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Quick Hits

Celebrate Black History Month

By Alan Madlane

Most folks are probably aware that February is celebrated as Black History Month.

How much do you know about it?

From the website history.com (associated with The History Channel on cable TV), we learned that all U.S. presidents have recognized February as Black History Month since 1976 (which would have been Gerald Ford's last year in office).

The concept grew out of "Negro History Week," as it was then called, a concept realized – after years of working to highlight Black accomplishments – in February of 1926 by Black historian Carter G. Woodson and prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland (backed by others of the community).

That the month would be chosen as February grew out of the practice of Black communities celebrating Abraham Lincoln's Feb. 12 birthday since his 1865 assassination, and also Frederick Douglass' Feb. 14 birthday since his death in 1895.

Other months celebrate other racial and cultural, gender or identity groups,

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Projected marijuana retail taxes expected to be a windfall

By Alan Madlane

Hamtramck is about to get a financial windfall from its marijuana dispensaries.

Cities which allow dispensaries to operate within their city limits get monies from the state each year, based on how much the state took in in taxes, based in turn on how many dispensaries are operating in each city.

The issue of dispensaries has been a hot-button one here, and various permutations of recent Hamtramck city councils have wrestled back and forth, pro and con with the very concept of allowing them to operate.

As it stands, no more dispensaries will be allowed to open in the city. There are four outlets operating in Hamtramck.

Last year, it was estimated that the four outlets would generate over \$100,000 in taxes. However, the city has yet to collect tax revenue from the businesses, so that figure is not set in stone.

Additional fees paid by dispensaries are also shared with other cities this allow that type of business.

This past year, according to data from the Marijuana Policy Project (a pro-legalization organization), Michigan took in over \$188 million in tax revenue from cities with dispensaries.

A portion of that will now be returned to those same cities, to use as they please. Data usually comes out in March, and the actual payments will arrive at a later date.

This much is certain: Legalized pot is helping pay the bills in communities that allow it.

And it's coming at a time when Hamtramck is desperate for funds – from just about any source they can be materialized.

Hamtramck has been operating in deficit spending for the past two years, and by the end of this fiscal year, which ends June 30, the city's budget surplus will be depleted.



The collection of taxes from marijuana facilities is projected to bring in about \$200 million in taxes throughout the state, and Hamtramck is slated to receive a hefty portion. Just how much money will be coming this way is not known yet.

City is spilling red ink

By Charles Sercombe

The title for this year's budget review painted a fairly grim financial picture of the city.

It is called:

"A tale of one city: The worst of times, and the worst of times."

From there, at last Tuesday's budget work session, the overview only got worse. However, three city councilmembers were not in attendance to hear the bad news.

Those absent were Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan, Khalil Refai and Adam Albarmaki. Hassan is no stranger to the city's budget process, having sat through a number of such reviews while serving on council over the past few years.

Refai and Albarmaki are brand new members, and had not yet experienced a budget session.

The overview basically laid out a pattern of declining revenue streams since 2003.

For instance, income tax collection has gone down – despite the city experiencing a surge in population, from about 22,000 to over 28,000, in the last 10 years.

The report said that, in 2003, the city collected over \$2.7 million, while in the year 2020, it was a little over \$2.6 million.

While the city's budget remained at about \$16 million since 2003, state revenue sharing shrunk

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HPS Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed is under an investigation while on extended leave from her job. The nature of the investigation has not been made public by the district.

School district says superintendent is under investigation

By Charles Sercombe

A clue has emerged as to why Hamtramck Public Schools District Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed remains on leave.

At a recent school board committee meeting, board Vice President Showkat Chowdhury asked when the district would begin a search for a new superintendent.

Board President Salah Hadwan replied: "Well, we're still in an investigation."

Hadwan didn't explain the nature of the investigation.

