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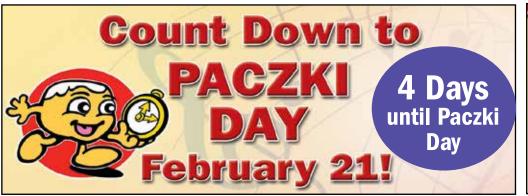


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# **Quick Hits**

### **County** offers tax payment plan

**By Charles Sercombe** 

Are you behind on property taxes, and short on

The Wayne County Treasury Department has extended its hours to Saturday, beginning tomorrow, Feb. 18.

The office will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those who are seeking a payment

You have to first make an appointment, and you can do so by going online

https://www.waynecounty.com/elected/treasurer/contact-us.aspx.

According to a press release, Treasurer Eric Sabree has urged county taxpayers who owe property taxes for 2020 or prior years to get into payment plans by March 14, or pay their property tax bills in full by March 31.

Otherwise, they risk having the property go into foreclosure.

"While my office remains committed to doing everything it can to keep people in their homes through payment arrangements, for example — we also have to comply with the law," Sabree said.

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# **Danny D and The Vagabonds**

Paczki Day, Tuesday, Feb. 21

@ Plav Post 10

11824 Joseph Campau Ave • Hamtramck 5:00pm - 7:30pm Be There!!!

# Paczki Day once again dishes up too much fun; too much fun? Nah

**By Charles Sercombe** 

Rest up, Hamtramck. Our big day will soon be

It's Hamtramck's very own version of Mardi Gras - or, as we prefer to call it: Paczki Day.

Paczki is, for the uninitiated, a pre-Lenten treat; eaten on the day (Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday" in English) where you get to indulge in all things bad for you right before Lent begins.

The custom is, Ash Wednesday (always 46 days before Easter) begins Lent, where you refrain from whatever vice(s) you have for 46 days - and then go back at it, or not. Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, is there-



Paczki Day is next Tuesday (Feb. 21), and once again thousands of paczki lovers will jam into our bakeries. The bad news: There is now one less bakery in town offering the Polish pastry treats. New Martha Washington, formerly on Jos. Campau near Caniff, closed its doors last year.

fore the last day to go wild for 46 days.

So what makes Paczki so special? It's usually offered just once a year, although it seems to be getting offered year-round

nowadays. It's filled will with all things good, but fatten-

ing. If that still seems like over-doing it, remember you have 46 days to repent from your paczki sins.

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# The annual 5K Paczki Run will kick off paczki festivities in town

### this Saturday morning. The run welcomes runners and walkers, but no pet dogs this year.

# Paczki Run will take over the city streets on Saturday

**By Charles Sercombe** 

Time to get your paczki running shoes on.

The annual Paczki Run is back this Saturday, Feb. 18, and is once again hosted by Tour-de-Troit.

This Saturday morning, a number of Hamtramck streets will be blocked

off to accommodate the family-oriented run. It's a unique chance to tour Hamtramck's many interesting side streets - just watch out for potholes.

Registration ended on Thursday, the day The Review went to press, but if

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### **CM search** is now over

**Bv Charles Sercombe** 

To just about no one's surprise, Interim City Manager Max Garbarino was hired to take over the job full-time.



**Max Garbarino** 

In a unanimous decision, the city council awarded the job to Garbarino at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Garbarino has been acting city manager since July, when former City Manager Kathy Angerer resigned to take a job with the state's agriculture department.

She is now Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Garbarino is one of a dozen or so city managers the city has had since 2005, when the city reverted to a city manager form of government instead of having the mayor in charge of the city's financials.

That change required voters to update the city charter.

Some of the city managers in the past lasted only a few months, weeks, or days before either being fired or moving on. That was during a period of political and financial tur-

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### Paczki Day once again dishes up too much fun; too much fun? Nah cont. from front page

Next Tuesday is our city's own version of the holiday, where thousands of folks come to Hamtramck to buy dozens and dozens of authentic paczki from our bakeries.

