you. We will post the submissions up in the library for patrons to read.

Springtime Home Crafts: The library has Springtime take home craft kits for children. Get yours while the supplies last!

Famous Birthdays: Tennessee Williams, well known playwright was born on March 26; Robert Frost, world renowned poet was also born on March 26, Anna

Sewell, American novelist was born on March 30; President Andrew Jackson and President James Madison were both born on March 15, and President Grover Cleveland was bon on March 18.

Daylight Savings Time: On Sunday, March 14, we will be changing to daylight savings time. (Spring Ahead) This move was approved by United States Congress on March 19, 1918, over a hundred years ago.

First Published in March: These two famous titles were published in March, Hawthorne’s “The Scarlet Letter” published in 1850, and Harriet Beecher Stowe’s “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” published in 1852

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Second Front Page

Mayor: More local help is being offered to those in need

By Charles Sercombe

Mayor Karen Majewski took a small departure from the weekly COVID update she gives the community every Monday morning.

She began her talk on Facebook by acknowledging last week's death of former city official Robert Zwolak, who died at age 79.

In his case, it wasn't COVID that got him. Zwolak had been battling pancreatic cancer.

"He put up a strong fight for 17 months," Majewski said.

Zwolak wasn't the only Hamtramckan to die last week. A 59-year-old male was claimed by COVID, driving the city's total number of deaths for the past year up to 43.

There were also 16 new COVID cases from the week before. The total number of cases for the past year is now at 1,892.

The number of new cases is slightly higher than in the past few weeks where a noticeable drop had taken place.

Majewski noted that, even with more vaccines becoming available, we all have to continue wearing masks while out in public, and also continue to maintain social distancing.

Since the state COVID numbers have been declining, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer loosened the restrictions for bars, restaurants and stores.

Bars and restaurants can now serve indoors up to 11 p.m., and are allowed to have up to 50 percent occupancy.

Stores are also now allowed to operate at 50 percent capacity.

Speaking of vaccines, the mayor reminded the public that a Wayne County clinic, in the Hamtramck Town Center strip mall on Jos. Campau is offering free vaccines to those 65 and older.

You have to make an appointment, though, by calling (313) 871-1926, extension 6.

Also, now folks who are 50 and older with pre-existing conditions can get one, and starting on

March 22, those 50 and older with no preexisting conditions are next in line.

There is more good news. Congress just passed the American Rescue Plan that will extend unemployment until Sept. 6 with \$300 weekly payments.

There will also be another stimulus check being sent out, in the sum of \$1,400 to those who qualify – and that's anyone who makes less than \$75,000 a year, which is likely 99 percent of Hamtramck.

The aid package also offers financial assistance to cities that experienced decreases in revenue due to COVID, and to school districts to help aid in the return of students to in-classroom learning.

There is actually quite a bit more to the bill; you can find its details by searching for it online.

"It's a sweeping, sweeping bill," Majewski said.

Additional help is now available for those in need here. There is a new organization in town

collecting donations of clothing and toiletries for a giveaway.

The Hamtramck Mutual Aid Time Bank Community Resource Drive is accepting donations between March 13 and 20, at 2025 Edwin and 2429 Holmes. For more information, call (313) 217-1442, or email hamtramckma@protonmail.com.

Here's another new development in town, but just for women who operate their own businesses.

The Social Loft Women's Coworking and Event Space is opening at the corner of Carpenter and Mitchell, and the group is seeking tenants. If you are a woman-owned licensed service-based business, email the group at: thesocialloft.org@gmail.com for more information.

One of Hamtramck's longest running soup kitchens will be open for business this Saturday, March 13, at Holy Cross Parish, at the corner of Fleming and Pulaski.

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Once it is safe and healthy to be with one another again in large gatherings, we will restart plans for the next amazing music festival, all while keeping in line with our mission to raise funds to purchase equipment and supplies for Hamtramck Public School's Music and Arts Programs.

Can you believe that there was an actual 2020 HMF?! We can't either, but it happened, and you went, because we were able to purchase roughly \$11,000 of supplies and instruments for HPS students this year.

