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Ban continues

on animal

slaughter

By Charles Sercombe The question over whether to allow animal

slaughtering at homes

and in backyards, in ob-

servance of a religious

belief, is not entirely over.

vote, the city council

agreed to continue the

city's ban on the practice.

There had been a pro-

posal to allow the prac-

tice as an update to the

A number of residents,

mostly of the Muslim

faith, insisted that they

should be allowed to

slaughter animals, such

as goats and lambs, at

city's animal ordinance.

Recently, in a close

Quick Hits

Free parking for the holiday season

By Charles Sercombe

We don't get many freebies from the city, but we'll take what we can get.

For the rest of this month, you don't have to feed the parking meters on Jos. Campau, or in the city-owned lots.

Now that's what we call getting into the holiday spirit.

Of course, this is done to get folks to visit here and support our local businesses - many of which have been struggling since the pandemic.

You'd think the city would be spreading the word on this, but there has not been one mention that has popped up on the city's website, nor on its Facebook page.

Stranger, there is not one sign, at least from what we observed, on Jos. Campau telling folks that parking is free for the month.

The Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority did post the notice on its Facebook page but how many folks know there is even such as thing as a Hamtramck DDA?

The point is, with a new year coming, the city needs to sharpen and coordinate its messaging more. That's our Christmas wish.

All that aside, we wish everyone a happy holiday season – and, be sure to support our local businesses, restaurants and bars.

Enjoy the season!

www.hamtramckreview.com • e-mail news@thehamtramckreview.com — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD -Cosmos basketball team is off

By Charles Sercombe

If Monday's opening game for the Hamtramck High School boys basketball team is any indication, it's going to be a rollicking - and winning - season.

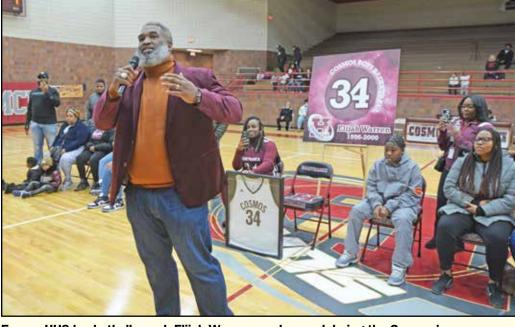
The team steamrolled over Lake Shore right from the tip-off. By halftime, the Cosmos were far in the lead, 54-12.

They played tough and physical and did not let up for a moment. In fact, as the final minute wound down in the first half, it looked like Lake Shore had simply given up and sloppily allowed the Cosmos to score several times before the buzzer saved them from further humiliation.

A standout for the Cosmos was Amari Allen, who racked up these impressive stats:

- ·30 points scored
- ·11 steals
- 8 assists 6 rebounds

This team didn't happen by accident. Coach Dennis Foster has long mentored the players, teaching them about the



Former HHS basketball coach Elijah Warren was honored during the Cosmos's season opener Monday night. Warren's jersey number was retired that night. Warren said of growing up in Hamtramck: "Hamtramck has done a lot for me. I was raised here since I was a pup."

sport, as well as how to become responsible young adults.

to a winning season

Foster has been delivering winning seasons for the past several years.

The Cosmos finished off Lake Shore by a score of 82-27.

looked Monday, the team is poised to get even better. That's Hamtramck because scored a top player, Chuck Bailey, who had been playing at a Los Angeles academy that had been run by Kanye West

 yes, that Kanye West. The academy has since closed down.

He was not able to play Monday because the district is still waiteligible. When he does hit the court, watch out.

While the players displayed incredible skills, the highlight of the game was at half time.

coach Elijah Warren, who at one time mentored coach Foster, was honored for his service. His jersey number, 34, was retired that night.

For Foster and Warren, and the packed house, ing for Bailey's school this was an emotiontranscripts to make him all night. Among those present were former Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Patrick Cahill and his wife, Leslie, a former editor of Ham-**Continued on page 2**

home. They said this practice happens only once a year, during Eid. That's when former But lifting the ban on

home animal slaughtering would open the door for those of other religious faiths to perform slaughtering numerous times of the year.

But others in the community objected vigorously, saying slaughtering animals in yards and in homes poses serious health and sanitation risks for the community.

While the vote to reject animal slaughtering is done for the moment, discussion on the matter is far from being over.