Sadly, though, there are now only two places left in town to purchase this Polish pastry delicacy: the venerable New Palace Bakery (located at 9833 Jos. Campau), and Family Donut, at the corner of Conant and Caniff (the northeast corner, to be ex-

The folks that ran New Martha Washington bakery, at Jos. Campau and Caniff, retired and closed down last year, much to everyone's sorrow.

order ahead, and avoid the long lines. You can contact New Palace at (313) 875-1334, and Family Donut at (313) 368-9214).

For the early, early risers, New Palace opens up at 3 a.m. on Tuesday (that's Paczki Day, and yes, you read that right). Family Donut opens its doors at 5

As usual, there are several bars that join in the daylong - oh heck - nightlong, festivities.

Want to know a cozy little hangout where you can also get paczki and eat in comfort?

Sure you do. Head over to PLAV Post 6, located at 9545 McDougall, at the corner of Evaline, and So, what that means is: munch on a bunch inside,

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along with seeing the friendly faces and enjoying the generous libations.

What's on the Paczki Day entertainment schedule? Plenty.

Here we go:

Hamtramck's favorite party band The Polish Muslims will once be pulling double-duty, playing first at Ant Hall (2320 Caniff) starting at 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and then treking over to Whiskey in the Jar (Yemans, just west of Jos. Campau) to play from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Whew, how do they do

Like to see people gorge themselves on paczki?

Yeah, probably not, but what the heck. Head over to PLAV Post 10 hall

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(11824 Jos. Campau) at high noon, climb the steep stairs to the hall's second floor, and "enjoy" watching a paczki eating contest. It's known as the longest 15 minutes in history, at least in paczki history.

The "winner" gets to take a photo with a big tro-

Not too long ago, a guy named Matt scarfed down 11 paczki. Not bad, but contestants will have to stretch their stomach to beat the all-time champ, who managed to devour 22 of them a few years ago - and live to tell about

It's all good sticky fun.

At 12:30 p.m., everyone can shake off a few paczki pounds by dancing to live polka music, provided by the Chardon Polka Band.

Later on, another Hamtramck fave plays: Danny D and the Vagabonds, starting at 5 p.m. (and rocking until 7:30 p.m.).

New Dodge Lounge (8850 Jos. Campau) has new owners, and they are keeping their Paczki Day tradition going. Doors

open at 7 a.m., and there are a whole bunch of activities. According to their Facebook page, here's what's in store, and no, we have no idea what Babushka cat painting is about:

- Bobafrog, acoustic rock 8-11 a.m.
- · Live Babushka Cat painting at 1p.m.
- Detroit City Distillery Paczki Vodka featured all day along, with a signature cocktail and Skeeball and a shot
- Offbeat karaoke later in the day with robby-

The folks over at Small's Bar, located at the corner of Caniff and Conant, once again host a rowdy and fun day, featuring live music, starting at 10 a.m., by:

The Strains; East Side Elvis and The Motor City Mafia; Polka Floyd; and Eastside Still Alive.

Small's is also the home of "paczki bombs," which is just what you would think they are: paczki filled with shots of booze. Lots of booze. It's an effort to get one down!

The Motor City Sports calories.

Bar (9122 Jos. Campau) is once again open, after going through extensive remodeling.

For those attending the Paczki Run, the bar is right there near the starting line, and you can grab one of the best burgers in the metro area to help fuel your festivities. Or, soak up your alcohol intake.

We can't leave out Whiskey in the Jar, the only Irish bar in the metro area where hardly anyone is Irish.

It's small, funky little joint, but there's also a huge, heated tent in back where there is live music. The Kielbasa Kings will kick the day off at 11 a.m. with polka jams.

Here's what the bar has to say about itself: "Paczki Day, The Whiskey Way ain't for the noobs, rookies or amateurs. ... We weren't voted One Of America's Best Bad Decision Bars for nothing!!

OK, Fat Tuesday, this time we really will get back to a regular exercise routine and a cut-down on the

# Paczki Run will take over the city streets on Saturday cont. from front page

you get there early - sav around 7 a.m. – you may be able to squeeze in.

The 5K race attracts a few thousand hardy souls who aren't fazed by February's freezing temps. Although, cold temperatures won't be a concern this year since weather forecasters say it will be in the 40s by midday.

