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### **Quick Hits**

#### **Drop off** your old prescriptions By Alan Madlane

Hamtramck is once

again hosting a weekend prescription drug takeback.

This Saturday, April 30, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., you can drive up to the front of the Piast Institute at 11633 Jos. Campau (on the northwest corner of Whalen St., five blocks north of Caniff) and, without even getting out of your car, simply rid yourself of your old unused prescrip-

That includes over-thecounter medications and vitamins.

The Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition, a program of the Piast Institute, and the Hamtramck Police Department, are co-sponsoring the event.

It is funded by the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network.

They are also giving out free items, such as Fentanyl test strips, Narcan kits and Deterra packs, and lock bags.

As an incentive, there is a drawing for a \$50 gas card. You can enter in one of several ways:

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### — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

## City's new parking meters gets a tweak in operations

**By Charles Sercombe** 

City officials are hoping that new adjustments to the rules governing the city's controversial parking meters will win over critics.

But that may prove to be a tough wish.

The backlash against the meters has been growing in recent weeks. The complaints include: confusion over which parking space to punch in at the pay stations; paying, but still getting a ticket; the download app not working; and general confusion on just how to use the hi-tech digital meters.

in complaining about the have to back into a parking new meter system, which is suppled by Municipal Parking Systems. The same meters were recently installed in Royal Oak, and there is now a call for them to be removed.

(Note to Hamtramck: the parking situation could be



Public outcry over the new parking meter system led to some changes in its operations, but will that be enough? Royal Oak has the same meter system, and folks there are demanding its removal. File photo

Hamtramck isn't alone worse: In Royal Oak, you space on some streets.)

The meters are located in the Jos. Campau Ave. business district and cityowned parking lots servicing that district.

A number of Jos. Campau business owners have

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### Eid holidays are added to free meter parking days

**By Charles Sercombe** 

You can add two more holidays that you don't have to plunk in money for parking meters.

council meeting, the

council approved adding the two Eid holidays to the calendar.

Those specific days are determined each At this week's city year by the phase of the Continued on page 2

The Hamtramck Public Library is splitting off from financial services provided by the city, and it will now take full control of its operation. File photo

### Library is separating from city

**By Charles Sercombe** 

It's not quite a divorce. Call it more of a separa-

The Hamtramck Public Library Board of Directors has decided to break away from being involved with the city.

What this means is that, starting on July 1, the library board will take over its own finances, personnel issues and, even, maintaining its own build-

So why is this more of a separation than a complete divorce?

The city will still own the library building.

The split was made public at a recent city council budget hearing, when City Manager Kathy Angerer mentioned it.

Angerer said the library,

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### A conversation with Michigan's top Covid

By Alan Madlane

Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian is Michigan's Chief Medical Executive. Think of her as our own Dr. Fauci - but for goodness' sake, treat her better, please.

Thanks to the efforts of Mario Morrow & Associates and Lynn Sutfin, public information officer for the MDHHS (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services), we were able to arrange for Dr. Bagdasarian to receive some questions from us.

Here, then, is that email interview:

The Review: First, let's hear the latest Covid numbers for Michigan, as well as for Wayne County, if you can provide them.

We had heard that there may be another **Omicron variant causing** a potential surge, the BA.2 variant, but even though that variant is supplanting the older Omicron one, the booster seems to be holding up all right, and numbers would seem to be sinking?

Dr. Bagdasarian: The latest COVID numbers can be found online at several different locations:

https://covid.cdc.gov/ covid-data-tracker/ #datatracker-home

https://www.michigan gov/coronavirus/0,9753, 7-406-98163\_98173---,00.html

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The BA.2 variant is the

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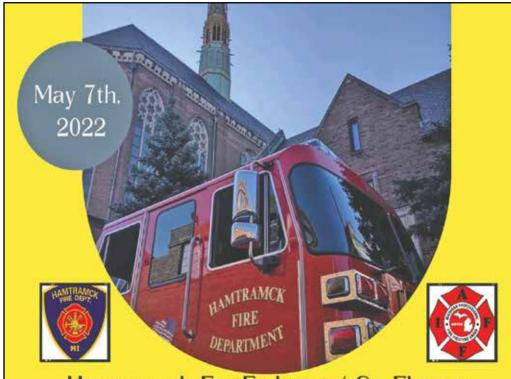


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### City's new parking meters gets a tweak in operations

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complained about losing customers because of the meters.

