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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office put out a press release, which urges all Michiganders to take full advantage of the offer.

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Don't delay – do it today! The guess here is, they're going to go fast.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Taking a look into the year ahead: the city's financial picture

By Charles Sercombe

Now that the year 2021 is behind us, it's time once again at The Review to dust off our crystal ball and gaze into the coming year.

You can bet Covid isn't going away any time soon, and it will continue to dominate our lives. During the past two years of the pandemic, over 4,000 residents caught the disease, and 64 people here have died.

But so far this year, it doesn't look like we'll be going through quarantines, and our usual city events are still scheduled to take place at this point, such as the music festival and the Labor Day Festival.

There are so many developments that were underway in 2021 that will continue to expand this year. The historic Hamtramck Baseball Stadium is set for further renovations after receiving an infusion of grant monies, and there are likely to be millions of dollars coming the city's way for infrastructure repairs.



This year will likely be a financial challenge for city officials as the city's budget surplus becomes burned up. There are also plenty of major development projects for the year ahead.

The school district also has an ambitious school construction project in the works.

We have new leadership in both the city council and the mayor's office. We can expect the city to head toward new goals and achievements, but for now it's "wait and see."

The leadership in the public school district appears to be in flux, with both the superintendent and director of human resources mysteriously out on leave since October. So far, school officials are not talking.

The city's election districts were also re-drawn, and that might lead to new representatives in the state legislature, and for sure in Congress. Brenda Lawrence – whose congressional district included Hamtramck – has retired.

But the biggest area of impact, from the looks of it, will be the city's financial one. That's because the city is going broke.

For the past two years the city has been burning through its budget surplus to make ends meet. At some point this year, those cash reserves will be exhausted.

So, what does that mean?

So far, it doesn't appear

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School board offers no explanation over superintendent's absence



HPS Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed, whose medical leave of absence expired last week, has still not returned to her job, and school officials are not saying why.

By Charles Sercombe

One of the first things the Hamtramck School Board did to start the new year was to choose who will run the board's meetings.

It's a tradition that's performed every year.

This year, there was a change of leadership, which is not typical.

The new president of the board is Sal Hadwan. Former president Jihan Aiyash was nominated to continue in that role by Daz'Shavon Hall, but

Aiyash declined without explanation.

Aiyash cast the sole vote against nominating Hadwan.

Continuing as vice president is Showkat Chowdhury, although both Aiyash and Hall voted against his nomination.

The appointment of the remaining officers went without any objections, and they are: Moortadha Obaid as treasurer and Hall as secretary.

The trustees include

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Schools closed for fourth week

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Public School students will remain at home and continue learning virtually next week.

Once again, the continued outbreak of COVID-19 cases is the reason.

"We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. Our goal is to return to in-person learning as soon as it is safe, but due to the continued increase in COVID-19 cases, we cannot take any risks," said Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi in a letter he issued on Thursday, Jan. 20, to students and families. "We know in-person learning is the best way for our children to learn and connect with one another."

This will be the fourth week students have remained at home. Hamtramck is not alone. Many metro area schools are also closed because of the Covid surge.

There is some good news, however. Health officials say the latest variant of Covid, delta, appears to be tapering off.

While schools are closed for the week of Jan. 24-28, Nagi said the following safety steps will be taken:

- Ramping up the ability of the district to test students and staff
- Increase mask supplies for staff and students
- Continue to improve air filtration throughout the schools
- Monitor COVID-19 cases and transmission rates in our community
- Continue to keep up to date on COVID-19 guidelines with local health officials

Regardless when students return, Nagi urges students and their families to continue taking precautions against

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Taking a look into the year ahead: the city’s financial picture

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anyone is hitting the panic button. But obviously some hard financial decisions will have to be confronted and solved, or maybe not.

It's not out of the realm of possibilities for the state to once again have to step in and appoint an emergency manager. The

only problem with that is, when the state did that two previous times, the city's long-term financial issues were never dealt with.

Instead, the state just gave the city loans – it literally just threw money at the problem, and then walked away saying, “problem solved.” Except it wasn't – and everyone is still kicking the financial can down the road.

We are not hoping for state intervention, but clearly some serious decisions are going to have to be made.

As for last year's hot topic, marijuana dispensaries, that has pretty much cooled down and disappeared. The outlets did not prove to be the magnet for criminals some had feared and, in fact, will be paying some pretty hefty taxes and fees into the city's coffers.