Mayor Amer Ghalib earlier told The Review that the vote was "invalid," and that it would have to come back for a revote. That's because he was not called on, nor did he insist on being called on, to vote on the matter since it had to do with an ordinance.

The city charter allows the mayor to vote on ordinances.

But Interim City Manager Max Garbarino said that he has a legal opinion that says the vote is indeed valid - but added that the mayor can call

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Mayor Amer Ghalib came under criticism on his Facebook page for allowing what some called offensive comments made by others to be posted.

FIFA soccer match spurs ongoing debate on social media over gay rights

By Charles Sercombe

The debate over gay rights continues in Hamtramck.

last July with the city's new all-Muslim mayor and city council. A controversy arose over the display of a pride flag on a city-owned Jos. Campau flagpole.

Pushback to the flag came mostly from the city's Muslim community. While the flag was allowed

to remain, there has been simmering tension over LGBTQ rights in the city on Hamtramck-based so-The issue first arose cial media.

> The issue came up again recently when Mayor Amer Ghalib criticized the German soccer team for protesting against the government of Qatar. That country has been

hosting the FIFA Men's World Cup soccer games. Qatar has been ac-

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Cosmos basketball team is off to a winning season

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tramck's Citizen newspa-

Foster credited Warren for his career in basketball, which is impressive,

Prosperous New Year

including playing professional ball in Ireland.

"I wouldn't be here without you," Foster told to be his co-coach.

Merry Christmas

Wesolych

Warren knew talent when he saw it, and eventually asked Foster

"That changed my life,"

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9601 Jos Campau St. Hamtramck, MI 48212 Foster said.

He went on to praise Warren:

"You are the true definition of the game. You are my best friend. There is no way I'd be here."

Warren was raised in Hamtramck and, like many residents, his roots remain strong here.

"I love Hamtramck," Warren said. "Hamtramck has done a lot for me. I was raised here since I was a pup."

As for his jersey, which was framed, he said: "This right here goes to my mother."

Foster concluded by saying: "We have to honor our guys."

(The Cosmos next game is today, Dec. 9, against Catholic Central at the Hamtramck High School Community Center, located on Charest, just north of Caniff.)



Above and below: Scenes from the season opener for the Cosmos boys basketball team. Bottom photo: Former Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Patrick Cahill and his wife, Leslie, were in attendance.







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Hamtramck Housing Commission (HHC) does not discriminate on the

December 9, 2022 This week at the Library

Adoptive Yoga and Thai Chi: Catch the library's final group exercise session until the new year. Both will be held at their regular time. Enjoy a chair-based Adaptive Yoga session at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, and get your stretch on, in a peaceful atmosphere with Tai Chi at 10 am on Friday This program is presented by the RIM Foundation.

Don't Forget Your Favorite

Kowalski Meats for the

Holidays!

Book Suggestion: If you are in search of a good book to curl up with over the winter break, might we suggest "Now, Voyager" by Olive Higgins Prouty. The inspiration for Hollywood's classic film adaptation featuring the unforgettable Betty Davis, this novel will be our next Read Up & Meet Up title. We have a few copies available upon request for those interested in taking a read.

MiLibrary Quest: For parents and teachers of restless teens, we want to let you know that the MiLibraryQuest will be returning this winter with a new theme, a new interactive puzzle

to solve, and (of course) some new prizes to win. Sponsored by the Library of Michigan. Big Library Read: It is here. Visit www.biglibraryread.com to score a great new read and take part in a global online book club. This time, enjoy the tale of Nina and Oli. When a catastrophe befalls our Earth as we know it, the world of spirits merge

with our own, bringing these two out-

casts together. "A Snake Falls to

Earth" is a YA novel by author Darcie

Little Badger and this season's show-

case at Big Library Read.

Story Time: Where can you find live, in-person, story time entertainment for your kids? The library, of course! Beginning at 4 pm on Mondays, we will be offering up a selection of silly tales that will make your little one's day.

Game Night: Drop in on a Friday Game Night, starting at 4 pm (open to all ages)

Emily Dickinson: She was born on December 10, 1830 in Amherst Massachusetts. Her poetry became known only after her death when her sister discovered nearly 2,000 poems locked in her bureau, written on the backs of envelopes and scraps of paper. They were published gradually over the next 50 years, beginning in 1890.