Hussain Murray, the owner of a pawn shop on Jos. Campau, said he has lost many customers because of the meters.

"Jos. Campau is empty now," Murray said.

At Fresh Valley Market on Caniff, which is next to a city parking lot at Mc-Dougall, the owner, Mo Almasmari, said a number of his customers either were confused about how to use the meters and got tickets, or paid and still got tickets.

He waived a stack of those tickets to a Review reporter, pointing out that he paid for them.

"If I don't pay them, I'll lose customers," he said. "It's hurting our business."

In response to the public outcry, a city council sub-committee, consisting of Councilmembers Mohammed Alsomiri, Nayeem Choudhury and Refai Khalil, came up with modifications that include:

· The hours of enforcement being reduced from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. down to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Two additional holidays being added when parking is free. The holidays are to celebrate the two Eids that happen in each year.
- · Monthly parking passes that allow drivers to park anywhere being lowered to \$25 per month.
- There is now a 30-minute grace period for city lots that will allow shoppers to get their groceries or merchant items without having to pay.

The new policy will start this Sunday (when parking is free), May 1.

### Eid holidays are added to free meter parking days continued from front page

The majority of Hamtramck's population is believed to be of the Muslim faith, who celebrate Eid.

The other holidays include:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr.

- Presidents Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day (July 4th)
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- · Veterans Day
- · Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday)
- Hamtramck holiday Parking Days (following the days after Thanksgiving, Friday through Dec.
  - · Christmas Day
  - · New Year's Eve

### Library is separating from city

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located at 2360 Caniff Ave., can legally go its own way.

This isn't the first quasi-government entity to break away from the city. The Hamtramck Housing Commission took a similar step several years ago.

According to recent library board minutes, the city had been increasingly dipping into library funds to offset costs for its various administrative actions relating to the library.

The library had previously been paying the city about \$12,000 a year for that service, but that figure starting climbing upward to an additional \$67,000-2021 and March 2022.

Angerer said the in- it came down to this:

crease reflected true costs the city was spending for the library. For the city, this presumably means that with the library handling its own costs, there will be less of a work burden on the city administration.

The library generates its own revenue through a voter-approved property tax (an additional 1.8 mills) that produces about \$350,000 a year.

The library also receives grant money and donations. Their projected operating cost for next fiscal year (which starts on July 1) is \$427,000.

Asked why the library plus from between June board took this step, Board line services available. President Ray Bittner said

"The question is, can we afford not to be separate?" The separation becomes official at the end of the

city's fiscal year, which is June 30 of every year. The library employs two

full-time employees (which includes a director) and five part-time positions. Prior to the Covid pandemic, about 70,000 visitors visited the library each

During Covid, because of limited in-person services, that number dropped to 25,000 visitors per year, but should trend back up now that pandemic restrictions have been eased.

The library also has on-

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### This week at the Library

Summer Reading: When school lets out, don't let the kids forget all about reading. Have them join our Summer Reading Program. We have got some great incentives to keep them bringing books home. Plus, there will be tons of activities to get them away from the screen. More info to come soon.

Star Wars: May 4th is held as a day of celebration by many Star War fans. Whether you will be preordering collectibles or just screening your favorite trilogy, consider stopping by the library to pick up one of the many books which have added to this ever expanding universe of stories.

Aspiring Historians: The Michigan Historical Review is holding an essay contest for college graduate students with a cash prize and a chance to be published in its Spring 2023 issue. Papers must include original research and focus in part on topic pertaining to Michigan history. www.hsmichigan.org/read/michiganhistorical-review/student-essay-contest to view full requirements, details and

Afternoon Story Time: Nurture a sense of wonder and encourage a love for learning in your little ones by coming to our Story Time Afternoons. Presented by the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers, experience an exciting new tale every Monday at 4 pm.