The academic year was filled with levels of uncertainty on how classrooms would work, so we tried to tailor the donation around the pandemic. By providing the kids with specialized instrument PPE, including bell covers and musician face masks, they can return to in-person learning, ready to play!

A huge thank you goes to Jen David and Third Wave Music for facilitating this PPE purchase, but, more importantly, for initiating a conversation and working directly with Evola Music regarding the best part of our donation this year...

Evola Music granted us an opportunity to purchase a bulk collection of gently used band rentals, and donated an additional \$2,500 worth of instruments to the total. All in all, we were able to gift the band department \$7,500+ worth of trombones, clarinets, trumpets, flutes, and saxophones to be utilized by the students year after year.

Oh, and did we mention that we became a 501(c)3 non-profit in 2020? Well, we did, and we're excited, so please continue to support our mission by keeping track of our most current news and announcements, as well as consider making any contributions/donations to HMF directly, via: www.hamtramckmusicfest.com

In the meantime, take care of yourselves and each other, and do what you can to support Hamtramck venues and the wonderfully talented local musicians in our region, so we can make our future #HMF events the best ones yet.

Till we see each other again!
— The HMF



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 Feb. 9, and all councilmembers, except for Saad Almasmari, were present. Greg Kowalski, chairman of the city's Historical Commission, gave an overview of activities that took place in 2020. He said that, despite the year being "terrible," membership in the organization grew. "2020 was a year like no other. The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted lives around the world. The Hamtramck Historical Museum was not immune from its effects," Kowalski said, in a report he handed in to the council. "As the pandemic grew in scope early in the year, the museum closed from March to mid-July. All programs were canceled, and a hold was put on all planned activities. Yet, that did not stop the museum from moving forward with needed work." One of the key achievements, he said, was partnering with Wayne State University. "The museum made a major step forward in its professional development with a Memorandum of Understanding signed with Wayne State University," Kowalski said in his report. "This agreement is a partnership with WSU, in which we will jointly stage programs, and will host interns from the university. In addition, WSU will exchange guest speakers with the museum, and we may utilize each other's facilities for presentations. This agreement greatly enhances the museum's professional standing." State Rep. Abraham Aiyash, whose district includes Hamtramck, spoke briefly on what the state legislature is working on to provide financial assistance to cities that depend on income tax revenue, which includes Hamtramck. (The following Michigan cities have an income tax: Albion, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Big Rapids, Detroit, East Lansing, Flint, Grand Rapids, Grayling, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Hudson, Ionia, Jackson, Lansing, Lapeer, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, Pontiac, Port Huron, Portland, Saginaw, Springfield, and Walker.) Aiyash said many cities, including Hamtramck, are experiencing shortfalls in income tax revenue, because many people are out of work or are working reduced hours. Justin Jessop was invited to give a presentation on a method of voting called ranked-choice voting. The method allows voters to vote for more than one candidate, and rank them in order of preference. Those who champion this method say it helps to reduce political polarization.

During public comment, Bill Meyer said he is opposed to this voting method because it usually favors minorities. He said in Hamtramck's case, the minority are non-Muslim residents. He said the method would confuse voters, and result in spoiled ballots. Nasr Hussain said he is also against adopting this method, because it would confuse those who do not speak English as a first language. He said that this voting method would cost too much for the city, because the city would need to purchase new software for its voting machines. Hussain added, "don't make Hamtramck a guinea pig." Rep. Aiyash said he will be introducing legislation for the state to adopt this voting method. Later in the meeting, the council rejected a resolution by Councilmember Ian Perrotta to have the city attorney draft ballot language for Hamtramck voters to consider whether to adopt this method of voting. Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said that no matter what, "if people like you, you'll get elected." Also, later in the meeting, the council once again rejected a resolution submitted by Councilmember Perrotta that urged the state legislature to adopt

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Mayor: More local help is being offered to those in need

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It's carry-out only, and it runs from 2 to 4 p.m. March is Reading Month, and the mayor said she was delving into a new book by local historian Greg Kowalski, "the Hemmingway of Hamtramck," as one reviewer has dubbed him. His latest Hamtramck-centric book is called "Murder in Hamtramck."

