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Quick Hits

Enter The Review's contest

By Charles Sercombe

Halloween is just a couple of weeks away.

And The Review likes to celebrate it by putting out a special front page featuring the work of a local artist.

We didn't do this last year, but once again we are seeking submissions of artwork celebrating the season.

The winning artist will be treated to dinner (or lunch) for two at Polonia Restaurant, which Review Publisher John Ulaj owns.

There isn't too much time, so we will need your artwork submitted by no later than Monday, Oct. 25. Artwork can either be mailed, or dropped off, at our office, 3020 Caniff, or sent via email to: news@thehamtramckreview.com

Another Halloween tradition is upon us. Halloween, as we all know, is the night to go trick or treating, and there now is a handy online service to help out families.

It's called Hamtramck Candyland, and this is where you can find out **Continued on page 8**

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

A worldwide treasure is just a short journey away from Hamtramck

By Alan Madlane

Hamtramck residents have a real gem at their disposal, sitting there just minutes away. In this place, one can

see amazing and beauti-

ful sights from around the globe, spanning centuries. Sights to fire the imagination or soothe the soul. Sounds good, you say

- but surely such a place must be terribly expensive to patronize?

Well, we're talking, of course, about the Detroit Institute of Arts. or DIA. And best of all, as residents of the Detroit Metro Tri-County area (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb) - we're also talking free.

That's right, your tax dollars cover your basic admission to view one of the premier collections of art, not just in the country, but in the whole wide world.

You'll still have to pony up a tiny bit for parking, and if you want to attend the rotating special exhibits that are always coming through, those would be extra. You can eat while there, and that of course

But there's plenty to see without paying anything extra over and above the parking. Heck, the very building itself is a wonder.

We sent some questions over to DIA Director Salvador Salort-Pons, who was not only kind in providing the following responses, but was shockingly prompt in so doing.

We hope you enjoy the



Detroit Institute of Arts Director Salvador Salort-Pons conducts a tour in Hamtramck showing reproductions of art masterpieces in the DIA collection that were exhibited at outside locations throughout the city. Photo by Steve Shaw

The Review: Could you provide our readership with a very, very brief capsule biography, just a couple sentences about your background before, and now with, the DIA?

Salvador Salort-Pons: I am an art historian, born and raised in Madrid, Spain.

I moved to Detroit in 2008 to work as a curator at the DIA, due to its amazing collection, and it was in this role where I first learned about the museum's rich collection of African American art.

I became director in 2015, and continue to work to build new bridges between the museum and the residents of our region. I love to bring art and community together.

The Review: The DIA is considered by the art-sav-

vy to house one of the finest collections anywhere in the world. What are a few of the exhibits or individual pieces that people should make sure they don't miss from the permanent collection when they visit?

Salort-Pons: We were the first museum in the United States to purchase a work by Vincent Van Gogh (his Self-Portrait) which, among our other Van Gogh works, should not be missed.

We were also the first museum to have galleries devoted to African American art, and the heart of the museum is the Detroit Industry murals by Diego Rivera.

The Review: What are some of the things going on between now and the end of the year at the Institute?

Salort-Pons: We have a

very exciting fall planned at the museum. After 19 months, we are welcoming school field trip groups back to the museum.

On October 15, the Detroit Film Theatre will begin showing in-person films as

For exhibitions, we have a full and exciting slate for the rest of this year:

· Detroit Style, highlighting the art of Detroit car design, remains on view until Jan. 9, 2022.

 Ofrendas: Celebrating el Dia de Muertos exhibition is on view until Nov. 7,

· On October 8, Black Is Beautiful, the first major exhibition featuring the work of photographer Kwame Brathwaite, opens.

 New Black Vanguard, featuring vibrant and colorful photographs from 15 emerging black photogra-

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Head of schools on leave

By Charles Sercombe

In an unexpected move, Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed has taken a leave of absence.

Her announcement was made public on the HPS Facebook page on Tues-

Ahmed has been on the job since 2019, and recently received a contract extension.



Jaleelah Ahmed

In her letter, Ahmed said that she is taking a break from her position to "prioritize and address my own physical, mental health and well-being."

