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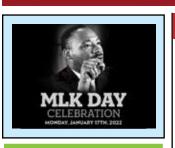
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD –

Once again we pick the





Quick Hits

Celebrate MLK Day this Monday

By Alan Madlane

For those who may have missed this last week, the Concerned Women of Hamtramck are sponsoring their annual Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Prayer Breakfast this Monday (Jan. 17).

have to say Covid? The

pandemic actually gained

speed in spreading during

the year. There are now

over 3,700 residents who

have come down with the

disease during the past

two years, and over 60

Covid, however, was a

national and international

story as well. We like to

be more Hamtramck-cen-

tric in naming the News-

There was also the mas-

sive amount of federal,

the historic baseball sta-

who have died from it.

The event features both food and a Hamtramck Public Schools talent show.

The celebration goes from 9 until 11:30 a.m. at the Hamtramck Community Center. That's the building right next to, and just south of, Hamtramck High, at 11350 Charest St., north off Caniff Ave.

Featured speakers will include Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott, and Friends of Hamtramck Stadium champion Gary Gillette.

Donations to the event are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and youth, with kids under 6

Make checks out to Concerned Women of Hamtramck, and mail them to 11411 Lumpkin St., Hamtramck MI 48212. Inquire about group rates if you're coming with a crew.

Some tickets may be available at the door. Proceeds benefit the group's Student Scholarship & Family Emergency Fund.

Questions? Contact Madelyn Porter at (313)

As they say: "It takes a village."

573-0782.

And the Concerned Women of Hamtramck stand ready to feed that village, and very, very well.



This year is one for the history books with the election of the city's first Yemeni-American, Amer Ghalib, and an all-Muslim city council.

ing, cross your fingers, funding to replace the city's lead water lines.

The Census, too was big news. It revealed that Hamtramck enjoyed a 28 percent jump in its population count – the highest percentage increase in state and county funding the state – over the past that came this way: for 10 years.

The establishment of dium, the public schools, four marijuana dispensaand for infrastructure re-ries certainly caused a pairs for the city, includ- stir among some in the

community, who feared that they would attract crime and lead to widespread drug usage.

Nothing of the sort happened in the tightly controlled outlets. Instead of being bad news, Hamtramck is in line to benefit from a windfall of tax revenue from the dispen-

And that's just some of the top stories in the past Whew!

But the one story that we think made the biggest impact - and perhaps for years to come - was the election of Hamtramck's first Yemeni-American as mayor, and the election of an all-Muslim city council.

The election of Amer Ghalib as mayor meant the end of a 100-year-long string of Polish-Americans who held that office. May-

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Muralist updates a vintage Hamtramck slogan in new mural



Muralist Kelly Golden gives a new twist to an old Hamtramck promotion.

By Alan Madlane

The astute among you - and yes, we're talking to you, dear reader – may well have noticed a new. pro-Hamtramck mural right square in the downtown area, on the side of the currently vacant building at Jos. Campau Ave. at Trowbridge St.

That building was last occupied by the Trowbridge Coffee House.

The mural is the work of one Kelly Golden, who was commissioned to do it by the Hamtramck

Downtown District Association (DDA).

We thought it might be fun to chat with the artist about her most recent creation.

The Review: Your web-(kellygoldensigns. com) states that you've been "muraling" since 2010.

What was your art background journey, leading up to your current career, and how were you able to trans-Continued on page 6

Schools and city back on internet

By Charles Sercombe

In spite of an explosive surge in the number of new Covid cases in Michigan, the Hamtramck Public School Board and city council meetings are being held in-person.

The state had allowed public bodies to hold meetings remotely via Zoom.

That allowed members of the school board and city council to attend their meetings at home - or wherever. It also allowed the public to view meetings and participate in public comment via Zoom.

That state permission went away after Dec. 31.

While the school board and city council members have to attend in-person, that doesn't mean the public has to.