Kowalski highlights some of the sensational killings that have happened in the city. Trust us, it's a page turner. Or, as Majewski said, "There are all kinds of entertaining tidbits in there." You can pick up your copy at the Hamtramck Historical Museum or at the Polish Art Center.



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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Like it or not, a tax hike is coming

Doing nothing is not an option.

Hamtramck’s financial forecast is not looking good. In about two years, the city will no longer be able to pay all of its bills.

What’s killing the city is the cost of retirees’ pensions. Add it all up, and it comes to about half of the city’s yearly budget of \$16 million.

Voters were asked last year to help ease that burden by agreeing to a property tax increase to pay for the police and firefighters’ portion of the pension.

The city sought to raise property taxes up to 10.5 mills. The city

now charges a half mill, but that covers only a fraction of the cost. Predictably, voters rejected the proposal.

While we understand this is not a good time for many households to agree to a hefty property tax increase, there will likely come a time when they have no choice.

Fortunately, city officials agreed this week to ask voters for approval one more time. A special election is set for May 4.

We don’t mean to beat a dead horse here, but if the city misses a payment to its pension system, it will likely land in court, where a judge

will impose a property tax.

Don’t think it will happen?

Look no further than the City of Melvindale, which was in the same predicament as Hamtramck is in: The city couldn’t afford to pay all of its bills, and missed a pension payment. A judge ordered 12 mills onto the property roll.

Hamtramck voters have a chance now to craft their own millage increase.

If we do nothing, a judge will likely impose a much higher millage judgment.

City officials try one more time for a millage increase

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and that the increase is likely unaffordable to many homeowners.

A number of homeowners have lost income in the past year because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

But councilmembers were urged to revisit the proposal in a budget meeting two weeks ago, where auditors presented a dire financial picture of the city in the next two years.

The council was warned that, if the city can’t convince voters to allow this increase, it is likely the city will miss a payment to its pension system.

If that happens, the council was told, it’s likely there would be an immediate lawsuit, and a judge would likely then levy a special tax on the property rolls.

That is exactly what happened in the City of Melvindale, where a pension payment was missed and a judge subsequently ordered 12 mills on the property tax roll for the next 10 years.

Auditors said the court-ordered judgment in Hamtramck could be as high as 19 mills.

“Pay it now, or pay it later,” said Brian Camiller, a partner with Plante Moran, who helped with the audit presentation to the city council.

That budget meeting was considered sobering by many, and graphically showed how bad the financial picture is here.

The city is simply spending more money that it receives in taxes and fines and fees. There is about a \$2 million a year shortfall.

Another option for the city is to seek a more modest millage increase, and then make 20-40 employee cuts in the police and fire departments.

The city’s yearly pension costs and insurance continue to increase each year.

So far, the city has been able to dip into a budget surplus, but that will be depleted in about two years – leaving nowhere to turn financially.

While the city is struggling with finances, so are a number of Hamtramck households. During this pandemic, a lot of jobs were lost, and for those who were lucky to hang on to one, many experienced reduced work hours and wages.

It is likely that May’s election will just have this proposal on it. This will give city officials a chance to educate the public about what is at stake.

City officials agree, however, that it will be a hard sell.

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Odds & Ends

Broadcasting...

Hamtramck’s secrets are now being revealed over the digital cables.

There’s a new podcast in town, and it promises to be downright full of Hamtown history.

The podcast, titled “Hamtramck Now and Then,” is the brainchild of Greg Kowalski, Executive Director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum, and Joe Kochut, Chairman of the Board of the Friends of Historical Hamtramck.

Kochut doubles as the program’s producer.

Being produced in cooperation with PodcastDetroit, it all got underway yesterday, March 11. It features interviews, and more, much more.

Several shows have already been recorded, with more in the planning stage. Future guests include Mayor Karen Majewski; historian/preservationist Rebecca Binno Savage (whom The Review profiled a couple years ago); and Brianne Turczynski, who penned the book “Detroit’s Lost Poletown.”

On shows where there won’t be a guest, you can still count on the hosts to delve into different aspects of the city. Their combined knowledge of all things Hamtramck is vast and impressive, have no doubt.

Sound intriguing? Find it on the PodcastDetroit website, the Hamtramck Historical Museum’s Facebook page and website, and also through Instagram, Spotify, and so on.

