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Quick Hits

Join a treasure hunt

By Alan Madlane

The Hamtramck Historical Museum wants you to get out into your city, and have some fun doing it.

To that end, they've arranged for an upcoming local treasure hunt, to take place from April 30 to May 2.

What's this? A three-day-long treasure hunt? Sounds, ah, exhausting, you say?

But, not so! This hunt will only actually involve about two to three hours of your time.

The trick is, that you can actually pick up the packet of clues at any time that weekend, from 11 a.m. on Friday, April 30, until 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 2. You can even have already pre-registered on the museum's website, www.hamtramckhistory.org.

It costs \$20 for a team of up to four participants. In addition to paying in advance online, you have the option of paying at the museum (9525 Jos. Campau

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Abolish the city's police department? One local writer says yes

By Charles Sercombe

An opinion article on modelmedia.com has stirred up a heated discussion on Hamtramck social media.

The article is titled "Hamtramck does not need a police department. Replacing the majority-white police force with unarmed resident responders would be a step into the future."

The author, Elizabeth Garrett, goes on to say that, because of the lack of racial and ethnic diversity, and past lawsuits against the department for racial matters and assaults, the city would be better off with "a civilian-led organization with unarmed first responders trained in de-escalation (community solutions workers)."

Garrett, who lives in Hamtramck, also points out that the police department is the largest expense in the city's budget, about \$4 million, and that



A local writer is arguing for the abolishment of the Hamtramck Police Department, citing its lack of racial and ethnic minorities, the expense to the city and past lawsuits against officers for racial matters and for violence.
Photo by the Hamtramck Police Department

the city is facing a financial crisis.

The department has about 40 employees, which fluctuates often as officers and detectives retire or take jobs with other departments.

The department is mostly white, with perhaps two or three African-Americans

and Arab-Americans on the force.

Garret also said that the city's relatively low crime rate, and low number of serious criminal incidents, further does not justify the expense of the department.

The call for "defunding" and even "abolishing" po-

lice departments across the nation comes at a time when there have been several high-profile cases of officers shooting unarmed black people, usually men or teen males.

That has led a number of communities to look at ways to retrain officers, or

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As of Thursday, the Hamtramck Public School District planned to have students return to school for in-person learning, but students will have to wear masks from now on. File photo

HPS tries one more time for a return to schools

By Charles Sercombe

One more time.

The Hamtramck Public School District made an announcement on Friday, April 9 that students would not be returning, as originally planned, to school this past Monday.

Instead, all students in kindergarten through 12th grade will return to school this Monday, April 19 – although, if the num-

ber of COVID cases continue to surge, that could change.

The one-week delay was caused by a huge spike in COVID-19 cases in Michigan in recent weeks. That outbreak is still ongoing, as new strains of the virus emerge.

The district based its decision to delay a return to classroom learn-

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Council seats open up for election

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's election season is about to begin.

The deadline for candidates to file for one of three city council seats or the mayor's position is next Tuesday (April 20), by 4 p.m.

So far, at the time The Review went to press, the following have thrown their hats into the ring: Saad Almasmari and John Ulaj for mayor; and for council, Adam Albarmaki, Amanda Jaczkowski, Lynette Blasey and Cody Lown.

To run for office, you have to be at least 18 years old, and a resident and a registered voter in Hamtramck.

To get an application form, go the city's website (<https://hamtramck.us/>) and click on "Clerk" under the Departments tab.

You can either gather 40 valid voter signatures to get on the Aug. 3 Primary Election ballot, or simply pay \$100.

The three incumbents up for re-election were Ian Perrotta, Saad Almasmari (who just filled the seat that Andre Karpinski resigned from a few months ago) and Fadel Al-Marsoumi.

With Almasmari running for mayor, that leaves one seat wide open. And on Tuesday, Perrotta announced that he is resigning from council.

Reached on Wednesday afternoon, Al-Marsoumi also told The Review that he will not seek re-election.