Both the HPS District and the City of Hamtramck have set up live streaming of their meetings via YouTube.

However, the public will not be able to participate in the public comment portion of the meetings unless they are also at the meetings in-person.

It is not clear why neither the school district nor the city can once again set up the Zoom capability to allow the public to participate from remote locations.

In the meantime, here is the link to the HPS board meeting, held on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m.:

hamtramckschools.com/apps/ pages/index.jsp?u-REC_ID=1814127&type = d & p R E C _ ID=1977165

The link for city council meetings, held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, starting at 7 p.m., is here:

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NEW TO THE MENU:

Jalapeno Pierogi

Cheeseburger Pierogi

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 Czarnina **Authentic Duck Soup**



Once again we pick the 'Newsmaker of the Year'

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or Karen Majewski was soundly defeated, by almost 3-to-1.

The election of Amer Ghalib and the city council makes them our "Newsmaker of the Year."

Congratulation Mayor Ghalib and city councilmembers - we wish you all the best of luck.

Majewski's loss came at a time when the Yemeni population here had already become the dominant political force. It is likely to stay that way for generations.

The past election even drew national and international media attention.

This change in Hamtramck's politics will also affect a number of developments in the city. For one, the Muslim population here is very conservative when it comes to social issues such as marijuana dispensaries and LGBTQ issues.

The Muslim community was outraged by the opening of marijuana stores here, and were against allowing the gay pride flag being flown on the city's flagpole in Zussman Park.

Also, expect the topic of taxes to become a hot-button item.

This is going to be an interesting year, to say the least - but then again, we say that every year.

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Backlash grows against judge for her comments to elderly, sick man

By Charles Sercombe

The court of public opinion has reached a verdict on how Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Alexis Krot

last August for weeds growing around his garage facing the alley but failed to remove them.

"Shameful." Krot



Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Alexis Krot is being criticized for how she handled a blight case involving an elderly man.

handled a blight case. And it is: You're out of order, and disrespectful.

Her punishment might be to eventually get voted out of office, if some voters have a say in the matter.

Krot is facing increasing criticism for dressing down a 72-year-old resivelled, in a recording of a court hearing on Tuesday. "The neighbors shouldn't have to look at that. You should be ashamed of yourself."

What rubbed a number of residents and others the wrong way was that the man is not only elderly, but also has can-

dent, who was ticketed cer of the lymph nodes.

Before Krot admonished Burham Chowdhury, he apologized, and said he's been too weak to remove the weeds.

"I'm very sick, ma'am," Chowdhury said, with much labored breathing.

Krot further said she would have thrown Chowdhury in jail if she could. She fined him \$100.

The recording was the top story on WDIV Channel 4 news at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The response was immediate.

"I'm quite stunned at her lack of professionalism and disgraceful comments. There's no reason to speak to him that way," said Linda Ward, on the Hamtramck Square Facebook page.

Fursan Zokari didn't mince words either: "She is the worst judge in Hamtramck history!

It seems like she hates everybody that lives in Hamtramck. She always talks to people with disrespectful ways. I myself have had a very bad experience with her."

One viewer put it succinctly in describing Krot's behavior, calling her "Judge Karen" - a reference to a generic name given to white women publicly yelling and shaming others, usually minorities.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, Krot's conduct was the topic of much discussion, although the city council is a separate government body and has no role in the district court's business.

State Rep. Abraham Aiyash said that he will work with the Choudhury family, and file a complaint with the state's

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Schools and city back on internet

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The city's first attempt at broadcasting their meeting ended up being a failure; the audio could not be heard.

Although the state has not yet said whether it will once again allow public bodies to hold meetings only by Zoom, Wayne County health officials are encouraging communities to return to Zoom meetings - at least for the public.

In a press release issued by the Wayne County Dept. of Health, Human that only 64 percent of & Veterans Services, the agency is urging public bodies to continue to allow the public to com-

ment remotely.

