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Quick Hits

‘Stupor’ author hits the big stage

By Alan Madlane

Fans of either Planet Ant Theater or “Stupor” the zine will have plenty of fun this weekend.

The zine, and subsequent books, are all the brainchild of Steve Hughes, who has been around for some years now. He has molded the stories in the zines, frequently, from bits and pieces of overheard conversations that would then foment story ideas.

His current book brings together seven past issues from the early days of the mid ‘aughts, specifically between 2006-7.

But here’s the kicker: Planet Ant Theater is performing some of the provocatively titled stories.

Showtimes are this Friday and Saturday only (March 24 and 25), starting at 8 p.m. (Hughes encourages followers and fans to show up early and enjoy some libations.)

And you thought you had nothing to do on this first weekend of spring.

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- My Sister’s Nipples
- Punk, Pabst, and

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— HAMTRAMCK’S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD — City officials clear the way for a microbrewery taproom

By Charles Sercombe

For a second time, the city council has struggled with a tax abatement request for a renovation project of an old building.

Last year, the council agreed to a 10-year abatement for the former Missant facility on Conant. That abatement calls for freezing the current property tax rate for that period of time.

An online truck parts company, Zbox, will be renovating the Missant headquarters, and knocking down the dilapidated buildings on the site.

That abatement vote took several tries because the council at that time was split 3-3 on the request.

Recently, the city council faced a similar request for a building at 9350 Jos. Campau.

However, unlike the previous development and abatement request, this development is tied into a grant worth over \$250,000 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).



Hamtramck’s first microbrewery cleared a hurdle with city officials and can proceed with development plans at a vacant building at 9350 Jos. Campau. The developers sought and received a tax abatement for the project.

The total cost for the renovation will be \$680,000.

The only catch is that, in order to qualify for the grant, the city has to make its own financial investment – in the form of a tax abatement that would, once again, lock the property’s current tax rate in for a period of years.

The building currently generates \$3,650 in yearly property taxes. After the abatement, property taxes are expected to increase to over \$8,000 a year.

The developer, Milo Madole, who also sits on the city’s Downtown Development Authority, told the council that “this project is impossible without this grant.”

The grant is part of a state program to help developers turn obsolete buildings into functioning ones once again.

Madole and his partner plan to turn the building into a microbrewery tap room and community meeting place.

Once completed, it would employ 15 people, and also would provide temporary work for construction and rehabilitation/remediation workers.

The building has been vacant since mid-2000, and, for several years, the city was collecting no money from taxes. The building had also been in a foreclosure process for several years.

Madole purchased the building in 2018, which is

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Act fast to get a free college tuition at Wayne State University

By Alan Madlane

For many Hamtramck students this is big news.

You can now get a free college degree at Wayne State University, which is where many Hamtramck students have gone in the past.

How?

The state of Michigan is offering a college degree for all persons whose family income is less than \$70,000 and assets are less than \$50,000 (as in, bank account/stock value, etc).

The program, dubbed the Wayne State Guarantee, is an outgrowth of Gov. Whitmer’s Michigan Achievement Scholarship Program, which she signed into law last year.

Here are the particulars of eligibility:

- Incoming first-year undergraduates who are Michigan residents admitted for fall 2023 as a first-time undergraduate in a degree program.
- Household income of \$70,000 or less and assets of \$50,000 or

less as confirmed on the 2023-24 FAFSA form.

- Michigan residents eligible for the Pell Grant in 2023-24 are also eligible.

- Must be enrolled full time (12 or more credit hours per semester) each semester. Funding is for fall and winter semesters.

- WSU must receive your 2023-24 FAFSA by April 1, 2023, and be eligible to receive federal student aid.

- Must be admitted to

WSU by April 1, 2023.

Note that last date – not much time to get admitted to a WSU program for this year.

The Wayne State Guarantee covers the full cost of tuition and standard fees (registration, matriculation and any student service fees). No mention of the cost of books in the bargain, which can be pricey, but hey – it’s an amazing deal either way.

The more-expansive Michigan Achievement

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City finances are looking better

By Charles Sercombe

Several weeks ago, city officials received some sobering financial news.

At that time, the financial projections for the city were that there will be less money coming into the city, and more money going out.

But last week, a financial audit for 2022 painted a much brighter picture.

The city received millions more in revenue than projected earlier, and the city now should be able to break even on the budget.

“It’s not a surplus or a windfall,” cautioned City Manager Max Garbarino. “We’re in a solid place right now.”

The additional revenue came from several sources: state revenue sharing increased, thanks to an uptick in the city’s population, an increase in income tax collection (thanks to an increase in population), marijuana revenue, parking meter revenue, and more property taxes being collected.

The city’s annual budget is about \$21 million.

At this point, it appears the city will be on good financial footing for the next budget year.

For the past few years, the city had been delving into its budget surplus to make ends meet.

