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Quick Hits

Street sweeping is underway

Once again, it's street sweeping time for the main streets in Hamtramck.

The city does not sweep the side streets.

The program already began in April.

Here is the schedule for the rest of the spring, summer and fall:

Route 1: West side of Joseph Campau, west side of Conant, north side of Caniff, north side of Holbrook - May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5, August 19, September 2, September 16, September 30, October 14, October 28, and November 11.

Route 2: East side of Joseph Campau, east side of Conant, south side of Caniff, south side of Holbrook - May 20, June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12, August 26, September 9, September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, and November 18.



Caniff city parking lot is now closed for repaving

By Charles Sercombe

Caniff just got more traffic congestion.

The city parking lot on Caniff and McDougall has been ripped up, and is now being primed for new pavement – along with the installation of high-tech parking meters.

In other words, no more free parking.

The project is expected to be completed by June 30, said City Manager Kathy Angerer. The lot will be repaved with asphalt.

The parking lot repair is being done in conjunction with the repaving of the following alleys:

 West of Jos Campau between Belmont St. and Yemans St.

· West of Conant between Trowbridge St. and Belmont St.

· West of Conant between Belmont St. and Ye-

· West of Conant between Yemans St. and Evaline St.

The city allocated \$500,000 for this year's alley repairs, but the bid for the work came in around \$440,000, and it is being done by Great Lakes Contracting Solutions.

The alley repair project was expanded by city council to include the city parking lot – a lot which serves the central Jos. Campau business area, as well as businesses on Caniff. It has long been in disrepair,



The rebuilding of the city-owned parking on Caniff and McDougall began this week. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June. In the meantime, good luck trying to find somewhere to park in the area.

with dozens of potholes.

In the past, the city has periodically patched the potholes, but the patching usually got washed away during rains.

At the same time the parking lot is being repaved, Caniff is being torn

up and replaced, from the I-75 service drive to Jos. Campau.

That project will take most of the summer to complete, and is being paid for through federal financing.

There are no magic dragons here, but plenty else to choose from

By Alan Madlane

There's a new kid in town in the recreational pot trade, and its name is Puff.

Er, like the magic dragon, yes. A song we all know was written without any help from this very type of, ah, product.

Joining westsider Ouality Roots and southsider Pleasantrees is the latest "puff" shop in the city, located at 11941 Jos. Campau Ave., on the southwest corner at Commor.

The building used to be the home of the Three Star Bar-B-Q, a city mainstay for decades before closing several years ago.

Seems a shame they couldn't have figured out a way to combine the two. What a natural alliance.

But I digress.

Did you ever think about how odd the word "dislowly out loud ten times ... Ah, what am I doing?

Anyway, Puff's drastically repurposed grey building features a sticky shade of bright green trim that just about jumps out at you as you drive past, like you were paranoid or some-

Bomb scare will lead to charges

By Charles Sercombe

The two teens who allegedly called in a fake bomb threat last week at Hamtramck High School are facing some serious criminal charges.

The only good news for the teens, who are now in a juvenile detention facility, is that they are still only to be charged as minors. They are both males, one 15 and the other 13 years old.

Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise said the teens will be charged with the following crimes:

- · False report or threat of Bomb/Harmful Device, which is a felony and has a maximum penalty of four years in detention, and/or a \$2,000 fine.
- Threat to commit act of violence against a school, employees or students, which is a misdemeanor with a oneyear detention, and/or a \$1.000 fine.
- · Malicious Use of Telecommunications device, which is another misdemeanor conviction with six months in detention, and/or \$1,000 fine.

Their parents are not being ticketed with parental responsibility viola-

The bomb scare caused the high school, the community center, Horizon High School and the Early





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There are no magic dragons here, but plenty else to choose from continued from front page

thing. Puff currently has all company owner, Justin two other stores open in the state, in Bay City and Traverse City.

Kind of "far out," if you ask me.

According to their website, Puff has half a dozen more outlets in the budding stages, including in Ann Arbor, Utica, Monroe, Lansing, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

Speaking as someone who, once upon a certain decade, used to have a "passing" familiarity with Mr. Muggles (as he was known to only the mostcoolest kids, I think), the amazing variety of products available now to tickle the senses is almost overwhelming.

Puff's website lists product from no less than 26 vendors, like a veritable alphabet of high. "VFires" and "510 cartridges" and "claw vapes" sound like the stuff of fantasy movies, but in fact are terms that all appear to reference vape pens, an apparently popular item/delivery system.