Ahmed initially took a medical leave back on October, citing the stress

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she endured during the Covid pandemic. She was scheduled to return on Jan. 10 but it was announced, at last month's regular board meeting, that she remains on leave – apparently at the board's insistence. Her director of human

resources, Michelle Imbrunone, also took a medical leave of absence in October. The board has not said whether Imbrunone remains on leave, or is still with the district. It is also unknown whether if the two are still on the district's payroll.

Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi earlier told The Review that he does not discuss personnel issues. Ahmed was appointed as superintendent about two years ago, replacing longtime superintendent Tom Niczay, who retired. Both Ahmed and Im-

brunone came under intense criticism from teachers and administrators after they took their leaves of absence. They complained, sometimes bitterly, of their management style, and the many job transfers they imposed on staffmembers. In the last year, over 20 teachers and administrators opted to resign and take jobs with other districts in protest of the management decisions. Some of those who left have since returned while Ahmed and Imbrunone were on leave. Neither Ahmed nor Imbrunone have spoken on the matter. In the meantime, the board has authorized Nagi to lead contract negotiations with district employees, including teachers.

City is spilling red ink

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from \$4.5 million to \$3.2 million. It is the same story with property tax collection, which is the bulk of where the city gets its money to operate. In 2003, the city collected \$7.1 million, but by 2020, it was down to \$6.8 million. The bad news was not unexpected. The city has been in deficit spending for the past two years, and at the rate it's going, the budget surplus will run out during this fiscal year, which ends June 30. At the same time, city expenses across the board continue to increase. Most of the city's budget goes toward employee payroll and the pension obligations, which are technically underfunded and heading toward default. Last August, in the primary election, the city attempted to get voter approval of a special property tax millage that would have paid the pension obligation for police officers and firefighters, but that was overwhelmingly rejected. What that could – and likely will – lead to is the city failing to meet its pension payments. If that's the case, it's expected that retirees would file a lawsuit against the city. That, in turn, would likely

lead to a judge imposing a special tax on property rolls to cover the expense. In other words, either way, homeowners are going to have to pay up. The Review asked newly-elected Mayor Amer Ghalib about his thoughts of the initial budget presentation, and whether he had any ideas for savings or for increasing revenues. In his campaign, he said he had "bold" ideas on a number of pressing city issues, but no specifics were ever offered. Ghalib replied (via email): "Look, during my campaign, I didn't make false promises, or timeline to when will things be fixed. What developed over tens of years cannot be fixed in a few months. I'm sure you know that too. "However, there are some decisions and changes on the way that will benefit our city on the short and long terms. We will not announce it until it's the right time. I'm still working with the former mayor's team and administration, and I may continue to work with them if things work out in our city's favor." The council and mayor will meet on March 1 to continue the budget overview.



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Mayor: Despite declining numbers, Covid is still here

By Charles Sercombe

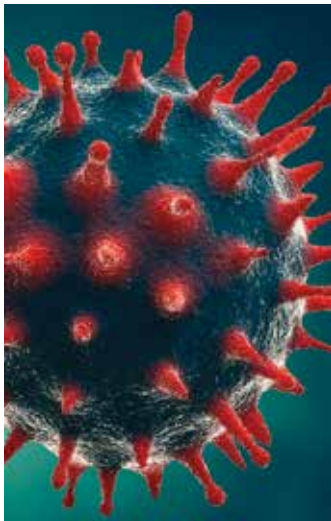
The Covid rollercoaster in Hamtramck continues.

The number of new cases went down during the past week, but as Mayor Amer Ghalib pointed out, in his weekly update about Covid via the city's Facebook page, "It's still here, and it's still killing people."

According to Wayne County health officials, there were 53 new cases last week, and one new death.

The number of COVID-19 cases for the past two years now totals 4,573, and the number of deaths during this period is now 64.

Statewide, the number



of new Covid cases is going down.

The mayor's information about Covid was just a small part of his seven-minute talk about issues facing the city in general.

Since the city was hit with its first major snowstorm last week, the issue of plowing streets has been a hot topic among residents.