As for the city's financial future, it's too bad that our metaphorical crystal ball can't show us what exactly will happen.

Or at least reveal winning lottery numbers.

School board offers no explanation over superintendent’s absence

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Evan Major and Regan Watson.

What wasn't discussed at the meeting was the status of both Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed and Michelle Imbrunone, the district's head of Human Resources.

Both of them took a leave of absence, citing the Family Medical Leave Act, last October. Ahmed was scheduled to return to her position last Monday, Jan. 10.

The Review reached out to Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi for comment on whether they are returning, or if they are still on paid leave.

He declined to comment, saying he does not discuss personnel matters.

Ahmed did not answer a text message from The Review.

It's not clear whether if Ahmed and Imbrunone remain on the district's payroll, or why they have not returned.

The board moved last week to appoint Muja-

heed Elhady as Interim Executive Director of Human Resources, taking over Imbrunone's role.

The silence on the part of the administration and board came under question by local activist Bill Meyer. During public comment at the board meeting last Wednesday, he introduced the topic as “the elephant in the room.”

“Why is there no discussion? Where is our superintendent. ... Is it a secret?” he asked.

His questions were met with silence.

Meyer said it appears that Ahmed “is being punished by being crimi-

nalized.”

He further criticized the board of “doing a sneaky job” by not discussing the matter.


Again, there was no comment by the board or administration.


Ahmed, the district's first Yemeni-American to be appointed to that position almost two years ago, and Imbrunone came under heavy criticism from both teachers and administrators over their management style.

A wave of experienced teachers and staff have resigned during their tenure, which has created a critical shortage of staff members.

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Second Front Page

Mayor: Spread of Covid in the city is now ‘rapid’

By Charles Sercombe

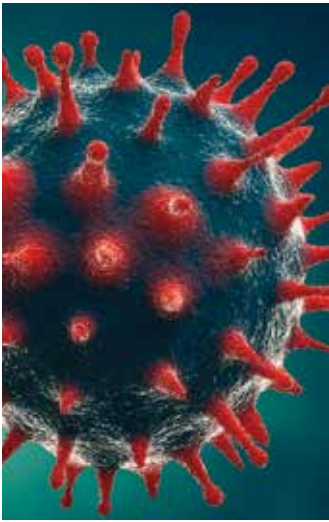
The latest Covid surge continues to spread in Hamtramck.

In his weekly Monday morning talk with the community via Facebook, Mayor Amer Ghalib says there were 229 confirmed cases this last week.

By Tuesday, there were an additional 43 cases, bringing the total number for the past two years to 4,250, according to Wayne County health officials. Last Sunday was one of the worst days for Hamtramck, Covid-wise, when 78 cases were reported for that day.

There have been 64 deaths due to the disease during this same period.

Ghalib has been cautioning residents that the Covid numbers are inaccurate, mostly because a number of people don't



ever get tested or diagnosed.

In other words, the true number of cases is certainly worse than what has been confirmed.

Still, Ghalib points out that the numbers that are available do tell us how fast this is spreading.

In Hamtramck's case, he said, it's been "rapid."

The mayor, who is a nurse in a local clinic, stressed that the best

way to prevent Covid is to get vaccinated.

"They are the best public health measures. ... You have to trust science and scientists," he said.

Included in his Covid update, Ghalib touched on the controversy involving Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Alexis Krot, and how she handled a recent blight case.

Krot has come under fire on social media for scolding a 72-year-old man who has cancer who said he was too weak to clear out overgrown weeds near his garage.

In a recording that has been shared worldwide, Krot can be heard saying: "The neighbors shouldn't have to look at that. You should be ashamed of yourself."

Krot ended up fining the man \$100.

A number of critics are

criticizing city officials for not taking action against Krot. But Ghalib pointed out that the city has no control of the district court, and that it is a separate branch of government.

The state, Ghalib said, handles disciplinary issues with courts.

As a nurse, he said, he can sympathize with what cancer patients and the terminally ill experience.

"Sometimes that don't even care about their lives anymore," he said.

These folks, Ghalib said, "deserve compassion, not punishment."

Ghalib said that it is his duty to weigh in on the matter.

"It is inhumane to remain silent in this case," he said.

Krot's treatment of the man, Ghalib said, is "unacceptable, and unacceptable of the court."

Ultimately, he noted, it's up to the public to provide a "check and balance" on the judge, who is elected to her position.

Krot is up for re-election in 2026.