It's a wild world out there, you see - and in here, too:

Forty-four strains of "flower" (sounds like a way to throw cops off the trail, you ask me. This ain't no floral shop.)

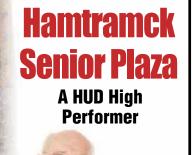
Forty-eight "concentrate strains," but we ain't makin' orange juice neither.

Twenty-six "edible options," and not one of 'em a legit stock buy.

Seriously though, the effect of this overall array can be, well, disorienting to those who haven't kept up with the (high) times.

Not everyone is enamored of these particular "choices." There been considerable and vocal pushback from certain sectors of the community, often citing the worn-out old saws of "dispensaries increase crime in the area" (nope) and/or "it will get into the hands of kids" (like it doesn't already, and that hasn't changed in the last 50 years).

To get the straight poop, we contacted Puff. One of their very nice store managers passed our queries on to the director of compliance for the company, who in turn gave our humble questions to the actu-



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Library **2620 Holbrook St • Hamtramck • (313) 873-7** Hamtramck Housing Com mission (HHC) does not Elias. He sent back some "illuminating" responses.

The Review: How long has Puff been in business overall? Was Bay City the first store to open, **Traverse City the second** and Hamtramck the third - is that right? When did Hamtramck's store officially open?

Elias: Puff has been in business since May, 2019. Bay City is the first store, then Traverse City, then Hamtramck - and now (we'll be) opening Utica and Madison Heights, both one month away.

We opened the Hamtramck location on Feb 15, 2021.

The Review: Why was Hamtramck chosen for a location?

Elias: Hamtramck was chosen for a location because it's a beacon to the city of Detroit, and they are not rec yet.

We were getting a lot of messages and requests on our website and social media platforms, for us to open somewhere in the city, and we thought Hamtramck would be the perfect center point.

The Review: You are the third dispensary to open in Hamtramck, following Pleasantrees and Quality Roots. What sets you guys apart from them?

Elias: What sets us apart are our product lines and our customer service.

(Product-wise), we are partnered with some of the best growers in the state of Michigan, and they are producing some of the highest quality and testing product in the state, if not for the (whole) east coast. Local Grove is the flower brand.

Besides that, we have the most exceptional customer service for everyone that walks through our doors.

The Review: Is there any difference in what products sell best here, versus your Bay City or Traverse City customers? Any new products you guys are particularly excited about?

Elias: We stay a uniform company - what you see at one store is going to be available at all locations. We have (only) one website, and one social media account, for each platform.

We like to stay uniform all across the board.

The Review: I see by your website that you have more than a dozen more stores planned for the near future - which one is set to

open next? Elias: The stores set to open next are Utica, Madison Heights, and Kalama-

The Review: Anything else you want to make known. now's the time!

Elias: We love the City of Hamtramck, and we love that we are a destination in the city now!

Well, we certainly enjoyed getting the scoop. It was like a breath of "fresh

I think you see what I did there.

(Editor's note: The writer was not on any "product" during the writing of this article. He is, however, a former writer for CREEM magazine, so there's that.)

Once again, Puff is located at 11941 Jos. Campau, at the southwest corner of Commor. Call (313) 552-4200, or check 'em out at www.puffcannaco. com, or on Facebook.



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This week at the Library . . .

Korean Film Festival: The Smithsonian Institute is making free tickets available to 2021 D.C. Korean Film Festival, which is going virtual this year. With celebrated debuts by women directors and a selection spanning multiple genres, it is the perfect time to take a dip into Korean cinema. Check the full schedule and reserve your website (kffdc2021.eventive.org/welcome).

Monthly Meeting of Library Board: The next meeting of the Library Board will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm. in the library's main hall. Meeting is open to the public via zoom. For email invitation to join the meeting, call the library on Thursday, May 13th.

What sentence uses every letter in English Language: It is "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog". It was often used to test typewriters.

Hamtramck Library is operating as "Grab and Go" until further notice: -

This service includes book pick-ups, remote printing, faxing and scanning. Computers will not be available for use until further notice. Please send attachments

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What is the most common name in the world: Of all the names the most common one is Mohammed.

The Story of Lu'au: The Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian presents the Story of the Lu'au. Streaming on their You Tube channel all month long, this three part series dives into the rich history of the Hawaiian tradition while showcasing it's accompanying food, music, and social impact. Get the full details by visiting americanindian.si.edu and checking the online program section.