She did not say what specific ailment she has.

Ahmed, like so many other school superintendents, has had added responsibilities and burdens while overseeing the district during the COVID-19 pan-

Her leave of absence also comes at a time of turmoil in the district. Over 20 teachers, administrators and staff members have resigned since last June.

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and Nick Sherevan, who is also a football coach for St. Anne High School.

A worldwide treasure is just a short journey away from Hamtramck Continued from front page

phers, opens on Decem- the DIA free. ber 17.

 An exhibition featuring the work of beloved Detroit artist Shirley Woodson opens December 18.

The Review: It's still possible that some people living in the Wayne/Oakland/Macomb Tri-County area don't realize that they are able to attend

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However, some special exhibits or activities require an extra charge that isn't covered. What exactly are these residents able to see, do, and enjoy for their "tax dollars at work"?

Salort-Pons: Museum admission is always free for residents of Wayne, Macomb Oakland and

Counties.

In addition, the millage funds:

· Free bus transportation and free field trips for schools in the tri-counties. Prior to the pandemic, more than 90,000 students visited the museum each year on field trips, and we look forward to their return this month.

· Free programs for seniors, including Thursdays at the Museum, a weekly program that may consist of a tour, music program, or film. Due to the pandemic, it is currently being offered online, but we hope to soon return to our in-person programming that includes free bus transportation for senior groups, as well as a cookie and coffee reception.

· The DIA's Inside|Out program, which brings high-quality replicas DIA masterpieces into the community (including Hamtramck in 2016) and our Partners in Public Art program are the largest community partnership programs at the museum. We also partner with non-profit organizations in the tri-counties to support their programs and activi-



ego Rivera Courtyard.

The Review: What are some of the non-art-related things that people may want to be aware of, or consider, when attending the museum? Parking, accommodations for the disabled, food options in and around the museum, etc.?

Salort-Pons: At this time museum admission is at a reduced capacity so advanced reservations are required. Tickets can be reserved online at dia.org or by phone at 313-833-7900. Admission is free to tri-county residents.

There is a parking lot for visitors on John R as well as ample metered street parking. The museum has multiple elevators allowing for access for those with disabilities, and we provide complimentary motorized scooters for those who need them.

At this time, food is only offered Kresge Court, but we hope to open our café soon.

The Review: Hamtramck is quite a multi-cultural mixing pot. How does your institute appeal to persons of various ethnicities or cultures?

Salort-Pons: The museum features extraordinary art from around the world, so there is something for everyone to identify with, and to learn from.

In addition to the galleries I mentioned earlier, we also have beautiful collections of African, Middle Eastern, American, European, and Native American Art, and Art of Asia and the Islamic World, among oth-

The Review: What about children? What activities are there for them to enjoy, specifically?

Salort-Pons: We love to have families at the museum, and have several activities for kids!

Throughout the galleries, there are Eye-Spy interactives that kids can engage with to learn more about the art in the space. We also use an app called Goose Chase that can be downloaded, so kids can enjoy a self-guided scavenger hunt through the muse-

We hope to bring back art-making in the studio for families soon, but that is currently on hold due to the ongoing pandemic.

The Review: What is the annual budget for an institution the size of the DIA? How big is the staff? It might open a few eyes to hear some of those num-

Salort-Pons: The DIA's annual budget is approximately \$36 million. We

have about 400 people on staff, in positions ranging from environmental services and accountants to imaging specialists and fund raisers.

The Review: What are the bigger picture plans for the DIA for 2022, the rest of the decade, and, dare we ask... beyond? What is the long view for the museum at this stage?

Salort-Pons: This year, we will begin the work with our staff, visitors and board to develop a new strategic plan for the DIA. A key component of that plan is our work with Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA).

This work is integral to all that we do - from hiring new team members, to internal policies and procedures, exhibitions, acquisitions, and programs. We recently hired Carla Tinsley-Smith, as our new Director of IDEA, to coordinate this work, and to ensure that it governs all our decisions and activities at the museum.

