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Quick Hits

Dig into Detroit's history

The Hamtramck Historical Museum recently issued this message about a recently published book by a friend of the museum.

We'll let the museum do the talking:

Detroit has more than its share of ruins. But it also has an abundance of history, which is often buried in the dust of the ages.

For years Wayne State University anthropologist Dr. Krysta Rzewski has been clearing away that dust and revealing some amazing stories of notable sites in Detroit. She has compiled the stories of six of the most fascinating archeological digs she has led in her new book "Detroit Remains."

Published by the University of Alabama Press, "Detroit Remains" takes readers on a historical journey into, under and around a series of remarkable sites including Little Harry's speakeasy, the classic Ransom Gillis House, the Blue Bird Inn, Gordon Park (where the 1967 Detroit riot began), the Grande Ballroom and the Halleck Street log cabin. Some still stand – barely – while others as gone. The Gillis House, however, was reborn in majestic style.

But all of them will come back to life when Dr. Rzewski holds a book signing and discussion on these lost and living treasures of Detroit at 4

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Traffic study offers insight into accidents and the city's population

By Alan Madlane

The stats from SEMCOG are out about Southeast Michigan's driving habits from last year, and the news is a mixed bag.

SEMCOG is the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, a group that partners with the area's local governments to share statistics, help shape policies, and advocate for the region to Lansing and Washington D.C.

Per SEMCOG, there were fewer crashes in the metro area – but they were more often fatal.

That would seem to support what might be expected for the first year of the pandemic, which saw roadways far less congested, a fact that then persuaded some drivers they could fly like they were at Michigan International Speedway.

Another factor that came into play was likely the reduced police presences on the roadways during that time.

The latest data arise from a newsletter published by the organization on Oct. 28 of this year.

This updated data shows a 25 percent decrease in total crashes for the seven-county area



The latest study on traffic patterns and accidents was recently released by SEMCOG. You can find out all sorts of interesting information at the organization's website.

of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne, as versus 2019. The number of crashes, which was not explicitly given, was said to be the lowest in a decade.

Fatalities, conversely, reached a decade high of 452, an increase of 24 percent over the prior year.

Human error, at times compounded by alcohol use, drug use, and/or distractions like texting while driving, is a contributing factor in a whopping 94 percent of automobile accidents, according to the agency.

SEMCOG recently completed their "Walk.Bike. Drive.Safe Campaign," a regional campaign to remind everyone about road-related safety. While the tips are far too numerous to recount here, they can be found on the agency's website by putting that phrase into their main search window.

The site proves extremely useful for breaking down stats by county or city within the Southeast Michigan region.

Clicking on the link to Hamtramck, one can then access, via the green MENU drop-down menu on the left side of the city's

page, the Data and Maps link.

Click once on that, then on Community Profiles, and you are brought to a fertile oasis of useful data about the city, broken into demographics, the economy and jobs, housing, transportation, and the environment and land use.

Have fun with it – and remember, SEMCOG is using all those numbers to help advocate for you, so give them a shout-out, why don't you.

And, for goodness' sake, slow the H (as in, Hamtramck) down!

Council rejects censures

By Charles Sercombe

Councilmember Carrie Beth Lasley struck out twice in trying to censure Mayor Karen Majewski and City Manager Kathy Angerer.

Lasley said the two deserved the censures over the handling of a grant five years ago that went toward city park improvements.

Lasley accused Angerer of "misappropriating" \$5,419. She obtained a letter from a Wayne County official, through a Freedom of Information Act request made last August, that outlined the alleged mishandling.

The city was not forced to pay back the amount, but instead the amount was deducted from the city's yearly Community Development Block Grant.

Mayor Majewski was included in her censure proposal because the mayor did not reveal the incident to the public which, had it been made known, might have prevented Angerer from being appointed as city manager, Lasley said.

Majewski did not respond to a request for comment by The Review. She also did not say anything about it at last week's city council meeting when the censure proposals were on the council agenda.

Lasley did not receive a motion of support from her council colleagues to have the proposal voted on.

Angerer lashed out at Lasley at the meeting, saying that the accusation is "inaccurate" and "libelous."