First American in Space: Alan Shepard became the first American in space on May 5, 1961. He piloted the spacecraft Freedom 7 during a 15 minute flight.

Born in May: Rabindranath Tagore, Bengali poet, writer and social reformer was born on May 7th. He reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism. Tagore won Nobel Prize for literature in 1913.

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

Mayor: There are plenty of places to get a vaccination here

By Charles Sercombe

COVID-19 cases Michigan are down for the first time in several weeks, and the same goes for Hamtramck.

But the news is still not good, said Mayor Karen Majewski in her weekly community talk via Facebook.

On Monday, she said the number of new cases last week finally were below 100 (93 to be exact).

"Our numbers are a little better," Majewski said. "Noticeably better."

That means the new to-

tal of cases for the past 12 months is now at 2.124. with a total of 45 deaths. While the number of

new cases has receded slightly in Michigan, the new hot spot in the nation is now Florida.

There are signs for optimism.

The number of vaccinations continues to increase in Michigan, which has prompted Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to announce new guidelines for businesses and gatherings.

approximately 50 percent der better control," Mafor the population who received at least one vaccination.

Whitmer, Majewski pointed out, said that when the state gets to 55 percent vaccinated, we can return to in-person work for all businesses.

When we get to 60 percent, sports facilities as well as banquet halls, conference centers and funeral homes can have 25 percent capacity. The curfew for bars will also be lifted.

At 65 percent, all indoor facilities can operate at full capacity.

And when we reach 70 percent of the population who are vaccinated. you won't have to wear masks, and large public gatherings can resume.

Meanwhile, the Center for Disease Control is saying that if you are vaccinated, there is no need to wear a mask while outdoors - such as walking about the city.

The mayor, however, isn't on board.

"I'm not comfortable with that, personally...

jewski said.

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There are now new strains appearing worldwide - especially in India, where covid is now out of control. Some of those strains have already appeared stateside.

It's unknown whether vaccinations will be effective with the new strains, health officials say.

Worse, national health experts say it's too late for the US to reach herd immunity, because there are still many Americans who refuse to get vaccinated.

According to media reports, that could mean we will be dealing with Covid for another genera-

As for Hamtramck, Majewski said there is no excuse to not get vaccinated.

"We have a lot of opportunities in Hamtramck - so you do not have to leave Hamtramck," she said.

And those places of opportunity include the Wayne County clinic (in Hamtramck Town Center shopping

and the following local pharmacies: CVS, Hoover, FRD SAV-MOR and Holbrook.

The mayor also recited the number of financial assistance packages available to those who were economically impacted by the pandemic:

- · The Small Business Administration has grants restaurants, bars, breweries, and bakeries. You can find out more by going online to sba.gov/ restaurants.
- Music halls that have had to shut down can get help by going online to sba.gov/sbogrant.
- Need help with paying rent and/or your utilities? Call (866) 313-2520 for more information.
- · There is also financial help for those who are burdened with funeral costs, which will help cover funerals that go back to January of 2020. Call (844) 684-633 for more information.

Moving on, Majewski stressed once again to have patience with the Caniff Ave. rebuild project, which has blocked



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In Our Opinion

Election year offers challenges to candidates

Hamtramck's election have suffered their own running.

There is a lot at stake this year – but then again, there is every year.

Hamtramck is once again experiencing a government financial crisis. Specifically, the city's pension costs - along with other areas - keep going up, while revenue remains static.

In fact, because of covid, tax collection has been greatly reduced. because many residents

season is now off and financial setbacks and can't pay their taxes.

> A number of folks think that the mayor and council have a lot of say, or power, in controlling such matters.

But they really don't. According to the city charter, their roles are mostly advisory.

The city administration has been on top of the ongoing financial mess, and has been receiving support from state Treasury Department of-

We expect to see some major overhauls in the coming year or two.

Hamtramck needs the city council and mayor to be on board.

We hope to hear more from the candidates who are running - and, judging by their activity on social media, many of them have interesting things

And by the looks of things, Hamtramck voters are tuned in.

Odds & Ends

Correction... Last week up. we reported that the deadline to submit your Hamtramck income tax was extended to May 17 – the same date that state and federal tax deadlines were pushed back to.