We also are working on integrating digital offerings within our exhibitions, and programming to increase access to the museum and its collection.

The Review: Feel free to add anything I didn't cover that you would like Hamtramckans to know.

Salort-Pons: We're looking forward to opening an exciting exhibition next fall, Van Gogh in America. It will feature more than 70 works by Van Gogh from collections around the world, and tell the story of how Detroit led the way in bringing his art to the U.S.

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Great Michigan Read: The title for 2021 is Mary Doria Russel's novel "The Women of the Copper Country" Pick up a copy for yourself to take home, read, and keep in your collection while supplies

Halloween: It will be here soon. Stop by the library between Monday the 25th and Friday the 29th for a spooky goodie bag

for the kids to enjoy. **Checkers Library TV:** Have some fun with your family as you go on exciting science themed adventures. This weekend's episode will have you grooving while learning about music. Visit our

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Arts and Crafts: There is something new at the library to bring home with you. Pick up a Magic Scratch Skull to celebrate "Dia de los Muertos" which is Halloween.

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.

Mario Puzo: This author was born on October 15, 1920. He was well known for his mafia novel "The Godfather" and its adaptation for the big screen. Puzo's work covers more than just gritty criminal intrigue. His stories dive into the immigrant experience. Old world values square off against those of a challenging land. Give Puzo's written work a try the next time you head over to the library.

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Second Front Page

Mayor: Despite Covid leveling off, residents are still dying

By Charles Sercombe

This week was a grim reminder of the toll of COVID-19.

While Mayor Karen Majewski had good news, so to speak, about the number of new Covid cases this week, one more death was recorded for the city.

"We may see numbers going down but this is a reminder that people are still dying," Majewski said in her weekly Covid update on Monday morning via Facebook.

According to Wayne County health officials, Hamtramck recorded 35 new cases in the last week – down from the previous week's 51 cases.

That brings the number of cases for the past two years, or so, during this pandemic to 3,110, and the total number of

deaths to 58.

We've reported this previously, but here goes again: that number of total cases represents 10 percent of the city's population. There is small comfort in knowing that the national percentage of Americans who contracted the disease is 31 percent (103 million).

Lately, the primary variant of Covid has been the Delta strain, but some health officials are saying it could be dying out. The number of Americans who come down with it each day is now under 100,000 – which is still a staggering number.

Some 700,000 Americans have died of Covid during this pandemic period.

If you still haven't received a vaccine, there

are several local locations to go for a free one. The easiest, for many, will likely be a mobile unit parked in front of Hamtramck City Hall, which is open starting at noon and is there Monday through Saturday.

The medical unit is also offering flu shot shots periodically.

While at city hall, there are officials from two federal agencies, the Small Business Administration and FEMA, who are offering financial help due to last June's massive flooding.

The SBA is offering low-interest loans to businesses that suffered a financial setback. FEMA is offering no-payback grants for those needing to make flood repairs to your house that your insurance didn't cover, and also for those without insurance.

Other financial help includes a county water bill program and assistance in overdue-rent. Landlords, too, can get help.

All of the details are available on the city's Facebook page.

Switching gears back to local happenings, Majew-

ski reminded residents to be on the lookout for a street sweeping posting on your street.

This happens just once a year, so pay attention.

"This is your one chance for the year," Majewski said. Or, in other words: move

your car, so your parking space can get swept.
You know who doesn't

have to worry about a parking space? Bicycle riders. And speaking of them,

there is a city contest for those of the creative mind to design bike racks to be installed throughout town.

There's a little bit of a money award, and you do get street cred.

"We encourage you to let your creative juices flow," Majewski said. "It'll make Hamtramck more colorful."

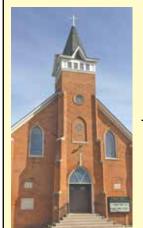
For more information about this, go online to: bikehamtramck.com

You have until Oct. 17 to apply. No pressure.

Other than that, to find out more about what's offered by various agencies and the city, go to the City of Hamtramck Facebook page.



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Head of schools on leave continued from front page

school board's regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening, an additional 11 more teachers and staff members announced their resignation – including the principal of Dickinson East Elementary School.