For more info, go to www.hamtramckhistory.org.

Other Voices:

Guest Editorial

County extends helping hand for taxpayers

by Eric R. Sabree
Wayne County Treasurer



Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and an overwhelming demand for payment plans and appointments, the Wayne County Treasurer is extending the deadline for payment plan enrollment as well as foreclosure redemption until May 14, 2021.

Taxpayers are encouraged to use the Wayne County Treasurer’s Office online payment plan enrollment and remote payment methods throughout the redemption period.

For taxpayer assistance and to make an appointment, taxpayers can contact our office by going online at waynecounty.com/treasurer. Appointments are required. NO walk-ins will be honored at this time.

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- Evidence of 2.0 or higher grade point average (attach copy of high school transcript)
- Application signed by student and high school guidance counselor principal verifying school attendance and Hamtramck residency
- Application Review: The panel of the Hamtramck United Social Services Scholarship Committee will determine the recipient based upon the applicant’s meeting application requirements and strength of essay.

Award Announcement: High School senior recipient will be notified by phone and/or mail by May 28th, 2021.

Award will be presented to the recipient and invited guests at the June 23, 2021, HUSS membership luncheon meeting.

Application Deadline: Must be postmarked by May 14, 2021.
Mail complete application to:

Liz Alpert at Hamtramck Public Schools, 3201 Roosevelt, Hamtramck, MI 48212 or email at ealpert@hamtramckschools.org

The scholarship application can be found on our Hamtramck Public Schools Facebook Page, as well as their school counselors.

Rolling in the dough

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Michigan Transportation Fund, upon appropriation,” the press release said.

“In total, more than \$341 million in adult-use marijuana sales was reported for fiscal year 2020.”

Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majewski welcomed the additional revenue, especially since the city administration recently presented a devastating financial picture for the city over the next several years.

“I’m taking this as an indication of what we can expect next year, and it’s very encouraging,” the mayor told The Review.

“Add that to the city’s yearly application fees, as well as income taxes from dispensary employees,

property taxes on these renovated buildings, and the residual benefits to other businesses that customers may patronize, and these marijuana businesses should be a healthy – and much needed – addition to our local economy.

“They don’t solve the city’s fiscal shortfall, but no single revenue source can do that. We need additional revenue from a combination of sources, and this promises to be a valuable one.”

Majewski has been in favor of allowing dispensaries to open here, but there was a huge pushback from the Yemeni and Bengali communities.

Opponents feared that

the sales outlets will drive up crime and that marijuana will get in the hands of children.

A majority on the city council, Fadel Al-Marsoumi, Mohammed Hassan, Saad Almasmari, Mohammed Alsomiri and Nayeem Choudhury, initially tried to ban the sales, but that issue was fumbled.

Those councilmembers settled on what is considered a compromise: to ban future dispensaries, but allow the existing ones to continue to operate.

So far, 16 states allow the legal sale of marijuana. In Colorado alone, that state raked in \$355 million in taxes and fees for the past few years.



City Hall Insider...

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this method of voting.

In another matter, the council approved a plan for creating bike lanes on Jos. Campau, from Carpenter to Hamtramck Drive. The city will be responsible for their cost and maintenance.

The lanes will be created this spring or summer.

A lengthy discussion was held on adopting a new law regulating recreational and medical marijuana sales outlets.

In a public hearing, Nasr Hussain urged the council

to remove allowing medical marijuana sales because, he said, Hamtramck voters don’t want it.

Kit Parks disagreed, saying that allowing medical marijuana sales doesn’t change the nature of the businesses already selling recreational marijuana.

“It will give our residents more options,” Parks said.

The resolution passed with Councilmembers Perrotta and Mohammed Alsomiri voting in opposition.

Mayor Karen Majewski praised the new law as

a compromise between those in favor of these types of businesses and those opposed.

But she became angry when some of the councilmembers decided to revisit what they just voted on to make the law go into effect immediately upon publication.

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury said he meant to change the effective date from 14 days from publication to immediately.

“I’m beyond pissed that we are reconsidering this right now,” Majewski said.

She added that this misstep is “evidence that you weren’t paying attention when you took the vote.”