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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**

March 9. and all councilmembers were pres-

A proclamation about hammed Hassan former city official Robert Zwolak was read out loud.

It said, in part:

"No matter what was city. going on in Hamtramck for the last 50 years, one thing has always been constant - Bob Zwolak. Bob is a fixture of Hamtramck life and politics.

"Whether functioning as a local business owner, City Clerk, or City Councilmember, Bob has been through it all and never stopped caring about Hamtramck. A long and varied career brings with it a wealth of institutional knowledge that simply cannot be replaced."

Mayor Karen Majewski said the proclamation was given to Zwolak days before he died. His son, Dan, said his father greatly appreciated the gesture.

"In his final hours, it meant the world to him," Dan Zwolak said. Later, in a lighter moment, he said: "He will haunt you in city hall."

Councilmember Saad The city council met on Almasmari said he considered Zwolak "a valued friend."

> Councilmember Mosaid Zwolak was his "political advisor," and noted that Zwolak was always "hard-working" for the

> Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi said he was "the epitome of being active and being vocal."

The council also supported another proclamation, a memorial to COVID-19 victims. It read, in part:

"The City of Hamtramck officially recognizes and remembers those who have lost their lives in the past year of the COVID-19 pandemic. And we ask that all our residents join us in remembering those who have lost their lives and those who continue to suffer from the impact and McDougall of this terrible virus."

Moving on, the Building Department gave its year-

The department said it issued 1,290 permits in 2020, and collected over \$245,000 in building fees.

year, there were 705 new rental properties registered. and \$170.000 collected in rental certification fees.

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A discussion was held on a proposed alley/parking lot repaving program. The council had earlier OK'd allocating \$500,000 for the project.

A bid for the project by Great Lakes Contracting Solutions came in at about \$439,000.

The project includes repaving the following:

- Alley 1 West of Jos. Campau between Belmont and Yemans · Alley 3 - West of
- Conant between Trowbridge and Belmont · Alley 4 - West of Conant between Belmont
- and Yemans Alley 5 – West of Conant between Yemans
- Parking lot at Caniff

and Evaline

Councilmember Ian Perrotta was opposed to the project because of the inclusion of the city parking

He said that the parking lot was being done for Review Publisher John Ulaj, in a deal where the paper Also, during the past would provide "favorable coverage" to the administration.

The Review building is located across the street from the parking lot, which is located in the heart of the Jos. Campau business district.

The project was approved.

In another project, the council took the first step toward approving a sidewalk replacement plan. The council had previously turned down a proposal to have a citywide program in which property owners would be billed for any replacement slabs.

This revised proposal would spend \$100,000 from a state road repair fund that the city gets every year. Homeowners will not be charged under this new plan, which is greatly scaled back.

This initial council step approved an engineering study to identify which slabs need to be replaced, starting in one section of the southend.

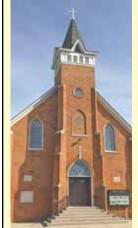
In another revisitation to a proposal, the council was divided on whether to ask voters, for the second time, to approve a property millage increase in order to fund the city's pension obligations for firefighters and police officers.

The city wants to raise

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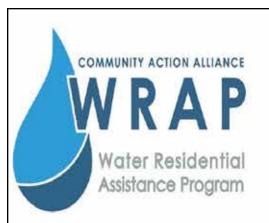
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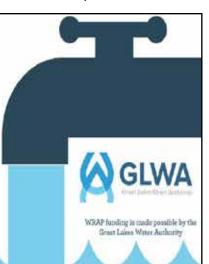
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### conversation with Michigan's top Covid doctor cont. from front page

now) in Michigan, the region, and the U.S. The latest estimates are that BA.2 makes up around 84% of all COVID infections occurring in HHS Region 5: https://covid. cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions.

And this proportion has been steadily rising, replacing Omicron BA.1. While we recently have come down significantly

predominant variant (right from our initial Omicron wave, we are now starting to plateau, and see case rates increase in some areas of the state.