Here's the schedule for the day, and we quote the Paczki Run website:

7-9:30 a.m. - Packet Pick-up. Please get there early. Do not wait until 9:15 to arrive. Packet Pickup will be on-site.

8 a.m. - Music starts! Party begins! Streets begin to close.

9:20 a.m. - Start lining up for the race on Jos. is a fund people-watching motion. Campau (just south of morning, and there is one Holbrook). For the safety person you might want to

and improved experience for all runners, we encourage you to line up according to your pace. Runners with a pace of 7-minute miles and faster in the front, those 10 minutes and slower and those with strollers, to the rear.

9:45 a.m. - Weather permitting, Polish Dancers will dance on Jos. Campau in front of the start.

10 a.m. RACE STARTS! 11 a.m. - Results begin to be posted, and Award Pick-up begins at the same tent as Packet Pick-Up.

Note, pet lovers: dogs are not allowed on the

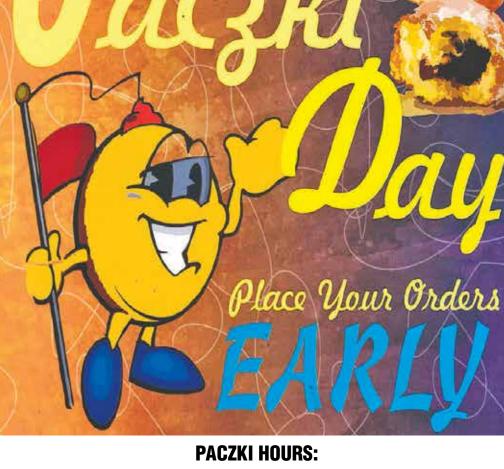
You can find out more about the event at tour-detroit.org.

be on the lookout for. Sue Briskey, the owner of Suzies Bar on Evaline, gave us a heads-up about her 92-year-old uncle, Tommy Kacer, who is participating in the run.

Also her cousins are running in memory of another cousin, Steve Vojtush, who passed away awhile ago.

For non-runners/walkers, there is plenty to see and do at the site. As usual, there will be a huge, heated tent under which to watch the polka dancers and tap your toes to live polka music.

Of course, there will be plenty of paczki on hand to sample. Want to party? You're in luck. There will also be a beer tent to get What to watch for: This your Mardi Gras mojo in



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Poletown: Brianne Turczynski, author of "Detroit's Lost Poletown" will make a presentation on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6 pm about the little neighborhood that touches the Nation. Everyone is invited for evening with the author.

Together we read: There is an online book club that connects participants with others from all over the country. It lets you jump in at any hour. All that is required is your trusty library card. It is Together We Read. See a preview of the upcoming book chat title "River Woman, River Demon" by author Jennifer Givhan before the discussions set for March by giving the website www.togetherweread.com/us/ a visit. It has got a bit of murder, a bit of mystery, and a bit of magic.

**Ruth Rendell:** This author, creator of Chief Inspector Reginald Wexford, who also wrote under the name Barbara Vine was born on February 17, 1930. She wrote thrillers and psychological murder mysteries.

Group Exercise: Yoga and Tai Chi

sessions at the library have returned.

Get your Yoga fix on Tuesdays at

on Fridays starting at 10 am. The program is provided by the RIM Foundation. Instructors are health professionals that accommodate the whole range of activity levels. These meet ups are senior friendly.

Toni Morrison: This author who wrote under the name Chloe Ardella Wofford was born on February 18, 1931. Why not check out some of her phenomenal works.

**Book Chat:** Check out a copy of the novel by author Olive Higgins Prouty "Now, Voyager", and consider attending our book chart about it on Friday. February 24th at 11:30 am.

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 4 pm. It will put a smile on everyone's face, including yours. Presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

**Game Night:** Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Friday's at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have

come to play. Nicolas Copernicus: This founder of modern astronomy was born on Feb-

ESL Classes in the Library: The ESL classes organized by Horizon School are held in the library (Monday to Thursday). There are two sessions with the first staring at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am.

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# 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 Jan. 24, and all councilmembers, except Khalil Refai, were present.

A Mayoral Certificate of Recognition was awarded to Noor Algaifi and Razaan Killawi.