Melvil Dewey: This American librarian was born on December 10, 1851 in Adams Center, New York. He invented the Dewey decimal book classification system, advocated spelling reform, and urged use of the metric sys-

First Transatlantic Radio Signal: Guglielmo Marconi transmitted the first transatlantic radio signal on Dec.11, 1901

ESL Classes in the Library: For the 2022-23 school year, the ESL classes organized by Horizon School, will be held in the library four days a week (Monday to Thursday). There are two sessions with the first staring at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am

Library is located at 2360 Caniff Avenue, Phone (313) 733-6822 Or visit its website at http://hamtramck.Lib.mi.us for on line catalog Attachments for printing, faxing or scanning send to hamtramcklibrary@gmail.com

Second Front Page

School Bell

HPS District news

The teachers and students have been busy as second quarter progress reports go out this week.

Students were given free mittens from Mittens for Detroit. Through the workings of Hamtramck Public Schools teacher, Chris Wilinski and the executive director, Wendy Shepherd, all elementary schools were gifted with gloves or mittens. This is perfect timing as the weather is getting colder and we need to bundle up.

On Friday, Dec. 2, Miss Rakoczy, first grade teacher and the crew from "Mojo in the Morning, Breaking and Entering Christmas Wish" surprised one of her students, Sebastian Wroblewski and his family.

Staff from the Early Childhood Elementary dressed in their Santa entire, members of the Wroblewski family and Hamtramck police officer Taipala with Mike from "Mojo in Morning" showered the family with surprises early 7 a.m.

The family was quite surprised! There was not a dry eye in the house as Mojo read the letter Miss Rakoczy wrote nominating the family.

Truly, it will be a special Christmas for everyone!



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Free vaccines

Hamtramck **Public** Schools and the FRD Pharmacy Sav-Mor Drug Store are partnering to bring a vaccine clinic to students, staff and district families from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12 at the Hamtramck High School Community Center.

The cost for coronavirus vaccines is free, while flu vaccines may be anywhere from free to \$120 depending on insurance coverage. See you there!

Spotlight on our staff



Holly Gilbert

This week we celebrate

our special education students as they take strides in their academic journey, and we applaud our staff for their unwavering commitment.

Hamtramck Review

Holly Gilbert serves as a self-contained classroom teacher for unique learners diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and has been with HPS for 15+ years.

Her favorite part about working in education is that she's allowed to bring her "inner child" to 7 p.m., Home work with her every day.

If you'd like to make a difference like Holly, consider applying for one of our open positions today.

Cosmos basketball schedule

12/9 - Catholic Central, 7 p.m., Home

12/10 - HWF Classic, 6:30 p.m., Away (Ferndale)

12/13 - Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m., Home

12/15 - North Farmington, 7 p.m., Away

12/20 - L'Anse Creuse, 7 p.m., Home

12/29 Roundball Classic, 4:35 p.m., Away (Ferndale) Grand Rapids Christian

12/30 - Holiday Extravaganza, 7 p.m.,

Away (North Farmington) Port Huron Northern

1/7 - Carmody Classic, 3 p.m., Away (Grand Blanc) Hamadey

1/13 - Ecorse, 7 p.m., Away

1/14 – Go Get It 2:30 p.m., Away (Ferndale) Davison High

1/20 - University Prep, 7 p.m., Home

1/24 - Dearborn ATA, 7 p.m., Away 1/27 - River Rouge, 7

p.m., Away 1/29 - TBA (Classic), Away

1/31 - Stoney Creel, 7 p.m., Away

2/3 - Ecorse, 7 p.m.,

Home 2/7 - Notre Dame Prep,

2/10 - University Prep, 7 p.m., Away

2/11 - W.C. Showcase, 6 p.m., Away (Benton Harbor) Kalamazoo Central

2/17 - River Rouge, 7 p.m., Home



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FIFA soccer match spurs ongoing debate on social media over gay rights

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cused by Human Rights Watch of harassing, abusing and arresting LGBTQ folks

Players on the German national team covered their mouths before a match, in protest of FIFA and Qatar banning an arm band that read "One Love" from being worn by the players.

Ghalib, on his Facebook page, criticized those who disagree with Qatar's customs and laws.

"Once you bring politics into sports, and act as a victim that was deprived freedom of speech in a country that differs than yours culturally and religiously, with putting no respect to those differences, then you are simply looking for trouble!" Ghalib said.

His comment unleashed a number of comments, both against homosexuality and in support of gay rights.