"Nothing criminal happened," Angerer said, adding that Lasley made "baseless allegations."

Angerer also noted that Lasley did not give her the courtesy of first asking what happened with the grant.

Lasley said that she re-

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City and county officials were joined by residents in dedicating Hamtramck's newest park, located on Trowbridge St.

City officials welcome Hamtramck's first 'pocket' park

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's newest, and smallest, park was officially welcomed last week.

Residents and city and county officials held a dedication for "Salam Peace Park."

Salam is Arabic for "peace", so yes, technically it's called "Peace Peace Park."

This is no ordinary park.

It's what urban designers call a "pocket" park – which is a single city lot that has been converted into a park, with the goal being to provide a neighborhood with green space for kids and adults.

The lot for the park, located at 2134 Trowbridge St., which is between Lumpkin and St. Aubin, was donated by a resi-

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dent who wishes to remain anonymous.

Funding for creating the park came from an on-line crowdfunding effort, which raised \$25,000. An additional \$22,000 was contributed by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation through its Public Spaces

Community Places program.

The park has play equipment for kids (or also for adventurous adults), and benches for sitting.

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency also played a role in developing the park.

“Wayne Metro has a

number of resources available to assist with initiatives like this,” said Louis Piszker, CEO of Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, in a press release.

“It’s been rewarding for us to provide oversight on this project and work with the city of Hamtramck

and the MEDC to bring this beautiful park to life.”

Hamtramck City Manager Kathy Angerer credited the anonymous donor, whose “vision” shows “what that can do for a community.”



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requested documents from the city about the matter, but was told none existed. Angerer said that she searched various files for the document Lasley requested but could not find it. She also said she encouraged Lasley to go to the county.

Lasley indeed turned to the county, and in response to her Freedom of Information Act request received a copy of a letter by Terry Carroll, a program administrator, that was written in 2017.

His letter was sent to Majewski, Angerer and then-City Manager Katrina Powell.

Majewski lost her recent

bid for another term as mayor, and will be leaving office on Dec. 31 of this year after serving as mayor for 16 years.

Lasley did not seek a seat on council, and will also be leaving office at the end of the year.

Lasley said that the council’s silence on the matter is a reason why “other communities laugh at us over exactly what happened here.”

She said the censures were merely a “slap on the wrist.” Lasley also said that there are other issues with the renovation of Hamtramck Stadium and the library, but she did not elaborate.

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p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau.

Light refreshments will be served and Dr. Rzewski will be available to sign and

sell books. There also will be a round-table discussion on the book and the challenges and rewards of archeology in Detroit.

For more information, call (313) 690-9390 or email hamtramckhistory@gmail.com. To RSVP visit the Hamtramck Historical Museum website www.hamtramckhistory.com.



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Mayor: Covid case numbers continue to increase here

By Alan Madlane
Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majewski dove straight-away into the local Covid numbers to begin her weekly Facebook address, and, as with the rest of Michigan, they are not good.

For last week, the city logged a whopping 58 new cases – the highest total in months. That's an increase of 18 from the prior week, where the number was an already-high 40.

That brings the overall pandemic total for local cases to 3,386, with 58 deaths. No new deaths were recorded so far from these increased totals. In fact, the mayor noted, there have fortunately been no deaths for several months.

The solutions remain the same: to get vaccinated, or, if eligible (more on that in a moment), a booster shot, as well as to observe the other standards: masking inside buildings, distancing from others by six or more feet, washing and disin-

fecting the hands more often, etc.

The mayor returned to the subject a bit later, noting that it is even a good idea to wear two masks – a surgical one underneath the cloth one.

Michigan is the worst state in the country for Covid cases right now, as a fourth wave ploughs through, hitting the unvaccinated especially hard.

And this, with the omicron (pronounced “AHM-ih-kron”) variant still a ways away.

Mayor Majewski also pointed out that City Hall remains open from Mondays through Thursdays for their normal hours. All employees are masked, and although there is no mask mandate for entering the building, it is absolutely recommended, the mayor said.

Lastly on this front, the mayor reminded people seeking the vaccine to use the website vaccines.gov.

She said that the Pfizer vaccine now available for kids.