"I need to spend more time with my family, and I'm trying to get a promotion at work," said Al-Marsoumi, who is a sales manager.

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HPS tries one more time for a return to schools

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ing last week on a recommendation by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who called on districts to voluntarily continue remote learning.

In a message last week on the district’s Facebook page, Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed said, “We greatly apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and are committed to making a safe and gradual transition back to in-person learning.”

Parents can still opt to not have their children return to in-classroom learning.

To find out the latest information on a return to in-person classroom learning, go to the HPS website, or call your student’s school.

As of this past Wednesday’s school board meeting, the plan was to still go forward with a return to school.

Students and teachers will be required to wear masks while in school. School desks will be spaced apart to reduce students from being too close to each other.

The district has a number of plans if a COVID outbreak happens that includes reduced the time spent with in-classroom learning and even going back to remote learning.

COVID testing will be available for students.

Abolish the city’s police department? One local writer says yes

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even re-organize their departments.

On the Facebook page called “I love Hamtramck,” reaction to the article was immediate.

Karen Plochinski, the moderator of the site, said not only was she opposed to the idea, but the article had several factual errors.

“I believe this to be the worst article ever posted by modelD,” she said, in part.

Farooq Blake offered this: “Racism and policing are not the problem, the crime and criminals are, they’re always inventing the truth. When they say we have a huge prison population, their solution to it? Let them all out, legalize or reduce the offense and no one goes to jail. That’s how ideologues work. When you get rid of police, criminals become bolder. ...”

Trudy von Linsowe called the piece a “disgusting racist article meant to divide. People are so busy trying to find something to be offended by, they should spend as much time working on being a better human being.”

Kit Parks, on the other hand, defended the article.

“I believe this is a really important perspective, especially in the wake of recent police killings of George Floyd, Hakim Littleton, Breonna Taylor, and Daunte Wright, to name a few of many. Hamtramck PD has had its own issues with racism and excessive use of force. Police often escalate conflicts rather than resolve them.”

The Review reached out to Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise for comment, but she declined.

Council seats open up for election

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So, that leaves the three council seats now open for candidates to vie for.

Mayor Karen Majewski has not yet said whether she will seek another term. If she does, and wins another term, that would make her Hamtramck’s longest serving mayor.

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Earth Day: The Library would like to wish everyone a Happy Earth Day! Take a peek at the events list on earthday.org this April 20 to 22. There will be activities for both children and parents alike. This Earth is our collective home and it’s the only Earth we have. Let’s make sure it lasts beyond our own lifetimes.

Meteor Showers: April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids Meteor shower, which appears from April 16th to April 26th each year.

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There is another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from April 21st.

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Titanic: On April 15, 1912, the famous Titanic ship hit an iceberg and sunk on her first and only voyage.

Inauguration: George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789.

Olympics: After a 1500 year break, the first Olympics of the modern era took place on April 6, 1896, in Athens

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Second Front Page

Councilman resigns in a fit of anger

By Charles Sercombe

Following a wild and profanity-laced city council meeting Tuesday, Councilmember Ian Perrotta announced his resignation.

There was a lot to unpack from the meeting, the end of which broke down into Mayor Karen Majewski cutting off Perrotta twice for inappropriate comments.

At one point, Perrotta shot back to the mayor, “you have no f— class,” and then blurted out “b—s—.” He also flipped his two middle fingers at the mayor and council.

At one point during the meeting Councilmember Saad Almasmari questioned whether Perrotta was drunk. Perrotta has been attending the Zoom meetings from his bar, Trixie’s, and visible in his screen background there were shelves of various liquor bottles.

He also appeared to be drinking during the meeting, although it was not possible to determine whether it was actually alcohol that he was imbibing.

Perrotta’s evening didn’t start out favorably, as he received pushback on his resolution to address the issue of street harassment of women from some unexpected critics: women.

Brooke Harris spoke out against the resolution at the beginning of the meeting during public comment and said she was concerned about “criminalizing” that behavior, because she fears it will give police officers “another reason to bother black and brown community members.”

