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Quick Hits

Polonia celebrates re-opening

By Alan Madlane

After several weeks of renovation, Hamtramck's historic Polonia Restaurant is celebrating its Grand Re-Opening tonight, Friday, Sept. 17.

Should you come to the restaurant, don't be surprised if you run into the metro Detroit press – they have been invited to stop by any time during the day.

The restaurant's new owner, John Ulaj, is also the publisher of this newspaper, as well as being a licensed real estate agent and broker and the owner of Villa Realty, also based in the city.

John Ulaj also becomes the first Albanian-American owner of the property, purchasing it from John Zurowski, who had owned it since the mid-80s. However, the menu will remain steadfastly focused on Polish cuisine, and has in fact added some new dishes (more on that in a moment).

Built in 1929, the restaurant has a colorful history that began with it

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Plenty of other improvement projects are happening in town

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck never rests. Just as the Caniff Ave. reconstruction project was getting buttoned up, two other city projects got underway.

After a big press conference several weeks ago, announcing major funding for the renovation of the Hamtramck Stadium grandstands, work has begun. There is not much to see there right now, however, because the grandstand is covered by a giant tarp.

But we were able to peek inside (well, a flap in the tarp was open) and we saw that the benches have been removed, and the seating area stripped down to the metal support beams.



Renovation is underway at the historic Hamtramck Baseball Stadium. The grandstand is undergoing a major repair and once completed, people will actually be able to sit their and enjoy watching a game.

The project will take until right before the bad winter weather sets in – OK, in fickle Michigan that could be next month – to complete.

Funding for this huge job comes from a variety of sources, including a Wayne County grant for \$850,000, and \$2.6 million from several other sources, which include: The Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium; the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy; the Detroit Tigers Foundation; the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation; the Kresge

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The Hamtramck Trashies have been out all over town during the summer making Hamtramck look better. Photo by the Hamtramck Trashies

TOAST of the TOWN

'Trashies' are making a dent in the city's litter problem – and having fun

"Trash, go pick it up, don't throw your love away..."

The New York Dolls

By Alan Madlane

If Hamtramck looks any cleaner to you on a given day, it might be the work of some local "angels."

That would be the Hamtramck Street Trash Team, a volunteer group of folks who try their level best to keep their city presentable.

Mainly organized through a Facebook group now called "Hamtramck

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Former cop sentenced to three years

By Charles Sercombe

A former Hamtramck police officer, charged with assaulting two people he arrested back in 2014, will be going to federal prison.

Ryan McInerney, 45, of Grosse Ile Twp., was charged with the crimes back in 2018, and recently pled guilty to using excessive force, and to violating the civil rights of one victim.

The matter was resolved in a plea deal with the US Justice Department.

He will be serving three years in a federal prison, followed by three years of probation. He also agreed to surrender his law enforcement license.

He was facing a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison for each incident.

The incidents occurred on July 22, 2014, and involved two separate arrests.

In both incidents, McInerney first pulled over drivers, then pistol whipped them. In both cases, neither driver provoked the attack.

In the first incident, the driver suffered broken facial bones, and in the second incident, some of the man's teeth were broken.

Not only that, McInerney also falsified his re-

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Plenty of other improvement projects are happening in town

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Foundation; the Michigan Municipal League Foundation; and the National Park Service/Department of the Interior.

That's a long list of folks who don't mind spreading their love or money.

And that's because this is no ordinary baseball stadium. Its history goes back to 1930, when construction began. It was built for the then-Negro Baseball League, in a time Major League Baseball would not allow African-Americans to play

ball with whites.

No matter, many legendary players came through here, most notably Detroit's own Norman "Turkey" Stearnes, who played for the Detroit Stars at the stadium.

In other improvement news, this year's sidewalk replacement plan is ongoing. This is a project that the city council scaled down, from charging property owners to instead financing a smaller version with a \$100,000 budget in city funds.

This year the following streets will see their worst sidewalk slabs replaced:

- Denton, between Lumpkin and Jos. Campau
- Alice, between Lumpkin and Jos. Campau
- Lumpkin, between Denton and Holbrook
- St. Aubin, between Denton and Holbrook

Road repairs also continue. Wayne County is funding the resurfacing of Conant, from Holbrook to Hamtramck Dr. That work

is scheduled to begin on Sept. 20 and be completed by Nov. 15.