The vaccine clinic in city hall is located on the first floor, across from the city clerk's office. Unlike many places, they require no appointment – just bring your card, if you have one already, Monday-Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. You don't have to give insurance information, immigration status, etc.

If you are housebound, call City Manager Kathy Angerer's office at (313) 800-5208, and they can arrange to come right to your home and give you your vaccine.

The vaccines are free. Should you get a bill, you may contact the Piast Institute, and they will help straighten it out – (313) 733-4535.

There are a number of groups and agencies doling out Covid-related aid for rent, utilities, home repairs, etc. Go to the city's Facebook page for links and more info.

Switching gears, she moved on to another hot city topic: lead water lines, and what's being done to get rid of them.

Mayor Majewski mentioned the several mass water filter giveaways that have already happened, adding that you can still get a free filter for your water faucet at city hall from the Department of Public Services on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bring a picture of your faucet if possible, so they know the right style to give you.

Excitement is high for the federal funds that are due from the passage of the infrastructure bill. The money probably will become available by June of 2022 at the earliest, and Majewski said that both Hamtramck's state senator and state representative are also working on getting the funds flowing.

If your home was built after 1986, Majewski added, you're okay anyway – no lead lines were allowed in Michigan homes after that year. That includes the Senior Plaza and the Colonel Hamtramck homes.



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HPS news

With the support from The Detroit Friendship House and ICNA Relief Muslim Family Services, HPS was able to feed almost 40 families for Thanksgiving. Our School and Community Facilitator, Liz Alpert, says she is “feeling grateful for our partnerships and our ability to feed the community!”

Free vaccines

Melanie Pieknik, the HPS School Nurse, has this message:
The end of the year is approaching. However, the end of the pandemic is not.

COVID-19 remains an ongoing challenge that the world has had to adjust to, and unfortunately, it's still affecting us all. Positive COVID-19 cases are increasing across the state at the highest rate since the beginning of the pandemic, according to statewide news sources. Following best

safety practices, such as washing our hands, social distancing and wearing masks are simple and effective ways to help keep our community and our loved ones safe this holiday season.

Hamtramck Public Schools is also providing our families with the resources they need to make informed decisions about their health. This winter, Hamtramck Public Schools (HPS) and FDR Pharmacy Sav-Mor are offering:

- Flu vaccine for children and adults
- Pfizer pediatric COVID-19 vaccine (5 –11 years old)
- Pfizer adult COVID-19 vaccine (12 years and older)
- Pfizer booster
- Moderna adult COVID-19 vaccine (18 years and older)
- Moderna booster

This clinic will take place on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the HPS Community Center Gymnasium, 11350 Charest St. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to receive the vaccine.

In addition to the vaccination clinic, HPS is also offering optional PCR COVID testing on campus for staff and students. Each school is designated a day of the week, and a parental consent form must be signed and turned into the office for

students to participate.

Testing will be held on:

- Mondays at the Early Childhood Elementary and Dickinson East Elementary
- Tuesdays at Hamtramck and Horizon High School
- Wednesdays at Dickinson West Elementary and Kosciuszko Middle School
- Thursdays at Tau Beta School, Holbrook Elementary and the HPS Central Office

Students and staff members at Hamtramck who are feeling ill should keep a close eye on their symptoms and are encouraged to stay home.

If they decide to come to campus to get tested, we recommend that they maintain a safe six-feet distance. COVID-19 can present symptoms similar to the common cold or flu and it's important to understand which infection you have if you are feeling sick.

If you're unsure, call your doctor or local health clinic and, if necessary, arrange for more immediate testing.

For more information regarding the vaccination clinic and/or weekly testing, contact HPS District Nurse Melanie Pieknik at mpieknik@hamtramck-schools.org or (313) 454-1645.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City officials deserve credit for their hard work

The stars have been aligning for Hamtramck lately. By that, we mean there is state and federal funding in the pipeline that will likely be coming to Hamtramck. It could be millions of dollars the city receives in the coming months – all of which will go toward replacing our crumbling water and sewer system, some parts of which are 100 years old. City officials don't often get credit for the behind-the-scenes work they do to help secure funding for major repair projects. Instead, you see a lot of finger-pointing and baseless accusations from people who seriously need some mental health work. Improvements do get made in the city – but it doesn't always happen lightning fast. The wheels of government can move painfully slow, but that's just the way things are in life. Much was said of change being needed in city government, and this past election did produce change. But change just for the sake of change doesn't get anything done. We are lucky that we have some experienced folks in the city administration and in our political leadership. It's a shame that voters decided to toss some of that experience away. But Hamtramck soldiers on, and the near future-looks promising.