"To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential services to vulnerable individuals, it is crucial to minimize in-person contact at public meetings," said Carol Austerberry, the department's division director.

"The public must also be able to continue to participate in government decision-making without compromising unduly their public health, safety

The county also noted the county's population of 5 years old and older are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

and welfare."

biologists, Heather Heying & Bret Wein-

stein, explore the layers of our humanity

in their new book "A Hunter Gatherer's

Guide to the 21st Century". Join us on

Friday January 21st to share your thoughts

Thomas Michael Bond: This author was

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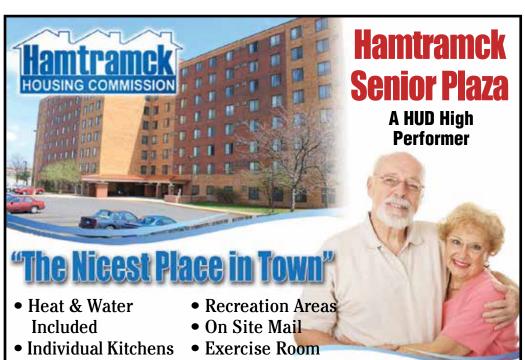
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<u>Dr. Martin Luther King:</u> The Library will be closed on Monday, January 17th in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King holiday. Everyone is invited to Prayer Breakfast at the Hamtramck Community Center located at 11350 Charest street.

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Second Front Page



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 Nov. 9, and all councilmembers, except for Nayeem Choudhury and Saad Almasmari, were present.

City Clerk Rana Faraj gave a brief report on the November election results. She said the election "went smoothly," and that the candidates and their volunteers "behaved themselves."

During public comment, Nasr Hussain disagreed with a proposal to sell city-owned lots for a minimum bid of \$10,000. He said the city should not require a minimum bid, but should instead simply sell them to the highest bidder.

The city is also requiring that winning bidders must develop a residential dwelling on the lots.

"Nobody in his right mind" will build a home, Hussain said.

That's because, he said, there now is a shortage of building materials and labor. He added that

the city is missing out on chance to collect thousands of dollars by this requirement.

A resident complained about the city's new parking meters, saying that the hourly fees are too high, and that parking tickets are also too high.

The resident did support a proposal by Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi to hire three additional police officers.

"We really need them," they said.

That proposal failed later in the meeting. None of the councilmembers offered a motion to support the proposal, thus preventing further discussion and a vote.

Council-elect Amanda Jaczkowski said the council should lower the parking meter fine. The fine was set at \$45.

"It's very high for residents," she said.

Jaczkowski also recommended lengthening the grace period to pay a parking meter from five minutes to 15 minutes.

On the proposal to hire additional officers, she questioned where the money would come from. Jaczkowski suggested that the city instead look into hiring social workers.

Linda Ward recommended lowering parking meter tickets to \$10, and supports a longer grace period.

"Five minutes is not long enough," Ward said.

Bill Meyer was also opposed to hiring additional officers, pointing out that an earlier proposal to hire four officers was rejected.

"What part of 'no' do you not understand?" Meyer said. "Don't be financially irresponsible."

As for the parking meters, Meyer said he talked with several business owners on Jos. Campau and they complained that the meters are "killing businesses."

He said the city should "get rid of meters entirely."

Another resident said installing the meters was the "worst decision" that

city officials have made.

The proposal to offer 25 city-owned lots for bids was discussed. Mara Braciszewski, the city's Community Economic Development Director, said there is "market demand" for the lots, and for new housing.

She said that those who purchase the new housing will be adding to the city's tax base. The proposal was passed.

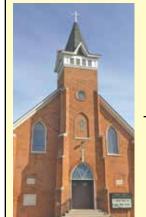
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The Bonds shall be issued to pay the cost to design, purchase, acquire and construct improvements to the City's Water Supply System, including, but not limited to the replacement of lead water service lines, the replacement of water transmission mains, and improvements to related facilities as well as all work necessary and incidental to these improvements, including without limitation the restoration of property, streets, rights-of-way, and easements affected by the improvements, and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds and capitalized interest, if any.