So, the year of orange barrels is not over. The county says it will always keep a lane open for traffic during the project.

Sure. That's just what they said about the Caniff project, and guess what? That rarely happened.

But on the plus side, we finally have some major streets that are no longer filled with potholes.

'Trashies' are making a dent in the city's litter problem – and having fun

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Trashies Reboot," and with 70 members at present, folks seemingly just post that they're going to be working to clean a certain street or area on a given day and time, often requesting help or supplies from anyone else willing to provide such.

Readers of this paper may well remember the Plague Trash Doctor of last year, who meandered the streets menacing messes with his trusty clean-up gear.

For whatever the reason(s), PTD ceased operations, but, perhaps inspired by this individual, in their place sprang up the Hamtramck Trashies.

A group of five people

(Max Ryan, Angela Fortino, Jennifer Newton, Diana Elizabeth, and Phillip Kwik) are listed as Co-Administrators and Moderators.

A post from Kwik, dated July 30, recounts work that was done on Conant, from Prescott to Holbrook; and on Trowbridge, starting from Gallagher.

This work apparently generated 15 bags full of garbage. Yikes, people of Hamtramck, have we ever heard of throwing things away like civilized and responsible residents?

How about a little civic pride?

Further down the comments of the same post, city council candidate

Amanda Jaczkowski posted that she and a couple others worked Conant as well, from Caniff to Holbrook, and filled 10 more bags' worth of trash.

And if that seems like overlap with the first group, the guess here is that they worked opposite sides of the street.

Which only serves to underscore the above point: the city streets ain't your dump, chump, so next time, get off your rump and throw that junk in your trunk.

Were you raised in a barn?

Toast of the Town reached out to the Trashies for comment, but we did not hear back – no

doubt because they were too busy picking up litter.

In a bit of a more serious tone, let us give gratitude for the proud and civic-minded among us, who have taken it upon themselves to try to beautify Hamtramck for the benefit of all.

Seems like a great group, and a worthy cause.

Go-go Trashies!

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and at other events throughout the city.

Former cop sentenced to three years

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ports in the incidents.

"Police officers take an oath to protect, serve, and uphold the law. When an officer betrays that oath by violating a person's civil rights, the FBI will make it a priority to hold the officer accountable," said Timothy Waters, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Michigan, in a statement issued by the Justice Department.

"Ryan McInerney's ac-

tions were a betrayal of the trust his community placed in him and are not reflective of the honorable way in which the men and women of the Hamtramck Police Department work to keep their community safe."

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Henry Louis Gates Jr.: This professor and historian celebrates his birthday on September 16 (1950). Although having achieved renown in academia - being employed at Cornell, Yale, Duke and Harvard - Gates is probably most recognizable from his recent work as the host of the PBS series on rediscovering hidden ances-

try "Finding Your Roots". Consider reading some of his written work as you make your way to the library in the days to come.

ESL Classes: The classes are held four days a week, from Monday to Thursday, from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The program is free to all Hamtramck residents.

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Second Front Page

Mayor: Down and up we go again with new COVID-19 cases

By Charles Sercombe

It appears the latest COVID-19 outbreak in Hamtramck is part of a rollercoaster ride.

For a few weeks, it looked the number of new cases was going down each week.

Not this past week. There were 53 new cases reported for Hamtramck for last week, said Mayor Karen Majewski in her weekly Facebook talk with the community, which she holds every Monday at 8:30 a.m.

The week prior, there were 35 cases.

So far, for the past year-and-a-half, there were 3,005 cases reported in Hamtramck, with 55 deaths.

Majewski said the “up-tick ... is not surprising.” Why is that?

Although the mayor didn’t say it, the state has seen a surge of new cases in recent weeks,

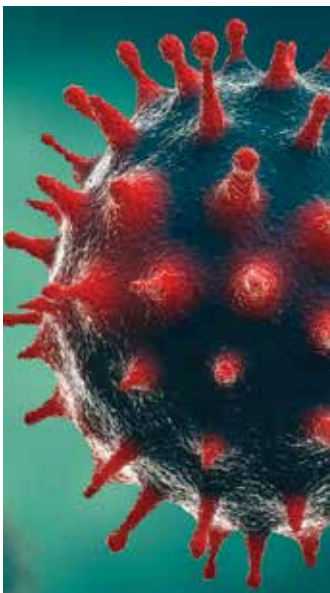
with an average number of new cases each day of over 3,000 – an increase of 700 cases from just a few weeks ago.