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. 23, and all councilmembers, except for Saad Almasari, were present.

A proclamation was read regarding Vincent Szyborski, who had been serving on the city's Downtown Development Authority as chairman for the past 10 years.

The proclamation read, in part:

"... He has been a fixture at countless community events such as: flower box plantings, Labor Day Festivals, Countdown to Paczki Day events, 5K races, Merchant Meetings, decorating the downtown district, visiting businesses, hosting meet and greet events, attending and chairing board meetings, to list a few of the many events he contributed to; and he always brought a professional and calm, yet strong leadership to the board; and he was welcoming, inclusive, forward thinking, and organized. ..."

During public comment, Michelle Oberholtzer said the city's new parking meters are too complicated for many people.

Lynn Blasely also talked about the meters, saying the public needs longer than five minutes before paying the meters. She also thought the parking meter fine was too much.

(The fines at the time were \$45. The city council later lowered the fines to \$25, and extended the grace period to pay for a meter to 15 minutes.)

The council took the first step in renewing a

yearly flood insurance program for residents who can get discounts on policies through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The council also approved an agreement with the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium (FHHS) to use the stadium, and also to program events there in 2022.

This arrangement is temporary, until the city's Hamtramck Parks Conservancy is able to take over programming.

In a note to the city council by City Manager Kathy Angerer, she said, in part:

"The FHHS has been a strong partner with the City of Hamtramck in numerous ways, including raising awareness about the historic Hamtramck Stadium and through the fundraising that resulted in improvements made that have developed it into a playable field.

"The ongoing maintenance is being overseen by Mike Wilson and Gary Gillette along with volunteer board members of the FHHS.

"Both entities recognize that this will be temporary, and going forward these tasks will be the responsibility of the newly formed Hamtramck Parks Conservancy.

"The FHHS group has volunteered to take on this responsibility until that time. Additionally, due to the good working relationship between the city and the FHHS, any bookings will be coordinated together as necessary.

"This agreement will

continue the process of 'marketing' the field, and continue to heighten awareness about not only the stadium area, but Veteran's Park and the surrounding Hamtramck Parks Conservancy area including Keyworth Stadium. As we continue to phase in the improvements to the parks area, this will bring additional visitors to the Hamtramck area which will impact economic development."

In another action, the council approved a new contract with its ambulance service, Rapid Response EMS.

The cost of the service increased to \$144,000.

In a note to council from the city manager, it was said:

"The agreement with Rapid Response provides for one ambulance for the city.

"In addition, a second ambulance is stationed nearby the city in the event a second incident occurs at the same time as another ambulance run. Rapid Response also has mutual aid agreements with other entities who are contacted when both the first and second ambulance are unavailable.

"Even with this coverage, there are times when a situation arises and delays occur in ambulance response time.

"In addition to the basic contract, Rapid Response agrees to provide peak hours service on an hourly basis at the rate of \$70.00 per hour. This would allow a second ambulance to be stationed

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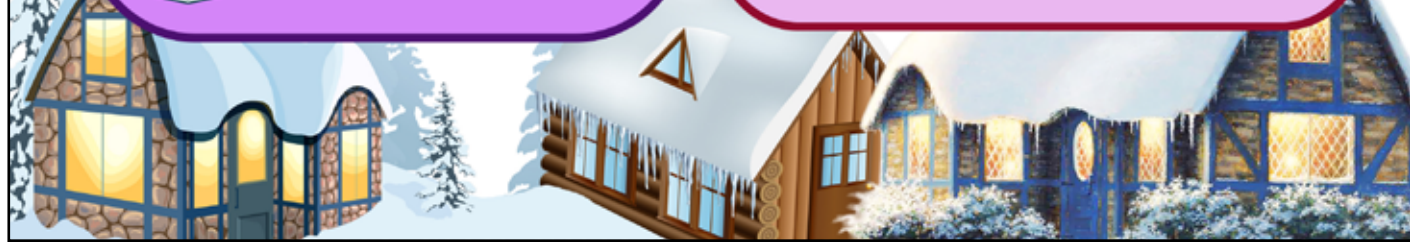
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With the support and participation of many community members, we were able to provide 570,688 meals to families in the Hamtramck area.

We're grateful to have made a positive impact in our community and for the support received by the many participants involved.



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in the City of Hamtramck during peak hours.”

A representative of the ambulance company said that sometimes their ambulances are held up at hospitals because they are swamped with Covid patients.

“Ambulances are lined up,” the representative said.