Hamtramck's new deadline is even more generous. It is June 1 - which is always 15 days after whenever the state and federal deadline is.

According to a city no-

"This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations, and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

"This deferment does not apply to any withholding taxes or first quarter estimated tax for tax year 2021. City of Hamtramck forms can be found here: https://hamtramck.us/ income-tax-forms/"

Hamtramck, by the way, is one of 22 communities in the state that has a city income tax, which is 1 percent for those who live in question meet(s) the ment to create layers on here and a ½ percent for those who work here but don't reside in the city.

Grass season... Now that winter is gone – well, maybe not weatherwise lately – our lawns are coming back to life.

That means grass is growing (and we don't mean the stuff found in dispensaries), and thanks to recent spring rains, the grass is really shooting

That has prompted the city to remind folks that there is an ordinance regulating how tall grass can get before code enforcers write you a ticket.

Here is what the city has to say:

"City Ordinance Title Chapter 93.037b states that the owner, occupant, or responsible agent "shall not permit or maintain on the property growth of noxious weeds, tall grass or rank vegetation to a height greater than 5 inches." (c) Owners are responsible to keep fences, sidewalk, walkways, and alleyways adjacent to their property free of weeds, trees, and other nuisance vegetation."

Clarification... Recently we wrote about a state program called "Clean Slate," which allows those with felony convictions to have their criminal record expunged.

In short, if the crime(s) criteria for expungement, and the person is granted an order setting aside their conviction(s), they may then legally state (on any job or school application) that they have never been convicted, or arrested, of the crime(s) in question.

legally state such on any applications for public benefits, housing or employment.

The Clean Slate program is considered a temporary bridge program until automatic expungements kick in. Those are rumored to begin in a couple of years.

Well, a reader informed us that the phone number the press release said to call is for an agency in Detroit that is only dealing with Detroit residents.

We made some calls to Lansing to get this mess straightened out, and not surprisingly, not everyone got the message right.

In other words, the state needed to track down what went wrong.

Long story made short, there is an organization in Highland Park called SEM-CA, which is part of the state's Michigan Works! Program, that handles this matter.

You can apply for the Clean Slate program by going online to semca.org and clicking on the "Job Seekers" tab and then click on "Clean Slate."

(Leave it to the governtop of layers of things to wade through.)

Once you get there, you can start the application process.

Don't have access to the internet?

SEMCA says it will soon start scheduling in-person help. You can call (313) Likewise, they may also 826-0299 for more information.

Council reaches an agreement on addressing street harassment

By Charles Sercombe

In a second attempt to address the street harassment of women, the city council agreed to a resolution that takes the police department out of the equation.

Former Councilmember Ian Perrotta initially offered a resolution to address the issue that would consider changes in the city's laws.

Several women objected to having police officers involved for fear that some officers would use that as an excuse to harass minorities.

Perrotta resigned after his resolution was postponed - accusing his fellow councilmembers of being "all dicks and no balls."

This time around. Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi offered this version:

"That the Hamtramck City Council recognizes and understands the residents' concerns of street harassment, catcalling, bullying, and escalations of these actions, and therefore encourages bystander trainings in schools, businesses, places of worship, city employees and elected officials, police department, fire department, and the general public.

"The City of Hamtramck will research and implement trainings for city officials, employees, and residents of Hamtramck."

That amended resolution unanimously passed.

Some of the women who initially rejected the wording of Perrotta's resolution praised the coun-

"It's really awesome to see this body taking seriously community voices,"

said Kit Parks.

Parks also cautioned the council to take time when considering resolutions on sensitive issues.

"We don't have to act on such issues with urgency," Park said.

The issue of street harassment grew out conversations on social me-

Street harassment such as catcalling and aggressive sexual propositioning - has long been a problem on city streets.

Since the discussion began, some women in the community hosted Zoom meetings on the topic, for women to share their experiences and offer tips on how to handle harassment.

There are a number of state laws that local police departments can enforce when it comes to harassment.

Mayor: There are plenty of places to get a vaccination **here** Continued from page 3

traffic from the I-75 service drive to Jos. Campau.

This week, it got even more inconvenient: water service for the area was periodically cut off while repairs were being made.

"It's a path to progress," said Majewski, who was at least trying to keep things in perspective.

And on an end note,

she continued to buoy the spirits of folks, who are no doubt weary from the past year.

"Stay strong, stay smart," she said.