Ghalib said he received several comments on the subject from residents, and, as you can imagine, some were not pleased with how the city is handling clearing the streets, although some others had positive experiences.

No matter what's on your mind, Ghalib said, he wants to hear what you have to say.

"I don't take it personally," the mayor said. "I see it as a way to improve city services."

Ghalib went on to explain that, with the city's limited resources, street plowing is ranked: clearing emergency routes first, then overpasses; intersections next, and then, lastly, side streets.

But doing the side streets is tricky, he said, because the streets are so narrow, and most residents don't have drive-ways to park in to allow the plows to do a thorough job.

Streets also present challenges, he said, "be-

cause there is no way for residents to move their cars."

For those of you who have lived here a number of years, you are probably used to dealing with this issue. For those new to the city, well, it's one of the prices of living in an older community with few resources.

In another update, Ghalib said that one of his duties as mayor is to appoint folks to various boards and commissions. There are some vacancies for those interested in serving the community, he said.

(Note one thing, however: they are all non-paying, volunteer positions.)

Some boards and commissions, he said, have not met for quite some time because they can't get enough members to actually meet to have a quorum and be able to move forward.

"That's unacceptable," the mayor said.

Ghalib said he will be reviewing all appointees, to determine who should stay on.

For those who want to volunteer, Ghalib said to contact him.



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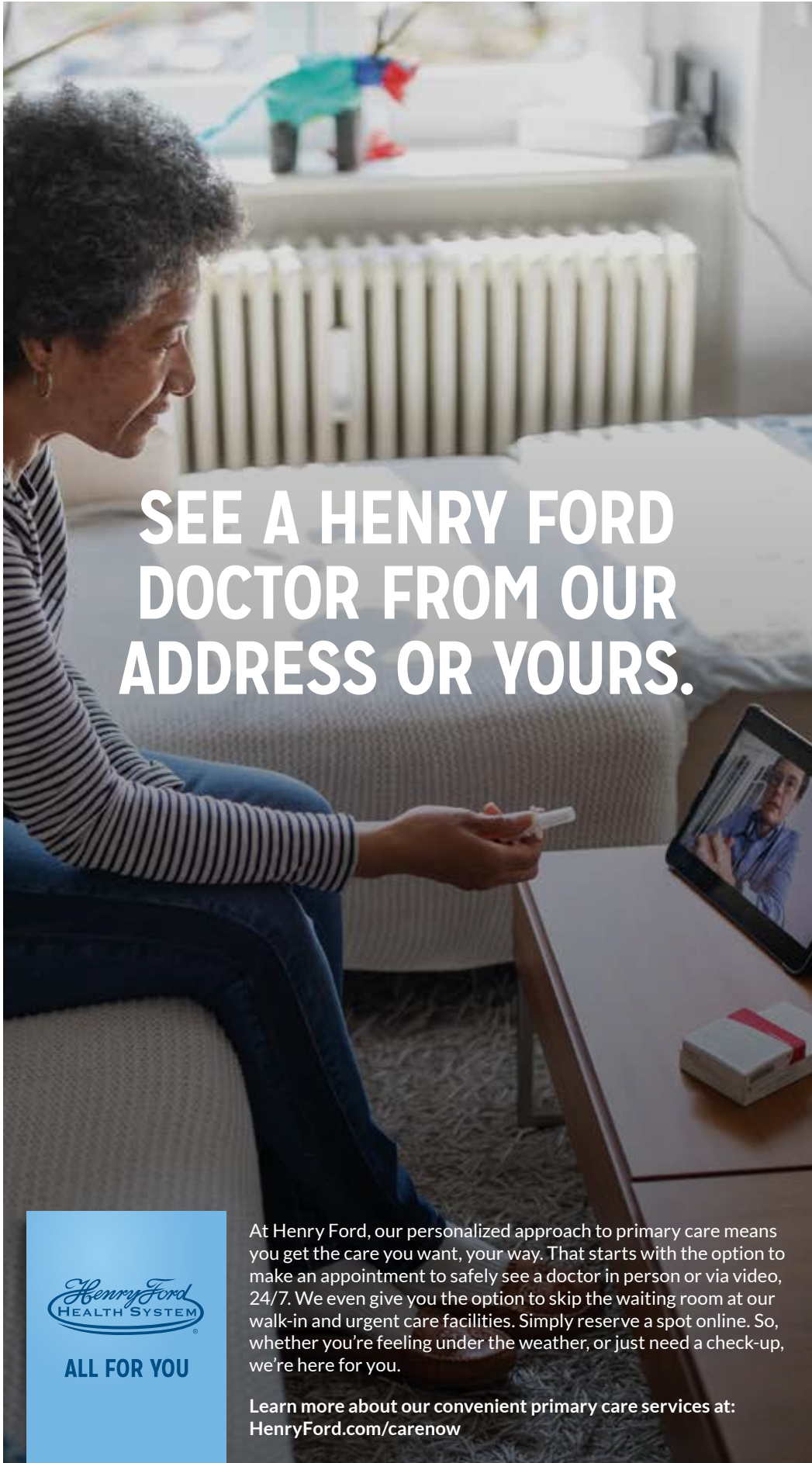
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During the 2021-22 academic year, we plan to highlight our incredible student-athletes in a new "Meet the Cosmos" series.