Since many school districts have returned to in-person classroom learning, including Hamtramck, there have been a number of COVID-19 outbreaks.

Hamtramck Public Schools require students and staff to wear masks while inside school buildings. There have been no Covid cases reported in the schools.

For those seeking a vaccination, you don’t have to travel far. There is a mobile health unit parked in front of city hall; or, if you are can’t leave your house, call the city manager’s office at (313) 800-5208 to arrange for a home visit.

For those still struggling financially from the Covid pandemic, there are a



number of government programs that may help. You can check them out on the city’s Facebook page.

But a key one for those who are having a hard time paying their water bills (which are not cheap), is a program called WRAP (Water Residential Assistance Program).

To find out more, go on-line to: waynemetrol.org.

In her weekly update on the June flood, you can still apply for help through FEMA, which has set up a temporary office in the second floor of city hall.

FEMA has extended its deadline to apply for financial assistance to help pay for damages until Oct. 13.

You will need a copy of your deed, but if you don’t have one, Wayne County will issue you one at no charge.

For those who still have flood debris to throw out, there are no longer special pick-ups. But residents can always throw out one bulk item per week, Majewski said.

As for updates on city news, Majewski said that the repaving of Conant is set to begin Sept. 20, and end by Nov. 15.

“We know it’s going to be inconvenient, but you’ll love it when it gets done,” the mayor said.

There is more work coming. A new sewer line will soon be replacing the old one on Goodson, from Jos. Campau to Lumpkin.

The mayor also said that the once-a-year residential street sweeping starts this Monday. She urged residents to look for signs warning each block about upcoming sweeping, and to move your car so the entire street can get cleaned.

“You won’t get another chance for another year,” Majewski said.

As usual, the mayor packed a lot of information into her 30-minute talk.

“There’s a lot of stuff going on,” she said.

You can watch her address anytime on either the city’s Facebook page, or on the mayor’s Facebook page.



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School Bell

Early Childhood Education

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Parents have been introduced to Parent Square where they fill out their child's daily health screening before they come to school. The staff takes the student's temperature and distribute hand sanitizer before they even get into the school.

It has been an exciting week welcoming everyone back! You can hear singing, reading and laughter in the hallways. Students are enjoying meeting new friends, teachers and getting back into the routine. From learning the classroom rules to sharing ideas, the students are very enthusiastic!

Many students have enjoyed getting a free book, lots of hands-on work and listening to various stories. It is only the beginning of the school year but it has started with a great optimism.

Scenes from the first week of school at ECE.

Spotlight on ...

The HPS Facebook page recently gave a shoutout to a member of the district's family:

Today, we're recognizing an outstanding member of our HPS family. Amra Poskovic helped kick off our school year by facilitating the Family Fun Fair. Students enjoyed activities like henna and face painting, while parents received helpful school resources from local organizations.

"I am beyond grateful for all the support we

have received from our families and community organizations," said Amra. "Hamtramck is truly unique, and I love being a part of the HPS team."

Superintendent Ahmed said Amra has supported so many of our community members.

"Amra works hard to create a bridge between home and school for our families," said Dr. Ahmed. "We appreciate her immensely."

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Quick Hits

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being a meeting place for the Hamtramck chapter of the Communist Party, according to Greg Kowalski, director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

At one point, it was known as The Detroit Workman's Cooperative Restaurant, he noted. Several waitstaff were carted off from their shifts by the FBI during the "Red Scare" of the late 40s and early 50s.

Polonia's main floor now features a sit-down, full-service bar and custom-made booths. The building's second floor remains a hall that can accommodate larger gatherings.

New dishes include cheeseburger and jalapeno pierogis, czarnina (duck's blood soup), "Polish pizza," and bryzol, a beef dish.

Other Polish favorites will still be featured, such as potato pancakes (including a version with smoked salmon), city

chicken, crepes, stuffed cabbage, Warsaw chicken, sirloin schnitzels, Polish sausage (fresh and smoked) and Hungarian pancakes – to name just a few of the old fan favorites.

They will also still continue to serve that customer favorite, dill pickle soup.

Also, they will continue with their popular catering service.

So come by and say hello, and check out the décor. Have a dessert crepe, or a bottle of Polish beer, or a nice heaping plate of Chachi Loves Joanie... sorry, Czaracie Jadlo.