City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearin

2021-22 Proposed City Budget & Revisions to Garbage, Refuse, and Litter Ordinance

The Hamtramck City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading of the proposed 2021-2022 budget on Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm, virtual meeting. The proposed budget is available for inspection via the City's website. The property millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. In addition, a second reading and public input will be taken on the proposed changes to the Garbage, Refuse and Litter Ordinance.

The public is invited to join the meeting via Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/i/88616486495 or telephone find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kIOwivsWL to comment at the public hearing or to send written comments on or before the date of the hearing to the attention of:

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9021 Joseph Campau is providing the FREE Covid 19 vaccination services for those 65+.

> Exceptions can be made if under 65, but you need to call first.

All must call 313-871-1926 to make an appointment.

Oratorical winners

Recently we wrote about five students in the HPS District who were winners in a recent Optimists Oratorical Competition.

Their coach, Kosciuszko Middle School teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson, passed on this good news:

"On Wednesday, May 5 at noon, via Zoom, our five HPS students who have been involved in the Optimists Oratorical Competition were recognized, along with essay contest winners from other schools.

"This Optimists of Downtown Detroit - Law Day/Winners' Circle [Zoom] event featured keynote speaker Robert Cleary, Esq., who spoke about topics such as Careers in Law, Current

Events in Legal News, and Benefits of a Law School Education.

"This was a great moment for them to wear their medals and display their certificates and receive encouragement for their perseverance and hard work in this unique extracurricular activity."

The Kosciuszko Middle School students who were honored were: Shayera Choudhury, Taufiq Islam, Maha Uddin, and Nura Uddin, and Dickinson East student Karima Ahmed.

Housey-Johnson added that, "The next event will take place on Saturday, May 15, when KMS students Nura, Uddin, and Taufiq Islam will complete at the STATE LEVEL (Michigan Optimists District)!"

Obituaries .

WOJTYLO

Leo Wojtylo, 91, died May 6, 2021.

Mr. Wojtylo was the beloved husband of Christine; loving father of Robert, Renautta, Rachelle (Jeffery) Treece, Renee (Kevin Suhajda), Rena (James) Sinclair, and Ronald (Marilyn Palleschi). Mr. Wojtylo was predeceased by his loving daughter Roxanne. He was the loving Dziadzia of Topher, Alyssa, Danielle, Christina, Lauren Nicolas, and great-granddaughter Piper; uncle of Barbara (Claude) Milsap and Jack

Leo retired from the City of Hamtramck. He was a member of the International Order of Alhambra and the Knights

Whittier.

of Columbus 3rd and 4th degree. Visitation is Sunday, May 9, 2021 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Wysocki Funeral Home, 29440 Ryan Rd, Warren MI 48092. Mr. Wojtylo will lie in state Monday at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at St. May Our Lady of Families Catholic Church, 25252 Van Dyke, Centerline, MI 48015. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township MI. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck MI.



ONGOING – The Hamtramck Health Center, 9021 Jos. Campau, is providing the free COVID-19 vaccination services. Call (313) 871-1926 to make an appointment.

SATURDAY, May 8, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out Only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!



Request for Bids

On behalf of Oakland International Academy (4 buildings- Detroit and Hamtramck) and Caniff Liberty Academy (2650 Caniff, Hamtramck), Education Management & Networks is requesting competitive bids for Air Filtration Systems and other renovations.

The formal Request For Proposal (RFP) with bid process and due dates can be requested from **Mr**.

Ehab Hassan at 248-327-7673 or by e-mail at Ehab.hassan@emanschools.net.

Bomb scare will lead to charges continued from front page

Childhood Elementary School to be evacuated and closed for the day.

Hamtramck police also had to call in the Michigan State Police bomb squad to assist in searching the high school and outside perimeter. No bomb was found.

The situation also caused Caniff to be closed off from McDougall to Gallagher, which caused further traffic congestion on top of the Caniff rebuild happen-

Elementary ing from the I-75 service evacuated drive to Jos. Campau.

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The school district does experience fake bomb threats every onceand-awhile – usually in the spring, during good weather.

The bomb threat also prompted Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy to issue a statement on students who make threats of violence.

"Often, they make the threat thinking that it is not a big deal as long as they did not plan to actually carry it out. Michigan law, however, makes it a crime to communicate a threat, even if the person making the threat did not have the intent or the capability of actually carry-

"When a threat is made, we cannot immediately know whether the threat is a serious threat, or whether the threat is meant to be a so-called prank." Worthy said.