Harris said that Perrotta’s intent was “great,” but “the harm outweighs” it.

Farhana Islam was



Ian Perrotta

also opposed to his resolution, saying it “won’t make the streets safer.”

Kit Parks echoed that sentiment, saying “police are not the solution to street harassment” because police officers have a high rate of domestic violence.

Some of Perrotta’s fellow councilmembers urged him to postpone a vote on the resolution to work on it more. Councilmember Mohammed Hassan also questioned what language may be interpreted as harassment.

He said, for example, someone might take offense to someone simply saying “Hello, hello, hello, hello.”

Perrotta responded that the resolution would simply open a door for the community to look further into street harassment with an eye toward shaping a city law in 60 days.

“We need to be proactive, and do something about this issue,” he said.

And he added: “We need to show our residents that we care about their safety.”

The council, except for Perrotta and Councilmember Almasmari, agreed to postpone a vote on the resolution.

He then lashed out

at the council, which is comprised of all males, for taking that action.

“You guys are all dicks and no balls,” Perrotta said, which set the stage for what came later in the meeting.

The issue of women being harassed on the streets was initiated by a question posed on social media, by a local journalist, about women’s experiences in Hamtramck with catcalling.

Later in the meeting, Perrotta read from a prepared statement of over 2,200 words. It was essentially a litany of various grievances Perrotta has harbored during his tenure on council.

In it, he lashed out at Councilmember Hassan and his recall effort against Perrotta – that effort apparently never got off the ground, missing its deadline to move toward an election.

Perrotta said that has been a part of a pattern of harassment against him, which has included two censures by council over his behavior, including an incident where Perrotta cursed at a city hall employee regarding a zoning issue he had.

He said there was also someone who filed a grievance against him with the State Bar of Michigan, which he said was a “mish mash” of what he was accused of doing by Hassan in his recall language from six months ago.

Perrotta became an attorney about a year ago.

“Because it was dismissed the filer will continue to remain anonymous, but if it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like the asshole who has been harassing me for the past six months, well ...” Perrotta said, in an apparent

reference to Hassan.

Hassan did not return calls to comment on his recall effort, nor did he say anything about it in response to Perrotta’s comments.

It wasn’t long after that comment by Perrotta that Mayor Majewski put an end to his speech, much to his objection.

“You’re not going to let me say my piece? ... This is something the residents need to hear,” Perrotta said.

Majewski said that Perrotta’s behavior violated the council’s own rules on conduct, and that Perrotta persisted in using profanity.

“I let you continue, but it only got worse and escalated,” Majewski said after cutting him off for the second time.

After the meeting Perrotta posted his statement on his Facebook page, which concluded with his announcement that he is resigning from the council.

His departure means that the next person in line who ran for council in the last council race takes his place, if they want the job and still live in the community.

That person is Carrie Beth Lasley. If she can’t or won’t take the job, the council then makes an appointment, and if the council deadlocks, it’s the mayor who makes the appointment.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Hamtramckan earns her license as funeral director

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Alexis Akins

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Retired Hamtramck detective’s shooting case takes a twist

By Charles Sercombe

A day-long holiday celebration, fueled with beer drinking and shots of tequila, led to an almost lethal showdown between a retired Hamtramck detective and his estranged son.

Michael Szymanski, 57, is charged with shooting his son, Steven, during a family get-together last Memorial Day weekend in the elder Szymanski’s Macomb Twp. home.

He is officially charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a felony.

After months of delays, a preliminary examination was held Monday at Shelby Twp. 41A District Court via Zoom, although witnesses testified in court.

The first to testify was Steven Szymanski, 31.

He admitted that he had drunk beer and tequila shots, as well as smoked marijuana, during a day that started out with him helping his dad in the morning with preparing Michael’s boat for the season.

“By the end of the night, I was pretty buzzed,” Steven said.