Also on the board's agenda were the hirings of nine new teachers and staff employees, including one for the filling of the high school's vacant principal position.

Teachers have spoken out at school board meetings to criticize Ahmed's leadership.

Ahmed is allowed to remain on paid leave for up to 60 days.

Instead of appointing an interim superintendent, the board of education appointed Nabil Nagi, the district's English Language Director, and Sherry Lynem, the district's Chief Financial Officer, to share the duties of superintendent.

Here is Ahmed's letter to the community that was posted on the district's Facebook page announcing her leave:

"Throughout the pandemic, I have continually reinforced that the well-being of our school community is the district's primary concern.

"We have seen the impact of the pandemic, not only on the physical well-being of our students, families, teachers, and staff, but also on the social and emotional health of our community. It is against that backdrop that I am writing to inform you that I will be taking a temporary leave of absence to address my own personal well-being.

"The decision, to temporarily step aside, was not entered into lightly. Nor is it easy to be openly vulnerable with you. I must prioritize and address my own

physical, mental health and well-being.

"During my absence, the Board of Education will appoint an interim superintendent who will have the full support of the entire team at Hamtramck Public Schools.

"Having our students return to learning in our schools these past two months has been wonderful both for our students and our faculty and staff members. The energy and passion they bring every day continues to make a world of difference and will play a huge role in helping accelerate their learning as we continue to address the effects of COVID learn-

"While I know the news of my leave may come as a surprise, I also know that you will continue to serve as an invaluable partner in your child's education. Your commitment to their success has been a driving force for me and the HPS faculty and staff throughout the challenges we have seen these past 18 months.

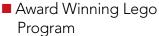
ing loss.

"The district will continue to address and support emotional well-being and mental health for those in our entire school community as that has been an element of critical focus. That focus is also the primary reason I was able to identify that I needed additional support at this time.

"It is my hope that I will return and come back revitalized, with a refreshed perspective to continue to lead our efforts and be the driving force behind the advancement and vision we have for the students and families of Hamtramck Public Schools.

"Thank you for your understanding and compassion, it is my honor and privilege to serve."





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City Hall Insider ...

We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

What is our City Council up to these days?

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Sept. 14, and all councilmembers were present

A moment of silence was observed to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11, and for all those who died and served on the front lines in the tragedy.

A letter of congratulations was acknowledged in celebration of Taylor North Little League team for winning the Little League World Series.

Taylor is only the second Michigan city to win the series. Hamtramck was the first, 62 years ago.

A proclamation was read thanking Hamtramck Labor Day Festival cochairs, Konrad Maziarz and Shannon Lowell, and the many volunteers who help organize the festival.

"The City of Hamtramck thanks and applauds you for your endless hours of planning and hard work that you invested to provide a safe and entertaining event this year and we all look forward to this tradition continuing for years to come," the letter read, in part.

Mayor Karen Majewski added that this year's

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festival enjoyed "a good vibe."

During public comment, a resident complained about a Conant Ave. market that slaughters live chickens. He said there is a constant foul (fowl?) odor, and flies.

"We can't stand that smell," the resident said. "We just want to smell fresh air like everyone else in the city."

Later in the meeting, another resident near the market also complained about the odor. It was noted that despite the city issuing multiple tickets, the business continues to slaughter chickens.

After the public comment portion, a public hearing was held to name the Little League field in Veterans Park in honor of Hamtramck's legendary Little Leaguer Art "Pinky" Deras.

Mayor Majewski noted that Deras is considered by many to be the "greatest Little League player that ever lived."

The Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium will be spearheading the renovation of the park. The Polish American Sports Hall of Fame will be holding fundraisers for the renovation.

Moving on, the council OK'd the sale of two lots on Goodson St., at 2997 and 3011, to Omar Alrawhani of Hanley St. The

Wayne County Treasurer

purchase price for both lots was \$20,000.

Alrawhani plans to build housing units on both lots.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said that the sale was part of the city's plan to sell its empty lots for housing development.