Mayor Amer Ghalib said this about Algaifi:

"Noor Algaifi is an 11 year old Hamtramck resident who consistently kindness, demonstrates responsibility, and often wisdom beyond her age. She has demonstrated a desire to contribute to the community and develop her skills.

"In the fall of 2021 she hosted a "Lemonade for Yemen Aid" fundraiser and has an active interest in serving on student government.

"Recently her maturity and responsibility was called on twice in a crisis situation. Her younger sibling had a medical emergency in the early morning two weeks in a row, and in both instances, Noor, recognized the severity of the situation, alerted her parents to initiate care and remained calm until medical professionals arrived."

Mayor Ghalib had this to say about Killawi:

"Mayor Ghalib is presenting a Mayoral Certificate of Recognition to Razaan Killawi for her contributions to the Arts & Culture of Hamtramck. Specifically her art installment 'Faces of Hamtramck.'

"Faces of Hamtramck is a public art installation to honor and celebrate the everyday people of Hamtramck that make the city so special. Hand painted and embellished with gold pigment, these portraits beautifully capture the city's diverse population and charm."

"Razaan Killawi is an artist born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She is a student at the University of Michigan majoring in art made for World Hijab Day, and design and minoring in entrepreneurship.

"Razaan enjoys exploring different mediums, from watercolor to film. Her art

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habits.

is inspired by life experiences, exploring her Syrian-American identity, and bringing awareness to social injustices.

"When she is not working on a million projects, she enjoys creating video content, reading, and playing soccer. You can follow Razaan's art journey on Instagram."

A presentation was made by the Hamtramck Area Disaster Recovery Group.

The organization, which

is partnered with the federal agency. FEMA, is here to help people pay for damages caused by the flooding event in June 2021. Cathy Garcia, a Disaster Case Manager Supervisor,

ber of people did not have the financial resources to make repairs at the time. The organization will have an office up and running at 3048 Caniff, and there is a

pointed out that a num-

Annual reports were presented by the Hamtramck Historical Commission, the fire department and the po-

job opening for a case man-

lice department. Greg Kowalski, Chairman of the Historical Commission, said the city's historical museum is not just a museum.

"It's a resource," he said. Kowalski also dispelled the notion of some that it's an "Old white Polish museum. This is your museum."

Chief Matthew Wyszczelski said that he will continue to work on getting grants and bringing back ambulance service to the department.

Police Chief Anne Moise said the number of property crimes, including vehicles being stolen or damaged, has increased.

"We're working on that," Moise said.

She stressed that "Overall, it doesn't seem like it, but our crime rate is down 2 percent."

proclamation was Α which was on Feb. 1.

On that day, women "of all religions and backgrounds" are encouraged "to wear and experience

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the hijab for the day," said the proclamation.

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"World Hijab Day was started to fight discrimination against women in hijabs after hate crimes against Muslims hit an alltime high after 9/11. As women around the world gather to celebrate World Hijab Day, support our Muslim sisters' freedom to express their belief without fear," said Mayor Ghalib in the proclamation.

During public comment, former Councilmember Carrie Beth Lasley urged the council and the mayor to not hire Kamal Rahman as city manager.

Lasley said Rahman should not be considered because he, at one time several years ago, equated being gay with bestiality.

A man from Ann Arbor urged the council to pass a resolution asking the United States government to not provide military aid to Israel because that country is killing Palestinians.

He said Hamtramck could "put itself on the map" by taking this action.

A woman spoke out against allowing people to commit animal sacrifices at their homes because it would likely be against state law regarding cruelty to animals.

"It sounds to me you're going against Michigan law," the woman said.

She also added that people will be traumatized by the sight and sounds of the killings.

"I don't want to hear goats crying," she said.

Nasr Hussain suggested the city purchase a street sweeper because dirt and litter are falling through the sewer grates.

He also said the city should redesign its logo because the inclusion of smokestacks in the current design no longer represents the city.

Moving on to agenda items, the council approved a recruitment incentive plan for the fire department.

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

"For years, the Ham-

tramck Fire Department has faced difficulties in recruiting, hiring and retention of fire fighters. These positions play a vital role in community safety and provide a variety of services within the community.