Two proposals proposed by Councilmember Carrie Beth Lasley that called for the censure of Mayor Karen Majewski and City Manager Angerer were not supported by her colleagues on council.

The censures involved the handling of past federal funds. Majewski did not comment on the proposals, but Angerer denied any wrongdoing and said the accusation was libelous.

She also pointed out that Lasley did not contact her first to discuss the matter.

After not receiving support, Lasley lashed out at the other councilmembers, saying: “Other communities laugh at us over what is happening here.”


Schools closed for fourth week

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Covid, such as wearing masks in public, practicing social distancing and get tested for Covid if you feel ill.

“Everyone plays a part in the health of our community, and ultimately, the function of our schools,” Nagi said.

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In Our Opinion

City’s first female mayor gets a well-deserved honor

Former Mayor Karen Majewski is being paid a fitting tribute for her 18 years of service to the city.

Last week, the city council agreed to place an honorary street sign named after her on Winfield St. – which is just across from city hall.

Majewski, who was the city’s first woman to become mayor, was recently defeated in seeking re-election back in November, thus ending 100 years of Polish-Americans holding the office.

She served two years on city council, and then 16 more years as mayor.

Majewski’s defeat also marks a historic turn for Hamtramck.

The new mayor is Amer Ghalib, the city’s first Yemeni-American to become mayor. The Yemeni community now represents the new political majority in the city.

When Majewski became mayor, she represented a calming influence on what had long been combative city council meetings. However, it’s pretty impossible to entirely tame Hamtramck politics, and certainly there were a number of disruptive meetings under her guidance.

Hamtramck politics has always been brutal and self-defeating, but despite this, Majewski remained a steady and guiding influence.

Thank you, Madam Mayor, for your dedicated service.

Obituaries

STAPIEN



Zenon Ignacy Stapien, 96, died January 16, 2022.

Zenon Stapien was a solemn patriarch and patriot. He was born to proud parents, Paweł and Klementyna Stapien, on January 14, 1926, in Warsaw, Poland. He immigrated to the United States in September 1968 aboard the Stefan Batory. After the loss of his loving wife Barbara, in 1969, Zenon raised their two daughters while working at Chrysler as an electrician. He retired in 1989 after 20 years of labor. He spent the following decades enjoying quality time with his family, reading, reciting poems (he was quite the zealous bard!), and staying active in the Polish community and church. He was a devout Catholic; his favorite Saints were St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Faustina, Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko, and Blessed Solanus Casey. Zenon now joins his late wife Barbara in eternal rest.

He is survived by his daughters, Anna (Bruce)

Wojciechowski and Teresa Stapien; cherished grandchildren, Marla Wojciechowski (religious name: Sr. Maryja Czarna Madonna, SSVM), Lea (Joshua) Wojciechowski Ross, Eliza Stapien, and Zenon Stapien; adored great-grandchildren, Xavier and Simon. Zenon is preceded in death by his brother, Jerzy (Elzbieta) Stapien and sister Zofia (Edward) Karpinska. He is also survived by his nephews, Jerzy (Małgorzata) Karpinski and Krzysztof Karpinski.

Zenon was a proud World War II Veteran and the President of The Polish Home Army of Metropolitan Detroit. He was the former Vice President of The Polish People’s Home Association in Windsor, as well as a supporter of the Polish scouting organization at Białowierza. Zenon was an avid gardener and enjoyed being physically active. He published and curated the “Biuletyn Informacyjny AK” for over 30 years. Zenon’s kind and loving spirit will be forever missed. He had a steady presence and constantly looked for opportunities to be generous and helpful to all.

Join us to celebrate the life of 96-year-old Zenon Stapien, a Hamtramck resident for 53 years, and pray for his eternal rest. Visitation is Friday, January 21, from 3-8 p.m., with Rosary and program at 6 p.m. at Mandziuk and Son Funeral Home, 3801 18 Mile Rd., Sterling Hts., MI, 48314. The Funeral Mass will be Saturday, January 22, 12 noon (in state at 11 a.m.). The Mass will be primarily in English with some Polish included, at Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church, 3100 18 Mile Rd., Sterling Hts., MI 48314. There will be a procession from the church to Resurrection Cemetery for burial at 18201 Clinton River Rd., Clinton Township 48038. There will be a luncheon following the burial with details to be announced after Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Zenon’s memory to Queen of Apostles SOUP KITCHEN, 3851 Prescott St., Hamtramck, MI 48212.