Odds & Ends

Free parking... There has been growing frustration over the city's new parking meter system, but there is some good news. From now through Jan. 3, you don't have to feed the meters because it's free parking for the holiday season. Enjoy it while you can, and be sure to support our business community.

Tickets?... Talk about frustration – a Doremus St. resident recently called us to complain about a neighbor who has four cars, all of which have expired license plates tags.

The resident said she has called the police station several times, only to be told that there was nothing they could do. Huh? We know from reading the daily incident reports that officers are issuing various parking violation tickets every day, so it's unclear why the department would say it can't issue tickets for expired plates. Not only does the owner of these cars hog valuable parking spaces on the street, they don't even bother to renew their tags. And what's with owning four vehicles?

Like that TV commercial jingle: be a good neighbor, folks.

Honored... The long-awaited honorary street sign for Dr. Abdul Algazali has been installed at Holbrook and Jos. Campau. Dr. Algazali died several years ago, but holds the distinction of being the first Yemeni-American in Hamtramck to get elected to city council. You could say that he blazed a trail for other Yemeni-Americans to get active in Hamtramck politics.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

By Kathleen Angerer
Hamtramck City Manager

Hamtramck is a very unique community. The 2020 Census revealed that our population is among the fastest-growing in Michigan. We are the most diverse city in Michigan, with a wide range of cultures from all around the world represented among our people. 41.4% of our population was born outside the United States; 69.4% of residents speak a language other than English at home. We are unfortunately also a community where many residents struggle with poverty. According to 2019 data from the United States Census Bureau, 46.5% of Hamtramckans are considered to be in poverty. The median household income is \$27,166; statewide, the median is \$57,144.

Lead water lines have been in the news repeatedly in recently in a number of Michigan cities, especially older communities like Hamtramck which were developed during the industrial booms of the early 20th century. Hamtramck was incorporated in 1922, the majority of our housing stock was constructed in the 1910s and 1920s. Over 90% of our homes were built before 1980. Lead water service lines were the norm for much of this period, which can present a very serious health concern today. Lead presents its most serious risks to children, and Hamtramck is also a city of families. 31.9% of the Hamtramck population is under the age of 18; 8.8% are under the age of 5 – an age group particularly vulnerable to the harmful impacts of lead on health and development. All families, regardless of their background and the language they speak, are expressing increased concern for the health and safety of their children. Here in Hamtramck, annual routine testing revealed for a second time in recent years elevated lead levels in the water in multiple houses with antiquated lead service lines. The City of Hamtramck responded quickly, and has held water and water filter distribution of over 3,000 filters. Additional filters are available every Tuesday and Thursday for pick up at City Hall. We have been replacing the antiquated service lines for the last few years, yet there is so much more we can do together. Filters can make tap water safe for families to drink and use, but they do not solve the underlying problem. Hamtramck residents are rightly alarmed. They have heard about the Flint water crisis, and they see Benton Harbor in the news. They are afraid their tap water is unsafe for themselves and their families, that Hamtramck – their home – may be the “next Benton Harbor.” They are distressed, too, knowing that Hamtramck does not have the tens of millions of dollars in resources to fix the problem and expedite the replacement of lead service lines on our own. It is for this reason that I am calling on county, state, and federal partners for immediate help with funding assistance. It can cost up to \$10,500 per line to replace the lead lines that remain in Hamtramck and protect our residents. While Hamtramck has received some funding assistance, the remaining cost of over \$50 million dollars will have to be paid from our rapidly depleting water and sewer fund. The time is now for swift action by our elected officials. With additional funds available at all levels of government, it is time to distribute those funds to older cities, so that all of our Michigan families, including those like Hamtramckans who live in poverty, can safely consume drinking water in their homes. It's time to quit talking about the problem and start doing the right thing to solve the issue once and for all. (Ms. Angerer is also the former Majority Floor Leader, 55th District, State of Michigan State Representative.)