Councilmember Perrotta was also against revisiting the resolution.

“Why couldn’t we get it right the first time?” he said. “This is ridiculous.”

A lengthy discussion was held on a proposal to hire the city’s engineering company to begin a sidewalk repair program.

The company would have been paid \$68,000 from a state road repair fund to mark which sidewalk slabs needed to be replaced. Property owners would then be billed to have the slabs replaced, at an approximate cost of \$175 per slab.

Councilmember Choudhury said he was opposed to the project because homeowners are already paying a lot of money.

Councilmember Perrotta suggested training a city employee to mark the slabs as a way to save money.

The council rejected the proposal, with only Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi voting in favor.



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Communities that are benefitting from marijuana sales

By Charles Sercombe

So, who’s getting a slice of the marijuana sales revenue?

According to the Michigan Treasury

Department, these 38 communities and counties received a total of about \$10 million from taxes and fees collected from dispensaries in 2020:

Amount Available Per Marijuana Retail Store/Microbusiness				\$	28,001.32
Municipality	Municipality			Number of	Payment
Number	Name	Municipality Type	County	Licenses ⁽¹⁾	Amount ⁽²⁾
46-3010	Addison	Village	Lenawee	2	\$ 56,002.64
46-2010	Adrian	City	Lenawee	6	168,007.92
03-0000	Allegan	County	Allegan	1	28,001.32
80-1010	Almena	Township	Van Buren	1	28,001.32
81-2010	Ann Arbor	City	Washtenaw	17	476,022.44
35-1030	Baldwin	Township	Iosco	2	56,002.64
08-1020	Baltimore	Township	Barry	1	28,001.32
80-2010	Bangor	City	Van Buren	2	56,002.64
09-1010	Bangor	Township	Bay	10	280,013.20
08-0000	Barry	County	Barry	1	28,001.32
13-2020	Battle Creek	City	Calhoun	5	140,006.60
09-0000	Bay	County	Bay	15	420,019.80
09-2020	Bay City	City	Bay	3	84,003.96
10-0000	Benzie	County	Benzie	3	84,003.96
10-1020	Benzonina	Township	Benzie	3	84,003.96
11-0000	Berrien	County	Berrien	5	140,006.60
54-2010	Big Rapids	City	Mecosta	3	84,003.96
12-0000	Branch	County	Branch	1	28,001.32
80-3020	Breedsville	Village	Van Buren	1	28,001.32
11-2030	Buchanan	City	Berrien	3	84,003.96
25-2005	Burton	City	Genesee	5	140,006.60
13-0000	Calhoun	County	Calhoun	13	364,017.16
73-1100	Chesaning	Village	Saginaw	2	56,002.64
20-0000	Crawford	County	Crawford	2	56,002.64
70-1040	Crockery	Township	Ottawa	2	56,002.64
22-0000	Dickinson	County	Dickinson	1	28,001.32
03-2015	Douglas	City	Allegan	1	28,001.32
33-2010	East Lansing	City	Ingham	1	28,001.32
59-3010	Edmore	Village	Montcalm	1	28,001.32
13-1100	Emmett	Township	Calhoun	7	196,009.24
67-2010	Ewart	City	Osceola	1	28,001.32
63-2060	Ferndale	City	Oakland	2	56,002.64
25-2040	Flint	City	Genesee	3	84,003.96
20-1020	Frederic	Township	Crawford	2	56,002.64
25-0000	Genesee	County	Genesee	10	280,013.20
62-2015	Grant	City	Newaygo	1	28,001.32
80-2030	Hartford	City	Van Buren	1	28,001.32
63-2070	Hazel Park	City	Oakland	3	84,003.96
30-0000	Hillsdale	County	Hillsdale	2	56,002.64
31-0000	Houghton	County	Houghton	1	28,001.32
31-2020	Houghton	City	Houghton	1	28,001.32