Later in the exam, Michael Szymanski’s attorney, Todd Flood, said that, according the medical records, Steven’s blood-alcohol level was .24, which medical experts say is when blackouts begin – meaning to the point where people can have no memory of what occurs during this period.

Szymanski said that, sometime late in the night, a family argument broke out in the kitchen.

Eventually, it was just Szymanski and his dad alone in the kitchen, which is when Steven said he was tackled from behind and knocked to the floor.

“All of a sudden, we were in a wrestling match,” Steven said.

At first he thought his dad was just playing-wrestling, but it soon became a struggle to break away.

Michael was eventually pulled off, and Steven retreated to the backyard, Steve testified.

“I heard my dad still yelling,” Steven said.

Mike was yelling for his son to get out, Steven said, but it then escalated to Michael yelling at Steven’s girlfriend.

“F— you, you f— c—,” is what Michael was yelling, Steven said.

At that point, Steven returned to go inside, and said to Michael from the back screen door, “Actually, I think your wife is a c—.”

That’s when Steven said his father shot him.

“I looked down, and I said ‘You shot me?’” Steven testified.

He said he then collapsed to the ground, and the next thing he knew he was on an ambulance gurney being taken to Henry Ford Hospital in Macomb.

His injuries were extensive, and required the removal of one kidney and

parts of his colon and intestine.

Steven said he is still not well, often feels nauseous, and has a fragment of a bullet still lodged in his hip, which is a source of pain.

Steven admitted that he had been estranged from his dad and his step-mother, but he did not elaborate on what caused this friction.

In his cross-examination, the questioning by attorney Flood became sharp, and it was suggested that it was Steven who was the aggressor.

Next to testify was Steven’s childhood friend, Anthony Radtke, 30, who was with Steven all day, including helping out with the boat.

His version of events was radically different than the one presented by Steven.

Radtke testified that it was Steven who was on top of Michael in the kitchen fight with his elbow to his throat, turning Michael the color purple.

Radtke said he threw Steven off his dad and tried to keep them apart.

“I’ve never seen him that angry,” Radtke said about Steven. “I was personally terrified of Steven that night.”

Steven then went to the backyard. At some point, Michael was sitting down holding a gun, but had

it pointed at the floor, Radtke said.

In the meantime, Radtke said Steven began throwing porch chairs at the house.

Steven then “barged” back into the house and “lunged” at his dad. That’s when Michael shot Steven, Radtke said.

At this point in the exam, around 4:30 p.m., visiting Judge Matthew Rumor called for an end in testimony for the day.

The exam will continue on May 27 at 11 a.m. There are at least two more witnesses to testify.

In a nod to what the defense may use to justify the shooting, the judge asked both the prosecutor and the defense attorney to submit legal briefs on the use of self-defense.

The case drew criticism from Steven’s relatives and friends, who complained that, because Szymanski is a former police officer and detective, he received special treatment.

He was questioned only for a few hours on the night of the shooting and was released.

Michael was not charged until July. He has been out on personal bond since then, and has to wear a tether.

Szymanski was known as a skilled detective in Hamtramck, but he also has vocal critics regarding how he handled some cases or interacted with residents.

Upon his retirement, Michael Szymanski has worked in the security field.



Scholarship offer

Hamtramck United Social Services (HUSS) has announced their Scholarship program for local senior high school students.

They are also soliciting donations toward same.

HUSS describes itself as a coalition of area social service agencies, and they have been around for more than 40 years. The group’s aim is to continuously analyze, update and share information among their member agencies, in order to maximize efficiency.

But they also actively plan, develop and implement their own programs and/or actions, either directly or indirectly, in response to community needs.

This multifaceted organization will award their yearly scholarship(s) of up to \$500 to one or more grads, who have demonstrated contributions to the city of Hamtramck through their community service and/or their volunteer efforts.

The scholarship application process is open to

all 2021-graduating high school seniors who live in Hamtramck.

Application packages must be postmarked by May 14, 2021, and mailed to Liz Alpert at Hamtramck Public Schools, 3201 Roosevelt St., Hamtramck MI 48212, or attached to an email sent to her at ealpert@hamtramckschools.org.