Our first spotlight is Diontae Powell! Diontae is a senior and student-athlete at Hamtramck High School. Diontae plays on the HPS Varsity Basketball Team.

Diontae's favorite part about the team is being able to spend every day with his teammates.

His favorite thing about

being a Cosmo is getting to laugh, play and be himself. Being a Cosmo is being a family – it's all love!

Diontae plans to pursue nursing after high school, which we're confident he will excel in!


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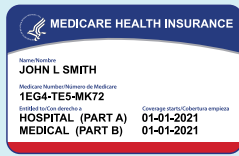

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In Our Opinion

Being the mayor of a city is a humbling experience

If there is one thing we learned from last week's article about former Mayor Karen Majewski's reflection on her tenure, it's this:

Be courageous – despite your initial doubts.

In our question-and-answer interview with Majewski, who was mayor for 16 years, it was enlightening to learn from her that, despite one's initial fears, we can succeed.

It's a message most of us have heard before, but it is always enlightening to find out how others deal with this dilemma.

We hope that many of you found some inspiration in her story about her beginning in Ham-

tramck politics, and her growth into the job as mayor.

It is an awesome task, in the sense that it carries a ton of responsibilities. And, being mayor can be a humbling job.

We say this with all the best wishes for our new mayor, Amer Ghalib, who now leads a new chapter in Hamtramck's fascinating political history.

Being mayor of your town is, indeed, an honor. A mayor is always celebrated by visiting politicians, because mayors are the folks on the ground level who try to make sense, to their residents of what "government" can and cannot deliver.

We put government in quotes because it's actually us. We are the government, even though the official government sometimes can seem far away, and out of our reach.

Former Congressman Thomas "Tip" O'Neill Jr. famously said that "all politics is local," and that is so true. Majewski embodied that sentiment, and so have so many other former mayors.

Politics here is a living and breathing thing.

We can only have faith that the tradition of a being a community-minded mayor will forever live on in Hamtramck.

Odds & Ends

Snow helpers... A nice group of local folks referring to themselves as Hamtramck Mutual Aid will try to hook you up with someone to shovel your sidewalk for free if you are disabled, or a senior.

The link online to sign up is: bit.ly/HMASnow2021 – and the same form is used if you are wanting to volunteer.

Volunteers can sign up to shovel either one, two or three houses' walkways for the rest of the season. The group plans to pair you up with people who live as close to you as possible.

The city mandates clean walkways, just as they do yards free of weeds or debris.