Polonia is located at 2934 Yemans St., in the heart of Hamtramck. For take-out orders, or to schedule catering services, call (313) 873-8432.

Hours of operation are Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The restaurant is closed on Mondays.

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In Our Opinion

Let’s talk about public safety and what we want

During the past several months there has been a lot of talk in town, and nationally, about the role of police departments. Some have called for “defunding” police – even though it remains fuzzy – at best – what that means exactly. In Hamtramck we have heard residents call for more police enforcement to crack down on reckless and speeding drivers, and also calls for less police presence. Which is it, Hamtramck? One suggestion, that seemed to gain traction,

is to create a civilian police commission to oversee the department. That might be a good idea, but finding people with knowledge about public safety and all the legal ramifications that go along when delving into an issue like this is not as easy as it sounds. A common thread does emerge, though. Communication. Just what is the mission of our police department, and is it in sync with what the community wants and needs? We do need, as a community, is to talk about

this – without the shrill calls for disbanding the entire department. It reminds is of the old saying: don’t throw the baby out with the bath water. The city council could take a first step in this issue by creating a sub-committee to look into community concerns and address that to the department. Talking with each other is critical when it comes to public safety. The public and the department needs to open a line of communicate with each other.

Odds & Ends

Dismissed... Remember the big controversy over officers issuing warning tickets for jaywalking? And the controversial arrest of a belligerent man, who was initially apparently upset that an officer was doing just that, and who then was arrested for being allegedly disorderly when he refused to show his ID? Yeah, that was a mess. Anyway, according to city council candidate Adam Albarmaki, the tickets have all been dismissed. That was from a Facebook posting he made. He also credited Councilmember Mohamed Alsomiri for working this out with the police department. Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Alexis Krot confirmed that the city attorney dismissed those tickets. As for the man arrested? There is no word yet on where that is heading, but some in the community are demanding that charges be dropped. In the meantime, the department has halted the jaywalking education and crackdown campaign. The extra law enforcement came from an \$8,000 grant that required the city to issue warnings and tickets.

Meeting up... Those active people with the Concerned Women of Hamtramck are promoting their fall Meet and Greet, complete with entertainment. On Friday, Oct. 8 at New Center Park in Detroit (2998 W. Grand Blvd. across from the Fisher Building), they will host their first such meetup since the pandemic hit this area. And, they will be partnering with Detroit Public Theatre to present the

one-man Brian Marable play “Thurgood!” – a celebration of the life of Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. It will all begin in the park at 7 p.m. Tickets for the evening are \$30, and Covid precautions will be enforced, in this case referring to a mask requirement as well as social distancing from others not a part of your own group. Refreshments will be on hand, and there is limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis (so it is therefore recommended that you bring your own portable chairs or blankets, in case the provided seating has already been spoken for). You can drop off cash for the tickets, on or before Oct. 1, right at the Hamtramck High School main office during their open hours. Place the funds in a sealed envelope, and make sure to get a receipt. The high school is located at 11410 Charest St., just north of Caniff Ave. Otherwise, you can mail a check (made out to Concerned Women of Hamtramck) to 11411 Lumpkin St., Hamtramck MI 48212. That should also be postmarked before Oct. 1. Concerned Women of Hamtramck is a local social justice group. They were the recipient of a Social Justice Award from the Hamtramck Community Initiative in 2018.

Arts Fest returns... One of Hamtramck’s most unique events is upon us again. The Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival, or HNAF, is coming up next

month on Oct. 9, for its 11th year. The festival’s concept is for folks to walk the city, and then be surprised around every corner with locals making art, or music, or acting or reciting poetry or dancing or basically exhibiting any form of artistic enterprise you can think of, and perhaps a few you never thought of. Right there on their porches, or in the city’s parks, or in their homes, or in coffee shops, or wherever. Such is the festival’s charm: the art seeker, as the festival organizers say, “curates their own experience.” It is, they further note, a “community-organized festival that allows anyone in the city and the surrounding neighborhood to contribute to or host an event.” They don’t limit who can join in the fun. A couple of additional points about this: they usually do provide a basic map, showing the location of some of the activities that tend to happen regularly every year. Go to hamtramckneighborhoodartsfestival.com for the latest info – and keep checking in, as things are often at some level of flux. There is a link to a form for signing up if, as a performer or artist, you choose to be part of the more-formal map and schedule, say to better promote yourself. You don’t need special permission, however; just as with any other day of the year, you’re free to exercise your right to “have at” – within volume standards, and other relevant community, and ordinances, of course. Also – they are seeking some help funding the

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Sports round-up

Hamtramck Cosmos fall sports schedule

By Charles Sercombe

This fall sports season will have one huge missing piece: Parents have told The Review that during the

summer the coach of the football team took a new job with a school in Madison Heights, and subsequently half of the team went with him.