> While we may see an increase in cases from the (low figures), we are not expecting a spike in cases - nor major increases in hospitalizations and deaths - due to population protection from recent infection and/or vaccines/boosters.

Omicron BA.2 does appear to be more transmissible than BA.1, but has not been shown to result in more severe illness.

The Review: So, your department created a model, presumably a predictive one, related to the pandemic and any future surges. Can you give us the basics, in layman's terms? How did this model get created?

Dr. Bagdasarian: MDH-HS has used several different models to understand the COVID-19 pandemic and communicate with the public. These models can be used to infer the directionality and magnitude of upcoming surges.

Each model takes into account different parameters and assumptions to help us make these assertations. In other words, we may model Michigander's behavior in one manner or another (e.g., percent of population who get vaccinated or wear masks).

Or, we may model based on the characteristics of the virus spread, similar to another population (e.g., how would the virus spread if Michigan experienced transmission similar to another state or country). No model is 100 percent perfect, so we look at multiple models to make our best assertations for the future, which many times guide us in the right direction.

CDC has some of their own models here: https://www.cdc.gov/ coronavirus/2019-ncov/ science/forecasting/ mathematical-modeling. html

As an example, some of our more recent models related to BA.2 examined how Michigan's case counts might change if we followed a similar pattern to the United Kingdom.

The Review: What does the model predict for the summer? Does it stretch out as far as this coming fall, when the kids go back to school? Does it address the notion of continuing boosters, and how often we may need them?

Dr. Bagdasarian: A limitation of any (of these) models used is how far out we can reliably predict COVID-19 trends. In a perfect world, we could control every factor that COVID-19 influences transmission: viral characteristics, human characteristics, and population dynamics.

Viral characteristics include virus strains, transmissibility (e.g., how many additional people get sick from one infected case), and mode of infection (e.g., droplet vs. airborne). Human characteristics include factors such as the number of susceptible and immune individuals, and population dynamics include factors like human networks and interactions, but also compliance with protective measures.

We obviously cannot control for everything, so we add some variability to the models. This variability impacts the degree of precision for further out. If there is anything SARS-CoV-2 has reminded us of, time and time again, it is that we are very much in the middle of an ongoing pandemic, and surges can happen at any time including during the summer.

However, the general sense is that summer should see an ease in the COVID-19 burden, but (then) the fall could see increases as school resumes and people return indoors. Of course, the introduction of new variants or lineages could drastically change future predictions.

The Review: I'm seeing very much less masking up, especially outdoors, but also, rather disturbingly, in crowded indoor spaces. What's your feeling on the basics: do we still need to mask, or only in some circumstances: do we still need to stay six feet apart; what's really necessary now that we have two years' worth of data on the way this virus behaves?

Dr. Bagdasarian: When case rates and community levels are low, universal masking may not be recommended. This is consistent with MDHHS and CDC guidance.

However, what is important is that we continue to respect peoples' decisions to continue masking, based on their own risk tolerances. Some people may continue to mask and/or distance in certain settings (like group gatherings), or as a result of personal or familial medical vulnerability.

There are still situations in which individuals should mask - like when they are in their quarantine or isolation periods, or when in a high-risk congregate setting (like a long-term care facility or jail/prison).

What is necessary is that the public understand, and make informed decisions about. risks associated with not masking in various circumstances, and that everyone continue to respect the choices of those that continue to wear masks.

The Review: Does this model seem like it might also be applicable in the event of any future outbreaks of corona, or even other types of, viruses? In what ways will it likely be helpful, and in what ways is it likely to perhaps not be so reliable?

Dr. Bagdasarian: Models, in general, take into account viral characteristics, human characteristics, and population dynamics, (as we noted). However, depending on the pathogen, the assumptions we place into the models can vary dra-

matically.

We do work closely with our federal partners, including the New Disease Forecasting Center. The intention of all MDHHS collaborations is to make future public health responses more impactful.

The Review: Lastly, what's your guess on how often we may face these kinds of pandemics, what with global warming, the melting of the permafrost layer, the subsequent release of long-dormant microorganisms, and so forth?