The Bonds of this issue shall mature within the maximum terms permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law payable over not more than forty (40) years from the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended ("Act 94").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from the net revenues derived from the operation of the Water Supply System. In addition, the Bonds may be secured by a pledge of the distributable state aid received by the City from the State of Michigan and/or the full faith and credit of the City as limited by applicable constitutional, statutory, and charter limitations on the taxing power of the City.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The Bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors approving such Bonds, unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Intent, a petition, signed by not less than I 00/o of the registered electors residing within the limits of the City shall have been filed with the City Clerk or other recording officer of the City requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds. If such a petition is filed, the Bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors residing within the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

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City Hall Insider ...

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A discussion was held on adjustments needed to the city's budget.

It was noted that there was an increase in revenues, of which \$200,000 came from General Motors' newly remodeled plant in Hamtramck and Detroit.

But there was also an increase of \$40,000 for insurance and \$180,000 in police overtime.

The council agreed to

a proposal to lower the parking meter ticket fees from \$45 to \$25. Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri said the meters "are wrong" and should be removed.

Councilmember Mo-

hammed Hassan agreed that the meters were a mistake.

(The meters were approved by a previous city

council.)

City Manager Kathy Angerer noted that not everyone agreed with having meters.

"Change is hard for people," she said.

But, she said, people will eventually get used to them, and noted that many other cities have parking meters. Angerer said that, overall, "people are using them successfully."

In another matter, Angerer said that she has been "beating the drum" with state and federal officials to give Hamtramck financial aid to replace lead water lines leading into homes.

She said that it will take an effort by all.

"This is an all-hand-on-deck," Angerer said.

Backlash grows against judge

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Judicial Tenure Commission.

He urged the city council to hold Krot "accountable," and said she "embarrassed the court."

"It's not the first time," Aiyash added.

Delwar Hussain Ansar, who describes himself as a community activist, called for Krot to resign.

"She doesn't deserve to be a judge," Ansar said.

Krot has not commented on the matter.

The incident has also been picked up by national media outlets, such as the Washington Post, which ran a story about it with the headline:

"Michigan Judge Alexis Krot shames cancer patient Burhan Chowdhury for not maintaining home, lawn"

Also posted on the Hamtramck Square

Facebook page was a clip of Krot at a 2018 campaign rally at the Gates of Columbus Hall promising those in attendance that as a judge:

"You will get fair and impartial treatment. You will be treated with kindness and patience. You will get your chance to say every word you want to ..."

Krot was first appointed to the bench in 2016 by then-Gov. Rick Snyder, after former Judge Paul Paruk resigned to take another job. Krot has since won re-election in 2020, and her current term expires in 2027.

The question now, as some city hall insiders speculated, is whether the ongoing criticism of her court demeanor will lead to her defeat when she faces re-election again.



HPS District newsThis winter, Hamtramck

Public Schools partnered with the Hamtramck Fire Department to provide cold-weather gear for our community's children.

The fire department do-

The fire department donated 83 brand-new coats for our elementary and middle school students, and the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers donated 30-plus coats and counting. On behalf of HPS, we want to thank both partners for their commitment to the health and safety of our students!

Spotlight on our teachers

Hamtramck Public Schools is not short on outstanding, dedicated teachers, and Mr. Chris Wilinski is definitely one of them!

Mr. Wilinski is one of our most experienced teachers with over 38 years working at HPS. He's currently the Special Education and Resource Room Teacher for Tau Beta and Holbrook Elementary, and one of his favorite things about his job is seeing previous students come back to share their journeys.

Mr. Wilinski's biggest piece of advice to families and students is to read. He says, "It doesn't matter what language you speak or read in, just read!"

Thank you, Mr. Wilinski for your commitment to Hamtramck Public Schools.