The application package must include the application itself (signed by both the student, and by a high school guidance counselor or principal, verifying proof of the student’s residency in the city as well as their school attendance); a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher or community member; a typed essay of no more than 500 words, attesting to the student’s positive community service and its effect on the city; and a school transcript demonstrating a 2.0 GPA or higher.

The winning recipient(s) will be notified, by phone or mail, by May 28.

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Ave..., between Norwalk and Poland) during the aforementioned hours, and just picking up your clue packet then, too.

Then, have a leisurely time walking, biking, or driving around town (or using any mode of transport, really) keeping your eyes peeled as the city

reveals its historical treasure trove to you, layer by layer.

Just like a visit to the museum itself, the idea here is to gain a better understanding of Hamtramck – in this case, while having some fun, and getting outdoors to boot – something all of us stir-crazy pandemic heads could certainly use.





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In Our Opinion

Caniff rebuild project is worth the inconvenience

This is going to be a rough spring and summer for Hamtramck and its visitors.

Why?

Well, the city’s main artery to I-75 is being torn up and rebuilt. Construction has begun on Caniff Ave.

The project will go from the I-75 service drive to Jos. Campau. It is being largely paid for by the federal government to the tune of \$1.5 million.

Already, there is pushback from some members of the community about the inconvenience this construction will cause. For sure, it will be a major inconvenience.

There is no way around that, and there is no way to soften the blow. Keep in mind, the city is getting brand-new pavement, as well as new water and sewer lines.

But just as with the

rebuilding of Holbrook over the past two years, we can carry on.

Map out your detour plan now and share it with friends and family. We have all had a lot to bear this year with the pandemic, and there is no end in sight with that.

Hamtramckans have always risen up to meet any challenge. And this is going to be one of those moments.

Odds & Ends

Street harassment... That subject has been a hot topic in town lately, and city council candidate Amanda Jaczowski is inviting women to a Zoom meeting this Sunday at 3 p.m. to discuss their experiences and what can be done.

In a facebook post, Jaczowski gave the following details:

Join us for a Zoom call on Sunday, April 18th at 3pm, to discuss our life experiences, and what we can collectively recommend to the current council for action, prior to the next council meeting.

A few things:

1. This is a sensitive subject and there will be differences in opinion in the room, so please come with patience and grace.
2. We are working to find common ground and tangible, recommended action items.
3. Please respect others’ privacy and wear headphones if in close proximity to men.
4. Men are respectfully asked to refrain from joining this call, but encouraged to share this event page with their friends, family, and co-workers.

Topic: Street Harassment Discussion

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the LEAP program – that’s Leaders for Environmental Awareness and Protection – are reminding everyone about the city’s Recycling Center, and its policies.

The group, led by student Mira Hughes, is advised by well-known city personage Rev. Sharon Buttry, as part of the Hamtramck Community Initiative’s “Be a Good Neighbor Project,” or BGNP.

The city’s 24-hour drop-off spot is in the south-east part of the city, at 3900 Christopher St.

To get there, if you have not yet been, simply follow Conant Ave. south past Holbrook Ave., under the train track viaduct, and turn left onto Vincent St., then immediately left again onto Christopher, by the 18th Street Deli food factory. Follow the curve right, past the Fowling Warehouse, and there you will find the bright yellow recycling bins, just before the entrance to Priority Waste.

So what can you take there?

Rigid plastics #1 through #7 are eligible, according to the LEAP flyer they self-designed. Also, paper and cardboard. The center does not take aluminum or glass, per the flyer.

Also left out is Styrofoam, which is unfortunately being generated in abundance these days from the increase in carryout dining, due to COVID.

Also not listed as eligible for recycling here: batteries, computer parts, exercise equipment or furniture, to name a few of the types of items people seem to love to leave lying around these

places.

But they do take the plastic and the paper, so go ahead and march yours on over and get rid of it.

You’ll feel good, and so will your city.