"The ability of fire agencies to recruit, hire and retain qualified fire candidates has been a difficult task throughout the country. It is important to increase recruiting efforts to identify quality candidates. By providing recruiting incentives, it will allow the fire department to expand recruiting efforts through various means.

"This recruiting incentive will provide a \$500 payment to any City of Hamtramck employee who successfully refers an individual for employment in the fire department, including positions for fire fighters.

"In order for the referral to be approved for payment, the referred candidate must successfully complete the application, list the employee who referred them, complete the hiring process and be hired by the City of Hamtramck.

"An additional payment of \$500 would be given to the referring employee after the new hire successfully completes one year of service in the fire depart-Continued on page 8

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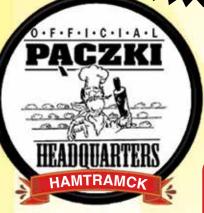
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# CM search is now

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moil in the city.

Hamtramck still has some financial challenges ahead. Overall, the city has enjoyed a balanced budget for several years, although in recent years that required dipping into a budget surplus.

And according to a budget review for the city council on Tuesday, there are dark financial storm clouds forming in the near future.

Garbarino was one of three candidates interviewed for the job. While there were originally over 130 applications submitted, most of the candidates didn't come close to having the required qualifications.

Garbarino was, in fact, the only candidate to have municipal experience.

Also in the running was Asm "Kamal" Rahman, who was a runner-up in the process. Rahman, of Detroit, has also run unsuccessfully for Hamtramck mayor a few times. He works for the City of Detroit as a Departmental Fiscal Manager.

The third-place candidate was Muhammad Baqir Muhyedeen, of Dearborn. He is a Senior Public Policy and Strategy Manager for the Muslim Public Affairs Council Foundation.

Muhyedeen has no municipal experience.

Interviews were conducted in private by City Attorney Odey Meroueh, who led them; Mayor Pro-Tem Mohammed Hassan; councilmembers Nayeem Choudhury and Mohammed Alsomiri; Deputy City Manager Maali Luqman; and Human Resources Payroll Coordinator Mashana Burton.

In the past, city managers here have earned in the range of \$110,000 a year, plus various benefits.

Garbarino, who had been the city community liaison and was tapped to fill in as interim city manager, said he was "honored and humbled" to be appointed to the job. He said that a year ago, he would have declined the offer.

"I would have said you're crazy," Garbarino told the city council.

But with a changeover in staff in city hall, Garbarino became comfortable with the job.

"I started adapting to the role," he said. "I love this city." The city attorney was in-

employment contract with Garbarino.

Not everyone was

structed to negotiate an

pleased with the hiring.

A candidate interviewed for the job, Muhammad Baqir Muhyedeen, sent an email to the city, which was read during public comment at Tuesday's council meeting.

Muhyedeen said that the questions he was asked "were geared toward a specific candidate."

He did not name that candidate.

Muhyedeen went to say that while Garbarino was the only one with city manager experience, the other candidates, such as himself, had "transferrable skills" that qualified them.

He said other candidates, such as himself, would bring "new ideas and new energy to city hall."

Muhyedeen called for a second round of interviews, but this time held in public for the sake of "credibility."

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2023-2024 school year-1300 Students

# Review: Opinion Page

# In Our Opinion

# Max Garbarino: A good choice to tackle many issues

On Tuesday, the city council voted to hire Interim City Manager Max Garbarino as the city's new city manager.

The several other final candidates for the position didn't come close to Garbarino's experience, which he gained working for the city in various positions over the last several years.

Garbarino was the favored candidate all along, and, for those in the know, it was an easy choice.

He has developed deep roots and connections with Hamtramck's many ethnic and racial commusus is: most people like remained neglected for Max because he actually shows up at events and cares.

Max has his work cut out for him.

As always, Hamtramck has its financial challenges, but also has many financial wins over the

The city is undergoing a period of rebuilding its infrastructure, something that was started several years ago and continues to this day.

Hamtramck has a lot to overcome, what with rebuilding its aged water and sewer lines, as well as repaving its roads.

decades.

From what we hear, Hamtramck has a very good chance of winning more grants to complete, or nearly complete, upgrading our water and sewer system.