33-0000	Ingham	County	Ingham	11	308,014.52
82-2170	Inkster	City	Wayne	1	28,001.32
35-0000	Iosco	County	Iosco	2	56,002.64
22-2010	Iron Mountain	City	Dickinson	1	28,001.3
37-0000	Isabella	County	Isabella	1	28,001.3
38-0000	Jackson	County	Jackson	8	224,010.5
39-0000	Kalamazoo	County	Kalamazoo	12	336,015.8
39-2020	Kalamazoo	City	Kalamazoo	6	168,007.9
39-1070	Kalamazoo	Township	Kalamazoo	4	112,005.2
40-0000	Kalkaska	County	Kalkaska	3	84,003.9
40-3010	Kalkaska	Village	Kalkaska	3	84,003.9
41-0000	Kent	County	Kent	1	28,001.3
43-0000	Lake	County	Lake	1	28,001.3
33-2020	Lansing	City	Ingham	10	280,013.2
46-0000	Lenawee	County	Lenawee	12	336,015.8
38-1070	Leoni	Township	Jackson	6	168,007.9
41-1130	Lowell	City	Kent	1	28,001.3
51-0000	Manistee	County	Manistee	1	28,001.3
51-2010	Manistee	City	Manistee	1	28,001.3
52-0000	Marquette	County	Marquette	4	112,005.2
52-2020	Marquette	City	Marquette	1	28,001.3
54-0000	Mecosta	County	Mecosta	3	84,003.9
58-0000	Monroe	County	Monroe	1	28,001.3
59-0000	Montcalm	County	Montcalm	1	28,001.3
46-2030	Morenci	City	Lenawee	4	112,005.2
61-0000	Muskegon	County	Muskegon	5	140,006.6
61-2020	Muskegon	City	Muskegon	4	112,005.2
61-1120	Muskegon	Township	Muskegon	1	28,001.3
52-1100	Negaunee	Township	Marquette	2	56,002.6
62-0000	Newaygo	County	Newaygo	2	56,002.6
11-2060	Niles	City	Berrien	2	56,002.6
63-0000	Oakland	County	Oakland	7	196,009.2
71-2010	Onaway	City	Presque Isle	1	28,001.3
67-0000	Osceola	County	Osceola	1	28,001.3
70-0000	Ottawa	County	Ottawa	2	56,002.6
78-2040	Owosso	City	Shiawassee	2	56,002.6
38-1110	Parma	Township	Jackson	1	28,001.3
58-2040	Petersburg	City	Monroe	1	28,001.3
09-1120	Pinconning	Township	Bay	2	56,002.6
43-1110	Pleasant Plains	Township	Lake	1	28,001.3
39-2040	Portage	City	Kalamazoo	2	56,002.6
71-0000	Presque Isle	County	Presque Isle	2	56,002.6
38-1120	Pulaski	Township	Jackson	1	28,001.3
12-3010	Quincy	Village	Branch	1	28,001.3
30-2030	Reading	City	Hillsdale	2	56,002.6
82-2230	River Rouge	City	Wayne	4	112,005.2
71-1140	Rogers	Township	Presque Isle	1	28,001.3
73-0000	Saginaw	County	Saginaw	2	56,002.64
52-1140	Sands	Township	Marquette	1	28,001.32
78-0000	Shiawassee	County	Shiawassee	2	56,002.64
13-1200	Tekonsha	Village	Calhoun	1	28,001.32
25-1170	Thetford	Township	Genesee	2	56,002.64
79-0000	Tuscola	County	Tuscola	3	84,003.96
80-0000	Van Buren	County	Van Buren	5	140,006.60
79-2010	Vassar	City	Tuscola	2	56,002.64
79-1200	Vassar	Township	Tuscola	1	28,001.32
63-2240	Walled Lake	City	Oakland	2	56,002.64
81-0000	Washtenaw	County	Washtenaw	22	616,029.04
82-0000	Wayne	County	Wayne	9	252,011.88
82-2300	Wayne	City	Wayne	4	112,005.28
62-2030	White Cloud	City	Newaygo	1	28,001.32
37-1160	Wise	Township	Isabella	1	28,001.32
81-1200	Ypsilanti	City	Washtenaw	5	140,006.60
Total					\$ 9,968,469.92

Totals by Municipality Type			
Municipality Type ⁽³⁾	Number of Municipalities	Number of Licenses	Total Amount Paid
City	38	115	\$ 3,220,151.80
Village	7	11	308,014.52
Township	21	52	1,456,068.64
County	38	178	4,984,234.96
Total			\$ 9,968,469.92

⁽¹⁾ Number of Marijuana Retail Stores or Marijuana Microbusinesses located and licensed in the Municipality as of 9/30/2020. There were 178 Licenses as of 9/30/2020.