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

HPS follows common sense in remote learning

Hamtramck Schools are doing the right thing.

The district decided to hold off having students return to class for the past two weeks, as new Covid cases continued to explode. Last to be in place? Saturday there were 70 new cases confirmed in Hamtramck – 70 in one day!

During the past week, there were over 200 confirmed cases reported here.

It is being said by health officials that this surge is the worst so far for the past two years.

Hamtramck schools were not alone in mak-

By Brian Anderson

HPS Athletic Director

The Lady Cosmos have

started 2022 off on a

points and 9 steals, while

Aniysia Lewis had 19

points and 8 rebounds as

On Tuesday of this week,

they continued their win-

ning ways, with a 47-18

win over Hazel Park. Beal

and Lewis had 14 and 11

points respectively, while

both lead the way.

Public ing the right call; many other districts in the metro area, and nationwide, took the same cautionary action.

The big question is how long will this stayat-home mandate have

There is some talk

that this latest strain of Covid, omicron, will soon run its course. But, there is also talk of new variants continuing to emerge.

We know having students stay at home, and learn virtually, puts a lot of strain on parents. And we know kids would rather be at school and be with their friends.

Aaniyah Sims had 11

points, 5 rebounds and 2

The boys basketball

team split games with

The Covid pandemic has exhausted most of us. But if we hang in there and take some common-sense precautions, we can beat this

In the meantime, we need to continue to mask up, and limit our contact with the public.

We also applaud Hamtramck's new mayor, Amer Ghalib, for continuing to reach out to residents about the latest updates on Covid, as his predecessor did, via Facebook.

Residents need that reassuring connection in these times of stress.

Odds & Ends

Help needed... Neighbors on Edwin St. got a pretty big jolt this past Saturday, Jan. 8 – from a home exploding into flames.

But not half as big a jolt as that to the home's lower unit renter, Chante Collins, who was just returning from working an extra hour at her shift – an hour that might have saved her

Her landlord, who lived upstairs, had to scramble to make it out alive, as the two-story house was reduced to cinders within minutes.

After the initial shock wore off, the reality surely set in: everything Collins owned had been destroyed.

Collins, 32, had lived in the home for 15 years. She had no renters insur-

"There's nothing, nothing that can be saved," she was quoted by local WDIV reporter Priya Mann.

A GoFundMe account has been set up to try to get Collins back on her feet. To help, simply go to gofundme.com and search her name.

Other agencies also often stand ready to offer help in situations like these, including the Red Cross, the United Way and the Salvation Army.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated at this time.

Mo' money... The holidays are continuing to give this year.

At least, for those who receive state food assistance, aka "food stamps."

According to a press release from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), approximately one-and-a-quarter million people, spread out across 700,000 households in the state, will see the extra bump again this month.

Those eligible will get the additional amount loaded automatically onto their Bridge Cards, somewhere between Jan. 1524. The amount should Drug Free Community Cobe \$95 at a minimum.

Some recipients have been getting extra money since April of 2020, near the very beginning of the pandemic restrictions in the state.

The federal government must approve the additional monies every

"As we face the omicron variant of COVID-19, we must continue delivering support to Michigan families for their basic needs," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in the press release.

We missed this one... We need to make mention of some holiday giving that stood out here in town.

alition.

A number of other local persons and businesses also contributed to the effort, including individuals City Manager Kathy Angerer, Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott, and local dentist Dr. Sami Bilani.

Also contributing were Hamtramck businesses Jurkiewicz and Wilk Funeral Home and Al-Haramain International Foods, as well as agencies Wayne County Healthy Communities, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN), the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), and the FBI's Detroit of-

Virginia Skrzyniarz, CEO of the Piast Institute, said



Shannon Schafer, of Americorp VISTA, poses with one of the holiday bags that the Piast Institute gave to seniors.

The Piast Institute, in coordination with the Hamtramck Senior Plaza, gave out holiday bags to all seniors living at the plaza.