Might we find that some of these microorganisms could actually turn out to be beneficial, rather than

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# Review: Opinion Page

### In Our Opinion

### A compromise is reached on parking meters

Hamtramck's parking meter system certainly has its critics.

The new meters, some say, are too confusing, and there needs to be more grace time before you have to pay.

Plus, after years of not enforcing the old meters that were replaced, folks got used to not paying to park. It came as no surprise that there have been loud objections about bringing back meters after motorists had enjoyed free parking for a number of years.

Unfortunately, city has to find ways to make money to stave off a massive budget defi-

new cit. The city also wanted to make sure that cars weren't being parked in the same spot in the business district all day

> The meter issue did not go unnoticed by the new city council and mayor.

A council sub-committee has come up with some changes that, we believe, make the meters fairer and less financially stressing for

The new proposal includes:

The hours of enforcement were reduced, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. down to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Two additional holidays were added where parking is free. Both holidays are to celebrate the two Eids that happen in each year.

Monthly parking passes, which allow drivers to park anywhere, were lowered to \$25 per month.

There is now a 30-minute grace period at city lots that will allow shoppers to get their groceries or merchant items without having to pay.

While we have reservations about parking meters, these adjustments are a good compromise. At least, we are hoping.

### City Hall Insider ...

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up to 10.5 mills to cover sibility - there would a the \$2.2 million cost of lawsuit, and it is likely a the pension.

Councilmember Al-Marsoumi said a recent financial audit of the city showed that if the city were to miss a payment - which is a strong posjudge would impose a millage rate increase to cover the expense.

Fadel warned that a judge's millage increase could be far more than what the city is seeking from its millage proposal. Councilmember Perrotta said it comes to "let the residents decide."

Councilmembers Saad Almasmari, Mohammed Alsomiri and Mohammed Hassan rejected the proposal, causing a 3-3 tie. Mayor Majewski broke the tie, and voted to allow a millage election, which will happen in August.



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# Odds & Ends

Cleaning up... There have been a flurry of volunteer clean-ups in town, and boy, does Hamtramck ever need that helping hand.

The amount of litter in this city, on a day-to-day basis, is staggering and depressing.

But, thanks to so many folks, we are making a dent in the mountain of trash in this city.

Recently, volunteers which included GM folks, the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds crew, and countless others - pitched in and gave Veterans Park a good cleaning and grass cutting.

Other volunteers, over the weekend, spread out in the city to tackle our streets.

So many, many folks turned out, and we can't say thank you enough.

And for those who take it upon themselves to pitch in here and there, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Fallen son... Hamtramck lost one of its popular sons earlier this month. And they're honoring him this Sunday in Ferndale.

Well-known musician John Monroe II passed away on April 3 at the age of 54. He had many friends here, and was known for his laughter and willingness to help friends in need.

His local life celebration will be this Sunday, May 1 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Ferndale's Magic Bag on Woodward, north of 9 Mile Rd.

John was a long-time resident of the city. He died at Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn after a sudden illness.

He was known for being in two bands, Red Tree and Marjorie's Cane.

He had worked at the Salvation Army as the maintenance manager for several local stores.

He was buried in his family plot in West Virginia after funeral services at the Smathers Funeral Chapel in Rainelle.

Johnny Moore II – July 1, 1967 to April 3, 2022.

**Art doing good...** May 13 will see the opening of an art show with a purpose.

It's being called "Looking for the Light," and it's both an art exhibition (spread out over several galleries, but featuring at

one in particular) and an "event series," with tie-in activities ranging from performance art to an animal adoption, from music to discussion panels. The event is inspired by

the memory of the late Michael Francis Miller, an artist, poet and well-known local musician in the Detroit area who played with his brother in the cowpunk band Goober & the Peas as "Boss Hoss," and who lost his battle with schizo-effective disorder (schizophrenia mixed with bi-polar disorder) in 2001, at the age of 38.

The event highlights his paintings.

The exhibit and activities are scheduled to correspond to May being Mental Health Month.