Odds & Ends

Update... Covid continues to play havoc with local events.

The latest scheduled event to have to pull off a major last-minute switcheroo was the Concerned Women of Hamtramck’s annual MLK Day Breakfast, originally planned for Monday, Jan. 17.

But they were “Concerned” about Covid too, as infection rates locally – and just about everywhere else too – have again skyrocketed in the face of a more catchable variant (omicron) muscling in while there was still a significant presence of the last variant (delta) making trouble.

In any case, the planned breakfast itself was scratched, and the event went virtual.

For the Concerned Women, the worst part is, tickets couldn’t continue to be sold after the decision was made, and, presumably, pre-sold tickets will have to be returned, unless the purchasing parties might agree to let a refund slide.

In any case, the group set up a GoFundMe account to raise this year’s monies for their ongoing Student Scholarship and Family Emergency Fund.

Simply go to GoFundMe.com, click on the Search tab, and enter the search term “Concerned Women of Hamtramck” and you’ll get to the right link (“It Takes a Village...”).

As of 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, they had received five donations totaling \$240, toward a hoped-for final goal of \$2,500 (or more).

Out of hand... There has been plenty of fallout over how Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Alexis Krot treated an elderly man suffering from cancer, which led to his inability to clear out weeds from around his garage.

Krot has been chastised for shaming the man and wishing she could put him in jail. Ultimately, she fined him \$100. The man said he had been too weak from cancer to take care of the weeds – although they were eventually removed.

We won’t rehash the whole thing here, but there is grave concern in city hall about the outpouring of responses and phone calls from people far and wide.

We’ll put it this way: there have been threats, and it continues to get uglier.

There are some folks who believe all of city hall is somehow complicit in the matter.

Whatever you think of Judge Krot is one thing, but making death threats or threats of violence have no place in this discussion.

Everyone: your voices have been heard. Now it’s time we all ratchet down our emotions a notch or two.

The Review reached out to Judge Krot for comment but as of press time she had not responded. It has been reported that the judge cannot comment because of court rules.

Breaking news... As we prepared to go to press Thursday, a high-speed police chase during the night resulted in a car and two houses on Norwalk St., near Conant, greatly damaged.

It appears a driver was attempting to flee officers, and ended up slamming into a car and crashing into the houses.

It was reported that police officers arrested the driver. There were no injuries reported, but damages to the car and houses are severe.

To help the families, who do not have insurance to repair the damages, a GoFundMe page has been set up.

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Other Voices:

Guest Editorial

Historical museum has set its sight on the future

By Greg Kowalski

It’s ironic that as a historical museum while we are dedicated to exploring the past - we must also focus on the future.

It has to be that way.

If we don’t make plans for the future – and carry them out – there will be no future, at least for us.

We have to continue to grow, evolve and improve. That is not an easy task, especially now. The year 2022 has just begun, and it is already a year filled with unease, and uncertainty about our future as a nation and even as a society.

As the Hamtramck Historical Museum moves through this troubled time, we are charting a steady course. We plan to make some major renovations to the building this year including installing new carpeting in the main gallery.

Anyone who has been to the museum and seen the current floor knows that this is way overdue. The carpeting has been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible. It will make a huge difference in the appearance in the building.

We also hope to expand the main floor area and upgrade the front of the building this year. This isn’t just for cosmetic purposes.

As a professional organization we must have a professional appearance. How we present ourselves to the public is important. We plan to continue making structural improvements to the building, though they won’t be visible to the public they are necessary.

Beyond the look of the museum, we are going to restructure our fund-raising process and encourage more community involvement in the museum. That will include expanding our base of volunteers.

This is not going to be easy, but it is vital to our continued existence. The museum is now over 8 years old. We are no longer a start-up organization.

Our roots are solidly in place, and now we have to grow.

Let us know if you want to be more involved in the museum. Email us at hamtramckhistory@gmail.com. Hop on board this historic train’s journey into tomorrow.

(Mr. Kowalski is the Executive Director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum.)

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The Look...

By Suraj Bhamra

The promise of a new year rings hollow as we hear the increasingly deafening sound of bells tolling for the lives we yearn to return to.

As our trust in institu-

tions continues to tear at the seams, we understand the mouse in the maze perpetually forced to seek reward.

The soundtrack of these desperate realizations can be heard in rain

humming in tires on a freeway during rush hour or in the footsteps of passengers hurrying down the bus steps before the door snaps shut. The new year chips against reality like two pieces of flint

striking sparks.