Once this is done, the city should not experience basement flooding whenever it rains. Hamtramck has already made significant progress with

Like we said, Max has his work cut out for him, and we wish him the

Now, let's all get to

# Our entire infrastructure nities, and the consensaddle up, you're invited to HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC **SCHOOLS** Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2023 1P-3P HPS COMMUNITY CENTER 11350 CHAREST ST Enroll for the 2023-2024 school year! Meet your principal and teachers! Backpacks! School supplies! Giveaways! BIKE RAFFLE! For any questions, please contact Pupil Services Administrative Assistant, Iman Valesquez, at 313-591-7400

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# Odds & Ends

Celebration

Those folks over at the Piast Institute are gearing up for a big year.

time...

It's the 20th anniversary of their founding in 2003.

At first, a mere idea hatched by Dr. Thaddeus C. Radzilowski and Ms. Virginia Skrzyniarz to create a Polish-centric space for information and cultural exchange, the Piast (named after the region's first known dynasty) has come to thrive in the years since.

Particularly after moving to Hamtramck in 2005.

Of course, while a lot of the Poles who once lived here have moved on up along the northbound corridor (Warren to Sterling Heights to Shelby Township and Macomb, a literal upward mobility - sound familiar?), the Institute remains, doing their work.

One part of which is to serve as one of only 48 Census Information Centers in the entire U.S.

Their year-long celebration will, so far, include readings/reviews/ discussions by authors Imogene Salva ("One Star Away," a story of her mother's journey from Poland to, ultimately, India) in March, and then Dr. Dominik Stecula ("Polish Americans Today"), a survey of the current value and belief systems of the Polish diaspora as it exists in this country here and now; this event, coming in May.

Here's to another 20 years, and beyond!

Reminder... Once again, Hamtramck 31st District Court is offering a limited amnesty program for those behind on paying fines.

The program starts today, Feb. 10, and goes to

It's a generous deal, and one worth jumping on.

We'll let the court explain, via its press release:

"The program provides individuals an opportunity to settle outstanding court financial obligations while saving money. In addition, the program helps courts

clear a backlog of files. "The court is also offering an online amnesty application that allows court users to search for their delinquent tickets and make payment at a discounted rate online without having to appear in person at the court.

For more information on the online amnesty application, court users should visit the 3st District Court website at www.31stdistrictcourt.net"

**Expanding...** CCA Health Michigan, a healthcare organization, recently announced Dawn Johnson, RN, has joined the team as Vice President of Accountable Care (ACO) Performance and Growth. Johnson, a Michigan native, will lead cross-functional teams within the CCA Health ACO, part of CCA Health Michigan, to help the organization and its participating providers improve patient outcomes while lowering the overall cost of care.

According to a press release form the organiza-

"Dawn has a proven track record in driving successful value-based care initiatives, and her guidance and contributions will be invaluable to our ACO performance," said Brian Keane, General Manager, CCA Health Michigan.

"She brings tremendous knowledge and expertise in provider business operations, clinical programming, data analysis, and project and team management. She will serve as a trusted partner to our participating providers, collaborating with our CCA Health team to help our providers identify actionable opportunities for clinical and financial performance improvement."

The press release continued: The CCA Health ACO is comprised of over 200 physicians managing over 20,000 patients in Southeast Michigan. As a member of the CCA Health ACO leadership team, Johnson will work closely with the organization's quality, finance, operations, and analytical teams to design and implement innovative solutions that help meet shared-savings and performance goals.

Prior to this role, Johnson

served as a Client Success Executive for Signify Health, where she helped the organization implement and operationalize value-based care iniativies across multiple clients. She has also held leadership positions at Remedy Partners, Spectrum Health, and Priority Health.

"The CCA Health ACO is dedicated to improving healthcare in Michigan by driving the highest-quality, cost-effective care that our residents need and deserve," said Johnson. "I'm thrilled to be joining this team of passionate and dedicated healthcare experts, and I look forward to helping our providers achieve their clinical, quality, and business goals."

CCA Health Michigan was launched in 2022, following a majority stake acquisition of Reliance ACO in March by Commonwealth Care Alliance® (CCA), an integrated care system influencing innovative models of complex care nationwide. In November of 2022, CCA Health Michigan expanded its footprint in the state through the acquisition of the Greater Genesee County Accountable Care Organization (GGC ACO).