It was the second consecutive year for the giveaway, co-organized by the institute's Hamtramck "We are thankful to many community organizations and people for helping to fill the gift bags with not only essential items, but

great information." Sounds like the "Santa Clause" was in full effect.

Great job, everyone!

On Friday, Jan. 7, they two traditional state powdefeated Southfield ers. On Saturday, they de-Christian in an up-andfeated Saginaw, 70-43, in down game, 71-64. front of a huge crowd at Rakiyah Beal had 30

HPS sports round-up

steals.

the GottaGetIt Hoop Classic in Grand Blanc. Robert Davis named MVP of the game with 24 points, while Amari Allen and Aaron Al-

len played strong overall Tuesday night, the Cosmos lost to Detroit Cath-

olic Central, 60-57. Down

23-7 after the first quarter, the Cosmos stormed all the way back, even tying the game late before finally losing in the last minute.

Davis had 25 points, while Hershel Marion had

The wrestling program also had a strong week, defeating Clawson, 30-24 and receiving muti-win performances from Bashar Hasan, Helal Fahdel, Abdullah Kayali. Sadia Chowdhury and Dieu-merci Mikixi.

Mayor: New Covid cases are 'rising significantly'

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck has never seen Covid numbers like

In the last week, the number of newly confirmed Covid cases skyrocketed by 210, bringing the total number for the past two years to 3,980.

The week before, there were 164 new cases, which was also an unheard-of number for Hamtramck.

Last Friday was also a record day, when there were 70 reported cases. The number of deaths still stands at 63.

This past Monday, Mayor Amer Ghalib took over the weekly Covid update via Facebook - that former Mayor Karen Majewski had previously provided. Ghalib downplayed the number of cases, saying the numbers are not accurate because many people are not getting tested.

But, he conceded, that the number of cases reported "gives an idea

that the numbers are rising significantly." Ghalib is a registered

nurse, although a number of his supporters refer to him as "doctor."

The mayor urged residents to get vaccinated, and also to get booster shots, as well as to continue to wear masks in public and practice social distancing. He, along with national health officials, said that the virus will likely continue to mutate into new strains.

For those seeking a vaccination or a booster, there is a medical clinic in city hall offering shots, Monday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. The vaccinations are free.

As for city business, Ghalib said that council meetings are now back in person on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, starting at 7 p.m. For those with cable

service in Hamtramck, the meetings are livestreamed on channel 12, and also via YouTube. The city is no longer allowing

the public to participate by Zoom. The council met for

the first time in-person

last Tuesday, where they set the meeting schedule and voted to appoint Councilmember Mohammed Hassan as mayor pro tem.

None of the counincluding cilmembers, Ghalib. masks wore during the meeting, except for Khalil Refai. Each member is separated by a see-through barrier.

Ghalib said that, since he took office, the city recorded its first substantial snowfall, which also prompted a number of complaints on social media about side streets not getting plowed. The mayor said he met

with City Manager Angerer about that, and was told that plowing side streets is difficult because cars are parked on either side of the streets. Ghalib said he and

Angerer "agreed for the city to continue to do its best." The mayor ended his

15-minute address by urging residents to post their comments.

"I'll take them into consideration," he said.

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Muralist updates a vintage Hamtramck slogan in new mural continued from front page

late your original skill set into learning how to paint on such a giant scale?

Kelly Golden: I started out painting grocery-style signs at Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor. While working there, I came across a full-blown sign painting program being taught at Los Angeles Trade Techni-

late your original skill cal College – the last of set into learning how to its kind in the country.

I moved out there as fast as I could, and started learning from the best: Doc Guthrie.

The Review: Along that same line of question, how do you specifically set up, or map out, your mural? Can you walk us (the ignorant) briefly through the steps of your process?

Golden: The process varies per job, but, specifically for the Hamtramck mural, I used an old bumper sticker of the design to (initially) map it out to scale.