The opening reception will be Friday, May 13 at Galerie Camille, 4130 Cass Ave., Ste. C, in De-

The event will go through Friday, June 3, with three weeks of programming that focus on mental illA great idea. Check it

Music fest update... Here's a reminder that the Hamtramck Music Fest is indeed returning this sum-

Previously, we mixed up the dates of the festival, so to set the record straight, it will be held Aug. 11-14 (we swear).

The festival features

100 or so bans and solo performers who play at a dozen venues and, even better, draws thousands of music fans to the city.

If you are a performer, there is still time to apply to play. Go online to:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5ZR738Q

From the festival folks, here's what a recent press release said:

"The Hamtramck Music Fest is powered by the people and, as such, needs help in as many ways as there are venues. We're always looking for people interested in working behind the scenes to



Above and below: Volunteers recently came out to



ness - "confronting the issue in a celebratory, informational and inspiring way - eschewing stigmatization and promoting help options," said a press remake the HMF a success.

"To inquire about how your skills can help please drop us an e-mail at: hamtramckmusicfest@gmail. com"

### **Quick Hits**

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watch a video about Narcan they will show you (that will get you an extra entry), or bring and drop off your meds/vitamins.

The majority of opioid addictions in this country start with prescribed pain pills.

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### A conversation with Michigan's top Covid

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virulent?

Dr. Bagdasarian: Pandemic threats happen routinely (SARS, H1N1, ebola), and their impact on global health can be variable. What's important to note is that these threats will continue to be inevitable and variable.

Indeed, (the realities of) globalization and changes in interactions between humans, animals, and the environment may lead to new, novel, and emerging threats.

Therefore, continued investment in public health preparedness for these circumstances is essential for swift and comprehensive detection, response, and prevention, so that negative health consequences associated with pandemic threats are minimized.

The Review: Feel free to add anything else you'd like to. And thank you for all your work.

Dr. Bagdasarian: Mod-

Place an

els are only as good as the data we have to support them - (and our responses to that data, including) relying on the fewest number of assumptions possible.

Models should be utilized as one tool to evaluate the potential trajectory of a situation, given the amount of uncertainty. They are not meant to predict the future, but (rather to) provide a useful framework for the scope of possibilities, given the assumptions and unknowns. One could think of this somewhat like weather forecasting.

We thank Dr. Bagdasarian for taking the time out of her undoubtedly very busy schedule to answer our queries, and to hopefully provide you, our readers, with some food for thought on the most recent conclusions that the increasingly vast amount of data has brought us.

> and Keyworth. They will also enjoy field trips, special events, arts & crafts, games, swimming opportunities, and

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days until Thursday, Au-

It runs on those days

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credible deal, consider-

ing that it includes daily

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their fun at the Ham-

tramck Community Center

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as well as at Pulaski Park

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#### **Early Childhood** Center

Earth Day was celebrated at ECE. Here's what teacher Janice Rakoczy had to share:

The hallways and classrooms were adorned with various shades of green and blue as the students and staff celebrated Earth Day on Friday, April 22.

Students and teachers wore shirts promoting taking care of the Earth, because it is the only planet we have. But that was not all: many classes did various projects inside and outside of school.

Preschool and kindergarten teachers shared lessons about the earth, and did many wonderful projects including one art

project where they made hands hugging the earth.

First grade got out the potting soil and seeds, and planted them in class. We are waiting and watching for the changes in growth, to see what sprouts!

Second grade teachers, under the guidance of Ms. Lesko, Mr. Helminiak and Mr. Sawka cleaned up the neighborhood.

The students and teachers put on gloves, and got to work picking up trash. They picked up 4 bags of garbage just around the school. They were amazed

to find how many discarded masks there were in the neighborhood.

One student suggested that we should have nice outside trash containers in the neighborhoods so people wouldn't throw

things on the ground. Students also raked up the school lawn, and planted some sunflower seeds donated by a teacher.

We can't wait to see the sunflowers grow in front of the school!

#### **Oratorical** competition

On April 23, 2022, the Michigan Optimists held an Oratorical Competition via Zoom, with the top 10 of 35 contestants invited to present.