GGC ACO joined CCA Health ACO with 23 primary care practices in the greater Genesee County area, with an aim to enhance patient care and improve health outcomes while lowering associated costs.

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Detroit Campus-Two Evenings: 2/23/23 and 2/28/23 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

March 14, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Saturday: 2/25/23 11:00 am- 2:00 pm Should we receive more applications than we have room for, a random selection drawing will be held in the presence of a third-party official on 3/12/2022 at 11:00 am at the Detroit Campus and on 3/14/22 at 11:00 am for Warren Campus. Frontier International Academy is a tuition free public school academy And does not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or

athletic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, handicapped status, religion, creed, race, sex, color, or national origin. For questions, please call the school at the above number. Frontier International Academy welcomes visits from interested applicants. Maximum Enrollment for the 2023-2024 School Year Frontier Warren-450 students. Frontier Detroit-850 Students

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ney) and Dennis Samoray; brother Tom (wife-Barb) Samoray; and sister Judy (husband-Dave) Hudson. Also, many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends.

He once declared to Cindy, his ex-wife and best friend: "You're my best friend whether you like it or

After graduating from St. Ladislaus in 1974, Ray set out to live and experience life through a variety of jobs that took him to beautiful southern California for a few years, before moving to Ann Arbor, MI.

There, he worked for many years at First Presbyterian Church as their beloved sexton and maintenance man, and it was where he met Cindy on a blind date.

Ray was a funny, personable guy who met and interacted with people from all walks of life, making lifelong friends during those years. He returned to Hamtramck in 1999 and lived his final eight-years in

of music and music makers: David Bowie, The Rolling Stones, Frank Sinatra and Lou Reed, just to name a few. When he was healthier, he loved to play intramural baseball and basketball. Ray had an adventurous spirit and enjoyed camping, cooking (he was a great cook) dancing, traveling and he loved his

of many critical points in his life, Ray was blessed by help his cousin John provided with the move to Washington Blvd in Detroit. Despite the many challenging circumstances Ray created and experienced, he was fortunate to have a place to call home and compassionate family who cared.

Sadly, anxiety and depression masked for decades by self-medicating, and addiction led to unfortunate outcomes in life that Ray deeply regretted. While living in Detroit, he found solace and friendship at St. Aloysius, conveniently located just down the block from his home.

If it were possible, Ray would encourage anyone to learn from his experience and for all who are struggling in life, to seek not only spiritual guidance, but real-world assistance and solutions for whatever troubles them.

While Ray wasn't a direct recipient of programs provided by The Detroit

Rescue Mission Ministries (DRMM) the services they offer are important and lifesaving for many.

Friday, February 17, 2023

To all reading this last chapter in Ray's story, please consider a contribution in Ray's memory to DRMM or any similar organization in your area.

Memorial Mass, Saturday, February 18, 2023 11 AM at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, 1234 Washington Blvd. Detroit, MI 48226. Arrangements entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck MI.

### **ZEGLIN**



Joseph Zeglin, 71, died February 13, 2023. L He was the

loving brother of James, Joann, Judith, and David (Sheri). Uncle of Megan and son of the late Joseph & Genevieve. Joseph served in the United States Army and was a member of the Polish American Legion of Veterans.

Visitation: Sunday February 19, 2023 from 2 - 7 PM Services TBD at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212

Graveside Monday, February 20, 2023 at 11 AM at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 17100 Van Dyke, Detroit MI 48234. Please meet at the front gate by 10:50 AM. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.



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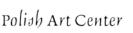
































































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# **Coming Events**

**SATURDAY, Feb. 18,3:30-5:30 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.

February 17, 2023

### Hamtramck Public TV-19

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> > and more.....

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### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 7-13.

### Tuesday, Feb. 7

- · Officers responded to a domestic issue in progress in the 2200 block of Poland.
- Officers attempted a traffic stop of a driver of a gray Ford Fusion, but the driver fled.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 11400 block of Charest.
- A complaint was made about an animal on Fleming.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 3300 block of Norwalk.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of Trowbridge.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred on Holmes.

### Wednesday, Feb. 8 No incident report was

available for this date.