That left too few players to field a team. The district has not released a comment. It’s also unclear what’s in store for next year.

Soccer:			
So far the team is 2-3-1 this season.			
Date	Opponent	Time	Location
8/20	Melvindale	Tie 2-2	Melvindale High School
8/24	Warren Mott	Win 3-0	Warren Mott
8/28	Cranbrook	Postponed	Cranbrook
8/31	Romeo	Loss 4-1	Keyworth Stadium
9/2	Crestwood	Win 2-1	Keyworth Stadium
9/7	Cass Tech	Tie 1-1	Keyworth Stadium
9/9	Sterling Heights	Tie 3-3	Sterling Heights
9/13	Novi Catholic Central	6:00/7:30	Catholic Central
9/15	L'Anse Creuse	6:00	Keyworth Stadium
9/17	Grosse Ile	5:00	Keyworth Stadium
9/20	Pontiac	5:00	Wisner Stadium
9/23	Berkley	5:00/7:00	Berkley
9/27	Novi Catholic Central	6:00/7:30	Keyworth Stadium
9/29	Birmingham Seaholm	7:30	Birmingham Seaholm
10/1	De La Salle	4:30	Wayne State
10/4	OLSM	5:00/7:00	Keyworth Stadium
10/7	OIA	7:00	Keyworth Stadium
Girls volleyball:			
So far the team has 3 wins this season.			
9/7	POA	5:00	Home
9/9	Ecorse	5:30/6:30	Away
9/13	Robichaud	5:00	Home
9/14	River Rouge	5:30/6:30	Home
9/16	Trillium	5:30/6:30	Away
9/21			
9/23	UPA	5:30/6:30	Away
9/28	Taylor Prep	5:30/6:30	Home
9/30	Harper Woods	5:30/6:30	Away
10/4	Clintondale	5:00	Home
10/7	River Rouge	5:30/6:30	Away
10/12	Trillium	5:30/6:30	Home
10/14	UPA	5:30/6:30	Home
10/19	Taylor Prep	5:30/6:30	Away
10/21	Dearborn Fordson	5:00/6:30	Away
10/26	ATA	5:30/6:30	Home
10/28	Harper Woods	5:30/6:30	Home

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festival, through a Patronicity account.

If you'd like to contribute – the group is hoping for a mere \$800, to help maintain their website and to defray the costs of printing of posters, maps and flags, a most reasonable sum – just go to patronicity.com and put “Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival” in the search window at the top right of the webpage.

Most of all, come out and support the festival, whether as an artist/performer, or as an appreciator thereof.

It's a great kind of community spirit in action.

past Tuesday's city council meeting had an unwanted visitor.

Near the beginning of the meeting, it was zoom-bombed with racist and pornographic images and comments.

City officials, as usual, were able to cut it off after several seconds.

Zoombombing is not unheard of here in Hamtramck, or in many other community meetings across the nation.

There have been several other incidents occurring during other city meetings, and also during a school board meeting.

Councilmember Carrie Beth Lasley was quoted, in part, in Deadline Detroit saying: “This at-

tack... was coordinated with at least two participants (in the Zoom meeting) and maybe more, which is new for us.”

We asked her why she thinks at least two people were involved, and Lasley said it's because there were “two screens bombing at the same time.”

We asked City Manager Kathy Angerer what she knows about the incident, and she said that at this point it's unknown whether one, or more, people are behind it. The matter, she said, is being investigated.

Is zoombombing illegal? You bet it is.

According to the US Department of Justice, those who do this can face state and federal charges.

On the website for the department's Eastern Dis-

trict of Michigan, which is located in Detroit, it says this about the crime:

“Charges may include – to name just a few – disrupting a public meeting, computer intrusion, using a computer to commit a crime, hate crimes, fraud, or transmitting threatening communications. All of these charges are punishable by fines and imprisonment.”