Flower power... Got an itchy “green thumb” from the long winter?

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Join their work time-bank, and earn hours for doing so. Member Sharon Buttry is offering wildflower seeds to anyone willing to grow some perennials.

They are also helping to connect interested growers with Keep Growing Detroit’s Garden Resource Program. For a small fee, they will provide vegetable transplants and seeds, and hook you up with some mulch or compost, as well as soil testing.

And, they offer educational classes. Go to <http://detroitagriculture.net/our-work/garden-resource-program> to check them out.

Also, you can check out Hamtramck Mutual Aid’s website: www.HamtramckMA.org. There, among other things, you’ll find a reasonably up-to-date list of local restaurants and grocery stores, with information on each one’s specific COVID protocols.



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Mayor: COVID surge is real and on the attack

By Charles Sercombe
Whoa.
The COVID-19 surge is on in Hamtramck.
In Mayor Karen Majewski's weekly address to the community on Monday, via her Facebook page, she said there were a whopping 112 COVID-19 cases reported last week in the city.

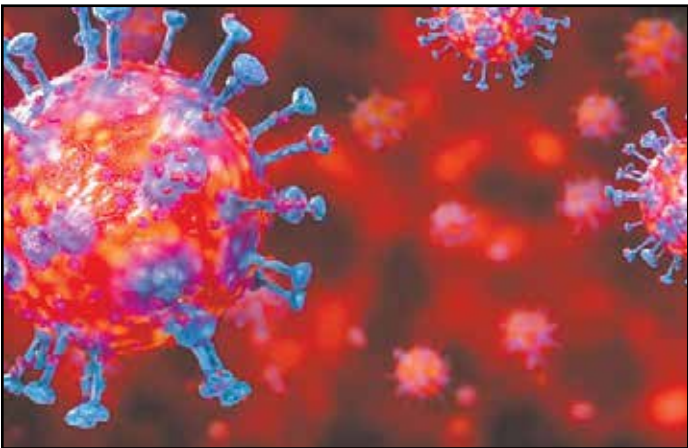
The week prior, there were 60 new cases, which was the first time in several months that new cases have risen above roughly a dozen per week.
"That surge is what they are talking about in Michigan, and we are reflected in those numbers," Majewski said.

Michigan is one of the five states where COVID cases have dramatically increased recently.

That surge is being blamed on variants of the disease, which are particularly attacking younger people

Hamtramck now has a total of 2,119 COVID cases for the past 12 months, with 45 deaths.

Majewski said one additional death was added last week, after health officials reclassified a



death that happened in 2020. That person was a 59-year-old woman.

While Michigan is experiencing a wild increase in cases, there has been an active vaccination program. Those who are 16 years and older are now eligible to get the vaccine.

The state is sponsoring two mobile vaccination centers in the coming week, on April 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Those two locations will be at 2112 Holbrook and 11405 Conant.

The uptick in cases has prompted Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to suggest not dining inside at restaurants for the next two weeks, and for school contact sports to be suspended during that time.

For many households, this pandemic has resulted in a loss of jobs, or reduced salaries because work hours were cut back.

If you are running short of money for food, the following locations offer free giveaways:

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Queen of Apostles – Thursdays, parking lot off Harold St. behind Hamtramck Academy, east of Conant. Starting at noon.

There is also a home rehab program offered by

the county that you can tap into, the mayor said. For more information, go to the city's website and click on "Information" and then "Latest news."

And for those having a hard time paying water bills, there is a program called The Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) that offers help with those bills, minor plumbing repairs, etc. Call (313) 386-9727 for more information.

As most folks now know, the Caniff Ave. repaving project, from the I-75 service drive to Jos. Campau Ave., has begun – which means you will need to come up with alternate routes to get around the city.

"We ask that you be patient," Majewski said.

(Editor's note: Hamtramckans being patient?)

Majewski ended her address to the community with this message regarding the latest COVID outbreak:

"Once again, in light of all the numbers ... I ask you to be responsible and kind and patient."