The emphasis for now is on the sidewalks. If you're one of those rare homes with a paved driveway, or concerned about, for example, your porch that gets slippery, you could discuss it with the group or your volunteer.

So, whether you're a Good-Samaritan-in-waiting, or a person in need of one, go to the above-listed link and make your presence known.

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Parking meters update... We reported a few weeks ago that the city council directed the city manager to work with its parking meter company to extend the grace period to pay for parking to 15 minutes instead of five after you first pull into a parking space.

Well, the key phrase in the council resolution turned to be "... to work with contractors to extend the grace period..."

City Manager Kathy Angerer said the company agreed to extend the grace period for city parking lots, but not for street parking, which remains at five minutes from the moment you park to the moment you feed the parking meter.

While the extended grace period at city parking lots is nice, it doesn't quite match up to the main intent of the council's resolution, which stressed that "business owners have complained about not having enough time to even unload their own vehicles ..."

The new meter system has come under increasing criticism from residents who say there have been a number of difficulties with it. The frustration even has some folks saying the city should get rid of the meters.

Eliminating the meters would likely come at a hefty price, since the city did sign a contract with the company.

In the meantime, here's a bug in the meter system that we experienced firsthand. An office mate here at The Review prepaid \$40 to park so it would be easy to park and go about her business without fumbling for cash or a credit card.

Well, even though our office buddy parked for

less than two hours in the Yemans St. lot on Sunday, she was charged for two hours.

Problem is, parking is supposed to be free on Sundays, even though the current parking signs incorrectly say parking is enforced seven days a week.

Those signs were supposed to be replaced months ago to reflect the correct enforcement days, which are Monday through Saturday. So far, there is no "sign" of new signs being installed.

One has to wonder how many unsuspecting people have been paying to park on Sundays.

Anyway, while the Sunday charge was only \$2 for our Review pal, it's the principle that counts.

Why is the company charging on Sundays?

We were told by the city to lodge an inquiry with the company, but the only way to do that is via email. Our office buddy did just that, and the company's response was to list all of her parking charges.

That's it.

It did not offer a refund, nor can anyone be reached at the company to ask why there was a charge in the first place.

We were told by the city that a refund is coming, and that the company is too backlogged with other inquiries to explain why there was a charge in the first place.

On Thursday, the day The Review went to press, we received this email from city hall, that is the company's response to why there was a Sunday charge:

"Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. This parker was charged a concierge session on Sunday due to a design flaw only pertaining to the lots right now.

"We have a solution in place and no parkers will be charged for lot sessions moving forward. I suspect the impact to have been low here but If anyone else reports this issue from the past we'd be happy to validate and refund that parker."


Yeah, right "concierge session." Sounds like pretentious corporate-speak to us.

Hamtramck is not the only municipality to hire this company, which is Municipal Parking Services.


The company certainly has some explaining to do, but more urgently, the lines of communication need to be opened up. Sadly, this is happening with more and more companies; as they get increasingly tech-dependent, it gets harder and harder to actually talk to someone about a problem.

Also, note this: the company had months to work out the bugs of this system.


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Cricket, anyone?... There's a new opportunity locally to learn about an old sport: Cricket.

The Hamtramck Parks and Recreation Department is teaming up, so to speak, with the Michigan Youth Cricket Association to teach young people about this age-old game. It's a sport with a massive popularity profile in

both the United Kingdom and in Southern Asia, particularly in India and surrounding countries – for example, Bangladesh. This free clinic will be for youth ages 9 to 17, and will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hamtramck High School Community Center at 11350 Charest St. (just south of the high

school building). Cricket traces its roots back to at least the mid-1500s in southeastern England, where it seems to have originated as a children's game and school sport. There have been signs locally of its increasing popularity too, with a cricket equipment store spotted recently in Farmington Hills, matches played near the old state fairgrounds, and a Michigan Cricket Association with a webpage (michiganscricket.org). So come on out and learn about this fascinating pastime. Call (313) 892-2635 during business hours for more information. And maybe you can avoid that "sticky wicket" next time.