One person, Fares Alhalemi, called homosexuality a "dangerous disease that they are determined to support and promote it in every way."

Others took the mayor to task.

"It's disappointing, Mr. Mayor, to see you let the bigots run wild in your comments – especially since you mentioned 'Unity' in your campaign, at least in mixed company," said Aleksandra Nowak.

"Why not use this role to unite all the members of the community – not just certain, familiar ones?"

Ghalib countered, saying it's a matter of respecting other countries'

beliefs.

"Now that the German national team and its government have challenged the values, beliefs and culture of the championship host country, which agrees with these values and beliefs and is supported by more than two billion people around the world, there appears to be a clear decline in the popularity of this team ..." Ghalib said.

As for some of the comments made on his Face-book page, Ghalib said he allows them because he believes in freedom of speech.

"I'm not a morality police to teach people what and what not to say," he said.

The intersection of sports and politics has a long history of teams and athletes speaking out on various issues during sporting events.

Colin Kaepernick taking a knee in protest to police abuse of African-Americans is only the latest example.

One of the most notable protests happened in the 1968 World Olympics, during a medal ceremony, when African-American athletes raise their gloved fists to protest human rights abuses.

In one of the boldest moves, former President Jimmy Carter said the Unites States Olympic teams would not participate in the 1980 games being held in Moscow.

That was in protest to the former Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan, and refusal to pull their troops out.



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Board of Education meetings,
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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Home animal slaughtering is asking for trouble

The city council, in a and lambs, they can narrow vote, wisely kept the city's ban on allowing animal slaughtering at residences.

There were protests from some in the community that this violates their constitutional right to practice their religion.

Bunk.

People can still practice whatever religion they like, but what you can't do is make this community unsanitary with animal remains spoiling in backyards, garages or basements.

For those on insisting that they have a right to slaughter their own animals, such as goats

still do so at a proper facility that does butchering.

In fact, home animal slaughtering and butchering is asking for a lot of trouble if someone doesn't know how to do it properly without contaminating the meat.

Where is it written in any religion that animal slaughtering must be done at home? One's religious freedom ends when the public health is put at risk.

Unfortunately, this issue is far from being resolved. There is now serious talk of having a council sub-committee look at ways to allow

home animal slaughtering, but with regulations as a sort of a compromise.

That is absurd.

There is no compromise when it comes to the community's sanitary well-being.

Unfortunately, it looks like some form of home animal slaughtering (for religious observances) will ultimately be permitted.

Some have said that, if this practice is allowed, Hamtramck will become a joke.

It'll be worse than that. Hamtramck will become unsafe to live

Odds & Ends

Mural revealed... Last week we told you about a new mural in town, although very little information was released about what it is.

Well, now Lynn Blasey, of the city's Arts and Cultural Commission, spills the beans.

The mural, called "Faces of Hamtramck," was created by a local artist, Razaan

You can see the mural at 9414 Jos. Campau.

Here's what Blasey has to say about the mural:

"This project strives to showcase a cross-section of Hamtramck featuring evervone from politicians, to business owners, soccer players, and community builders."

There are indeed a number of familiar looking fac-

Blasey also said:

"If you're looking for an artist to commission to make art for your space, or if you're an artist looking to create artwork in/around Hamtramck, please let me know. I'm the Vice Chair of the Hamtramck Arts & Culture Commission, and one of our projects is to help facilitate the creation of more public artworks in our city."

Ouch... We were bummed out when we were informed that the Hamtramck High School boys soccer team had to relinquish their championship recently.

That's because there was one ineligible player on their roster during the

tails. The Cosmos had to give up their title to Grosse Pointe.

Coyote sighting... On Tuesday, a number of residents spotted what they say was a coyote running through the our streets in the middle of the day.

While this is a unique sight for those in urban areas, it's actually not that uncommon. Since the 1700s coyotes have been expanding their territory and are now in 49 states here in the U.S.

They are now poised to spread into South America.

It's rare for coyotes to attack people, but if one approaches you, wave your arms and yell at it. Whatever you do, do not feed them. It's rare that coyotes



There's a new mural in town called, "Faces of Hamtramck," which was created by a local artist, Razaan Killawi. You can see the mural at 9414 Jos. Campau.

are out in the day because they know better than to come in contact with hu-

Also, coyotes will attack small dogs and cats, so be careful about letting your pet out unattended.