⁽²⁾ Payments based on Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Section 14 (3)(a) and (3)(b) (MCL 333.27964).

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers March 2-8.

Tuesday, March 2
• At a little after 1 a.m., a resident of Dearborn was found overdosed in their car in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave.
• A Charest St. resident reported that someone damaged their fence.
• Three children were taken from their home on Selfridge St. by one of the children's father. The children were later located, and returned home.
• A Danforth St. resident reported that someone entered their home while they were sleeping.

Wednesday, March 3
• A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop.
• A resident was arrested in the area of Lehman and Gallagher for domestic assault.

Thursday, March 4
• At about 12:30 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested, after fleeing from officers during an attempted traffic stop.
• A resident was reported missing.

Friday, March 5
• A Detroit resident was found in the 10300

block of Conant Ave. with drug paraphernalia.
• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Geimer and Lumpkin.
• A person in the 5000 block of Edwin St. reported being a victim of fraud.
• A Danforth St. resident reported a hit-and-run accident.
• A Goodson St. resident reported a domestic dispute.
• A resident of Redford was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a mental health evaluation.
• Officers noticed an open door at a residence on Moran St. The house was later secured.
• A Trowbridge St. resident reported that their vehicle was struck another in a hit-and-run incident.

Saturday, March 6
• At about 4 a.m., a Goodson St. resident was arrested during an investigation.
• An Evaline St. resident reported being the victim of fraud.
• A resident was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a mental evaluation.
• A resident reported that someone broke into

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their car while it was parked in the 3900 block of Oliver St.

- A Detroit resident was arrested, after a traffic stop, for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

Sunday, March 7

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Evaline and Conant.
- A man was arrested in the 1900 block of Norwalk St. for violating a court order.

Monday, March 8

- A Faber St. resident reported an incident of attempted fraud.
- Officers attempted to pull over a vehicle on I-75, but the driver sped off.
- Two Detroit residents were arrested, after a traffic stop on I-75, for possessing dangerous drugs and for being wanted on Hamtramck warrants.



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International Women’s Month

March is International Women’s Month, and it’s a teaching opportunity for students.

A blog at socialstudies.com suggests this activity, among others:

Map Women through History

If you’re looking to engage your students’ critical thinking and geography skills, then this activity is for you. Using the Nystrom Atlas of World History or Atlas of United States History, pick a specific period in history for each student, have them research women from that era, and contrast them to women today.

If your class is studying the ancient world, consider assigning your students Mesopotamia, Egypt, or China to analyze women’s roles in those societies.

Other exciting periods that may intrigue students could include,

medieval Europe, feudal Japan, the Renaissance, the Ottoman Empire, and the United States Civil War.

Begin with these questions to activate critical thinking:

- How did men and women differ in society?
- What was the expectation of women in that period?
- How were women viewed under the law?
- Did class affect a woman’s rights?
- Did geographic location affect women?
- Was there a specific woman who impacted the era and location?

Once students have answered these questions, have them contrast women in the past with women living in the same geographic region today.

By mapping women through history, they will get a sense of how society has changed over time.





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BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACK & SUPPER


9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



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SEPTEMBER 8 – JUNE 30

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACK & SUPPER

9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



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Distribution Location: MAIN OFFICE DOOR BY PARKING LOT ON CHAREST STREET

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HAMTRAMCK HIGH SCHOOL

11410 CHAREST, HAMTRAMCK, MI 48212

SEPTEMBER 8 – JUNE 30

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACK & SUPPER


9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



MEET UP and EAT UP

Distribution Location: WEST FRONT DOOR OF HIGH SCHOOL ON CHAREST STREET

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HAMTRAMCK HOUSING COMMISSION

12025 DEQUINDRE, HAMTRAMCK, MI 48212

SEPTEMBER 8 – JUNE 30

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACK & SUPPER

9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



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