**Onanna Jacy** 

Hamtramck **Public** Schools' own Onanna Jacy delivered an original speech about "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times," with a focus on her family's personal journey caring for a fami-

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Above and below: In honor of Earth Day, students and staff at the Early Childhood Center cleaned up







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#### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log

### Tuesday, April 19

covers April 19-25.

- A noise complaint was made in the 3900 block of Evaline St.
- · A disorderly customer at a Holbrook Ave. business was arrested.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Doremus and Gallagher. · An assault was re-
- ported in the 9700 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- A hit-and run accident that happened on Caniff Ave. caused property damage.
- Officers responding to a report of a fight at Jos. Campau and Casmere arrested a suspect for assault and for being disorderly.
- An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported a disorderly customer who refused to leave.

#### Wednesday, April 20

- · A business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau Ave. reported an incident of fraud.
- A complaint was made about a suspicious person knocking on doors in the 2000 block of Poland St.
- A report was made about a man in the area of Grand Haven and Caniff who had been shot. Officers at the scene could not find a victim or the person who made the call.
- · A Conant Ave. business reported an incident of fraud.
- · A person on Commor St. reported being harassed.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Doremus and Gallagher.
- A domestic disturbance was reported on Belmont St.

### Thursday, April 21

- Family trouble was reported in the 11000 block of Mitchell St.
- A Klinger St. resident was arrested for domestic violence.
- · A break-in was reported on Charest St.
- A Caniff Ave. business reported a disorderlv customer. · A Conant Ave. busi-
- ness reported a disorderly customer.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred on Trowbridge
- Neighbor trouble was reported on Mitchell St.

#### Friday, April 22

- · A complaint was made about a man, in the area of Mackay and Commor, threatening to fight another person.
- · A Conant Ave. business reported an incident of fraud.
- · A Detroit resident was arrested, in the 12000 block of Conant Ave., for fraudulent activity.

#### Saturday, April 23

- A stolen vehicle was reported in the 3900 block of Prescott St.
- · A break-in was reported in the 11300 block of Mitchell St.
- · An assault was reported in the 3400 block of Caniff Ave.
- · A disorderly male was reported in the 2200 block of Holbrook Ave. · A complaint was
- made about a person in the 2900 block of Yemans St. who was loitering.
- Multiple parking complaints were made in the area of Evaline and Brombach.
- A complaint was made about several vehicles causing a disturbance in the area of Jos. Campau and Caniff.

#### Sunday, April 24

- A carjacking was reported in the 3000 block of Roosevelt St. According to the victim, they were approached by two males, one armed with a handgun.
- A complaint was made about noise from people arguing in the area of Brombach and Norwalk.
- Family trouble was reported in the 11600 block of Mitchell St.
- · An assault was reported in the 3800 block
- of Trowbridge St. · A hit-and-run accident was reported on Berres
- A loose pit bull was
- reported on Commor St. · A large fight was re-
- ported on Commor, near Conant.

#### Monday, April 25 · A complaint was

made by a resident, in the **Continued on page 8** 

### **Coming Events**

TUESDAY, May 3, 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.

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# CRIME LOG

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5000 block of Yemans St., about a person on their porch.

- · An assault was reported in the 3000 block of Holbrook Ave.
- · Officers were dis-

patched to Conant and Casmere, where a child had been found.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred on Holbrook
- · A neighbor dispute was reported on Norwalk
- · A neighbor dispute was reported on Edwin St.
- · A resident turned in property that they had found to the police sta-



ly member with health is-

This heart-warming composition was delivered flawlessly, but the competition was fierce.

Although Miss Jacy did not advance to the next level, we are very proud of her hard work and dedication, which was apparent despite technical difficul-

We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

#### **District news**

The HPS District celebrated two remembrance days on April 27.

First up was Yom HaShoah - also known as Holo-



caust Remembrance Day.

The district reflected on this tragic point in history. May we never forget this event, and always do what is right.

Also Wednesday was Administrative Professionals Day.

The district gave a huge shoutout to all of their hard-working administrative professionals.

That day, along with every day, we hope our administrators felt honored and appreciated. Their hard work and dedication are always outstanding.

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