I (next) took measurements of the wall, and (then) super-imposed a scan of the sticker over the top to lay it out.

We updated the slogan, so I just needed to design that to match.

The Review: Which have been some of your own favorite projects so far, and why?

Golden: I'm drawn mostly to projects with historical significance, an old-school aesthetic, and some level of creative collaboration.

Having the chance to design, and paint, the super graphics at the retro-renovated Bowlero Lanes and Lounge stands out. Also, re-painting the signs at John King Books.

Painting a fleet of moving trucks for O'Sullivan Moving and Storage. And bringing to life a 118-foottall mural for Charles McGee from a 10" drawing.

I love a challenge.

The Review: We're assuming, since your work is so visible, that a lot of your subsequent

jobs come from word of mouth? How did the Hamtramck city mural job come about?

Golden: Yes! I was recommended to the job by Margo Dalal of Public Thrift, who will be the new tenant in the building soon.

The Review: Were there any unusual challenges to creating the Hamtramck city mural? Did you have any hassles before, during or after the project?

Golden: This one was, honestly, pretty smooth sailing – which almost never happens!

The Review: It looks like more than one of your projects has involved some work at what we, happy ground-level dwellers that we are, would call "substantial heights"?

Have you always been comfortable with heights, or did you have to learn on the job(s)?

Golden: I have, definitely, gotten more comfortable (with heights) with experience, but there are still windy days that rock my world.

I get to the ground, and feel like I've been on a boat all day, and swear I'll never do it again – but there I am, at 8 a.m. the next morning, movin' on The Review: You are a fairly outdoorsy person, judging from your website's little blurb about you. How's it going, getting your pilot's license?

What type of plane(s) are you working with currently?

Golden: I've sort of had to put flying on hold for a little while (and updating my website is on "the list"). I realized pretty quickly

that it's a rich person's hobby, and I am most certainly not rich. I love it so much though; the different perspectives it lends on the world, and the whole other side of my brain it taps into.

So, I do hope I can pick it back up one day. In the meantime, I love to camp and kayak, and be outside as much as possible!

The Review: You mention having a doggo as well. Tell us about him or her – does he or she bother you while you're painting at home, for example, assuming you still do any of that?

Golden: I do! Her name is Chili Cheese Dog, and she's my absolute best friend in the world. She teaches me so much about love and life every day, and I feel so lucky to get to see the world through her eyes.

The Review: That's for sure.

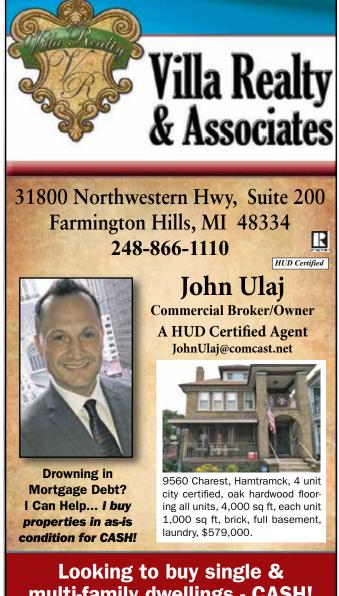
Do you already have your next job(s) lined up, and if so, are you at liberty to discuss any of them with us?

Golden: I'm actually taking some time off at the moment. I just got a new studio, so I'm working on getting that set up – and hope to have lots of new work coming out soon.

The Review: Feel free to add anything here that we didn't cover in our line of questions, and thanks so much for taking the time to provide our readership with a bit of insight into your interesting line of work.

Golden: Thank you so much! This was really fun!







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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 4-10.