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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 Oct. 26, and all councilmembers, except for Mohammed Hassan, were present.

City Manager Kathy Angerer talked about the elevated lead levels found in water samples taken from six houses. She said the city has been handing out water filters for free.

Angerer advised households to run their tap water for a few minutes to clear out the lead-contaminated water.

She also said the city has been steadily replacing lead service lines leading into residences.

Colleen Burke of the Arts and Culture Commission said the commission was recently awarded a \$4,000 grant, but one that requires the commission to raise a matching amount.

The funding will be used to sponsor cultural events. The first event will be a literary reading in the Rose Garden at

Immaculate Conception Church.

During public comment, Nasr Hussain questioned why the city raised the parking meter fine from \$25 to \$45. He said there is “no point” to this increase.

He also complained about “selective enforcement” by the city in regard to ticketing cars that are parked on lots. He said customers at some marijuana dispensaries have been parking on lots, but are not getting ticketed.

Bill Meyer said that, during Mayor Karen Majewski’s 16 years in office, city pensions have “exploded.” He also said that, during this time, there has been lead found in some household drinking water, and there are fewer parking spaces.

He said there are no “new ideas” coming from the mayor. Meyer said he has new ideas that he will share with a new mayor.

A resident emailed a comment to the council,

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Coming Events

FISH FRY – The Moose Lodge, 9421 Conant Ave., is once again offering a fish fry dinner on the first and third Fridays, 2-7 p.m. Call (313) 871-9115 or (313) 753-2026 to place your order. Free delivery for seniors living in Hamtramck.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18, 2-4 p.m.– Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome! (Please note Soup Kitchen held a week later this month only.)

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Sealed bids must be received no later than, Friday, December 17, 2021 at 2:00pm. Bids received after this date and time will not be accepted or considered. The following options are available for submitting Bids:

- Bids may be submitted via any mail service or carrier or dropped off in person to PARTNERS in Architecture, 65 Market Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043
- Bids may be submitted electronically by email to Rich Wawrzynski at Rwawrzynski@hamtramckschools.org

Bids will be opened and read aloud by use of a virtual meeting shortly after receipt of bids. A link to the virtual meeting will be forwarded to plan-holders prior to bid day.

An optional **Pre-Bid Meeting and Walkthrough** for all contractors interested in submitting a bid will be held at the HPS Community Center, located at 11350 Charest., Hamtramck, MI 48212, on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 9:30am. Attendees should gather near the main entrance and should be prepared to wear masks and follow State recommended COVID safety guidelines.

Bidders **MUST USE THE BID FORM(S)** in the specification package: Bidders may either return (2) **COMPLETE COPIES OF EACH BID SUBMITTAL** in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled with the bid title, date and time due or return (1) **COMPLETE COPY OF EACH BID SUBMITTAL** via electronically to the email listed above with the bid title, date and time due in the subject line.

All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship(s) that exist between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement. All bids must also be submitted with a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance regarding Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012 – Iran Economic Sanctions Act.

Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bid bond payable to Hamtramck Public Schools, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. Bids submitted shall fully comply in all respects to these instructions, published specifications, drawings, and other contract documents. Bid price shall include all costs associated with this project.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any formalities in regard thereto. In addition, the Board reserves the right to evaluate bids on any basis determined by the Board to be in the best interest of the Board and to consider alternate bids if the low bidder(s) do not meet the specifications or are otherwise determined to be unqualified.

The Architect will provide the documents to prospective bidders, electronically free of charge or in hard copy format at \$40.00 per set. Checks shall be made payable to: PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC. Bid documents will be available on or about December 1st, 2021. Interested contractors should request documents via email @. JHoulihan@partnersinarch.com. Questions may be directed to PARTNERS in Architecture PLC, 65 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (Phone: 586-469-3600), attn Pam Elderkin (pelderkin@partnersinarch.com).