US Attorney Matthew Schneider also had this to say on the website:

“You think Zoom bombing is funny? Let's see how funny it is after you get arrested. If you interfere with a teleconference or public meeting in Michigan, you could have federal, state, or local law enforcement knocking at your door.”



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 Aug. 10, and all councilmembers, except for Mohammed Hassan, were present.

Certificates of recognition were handed out to this year's General Motors city interns.

GM annually sponsors the interns, who come from Hamtramck schools. They perform a variety of projects in the community.

Certificates were also handed to college interns who worked with the Down-

town Development Authority and the city's Economic Development Department.

Afterward, the city clerk, Rana Faraj, issued a report on the August Primary election results.

Candidates for mayor and city council were on the ballot. Also on the ballot was a proposal to increase the city's millage rate to fund the pensions for retired police officers and firefighters.

Once again, voters overwhelmingly voted that millage proposal down by over

80 percent of the vote.

During public comment, a neighbor next to Head Coach bar on Carpenter complained about loud music late at night and garbage being thrown on his property.

Nasr Hussain questioned why there has been a delay in posting honorary street signs on Jos. Campau for former City Councilmember Abdul Algazali.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said the city just got a price estimate for the signs, and that funding for

the signs is coming from donors.

She said Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri is in charge of the project.

Bill Meyer introduced himself as a “citizen of the world,” and noted that the recent controversy over the opening of a spa on Florian St. “flared up a lot of things in the city.”

He said the issue shed a light on racism and Islamophobia. He said the zoning issue of the spa “could have been avoided” if there was a better process for handling zoning disputes.

Meyer said the city needs more “people of color” in city positions.

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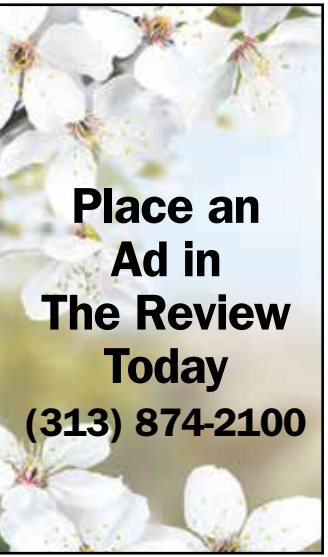
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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 7-13.

Tuesday, Sept. 7

- Officers intervened in a dispute among neighbors in the 2200 block of Bernard St.
- A resident in the 3400 block of Carpenter St. accidentally pressed a hold-up alarm.
- A report was made of a suspicious man in the Hamtramck Town Center parking lot. The man was told to leave.
- Officers helped a young juvenile who became lost walking home from school. The child was taken to their family's house.
- A Selfridge St. resident reported that an account was fraudulently opened in their name.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

- Officers assisted a person who was reported to be missing. The person was reunited with their family.
- Three residents in the 12100 block of Nagel St. reported that their vehicles were struck by a car being driven the wrong way on the one-way street.
- A resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A suspect was arrested for a break-in that happened in the 9800 block of Dequindre St.
- Two dogs that were loose were captured in the 2600 block of Holmes St. and returned to their owner.
- Two suspects were arrested, after a traffic stop, for being in a stolen car.

Thursday, Sept. 9

- Officers responded to a call about reckless drivers in the area of Caniff and Nagel.
- Officers responded to a complaint that a man refused to leave a residence in the 12000 block of Selfridge St.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Neibel St.
- Officers assisted an elderly person to locate their vehicle.
- An agent for a business at Jos. Campau and Caniff reported an incident of fraud.
- A suspicious incident was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2100 block of Belmont St.
- Family trouble was reported in the 3800 block of Belmont St.
- A dispute between two neighbors in the 9400 block of McDougall St. led to the arrest of a person for assault.

Friday, Sept. 10

- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 1900 block of Trowbridge St.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- A teacher reported

being threatened.

- A Danforth St. resident reported that someone stole items from their vehicle.
- A man was arrested on Florian St. for trespassing and for being disorderly.
- A report was made about children fighting in the area of Edwin and Lumpkin.
- A Detroit resident reported that, while driving on Caniff near McDougall, another driver brandished a gun during a traffic altercation.
- Officers responded to a residence in the 11600 block of Klinger St. where children kept dialing 911 and then hanging up.