If by some off chance you are bitten, you will have to be tested for rabies. Hey, fatter, fatter... As

in, we here in Michigan keep getting.

Fatter, that is. At least, that's according to a WalletHub.com adjudgment that took its data from the Center for Disease Con-

The CDC has a stake in the matter, because the American off-the-rails obesity epidemic is thought to be taxing the heart of the health care system - to the tune of about \$173 billion annually, at this point.

This most recent data claims that 7 out of every 10 Americans are either overweight or clinically obese. High-fat, high-calorie diets loaded with sweeteners, along with increasingly sedentary lifestyles, are most-often blamed.

Of the 20 most-over-There were no further de- weight states, Michigan clocks in at number 18, just between Kansas (#17) and Indiana (#19).

Frankly, we would have

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thought Michigan to be even worse-off (and, full disclosure, present company is guilty of contributing to the epidemic, but hey, sugar, you know?). But, at least we're not as bad as Ohio (#13)!

And where's Wisconsin, by the way? Aren't cheese and beer all they consume?

Genetics and sleeplessness (!) were two other factors in adding to the obesity issue nationwide, but chronic inactivity was particularly singled out.

So let's get off our butts, and walk on over to that fridge, for a nice cold bottle of soda p... aw, nuts.

So you know... For those who follow the daily Hamtramck police incident reports, which are available on the city's website, you might be wondering what it means when officers are called to be on "civil standby."

We asked Police Chief Anne Moise to explain:

"These are typically assists for someone who needs to get belongings from a residence. ally in cases where there is family trouble, and one party is leaving the residence."

OK, now you know.

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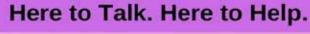
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Covid: For some, covid long-term effects can be debilitating

By Charles Sercombe

Scientists are getting a clearer picture of what Covid does to the brain.

According to various media reports, for those who came down with covid. there can be some long-lasting effects. The most common effect being talked about is "brain fog," which involves having problems with your memory.

But there are more serious long-term symptoms, such as tremors, movement disorders, hearing and vision problems, dizziness and muscle and joint pain.

It's also been observed that those who had covid have actually had their brains shrink a bit.

In one study, some 40 million people worldwide suffered neurological disorders from covid.

A big question remains: is this damage permanent?

For that answer, we may have to wait a while.

In a nutshell, here some of the known effects:

Common effects:

- Memory problems (brain fog)
 - Dizziness
- · Pain in muscles and
- Moderate:
- Strokes
- Numbness and tingling
- · Headaches and migraines
 - Muscle twitching Rare:
- · Spinal cord inflamma-
- Drooping on one side of the face
- Parkinson-like dis-
- Muscle weakness

As for the Hamtramck weekly update on new COVID-19 cases, Wayne County health authorities reported 12 cases for the past week, as of Monday.

That brings the total number of cases for the past three years, since when the pandemic started, up to 5,731. The number of deaths from the disease here in the city, during this same period, remains at 81.



Ban continues on animal slaughter

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for a reconsideration.

The Review reached out to Ghalib on whether he would do just that.

He replied, saying: "City attorneys say that

in this case I can make a motion to bring it back, but I may not do so because we are very close from reaching an agreement with the subcommittee; a compromise that everyone seems to be OK with. A new version of the ordinance will come back and everyone will vote for and we will be done with it soon."

As for how he would have voted when the matter came up, he said:

"My vote could have made a difference!"

The vote was 3-2 in favor of the ban.

Councilmembers voting in favor of banning the practice were Amanda Jaczkowski, Mohammed Alsomiri and Khalil Refai.

Councilmembers hammed Hassan Nayeem Choudhury disagreed, and voted to allow the practice.

If there is another vote, there will be a new councilmember on board who is filling the seat vacated by Adam Albarmaki.

Friday, December 9, 2022

The next city council meeting is Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in city hall. You can see it on a YouTube link. Council meetings are also broadcasted by the Hamtramck Public Library.

It was not immediately known whether the issue will be on Tuesday's council meeting agenda.



City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Oct. 25, and all councilmembers, except for Councilmember Adam Albarmaki, were in attendance.

A proclamation was read honoring the Hamtramck High School boys soccer team for their winning season.