Tuesday, Jan. 4

- · After a traffic stop, a passenger was ticketed for having an open intoxicant.
- · A person flagged down officers in the Conant/Commor area, and said that his daughter had been kidnapped. As it turned out, the matter occurred in Detroit, and Detroit police were notified.
- A theft was reported in the 11300 block of Sobieski St.
- · A fight was reported in the 2600 block of Florian St.
- An item was stolen from a vehicle parked on Belmont St.
- A complaint was made about an animal on Holbrook Ave.
- A domestic disturbance was reported on Evaline St.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

- · Officers assisted an ambulance crew with a combative person.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license, and for having open intoxicants.
- Officers assisted a family in the 2200 block of Faber St. who said that their 1-year-old child was not breathing. When officers arrived on the scene, the child was breathing.
- · A theft was reported in the 2600 block of Holmes St.
- · A vehicle theft was reported in the area of Conant and Caniff.
- An agent for a Jos. Campau business reported that a customer refused to pay their bill.
- · A garage break-in was reported on Charest St.
- An assault was reported on Klinger St.

Thursday, Jan. 6

- A complaint was made about an unwanted guest at a residence in the 3500 block of Caniff Ave.
- A person was arrested for being in possession of a stolen vehicle.
- · A theft was reported on Conant Ave.
 - A home invasion was

reported on Conant Ave.

- · A street robbery was reported on Caniff Ave.
- An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported a disorderly customer.

Friday, Jan. 7

- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 9000 block of Dequindre St. The owner of the damaged car declined to make a police report.
- An unwanted guest was reported at a residence in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. When officers arrived, they talked to a man who did not live there and got him to leave.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 3100 block of Holbrook Ave.
- · A domestic assault occurred in the 2600 block of Pulaski St.
- An assault happened in the 3200 block of Caniff Ave.

Saturday, Jan. 8

- · A family disturbance was reported in the 3000 block of Caniff Ave.
- · Family trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Goodson St.
- · A fight was reported in the 3000 block of Can-
- iff Ave. · A resident reported being the victim of fraud.
- A domestic assault happened in the 12000 block of Dyar St.
- · Family trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Burger St.
- · Gunshots were reported in the area of Caniff and St. Aubin St.

Sunday, Jan. 9

· No incident report was available for this date.

Monday, Jan. 10

- A complaint was made about noise on Wyandotte St.
- An assault was reported on Edwin St.
- A domestic situation
- was reported on Dyar St.
- · A Doremus St. resident reported that her kids were not listening to her, and were driving

without a license.

 A Detroit resident was arrested for being

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Coming Events

SATURDAY, Jan. 8, 2-4 p.m. - Take-out only soup kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. - The 3C7/Midtown Hamtramck Block Club will meet via Zoom. Please register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ tZlvc-quqzloE90C03F9CWnFmGQ3tlfAVrDI

MONDAY, Jan. 17, 9-11:30 a.m. - MLK 24th Annu-

al Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Concerned Women of Hamtramck, \$20 for adults, \$15 seniors and students, Hamtramck Community Center, 11350 Charest St.

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wanted on a Hamtramck felony warrant.

 A disturbance was reported at Dyar and Circle. Officers advised those involved.

- · A resident reported that his wallet was stolen, and that his bank card was used at a Jos. Campau Ave. business.
 - A hit-and-run accident

occurred at Holbrook and Jos. Campau.

- · A person reported that while their car was parked on Harold St. an item was stolen from it.
- · A person was arrested on Jos. Campau Ave. for being disorderly, and for being wanted on a warrant.



Saturday youth and adult fitness programs at the Community Center will start February 5, 2022.

- * Baseball, 9:30a-11:30a, Ages 5-9, \$15 res/\$25 non-res
- * Soccer, 10:00a-11:30a, Ages 7-12, \$15 res/\$25 non-res
- * Basketball, 12:30a-1:30a, Grades 4-8, \$20 res/\$30 non-res
- * Cardio Mix Group Fitness, 11:00a-12:00p, Ages 16+, \$5/class



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RESOLUTION 2022-05 APPROVING HONORARY NAMING OF WINFIELD STREET BETWEEN EVALINE AND YEMANS STREET AS MAYOR KAREN MAJEWSKI, PHD. STREET.

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