Saturday, Sept. 11

- A resident in the 3300 block of Comstock St. reported that they were being harassed.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 3800 block of Yemans St.
- A complaint was made about drivers in the area of Jos. Campau and Hanley squealing their car tires. Officers responded, but could not find the drivers.
- A complaint was made about possible squatters living in an abandoned residence in the 5000 block of Yemans St. Officers were unable to contact anyone at the residence.
- Officers recovered a person on Comstock St. who was reported missing. The person was taken home.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 2200 block of Caniff Ave.
- A resident in the 2200 block of Danforth St. reported being harassed.

Sunday, Sept. 12

- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 3900 block of Caniff Ave.
- A complaint was made about a loud party in the 2200 block of Andrus St. Officers told those at the party to turn down the music. Another loud party complaint was made about people in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave. Those involved turned down their music and said they were leaving.
- A domestic assault occurred in the 12000 block of Oklahoma St. A woman was taken to a hospital for her injuries.
- The theft of a trash can was reported in the 11700 block of Gallagher St.
- An unaccompanied child was seen wandering the area of Gallagher and Commor. Officers found the child and was taken home.

Monday, Sept. 13

- A person was arrested, after a traffic stop, for being wanted on misdemeanor charges.
- A person was arrested in the 12000 block of Dyar St. for domestic assault. The suspect

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was also taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a mental evaluation.

- Officers investigated the robbery of a person's purse that happened in the 11600 block of Conant Ave. A separate

robbery of a purse occurred in the area of Comor and Moran.

- A complaint was made about a suspicious juvenile in the 3900 block of Belmont St. The youth was taken home.
- A resident in the

11300 block of St. Aubin St. reported that when they got home from work, they found burned items on their front porch.

- A theft of a garbage can was reported in the 3000 block of Carpenter St.

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“Give them more power,” he added.

During the consent agenda, the council approved of the appointment of Rumana Rahman to the Beautification Commission.

In a public hearing on whether to adopt an ordinance requiring homeowners to have an inspection of their dwelling before it is sold, Nasr Hussain objected.

“If it’s not broken, don’t fix it,” Hussain said. “When people buy a house, they usually have it (an inspection) done.”

He said that this is “just a money grab” by the city.

Another resident also objected, saying people knowingly buy a house “as is.”

Bill Meyer said that although he was not “well read” on the ordinance, he is against it. He likened it to “Big Brother stepping in.” He said it’s the responsibility of the purchaser to have an inspection done.

City Manager Angerer said that not every house is inspected before a sale, and that this ordinance will help prevent blight.

Max Garbarino, who is part of the administration, said many other cities have similar ordinances. He said city building officials “believe it’s desperately in need.”

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury said that, by requiring inspections, it will guarantee “no surprises when they move in. ... Down the road, the owner

of the property will benefit from it.”

Councilmember Carrie Beth Lasley questioned whether the ordinance is “enforceable and workable.”

Lasley also questioned whether the people who benefit from this are the city’s building department contractors.

Angerer said the council can set the inspection fee at any amount.

In the vote on whether to adopt the ordinance, it failed, with Councilmembers Alsomiri, Choudhury, Saad Almasmari and Lasley voting in opposition.

Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi and Mayor Karen Majewski were the sole votes in favor of the ordinance.

Choudhury said he voted against the ordinance because he had changed his mind.

A second hearing was held on a proposal to rework how people are appointed to various city commissions. The proposal would have the mayor make appointments, and then grant the city council

the power to approve those appointments.

Bill Meyer said the proposal gives the mayor too much power.

The council eventually approved the ordinance, after modifying it by requiring at least 75 percent of those appointed to a commission be residents. The initial proposal called for commissions to be filled at least 50 percent by residents.

Moving on, the council approved scheduling a hearing for Sept. 14 to rename the Little League field in Veterans Park in honor of Art “Pinky” Deras.

In a note to council, it was explained that Deras “was one of the greatest Little League baseball players of the 20th century, and earned eight varsity letters at Hamtramck High School in baseball and football. He led the Hamtramck Little League team to the national championship in the 1959 Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and two years later captured the Pony League title for 13- and 14-year-olds.”

The Polish Sports Hall of Fame is going to pay for the renovation of the field.

Coming Events

SATURDAY, Sept. 18, 4-6 p.m. – Drive-thru/take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. \$10 adult/\$5 child 12 & under. Menu: Porkchop, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Sauerkraut, Mashed potatoes/gravy, Desert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church. Masks to be worn for pick-up.

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