Taxman... Can we talk taxes? Specifically, let's talk about upcoming property taxes that are due

here in Hamtramck by Tuesday, Feb. 15. Payments received after this date are subject to a 4 percent penalty. You can make your payments right at City Hall, 3401 Evaline St. Their current hours are Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is also a drop box in the lobby to receive payments. Or, you can go online to www.hamtramck.us – find the Treasurer's Office in the dropdown menu, and select "Make Payment Online." Alternately, you can mail your payment, made out to the City of Hamtramck, to City of Hamtramck Taxes, P.O. Box 33754, Detroit MI 48232-3754. For more information, call the city treasurer at (313) 876-7700. You may also pay using the DivDat kiosk, or their app. Real property taxes paid after Feb. 28 must be

made to the Wayne County Treasurer. Personal property tax payments for businesses made after Feb. 28 must be made directly to the City of Hamtramck Treasurer. **Farewell...** As mentioned last week, one of Hamtramck's favorite bar owners, George Cveta-novski, died recently. He owned 7 Brothers Bar for many years, and it was a well-known hangout for area actors, artists and musicians. To say that he will be missed is an understatement. His funeral service is taking the form of a visitation this Saturday, Feb. 12, at Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home, 3801 18 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights. Visitation starts at noon and runs to 4 p.m. You can read is obituary on page 8 of this issue.

JOSEPH CAMPAU INTERNATIONAL FLAGPOLE PROJECT

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
for 18 New American Flags



Our American Flags are normally raised at least during Memorial Day week and Independence Day Week. Existing flags are in bad shape.

Date:
Saturday,
March 26, 2022

Location:
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11824 Joseph Campau

Tickets:
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(3-7 pm for civilians)

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- Two (2) Baskets loaded with goodies
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Buy tickets anytime at the following locations:

1923 Café – 22887 Holbrook
Balkan House Restaurant – 3028 Caniff
Euro Mini Mart – 11415 Joseph Campau
Oloman Café – 10215 Joseph Campau (after Feb. 1st)
Post 6 PLAV – 9545 McDougall
Post 10 PLAV – 11824 Joseph Campau
Tekla Vintage – 9600 Joseph Campau

NOTICE

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Hamtramck Board of Review will meet in the Hamtramck City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212.

Meetings by appointment only on the following days:

Tuesday March 8, 2022, at 9:00 am for the organizational meeting (no appeals will be heard).

By appointment to hear appeals,

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---|
| Monday | March 14, 2022 | 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm |
| | Location: | 3rd Floor conference room |
| Thursday | March 17, 2022 | 9:00 am to 5:00 pm |
| | Location: | 2nd Floor City Council Chambers |

The purpose is to review the assessment rolls of Hamtramck. Matters pertaining to the assessment of property may be brought before the Board of Review. Appointments will be taken until 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Appeals will also be accepted by letter.

****All letter appeals must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 17, 2022. ****

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CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

Paczki Run makes a return this year to kick off the Big Day

By Alan Madlane

Get on your track shoes, people, and get ready to pre-run off those paczki. Because the Paczki Run is back. And as usual, it's happening during the "Countdown to Paczki Day" calendar. Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, is March 1 this year. You can get yourself in proper Paczki Day shape the Saturday before, Feb.



The Paczki Run returns this year after taking last year off due to the Covid pandemic.

26, at the Paczki Run, starting in the morning at 10 a.m. In-person registration, if needed (because you didn't, or couldn't, pre-register), begins at 7 a.m. on race day, at the site, which has usually been from a point just south, along Jos. Campau Ave., from Holbrook Ave., near the Hamtramck Town Center. The event normally draws about 2,000 runners, helpers, cheerers-on, and perplexed spectators, which is a nice little boon for local businesses of many different stripes. Whether this year's race will prove that successful (or not) may depend on how comfortable people are with where the pandemic stands, in addition to usual concerns such as the weather and driving conditions, for example.