### Thursday, Feb. 9

- Officers investigated a suspicious vehicle at Carpenter and Lumpkin.
- A hit-and-run accident happened at Holbrook and Brombach. A hit-and-run accident
- occurred at Conant and Caniff. A complaint was made
- about noise at Jos. Campau and Holbrook. Officers investigated
- a person slumped over the steering wheel of their vehicle. The matter was subsequently referred to Detroit police, since it involved the Detroit side of the Hamtramck border at Conant and Carpenter.
- · A vehicle reported stolen on Charest was later recovered at Talbot and Conant.
- A hit-and-run accident happened on Doremus.

### Friday, Feb. 10

- A complaint about noise was made in the 9400 block of McDougall.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 11500 block of Fleming.
- A resident in the 1900 block of Belmont reported that there was someone in their basement. Officers investigated the matter and determined no one was there. A hit-and-run accident
- happened in the area of Conant and Casmere. A violation of a person-
- al protection order was reported. A theft from a vehicle
- was reported on Conant. Saturday, Feb. 11

### Officers assisted a

- disoriented person in the 2000 block of Caniff. · A male was arrested,
- after a traffic stop, for obstruction and for driving while their license was re-

- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 10200 block of Jos. Campau.
- A break-in was reported in the 12000 block of Moran.
- · A domestic assault was reported in the 2700 block of Florian.
- · A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 9600 block of Conant.
- · Officers searched for a possible stolen vehicle in the 1900 block of Norwalk.
- A fight was reported in the 2400 block of Neibel. Sunday, Feb. 12

# Officers investigated a

- suspicious vehicle in the 3200 block of Roosevelt. · A theft from a vehicle
- was reported in the 1900 block of Norwalk. An assault was report-
- Andrus. A theft was reported in the 11400 block of Mc-

ed in the 2400 block of

 A complaint was made about a disorderly customer as a business on Jos. Campau.

Dougall.

- A theft was reported on Jos. Campau.
- · A suspect was arrested for an assault that happened on McDougall.
- · A Conant Ave. business reported a disorderly customer.

### Monday, Feb. 13

- Officers investigated a suspicious vehicle at Fleming and Casmere.
- · A male was arrested, after a traffic stop, for driving with a suspended license, and for being wanted on warrants in several cities.
- · Officers assisted an ambulance crew with patients who were being aggressive. A male was ar-
- rested for assault. · A complaint about harassment was made on
- · A male was arrested on Jos. Campau for assault.

Charest.

- · A resident on Belmont reported being the victim
- An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported being harassed. · Officers investigating
- gunshots heard on Caniff arrested a suspect after a foot chase for carrying a concealed weapon, obstruction, and for possessing stolen property.
- · A neighbor dispute was reported on Gallagher.

# Cont. from front page

### "It is very important that

individuals who owe back property taxes for the year 2020 or prior either pay the tax bill in full or work with our office to make payment arrangements."

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creased by 49 percent.

options to help residents stay in their homes, including financial hardship extensions and other payment plans. For more information, go

to treasurer.waynecounty. com or contact the office by email at taxinfo@waynecounty.com.



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The council also approved the reconstruction of Caniff from Conant to Buffalo. The project will start in April, at a cost of \$1.3 million.

The source of the funding comes through the federal government, but is administered through the state Department of Transportation.

The city hired Mark Anthony Contracting, Inc. to do the project.

In his report, Mayor Ghalib discussed the incident of a house on Doremus St. displaying a Nazi flag, which sparked outrage among some residents.

Ghalib stressed that the display of the flag on private property is the right of

the resident.

"It is protected by the First Amendment - even hate speech," he said.

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He credited residents for speaking out against the flag. He said residents countered "hate speech" with "love

"I'm glad our community came all together against this," Ghalib said, adding: "It is a good sign that our community is alert."





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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 7, 2023, at 9:00 am for the organizational meeting (no appeals will be heard).

By appointment to hear appeals,

Monday March 13, 2023 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor conference room

**Thursday** March 16, 2023 9:00 am to 5:00 pm **Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 16, 2023. Appeals will also be accepted by letter.

\*\*All letter appeals must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2023. \*\*

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