It read, in part:

"The hard work, dedisportsmanship, cation, talent and exceptional teamwork of the 2022 Hamtramck High School boys soccer team has enabled these student athletes to earn season record of (8-1-1) and a Championship District title; and ... Head Coach Dennis Foster and the entire coaching staff, Athletic Director Antonio Johnson, team member

parents, faculty and student body at Hamtramck High School were integral in guiding the team to victory through their unwavering support."

A proclamation honor-

ing Twyla Meyer, who had recently died, was read into the record.

Her husband, Bill Meyer, thanked the council and mayor, saying "I wasn't expecting this. Thank you so much. ... I love you

Hamtramck School Board President Salah Hadwan urged the city to take another look at the newly installed speed humps located throughout the city. He said "They're just not doing the job."

He did not elaborate on what needed to be changed, but added: "A lot of people in the community are not happy with them."

During public comment, a Hamtramck High School teacher and several students complained about the city's ambulance ser-

They said the city's ambulance never came to attend to a student who was having a seizure. The student was eventually driven to a hospital by his parents.

The ambulance never arrived, it was later determined, because it was tied up on another run, and there was no backup service.

"This was such a shocking and unacceptable fact that it is beyond belief," said HHS teacher George Hloros.

The council approved the sale of two city-owned lots, at 8800 Lumpkin and 11562 Nagel. The Lumpkin property

will be used to expand a house next door to the The Nagel lot will be the

family house. Each lot was sold for \$10,500.

site of a newly-built single

Speaking on the ambulance situation, Mayor Amer Ghalib that said it was a serious matter, and that the city needs to look into improving the service.

He admitted, however, that the city has "limited

resources" to address the issue.

Councilmember

Choudhury, also eem speaking on the matter, said, "I will do everything to my ability and power" to solve the problem.

Interim City Manager Max Garbarino said he had the fire chief look into the ambulance situation, and found out that, at the time of the student issue, there were two other calls being handled.

He said that the ambulance company has agreed to have a second ambulance on hand starting at 10 a.m. instead of having it here starting at noon.

Garbarino said eventually ambulance service will be returned to the fire department, which had previously handled that service until several years ago.

However, Garbarino said, it will take a few years to transition back.

"All I can say is, we'll get better," Garbarino said.

As for the ongoing sale of city-owned lots, he said that the administration is working hard to get them sold, and get new housing built on them.

Former city manager moves on up in state government

By Charles Sercombe

Former Hamtramck City Manager Kathy Angerer keeps moving on to bigger and better things.

Angerer resigned as city manager last July, after serving in that position for several years.

She went on to take a job as Deputy Director of the Michigan Department

of Agriculture and Rural Development, and has served in that role for six months.

Now, she has been appointed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who just won re-election to another four-year term, to be the Acting Director of that department.

The current director, Gary McDowell, is resigning at the end of the year.

Angerer is no stranger to state government. She previously served as a state representative for a district that included Dundee, where she lives.

The Review reached out for comment from Angerer and she said:

"It is my honor to build upon the work of the former director, and continue addressing the governor's priorities for the agricultural industry in Michigan."

In the meantime, Hamtramck is seeking to hire a new city manager. That job is currently being filled

by Interim City Manager Max Garbarino. There have been a number of other key resigna-

tions just before Angerer

left, and after. The latest

resignation came from Public Works Director Bill Diamond, who had been on the job for just several months. A key role of financial director had been filled recently, but within 24 hours that person decided to not take the job.

That position remains open.

Former City Attorney James Allen also resigned at the time Angerer left.

The posting for the city manager position is on the city's website, and applications for the job are due by Jan. 10. The list of qualifications

for the job, which will pay \$100,000 to \$120,000, is lengthy.

For example, there are 48 "essential job functions," some of which include:

 Develop annual budgets

Oversee day-to-day operations Assess community

- needs · Attend various meet-
- ings Oversee payroll pro-
- cessing Negotiate contracts
- Identify, monitor, and nonconforming

Under the category of "desired qualifications," there are 32 further points, which include:

- Have a master's degree in public administration, public policy, or a combination of equivalent education and experience
- · "Good" knowledge of the city charter
- · Knowledge of modern office procedures
- Skill in taking minutes Knowledge of traffic calming measures
- · Skill in operating office equipment

· Ability to maintain complex record-keeping systems and prepare comprehensive reports

Another qualification is that candidates have at least three years of experience as a city manager (or assistant city manager) in a city with a population of at least 10,000 people.