The race is particularly appreciated because it costs the city nothing to put on – all costs are paid by the race organizer, Tour de Troit. The Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority co-sponsors the event. Paczki Day itself is a wonderfully Hamtramcky celebration, going back decades. People wait for some time, in lines stretching out into the late winter cold, just to buy one – or multiple box-fuls – of the gooey gut-bombs. The consumption of

one of these lard-laden comestibles is a veritable rite of passage for visitors to the city, dough virgins often egged on by knowing residents or town-frequenters. So run on, ye intrepid ones, and shed some of those LBSes in preparation for the ritual. It's one of those fine things that helps chase the winter blahs away. In other warming and relevant news, Detroit City Distillery of Eastern Market looks to be, once again, offering their oh-so-popular Paczki-flavored vodka. Sales will commence online at the distillery's website (detroitcitydistillery.com) on Friday, Feb. 11 at 8 a.m. They sold out of 4,200 bottles online last year in just 22 minutes. Bottles cost only \$35; the vodka is 88 proof; and there are no artificial ingredients. A small amount is usually also made available to certain local liquor shops. Check with yours. They say they use 18 dozen (that's 216) glazed raspberry paczki per batch, soaked for a full day in inside a 500-gallon copper pot full of 100-percent-pure potato vodka sourced from Poland and Michigan. The final product is described as tasting smooth, buttery and with a distinct raspberry finish. Na Zdrowie!

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 1-7.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

• Officers responded to a complaint about two males in the 2900 block of Yemans St. who were arguing. Officers told them to go on their way.

• Officers attempted to pull over the driver of a gray Dodge Durango at Dequindre and Carpenter, but the suspect fled. The pursuit was terminated.

• An incident of fraud was reported in the 2400 block of Grayling St.

• A Botsford St. resident reported being assaulted.

• An incident of malicious destruction of property was reported on Dyar St.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

• A report was made about a woman in the 2000 block of Yemans St. attempting to break into her ex-boyfriend's car. When officers arrived, they talked to the complainant, and then observed that no damage had been done to the vehicle.

• A woman in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. reported that a man pulled a knife on her. When officers arrived, the woman denied making the call, and refused to cooperate further. The male suspect was seen in the area and was told to leave.

• A report was made about two dogs loose on Hanley St.

• A Hewitt St. resident reported receiving harassing communications.

Thursday, Feb. 3

• A juvenile who ran away was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St.

• A possible domestic situation was reported in the 3200 block of Holbrook Ave. The caller said that her boyfriend was putting his hands on her, and that he may have had a gun. When officers arrived at the residence, they discovered it was the wrong address given to them. They could not locate a victim.

• A report was made

of a suspicious vehicle at Hamtramck Dr. and Jos. Campau, but it turned out to be a stranded motorist. Officers assisted the motorist.

Friday, Feb. 4

• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

• A loose dog was caught at Holbrook and Gallagher, and was returned to its owner.

• Reckless drivers were reported in the 2400 block of Denton St.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 12000 block of Dequindre St.

Saturday, Feb. 5

• An intoxicated man was reported in the 3000 block of Holbrook Ave. The man was taken to a hospital.

• An agent for a business in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave. reported a suspicious man inside the store. The man was gone when officers arrived.

• An incident of malicious destruction of property was reported on Yemans St.

• A complaint was made about disorderly people in the 2600 block of Holbrook Ave.

• A report was made of possible squatters in the 5000 block of Yemans St.

• A dispute between and a landlord and tenant was reported in the 2600 block of Holmes St.

Sunday, Feb. 6

• A man was arrested in the 11700 block of Charest St. for accidentally discharging his gun. The bullet went into a neighbor's houses, but did not injure anyone. The suspect was also arrested for being a felon in possession of a gun.

• A complaint was made in the 12000 Selfridge St. about unwanted guests banging on a resident's front door. When officers arrived, the people were gone.