The council approved a Community Development Block Grant, which the city receives each year. This year, the city will spend \$20,000 on code enforcement, and \$250,000 for alley repaving, in the west alley of Jos. Campau, between Poland and Holbrook.

This will be part of a bike and pedestrian path called the Joe Louis Greenway, which will connect with Detroit and Dearborn.

"These are super exciting times," said Mara Braciszewski, the director of the city's Community and Economic Development Department.

Councilmember Carrie
Beth Lasley said that in
the future she would like
to see this grant not be
spent on code enforcement, and instead spent
on something that benefits more people in the
city.

A fire prevention grant,

worth over \$15,000, was approved for the purchase of two electronic tablets, plus software and training.

and training.

The council also approved three interrelated proposals dealing with re-

placing lead water pipes.

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- Edwin, between
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During the second public comment portion of the meeting, Lynn Blasely, a candidate for city council, said the city's Arts & Cultural Commission is seeking logos for next year's 100th anniversary of Hamtramck becoming a city.

After a closed session, the council re-opened the meeting to the public, and appointed Fire Marshal Bill Diamond as the city's new Director of Public Services.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Despite the pandemic hardships, **Hamtramck survives**

During this long pandemic period, there have been many things that have pressured and burdened residents.

We know there are many suffering financially, and perhaps just now recovering. And there are the distressing weekly updates that Mayor Karen Majewski offers via Facebook, about the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and new deaths.

Over 10 percent of Hamtramck's population has come down with Covid, and almost 60 residents have died. That is distressing.

But despite all of those hardships, Hamtramckans stepped forward. There have been several food giveaway efforts that are still ongoing, and there have been county, state and federal agencies all offering a number of financial aid packages.

And during all this, we've had volunteers circulating throughout the city to pick up trash. That started with the creative invention of a person who called themself the Hamtramck Plague Doctor, dressed with a mask such as was commonly worn during the European plague hundreds of years ago.

Hey, it's nice to see someone provide some needed humor, albeit a little on the dark side.

Hamtramck is inspiring in many ways, and we are thankful for all who stepped forward during these challenging

Letters • Letters • Letters

City's focus should be on recycling, not trees

Hamtramck decided to start a greenway project when there are other issues that need to be addressed, like the lack of recycling available in the

According to the Siemens' 2011 US and Canada Green City Index, Detroit ranked dead last. Putting a couple of trees on Conant doesn't change much.

That money could've been put towards a more permanent change, like dealing with our plastic use problem. When I walk or drive around Hamtramck, I see litter everywhere, especially single use plastics.

It's a little odd to me that we decided to put trees on the streets instead of work to deal with the trash everywhere.

Better vet, Hamtramck could be a voice in the metro Detroit area that calls for Michigan legislation to ban the use of single use plastics altogether.

This would reduce litter and make the city more beautiful in addition to helping the environment.

Mayisha Haque Hamtramck

HPS sports round-up

Here's the latest on the Cosmos soccer, volleyball and cross-country teams, thanks to HPS Athletic Director Brian Anderson:

The Cosmos boys soccer team played well last week, but lost to two Catholic League powerhouses, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Warren De La Salle, in close battles.

their journey in the state playoffs this week against Detroit Renaissance. The game was Thursday night at Keyworth Stadium.

The Cosmos girls volleyball team also had three games this week. They played at home against Taylor Trillium on Tuesday.

They also traveled to River Rouge on Monday The Cosmos now start and University Prep on

Thursday.

The Cosmos are still very much in the hunt for a league championship and this week will be a pivotal stretch.

Both cross-country teams remain in second place in the conference and returned on Thursday at Taylor Heritage Park.

Girls volleyball:			
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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Odds & Ends

Alley art... Art is everywhere, and in the eye of the beholder - so goes the old wisdom.

Now comes a new initiative, the "Art in the Alley" project.

It is a joint effort by the Eastern Michigan University REACH Project, the City of Hamtramck, the Hamtramck Arts and Culture Commission (HACC), and Henry Ford Health Systems Generation with Promise, with generous funding provided by a 2021 AARP Community Challenge grant.