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The final date to enter into a payment plan will be **March 14, 2022**, and the last day to pay your forfeited taxes will be **March 31, 2022**.

For more information email WCTOPaymentPlans@waynecounty.com or call (313) 224-5990.



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in a dispute between neighbors in the 11000 block of Charest St. When officers arrived, the dispute had been settled.

- At about 2 a.m., a resident was arrested for fleeing and eluding.
- Officers investigated a suspicious person in the 2200 block of Carpenter Ave.
- A Trowbridge St. resident reported that someone stole their wheelchair from the front of his house.

- A group of teens trespassed at a business on Caniff Ave.
- A trailer was reported stolen on Hamtramck Dr.
- An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported a theft.
- A resident reported being robbed while in the 5000 block of Edwin St.



City Hall Insider ...

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urging the city administration to drop the city's contract with City Attorney James Allen "like a bad habit."

She criticized Allen for email comments he made to a handicapped African-American man.

A proposal to participate in the Detroit Institute of Arts "Inside/Out" program was approved.

In an overview of the program, it was said:

"In 2021, the city administration applied to participate in the Detroit Institute of Art Inside|Out installation of art reproductions in 2022. The installation is expected to last from May to October 2022.

"The City of Hamtramck proposal was approved and we will receive 9 reproductions at specific site selections. Some of the art installations will be paired with benches awarded through the 2021 AARP grant as a way to activate the benches and encourage walk-ability in the city."

In another matter, the council accepted a Bu-

reau of Justice Assistance grant for \$4,290 that will be used to purchase bullet proof vests for the police department.

The council also approved funding for the city to acquire the titles of ownership of 30 lots in the city. This will allow the city to auction the lots for housing development.

"I think we're going to have significant interest in these lots," said City Manager Angerer.



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Nominations Encouraged for Michigan Lottery's Excellence in Education Awards to Honor Outstanding Educators

Parents, students, school staff members, and others are encouraged to nominate outstanding public-school educators for the Michigan Lottery's 2021-22 Excellence in Education awards.

All public-school employees may be nominated for the awards, which recognize educators who go "above and beyond" to make a difference in the lives of children. To nominate a public-school educator, go to <http://bit.ly/ExcellenceInEducation>.

The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators across the state during the school year.

One outstanding educator will be selected each week and will receive a \$1,500 cash prize plus a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One of the weekly award winners will be selected to receive the Lottery's Educator of the Year award and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Each winner also will receive a plaque and be featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, and WNEM-TV, Saginaw.

The winner of the 2021 Educator of the Year award was Janice Smith. She is a school social worker at Fisher Magnet Lower Academy, which is part of the Detroit Public Schools Community District.

More than 800 educators were nominated during the seventh year of the educational awards program and 34, including Smith, were selected to win a weekly award.

Previous winners of the Educator of the Year award:

- 2020 – Megan Sidge, an Autism Spectrum Disorder teacher at Hickory Woods Elementary, which is part of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.
- 2019 – Stewart Kieliszewski, an Earth science, biology, mechatronics, and media teacher for eighth through 12 graders at the Uby Community Schools.
- 2018 – Kerri Moccio, a literacy intervention specialist at Bedford Elementary School in Dearborn Heights
- 2017 – Linda Holzwarth, a social studies teacher at Portage West Middle School in Portage
- 2016 – Daniel Carr, a Spanish and sports marketing teacher at Waverly High School in Lansing
- 2015 – Michael Craig, a special education teacher at the Charles Drew Transition Center in Detroit

Excellence in Education award nominees are evaluated on: Excellence, Dedication, Inspiration, Leadership and Effectiveness

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The City of Hamtramck is holding Public Hearings via Zoom to receive comments from the public on the proposed Ordinances:

The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading of ordinance addressing the Floodplain Management Provisions of State Construction Code. Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program may make flood insurance available to residents at a discounted rate for our residents. FEMA requires this ordinance in order to participate.

And

The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading for approval of Ordinance Establishing Standards for Submission and Review of Applications for Property Tax Exemption.

Full and complete text of the changes is available on the City of Hamtramck's website through BoardDocs. The public is invited to view and comment on the amendment during the Public Hearing.

Rana Faraj
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