• A person in the 3800 block of Yemans St. initially called for assistance, but when officers arrived,

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Coming Events

SATURDAY, Feb. 12, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome.

SATURDAY, Feb. 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Drive-thru/Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. \$12 Adult/\$6 Child 12 & under. Menu: Pork chop, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Stewed Cabbage (Bigos), Mashed Potatoes/gravy, Dessert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church. Masks to be worn for pick-up.

TUESDAY, March 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Wayne Health and ICNA Relief Michigan (Muslim Family Services) have joined forces for a monthly initiative offering residents in need a combination of services from their organizations including COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, free health screenings, access to a food pantry, and resources for rental and utility assistance, weatherization and home repair. First Tuesday of every month, can accommodate up to 100 people. Health screenings are available free of charge to persons of all ages with or without insurance. Approximately 50 pounds of food, including fresh produce, will be available for persons with ID, ICNA Relief Michigan, 12500 Mitchell St., Detroit.

SATURDAY, March 26, 3-7 p.m. – A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held to purchase 18 new American flags for the Jos. Campau flagpoles, at PLAV Post 10, 11824 Jos. Campau. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors, and add \$1 for carry-outs. There will be meat and meatless dinners, as well as optional halal and vegetarian dishes. Tickets are at Post 10 and other locations.





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the woman said she did not need their help.

- Officers assisted state police with a multi-vehicle accident on I-75.

Monday, Feb. 7

- Officers responded to a call about a man in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau Ave. who had allegedly been pushed to

the ground. When officers arrived, the man admitted he had not been assaulted but that he was drunk. Later, that man was taken by ambulance to a hospital.

- A fight was reported in the 9400 block of Conant Ave., where a suspect was arrested.

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A look back at Hamtramck’s history...



Think spring? Forget it, at least on the day in May this post was written. It was snowing. So if we can have snow in May we can think about ice skating at Veterans Memorial Park.

You may remember doing just that as a kid. From the mid-1950s, when the ice rink was built, to the mid-1970s, when the

freezing mechanism gave up its last gasp, the rink was a popular winter stop for Hamtramckans.

In later years the rink was turned into a riding site for skaters on wheels.

Help the Hamtramck Historical Museum continue to preserve and present pictures like this. Donate to the Friends of

Historical Hamtramck, which owns and operates the museum, located at 9525 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

Visit our website www.hamtramckhistory.org. And for those of you who have donated, thank you so much. We deeply appreciate your support.

Quick Hits

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for example Irish Americans and Women’s History (March), Arab Americans (April), Asian Pacific Americans and Jewish Americans (May), Gay Pride (June), Hispanic Americans (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15), Filipino, Italian and Polish Americans (October), and Native Americans (Novem-

ber).

Hamtramck noted the month of February as Black History Month with a city council resolution.

Close to home, many of the local cultural institutions have things going on, starting most obviously with the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, which has a calendar highlighted by a virtual weekly series exploring, in-depth, aspects of their “And Still We Rise”

mega-exhibit (thewright.org).

Others holding prominent events include the DIA (dia.org), Detroit Historical Museum (detroithistorical.org), Henry Ford Museum (thehenryford.org), City of Southfield (cityofsouthfield.com/departments/parks-recreation), City Institute (thecityinstitute.com), the Detroit Club at 217 Farnsworth St., and Detroit Book City (detroitbookcity.com).

Obituaries

CVETANOVSKI

George Cvetanovski, 90, died recently.

He is the loving father of Mirjana (Mitko) Saveski. Cherished grandfather of Anita (Saso) and Zdravko. Treasured great-grandfather of Tijana and Angela. Dearest brother of

Mende, Pece, Dimce, the late Boris, the late Tome and the late Tiro. Treasured uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents Vancho and Blaga.

Visitation is Feb. 12, noon-4 p.m. at Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home, 3801 18 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights.



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