This according to a press release issued Oct. 13 by Eastern Michigan University's Center for Health Disparities Innovation and Studies, who oversees their REACH program.

Through this initiative, REACH and the other involved partners are inviting Artists and Community Members from across Hamtramck, Detroit, and Highland Park to create designs for select locations in the west Joseph Campau alley between Caniff and Holbrook.

That particular alley is the future home to a portion of the Joe Louis Greenway Connection through Hamtramck.

public This project aligns with the city's master plan, sayeth the press release, and the future ambitions of the expansive Joe Louis Greenway.

Two specifically approved locations will be "the canvas for a community-based art initiative that is open to all ages and skill levels." Applications for the artwork designs began being accepted at https://bit.ly/ JCAlleyArt on Oct. 13, and tramck lost a dear friend will close on Oct. 24.

Those artists, and their designs, ultimately selected, will be announced shortly after the application portal closes, and the selected artists will then implement their designs on Oct. 29, 30, and 31.

For more information. visit the Art in the Alley info page at: https://bit. ly/AlleyArtInfo. There, you can see all the specific rules, and more.

Worthy cause... Detroit Friendship House is once again seeking donations to provide low-income families and individuals with a Thanksgiving meal.

The food pantry, which is located on Conant, serves hundreds of Hamtramck and Detroit residents.

Here is what the non-profit organization has to say about this year's drive:

"In some ways, 2021 is not any better than 2020.

"Our number of clients increased by 21% so far in 2021. Many families in Hamtramck were lowwage earners before COVID-19, and they still do not have their jobs back.

"Others are so exhausted, sad, worried about money, masks, vaccines, and whether they can get together with their loved ones, they don't know how they will make it through the holidays at

"You have the power to change their sadness to joy, their exhaustion to excitement, their anxiety to relief, and give them a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving with their loved ones."

To make a donation, mail a check to Detroit Friendship House, 9540 Conant, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

news...

Karen mentor. VanderKloot DiChiera of the Michigan Opera The-

Sad

atre died recently at age 80.

Karen took a number of Hamtramck students under her wing to teach them about music and theater production. She had a special liking for Hamtramck kids.

A press release from MOT had this to say about her passing:

"Ms. DiChiera's leadership and commitment to Michigan Opera Theatre has been unwavering from the earliest days of our organization," said Wayne S. Brown, MOT President and CEO. "She has been instrumental in shaping not only the opera company as an institution, but also the lives of thousands of aspiring young musicians and performers through her work as an arts educator and the founder of MOT's Department of Community Programs."

Andrea Scobie, MOT's Director of Education, had this to say:

"Karen not only pioneered important, deeply impactful education programming, but she also established an ethic of inclusion to guide this

"Karen recognized that all learners, both children and adults, should be able to access and explore the arts in a personal, meaningful way. ..."

Reminder... Time is running out for local artists to submit a design proposal for new bike racks to be installed in town.

The deadline is Oct. 17, and submissions can be sent to bikehamtramck. com.

Cash prizes will be given to the top three designers.



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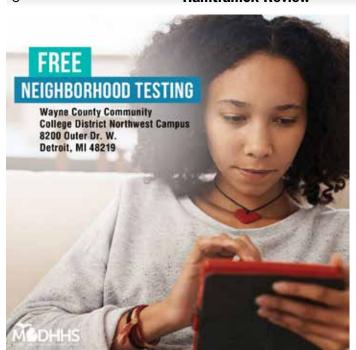
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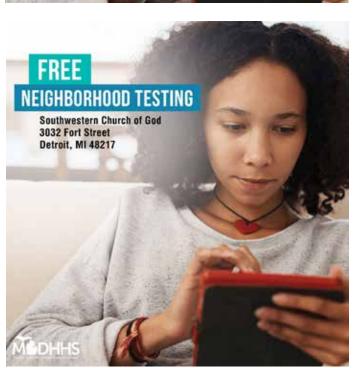
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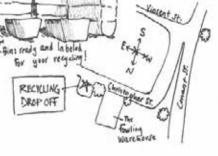




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Early Childhood Elementary School

Students geared up for Spirit Week at the Early Childhood Elementary. With Count Day this past students Wednesday, had something special to do celebrate every day, especially finishing the I-Ready district test in reading and math.