Crime Watch... What is it about trespassing?

By Charles Sercombe
Every so often you'll see, in our weekly Crime Log, a person being ticketed or arrested for trespassing.

Usually, it happens at a business.

So how can you be arrested for entering a business open to the public?

We asked Police Chief Anne Moise to shed some light on the subject, and she responded by emailing us what the city ordinance has to say about this offense.

Here it is:
TRESPASS UPON LANDS OR PREMISES OF ANOTHER.
A person shall not: (A) Enter the lands or premises of another without lawful authority after having been forbidden to do so by the owner or occupant or the agent of the owner or occupant. (B) Remain without lawful authority on the land or premises of another after being notified

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So, just who are these folks who get arrested for trespassing?

We asked Max Garbarino, the Director of Community Development, to continue on page 8

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers April 6-12.

Tuesday, April 6

- A Yemans St. resident reported a suspicious situation.
- A Prescott St. resident reported being the victim of fraud.
- A resident reported a theft that happened in the 2800 block of Belmont St.

Wednesday, April 7

- At 1 a.m., a resident was arrested at Caniff and Brombach.
- A Sobieski St. resident reported the theft of their catalytic converter.
- Officers reported an open door at a building on Jos. Campau.
- A resident in the 2300 block of Belmont St. reported that someone opened an account in his name.
- A resident was reported missing, but later it was reported that they had returned home.
- A resident reported fraudulent activities in the 9500 block of McDougall St.
- Officers attempted a traffic stop of a motorcyclist, but the suspect fled.

Thursday, April 8

- A hit-and-run accident happened at Dequindre and Caniff.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 8000

block of Jos. Campau Ave.

- A resident reported being stalked.

Friday, April 9

- A suspicious situation was reported in the area of Caniff and Gallagher.
- Officers assisted an ambulance crew with a child who was injured while in the 2400 block of Andrus St.
- A resident reported an incident of malicious destruction of property that occurred in the 3800 block of Comstock St.

Saturday, April 10

- At about 10:30 p.m., a Detroit resident was ticketed for being disorderly.
- A Detroit resident reported being assaulted while in the area of Dyar and Circle Dr.
- A resident of Shelby Twp. was arrested for drunk driving.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Caniff and Mackay.
- A resident reported a suspicious situation.

Sunday, April 11

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Commor and Jos. Campau.
- A Detroit resident reported that her wallet was stolen while she was at a business on Jos. Campau Ave.
- An Edwin St. resident reported being the victim

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of fraud.

- An incident of child neglect was reported.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for domestic violence.
- An agent for a Jos.

Campau business reported receiving harassing and threatening phone calls.

Monday, April 12

- No incident report was available for this date.

What is it about trespassing?

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nity Safety and Services, to flesh out this question. He was blunt.

“Usually it’s used for vagrants, which I hate to say,” Garbarino said.

It seems that there are some folks who, despite

being told to leave a store, for example, simply refuse, or keep returning.

“There’s a lot of people who don’t listen,” Garbarino said. “At some point, you have to draw a line.”



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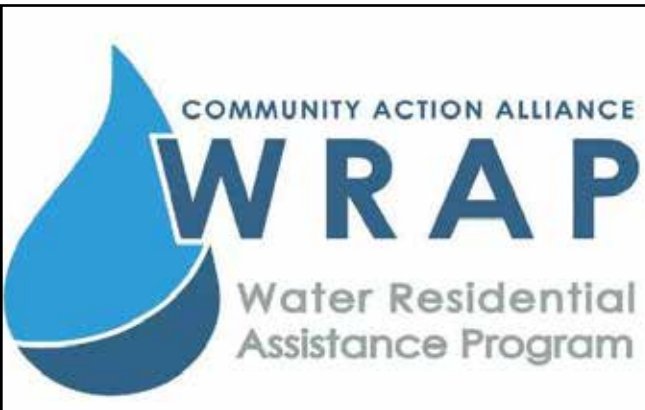
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