She added:

ing it out.

"My office takes these cases extremely seriously, not only because of the need to keep your child and the community safe, but also because of the disruption of the school environment and the significant expenditure of resources by the school and by law enforcement that even a 'prank' threat causes."

Worthy urged parents to talk to their children about the seriousness of making threats.

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 March 23, and all councilmembers, except for Fadel Al-Marsoumi, were present.

The city's Arts & Culture Commission presented its yearly report. One of the ideas the commission came up with is to eventually host an ethnic festival.

"We all agreed that a long-term goal would be to produce a homegrown event like (the former) Midtown Festival of Arts, with the focus of incorporating various and non-dominant ethnic &cultural communities and their voices alongside ones that have received city support for more of Hamtramck's history," the commission said in its report.

The council agreed to designate April as National

Arab-American Heritage Month.

The proclamation said, in part, "since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants."

A presentation was made to have a monument erected to honor International Mother Language Day, which is celebrated on Feb. 21 of each year.

The day also commemorates a long struggle by Bangladesh to protect its mother language Bangla. The council was in favor of the proposal, but Councilmember Saad Almasmari said he's only in favor as along as it doesn't "bother" anyone in the city's var-

ious ethnic communities.

"Everyone appreciates one's mother tongue," said Mayor Karen Majewski.

Details of the monument will be worked out with the city administration.

Councilmember Ian Perrotta presented two resolutions. The first had to do with encouraging residents to clean up litter around their residences and businesses.

He noted that there was an upcoming citywide cleanup being organized by residents – which is an effort that city leaders need to take notice of.

His resolution read, in part, "The cleanliness and beautification of the City of Hamtramck requires consistent effort on the part of all residents and businesses."

The resolution was ap-

proved.

In his second resolution, Perrotta addressed an ongoing problem of speeding, and careless drivers. He said the issue had come to a head after several high-speed accidents happened in Hamtramck and the metro area. One police chase in Royal Oak resulted in the death of a Hamtramck man.

needs to crack down on speeders. "There's a basic mes-

Perrotta said Hamtramck

sage that anything goes," he said.

Councilmember Almasmari said that police officers are "doing everything they can" to ticket speeders. He said that one way to tackle this issue would be to talk to the parents of young men and high school students.

It is believed that most of the speeders are in that demographic.

Almasmari also said that he will not be of any help

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This week's Crime Log covers April 27-May 3.

Tuesday, April 27

By Charles Sercombe

Officers assisted an ambulance crew with an overdose victim. The person was treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Wednesday, April 28

- · At about 3 a.m., two Detroit residents were arrested at Dequindre and Carpenter.
- · An assault was reported at Dyar and Carpenter.
- A resident reported that their car was stolen while it was parked in the 3200 block of Trowbridge St.

Thursday, April 29

- · A resident of Highland Park was arrested for shoplifting at a business on Jos. Campau Ave.
- A resident was arrested for an assault that took place in the 3200 block of Trowbridge St.
- A resident reported that they received harassing communications while in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St.

Friday, April 30

- · At about 2 a.m., a resident reported a suspicious situation in the 3300 block of Comstock
- A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on a warrant.
 - · A resident reported a

theft in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St.

- A resident reported that their car was stolen in the area of Brombach and Edwin. It was later recovered just outside of Ham-
- tramck, on Burnside St. A resident reported being assaulted while in the 2300 block of Whalen St.

Saturday, May 1

- · At midnight, a Poland St. resident reported being the victim of domestic assault.
- · A Moran St. resident reported that someone damaged a window at their residence. A Lumpkin St. resident made a similar complaint.
- · A Moran St. resident reported that someone damaged their vehicle.

Sunday, May 2

- · At 1:20 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for armed robbery and for leaving the scene of an accident.
- · A Hanley St. resident reported a break-in.
- · A Sobieski St. resident reported that their handgun was stolen.
- · A Sobieski St. resident was ticketed for trespassing.

Monday, May 3

· A Detroit resident reported being a victim of theft while at a Jos. Campau business.



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The resolution read, in part, "The Hamtramck City Council both hereby encourages all Hamtramck parents to discuss the dangers of reckless driving with their children and prevent them from engaging in this activity, as well as directs the City Manager to work with the Police Department and 31st District Court to create a schedule of increased penalties for drivers caught engaging in reckless behavior."