Monday was "Wear a Blue Shirt Day" recognizing October as "Anti-Bullying Month."

Students listened to books about bullies and discussed what to do if a bully approach you. It was an impowering day as students learned to say "NO" to bullies.

Tuesday was "Wear a Hat to School Day." It was fun seeing all the different types of hats in every color of the rain-

Wednesday, Count Day, students and staff wore pajamas to school. From superheroes to unicorns and many more designs, the students and staff celebrated the day with stories, special lessons, snacks, and empowering bracelets.

Thursday was "Stuffie Day." Students brought their favorite stuffed animal to school and cuddled with it as they learned many lessons throughout the day.

Friday was "Pink Day" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The school was filled with every shade of pink as students and staff walked through the hallways in the morning like a pink parade.

There are more fun days to come in E.C.E.

Top: Mrs. Haacke's first grade class wearing pajamas. Middle: Miss Lesko's second grade class on Hat Day and Stuffie Day. Bottom: Miss Rakoczy's first graders outside for recess wearing pink on Pink Day.







Crime Watch:

Abandoned vehicles are a common occurrence

By Charles Sercombe

The expanded daily incident reports, or crime logs as some call them, that the Hamtramck Police Department issue offer a wider glimpse on what officers face every day.

There are an awful lot of parking citations issued, as well a large number of cars tagged - and, in some cases, towed – for being "abandoned."

So, does Hamtramck really have a huge number of people just leav-

ing their cars behind and abandoning them?

As you would guess, it gets a little complicated. Police Chief Anne Moise said it could be a matter of a vehicle parked on the street with no license plate, left unmoved

for weeks, sitting with a flat, or simply really abandoned.

In some cases, people leave their cars on private property without the permission of the property owner.

For those who only use your vehicle here and there, vou technically have to move it after 48 hours of being parked in the same place on the street.

Of course, you are free to park your car indefinitely on your driveway or in your garage.

If you are a property owner and, one day, discover a vehicle parked, say, in your driveway, or left on the street in front of your house, or on a city-owned lot, what can you do about it?

You can call the police department, but be sure to give them the license plate number, if there is one, or look for the car's Vehicle Identification Number, commonly called the VIN.

This will help police determine if it has been stolen - which happens more often than you would think.

If your car happens to break down, and you can't get it repaired or towed away, be prepared to pay a hefty bill for towing, if the city eventually has to do it, and also storage fees.

Those fees can quickly add up, to the point it's not worth retrieving your car - especially if it's a clunker.

After a certain time in police storage, the police department will then auction it off, which happens every few years.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Oct. 5-11.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

- · Officers recovered a gun during an investigation. In an unrelated matter, officers recovered two handguns on Jos. Campau Ave.
- · An incident of malicious destruction of property happened on St. Aubin St.
- A suspicious situation happened in the 2400 block of Zinow St.

· An agent for a busi-

- ness in the 12100 block of Conant Ave. reported a disorderly customer. · A person was arrest-
- ed on Poland St. for being wanted on Hamtramck warrants. A robbery was report-
- ed in the area of Casmere and Conant.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

- A complaint was made about a pet in the 12000 block of Lumpkin
- · A report was made about a woman screaming in the area of Hamtramck Dr. and Jos. Campau. Officers could not locate the woman.
- An agent for a Conant Ave. business reported that someone attempted to steal a tip jar. Officers assisted
- Hamtramck High School officials with an emergency drill.
- · A theft was reported in the 3000 block of Caniff Ave.
- A report was made about juveniles fighting on Gallagher near Caniff. Officers could not locate anyone fighting.
- A resident reported receiving suspicious text messages.
- Officers responded to a report of property damage in the 11800 block of Jos. Campau Ave. The people involved refused to make a report.