(Suraj Bhamra is a Detroit-area photographer who specializes in street photography.)





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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 11-17.

Ave. reported being the victim of fraud.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

- Family trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Caniff Ave.
- A man in the 2700 block of Evaline St. was arrested for domestic assault.
- Officers responded to neighbors on Danforth St. having a dispute.
- An incident of malicious destruction of property was reported on Belmont St.
- A disorderly person was reported on Jos. Campau Ave.

Friday, Jan. 14

- A suspicious man standing next to a car in the 2300 block of Neibel St. was reported.
- Officers attempted to pull over the driver of a stolen Chrysler 200 but the driver sped off. The driver fled on foot after crashing into a General Motors lot on Jos. Campau and Hamtramck Drive. Officers found a handgun and other items in the car.
- A person found passed out in the 9600 block of Conant Ave. was arrested for being drunk.
- A dispute between neighbors was reported in the 2300 block of Botsford St.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

- An assault was reported in the area of St. Aubin and Casmere.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- A car was stolen in the 2200 block of Andrus St. The vehicle was later recovered.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Danforth St. The car turned out to belong to a contractor doing work at a residence.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jacob and Conant.
- An agent for a business on Conant Ave. reported having trouble with a customer.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for a robbery that occurred at a Jos. Campau Ave. business.

Saturday, Jan. 15

- A suspicious vehicle left running and unoccupied was reported in the 2300 block of Holmes St.
- A person in the 2600 block of Holbrook Ave. reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 3300 block of Holbrook Ave.
- An agent for a business in the 2100 block of Caniff Ave. reported being the victim of fraud.
- Officers went to St. John hospital to take a report of two sexual assaults.

Thursday, Jan. 13

- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 2300 block of Faber St.
- A juvenile was arrested in the 2700 block of Yemans St. for domestic assault.
- A disorderly person was reported on Jos. Campau Ave.
- A person was arrested on Danforth St. for domestic assault.
- An agent for a business on Jos. Campau

Sunday, Jan. 16

- A resident reported that her car was stolen, but declined to file a report about it.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 11300 block of McDougall St.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 2200 block of Goodson St.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline St.

Monday, Jan. 17

- A suspicious situation was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave.

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Another suspicious situation was reported in the area of Klinger and Carpenter.

- A complaint was made about an animal in the 3200 block of Belmont St.

- An assault was reported in the 2600 block of Edwin St.
- An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported having trouble with a customer.
- A theft was reported

at a Jos. Campau Ave. business.

- A loose dog was reported on Carpenter Ave.
- A vehicle was stolen on Trowbridge St.
- A vehicle was stolen on Conant Ave.
- A resident of Dearborn was arrested during an investigation.

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FundMe account has been set up for those who wish to contribute.

To find the site, go to GoFundMe and search for “Home and Vehicle Damages from Police Chase.”

As of Thursday morning, over \$2,600 has been raised with a goal of reaching at least \$25,000.

Dardeni Chowdhury is the organizer of the fundraiser and had this to say about the incident:

“A police chase on January 19, 2022 led to the suspect crashing into my car and destroying the front porch and foundation of my home, as well as destroying the neighbor’s house.

“My young son saw the whole thing happen from his window and would’ve almost gotten injured had the driver crashed closer to our home. I am a single mother with four children in a low-income household.

“We don’t have enough money to cover any of the repairs, and we do not have insurance coverage for both the car and the house. The car was the only vehicle we had, and we were constantly putting money into repairing it before this incident.

“My kids need a car to go to school, to go shopping, to go to the doctors, and many other places, and I need desperately need it to go to work. I have many health issues, and was at the hospital two days before this incident.

“This incident was not

at all what I expected, and has only added to the many issues I have to take care of. I would greatly appreciate any donations. My kids and I really need help.”

Showtime... Broadway’s 22nd-longest running show, “Hairspray,” trucks into the Fisher Theatre through Jan. 30.

In spite of some technical issues including props, lights and sound (on night two!), the show rides a winning cast (albeit non-Equi-

ty, for shame) and a strongly-written second act (with killer versions of “I Know Where I’ve Been” and the titular finale).

The cast is uniformly good, with standout performances by Toneisha Harris as “Motormouth Maybelle,” Addison Garner as evil cheerleader mom “Velma Von Tussle,” and Emanuel Zeesman as several cast members.

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