The council approved the resolution.

The council approved a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation to oversee the Caniff Ave. repaving project.

Funding for the project comes from a \$1.4 million federal grant, and the city has to kick in \$300,000 from it state road repair fund that is renewed each year.

The street will be rebuilt from the I-75 service drive to Jos. Campau this sum-

Lead water lines that go into houses and commercial buildings will also be replaced.

The first step in approving a change in the city's zoning law was to allow curb cuts for the building of driveways on lots that

The council also approved a city plan to market and sell 80 city-owned lots.

Would-be purchasers will be required to build a housing unit on the lots. Bids for the lots will start out at a minimum of \$10,000 each.

In an overview prepared by the city administration, it was said:

"The City of Hamtramck has not seen voluntary significant residential development in nearly a century. The vast majority of Hamtramck homes were built prior to 1939 (91.4%) and, while this has resulted in generally cheaper homes and lower rents, it has also potentially stifled growth.

"These limitations of Hamtramck's housing stock forces current residents who are interested in purchasing a new home, because their families have grown, or just because they have the means to upgrade, to explore other markets, which frequently results in the city losing residents. Losing these residents has a direct impact on the tax revenues of the city, which also directly affects the quality of services that the city can provide."

Michigan Lottery Contributes Record \$1.179 Billion to Michigan Schools in 2020

The Michigan Lottery raised more than \$1.179 billion for Michigan schools in fiscal year 2020. This marks the sixth record-setting year in a row for Lottery contributions to the School Aid Fund and the second consecutive year that the Lottery has generated more than \$1 billion for public education in a single fiscal year.

"We continue to find ways to make historic investments in our classrooms in conjunction with the bipartisan budget that I signed last year to make the largest investment in K-12 education in the history of our state without raising taxes," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "The Michigan Lottery's \$1.179 billion contribution in education will add to this record investment to help our students, our teachers, and our communities thrive. For six years in a row, the Michigan Lottery has set records, and I am grateful to the players, retailers, vendors, and state agencies who make this investment in our kids and their future possible."

Lottery contributions to the School Aid Fund over the prior five years were:

FY19: \$1.070 billion

FY18: \$941.28 million

FY17: \$924.11 million

FY16: \$888.91 million

FY15: \$795.50 million

Since 1972, the Lottery has raised more than \$24.5 billion for public education in Michigan. Approximately \$5.8 billion or 23.6% of that amount was raised over the last six record breaking years.

The Lottery set several other significant records in FY20, including more than \$4.2 billion in sales, more than \$2.5 billion in prizes to players, and more than \$307 million in commissions to Lottery retail locations across Michigan ranging in size from small independently owned stores to large chains.

Record sales in FY20 were driven in part by the Lottery's internet platform and instant games. Internetbased sales increased by almost 88% and instant-game sales increased by about 23% compared to FY19. The Lottery's internet platform saw an increase in player registrations which led to greater awareness of games both online and at retail. Players participating in promotions online frequently receive offers redeemed at retail locations, further connecting Lottery's internet platform to retail businesses.

"Each Lottery purchase in Michigan helps raise critical funding for our schools," said Lottery Commissioner Brian O. Neill. "The last six record-setting years would not be possible without the support of our players and the dedicated work of our retailers, vendors, and teams at both Lottery and supporting state agencies."

The Lottery is also committed to promoting responsible gaming. Michigan was the first state lottery to receive certification of its online program through the National Council on Problem Gambling and also has attained Responsible Gaming Verification through the North American Association of State and Provincial

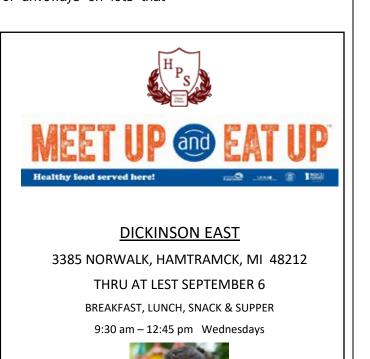
Lotteries. Responsible gaming information and resources are available on the Lottery's website at: www.michiganlottery.com/responsible-gaming.

For each dollar spent on a Michigan Lottery ticket in FY20, approximately:

- 61 cents went to players as prizes
- 28 cents went to the School Aid Fund to support public education
- 9 cents went to commissions for retailers and vendors
- 2 cents funded the Lottery's operations and administrative costs

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