Thursday, Oct. 7

- A Whalen St. resident reported that they were threatening receiving messages on their cellphone. · Officers warned a res-
- ident in the 11000 block of Klinger for being too loud. A report was made
- that people in a gold-colored Honda Odyssey were stealing a catalytic convertor from a vehicle on Hanley St. A complaint was
- made about a suspicious group of people in the 2300 block of Holbrook Ave. A fight was reported
- in the area of Casmere and Charest. A hit-and-run accident
- was reported in the 8500 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- · A theft was reported in the 5100 block of Evaline St.
- An agent for a business in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau Ave. reported a disorderly customer.

Friday, Oct. 8

- · Officers investigating a noise complaint in the 2900 block of Carpenter Ave. issued the owner of a business a ticket for operating their business without a license.
- · A report was made of a disorderly person in the 2600 block of Holbrook
- · A report was made of a road rage incident in the area of Caniff and Sobieski.
- Officers responding to a family dispute in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. arrested a man for domestic violence and a woman for being disorderly.

Saturday, Oct. 9

- Officers responded to a report in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. of a man who assaulted a woman and pointed a 9mm AK-pistol at her.
- · A drunk man in the area of Yemans and Charest was taken to a hospital. · A woman was arrest-
- ed in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St. for stabbing a man.
- · A man who was assaulting employees at a Conant Ave. business was taken to a hospital.
- · Officers assisted with the repossession of an auto in the 2300 block of
- Grayling St. A resident was arrested for an assault that happened in the 2600 block of Holmes St.
- · An assault was reported in the 10200 block of Conant Ave.
- Officers responding to a report about a family fight arrested a man for being disorderly.

Sunday, Oct. 10

- · A suspicious situation was reported in the area of Caniff and Gallagher.
- · An incident of fraud was reported in the 3500 block of Carpenter Ave.
- · A suspicious situation was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge
- · An agent for a business in the 12100 block of Conant Ave. reported a disorderly customer.
- Repeated 911 hangup calls were received by the police department. Officers contacted the caller.
- A group of disorderly juveniles were reported in the area of Yemans and Buffalo.

Monday, Oct. 11 · A man was arrested

during a traffic stop for carrying a gun without a permit. A man was arrested

- in the area of Carpenter and Mackay for assault, for being disorderly and for damaging someone's property. · Officers responded to
- a call about a domestic assault happening in the 3100 block of Trowbridge St. but it turned out to be an argument.
 - · A Lehman St. resi-Continued on page 8



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victim of fraud.

- An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported having trouble with a customer.
- · A disorderly juvenile

dent reported being the of Whalen and Jos. Cam-

- · A suspicious incident was reported in the area of Casmere and Gallagh-
- A group of disorderly was reported in the area juveniles were reported in

the 10000 block of Jos. Campau Ave.

· A resident in the 2000 block of Belmont St. reported that their license plate had been stolen.

Quick Hits

Cont. from front page

which households will be handing out treats, and also where you can sign up letting the public know that you will be offering those treats.

You can find it by going to the Facebook page of Amanda Jaczkowski, who is organizing it, and by the way, is also running for city council.

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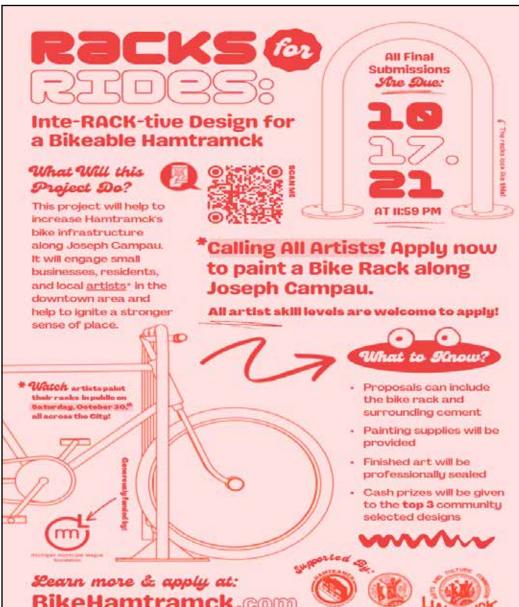
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