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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 29-Dec. 5.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

- Officers determined that a person in the 12000 block of Conant had been assaulted by a vehicle that injured them.
- · A car theft was reported in the 3900 block of Prescott.
- A person reported that they received a harassing phone call while in the 2300 block of Andrus.
- An illegal dumping was reported in the 11700 block of Grand Haven.
- A report was made about a disorderly person on Jos. Campau.
- A suspicious incident was reported on Dyar.
- A disorderly person was reported on Holbrook.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

- A report was made of an attempt to steal a catalytic converter in the area of Casmere and Jos. Campau.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Commor and Lumpkin.
- An assault was reported in the 11400 block of Mitchell.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 2300 block of Yemans.
- A person reported that while on Florian St. an identity theft occurred.
- A landlord/tenant issue was reported on

Thursday, Dec. 1

- · A hit-and-run accident occurred in the area of Conant and Hamtramck
- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 11800 block of Conant. Officers located the vehicle in question, and had it impounded.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the area of Holbrook and Lumpkin.
- · An arson of a vehicle was reported in the 11600 block of Klinger.
- · A Yemans St. resident reported an incident of fraud.
- · A vehicle was stolen on Norwalk.
- · A hit-and-run accident occurred on Casmere.
- Officers found a stray white and brown Husky dog, and took it to the Westland Humane Soci-
- · A shoplifter was reported at a Jos. Campau business.

Friday, Dec. 2

- · Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Moran.
- A fight was reported in the 11400 block of Charest. In another incident, a fight was reported in the 3100 block of Casmere.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 3800 block of Caniff.
- · A Detroit resident was arrested in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau for **Continued on page 8**





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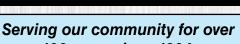


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being disorderly.

- Family trouble was reported in the 3000 block of Caniff.
- A Pulaski St. resident reported that had they received harassing communications.

Saturday, Dec. 3

 Officers attempted to pull over the driver of a Dodge Charger, but the driver sped off.

- Officers investigated suspicious vehicles in the area of Charest and Carpenter, and in the 2400 block of Denton.
- A Dodge Durango was stolen in the 2000 block of Yemans.
- A caller told police that he was chasing a Dodge

Charger in the area of Jos. Campau and Caniff.

- A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 3800 block of Prescott.
- A missing child was reported in the 2400 block of Botsford. The child was later located.

Sunday, Dec. 4

 Officers were alerted about a wanted felon in the 2700 block of Evaline.
 The suspect was found and arrested. • A strong-armed robbery was reported on Lumpkin near Caniff. The suspects fled in a silver Chevy Cruze.

Monday, Dec. 5

- Officers responded to a call from the 2900 block of Hanley about a child having medical issues.
- A report was made about two suspects trying to gain entry to parked vehicles in the 9200 block of Poland.
- Officers responded to a call in the 1200 block of Moran about an argument.
- A woman was arrested in the 3800 block of Yemans for theft from a vehicle. A caller had said that the suspect was attempting to steal the vehicle.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 1900 block of Yemans.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 9500

block of Conant.

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11600 block of St. Aubin. In another incident, a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of
- Faber.

 A disorderly person was reported in the 3300

block of Holbrook.

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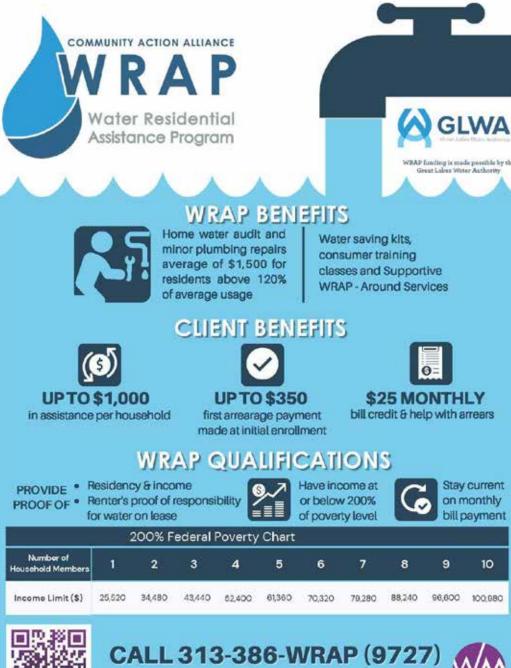
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