There will be more financial help ahead. This year, the promised \$17.6 million from the state to shore up the city’s pension fund is expected to come in. However, the city is still obligated to keep paying into the pension fund, so there is little relief from that yearly expense.

City salaries and pension obligations make up the majority of the city’s annual budget expense. Property and income taxes make up the majority of revenue coming into the city.

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Pleaugh, Tim Richardson, and Ryan Kozicki. Visitation was Sunday March 19, 2023 and Funeral Mass was Monday March 20, 2023 at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church, Hamtramck MI. Arrangements entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

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City officials clear the way for a microbrewery taproom

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when the city once again became able to resume collecting property taxes. Reuben Riggs-Bookman, an intern in the city's Community and Economic Development Department, hailed the project as a "huge opportunity for the City of Hamtramck." He added that the project will encourage people "to come back to the city." Madole was seeking a 12-year tax abatement. Riggs-Bookman pointed out that, according to the city's policy, a project with at least a \$250,000 investment automatically qualifies for a 12-year abatement. Madole said he could also get by with a 10-year abatement. But the city council saw things differently. Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury, who owns a business, said granting the

request could put the city in a situation where "we'll have to open the door" to future requests. Riggs-Bookman responded that, according to state guidelines, this is not the case, because each community is limited to the number of abatements that can be made through the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation program. Mayor Amer Ghalib stressed that the Zbox project was not given a 12-year abatement, and that that project's investment is about \$19 million (and will result in creating about 75 jobs). The council agreed on a four-year abatement. It was not immediately clear whether that time period would qualify the project for the state grant. The public also weighed in on the matter during a public hearing.

Andrew Kopietz supported the project, saying it will act a "multiplier" for more development. Nasr Hussain said that, since Madole is receiving "free money," he should be able to pay the tax rate as it goes up. He also said that the \$600,000 renovation cost is "fake numbers," and that the project's cost estimates for plumbing and flooring are inflated. If the developer can't afford to move forward without the grant, Hussain suggested, then he should sell the building to someone who can afford the

renovation on their own. Danielle Bidigave questioned how many in this Muslim-majority community will actually support the microbrewery. Those of the Muslim faith do not partake of alcohol. Bill Meyer also questioned why the developers are creating a tap room, since 80 percent of the city's population will not be going there, and it would therefore require having "outsiders" coming into the city to support it. He also said that approving the abatement is "taking money from poor people" in the city.



City finances are looking better

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On the downside, the Wayne County Jail on Conant is scheduled to close down once the county's new jail is ready to operate. That will be a loss of about \$1 million a year in revenue from the county. There are no current repurposing plans for the jail site. So, are there plans to somehow raise more revenue? According to a previous

budget presentation, it comes down to seeking more grants, and raising taxes and fees. Chief Financial Officer Aamir Ahsan also said that the city's various fees are set comparatively low, and need to be increased. Raising taxes and fees will likely be met with resistance from the public, including some city council members. Ahsan stressed that, no matter what, revenues must increase. "We'll have to do some thinking on how to generate revenue for the city," Ahsan said. The city did report some more good news on the budget front: a decades-long housing law-

suit, which has continued to cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in ongoing attorney fees, will finally come to an end this year with the construction of three housing units. Over the last several years, the city has constructed almost 200 housing units in order to settle a housing discrimination lawsuit filed in the early 1970s. The three houses to be built this year will bring the final count of housing units up to 200 even - which is what the city agreed to build in its lawsuit settlement with the housing plaintiffs. Much of that construction funding came piecemeal from various federal and county grants.

Also, through grants, the city has an ongoing plan to complete swapping out lead water lines with new, non-toxic lines. There is also a good chance the city could receive millions of dollars from a grant to satisfy a lawsuit requiring the rebuilding of the city's sewer system. The estimated cost for this project is about \$50 million. If that comes to fruition, it would mean the end of basement flooding whenever there is a heavy rainfall. News of this grant coming through could come within this year.

This week at the Library . . .

March 24, 2023

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.

Zoom Presentation: For those interested in doing their own research, the Library of Congress without a doubt has tons of materials that would come in handy. Well, our very own Library of Michigan will be showing folks how to find what they might be looking for amongst the nation's digital collections. Tune in to this ZOOM presentation Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 pm. Please visit www.michigan.gov/Impublicprograms for more info and a link to register.

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Second Front Page

Former Councilmember Musa appointed to empty council seat

By Charles Sercombe

The city council now has its sixth member once again.

Former Councilmember Abu Musa was officially appointed to fill the seat vacated by Amanda Jaczkowski.

Jaczowski resigned for health reasons, she said.

In a statement, she said, in part:

“It has become apparent over the past year as your councilwoman that I am not able to balance the professional obligations to my standard and maintain my physical health, and therefore I have made the extremely difficult decision to resign as councilwoman. ...”

However, there was



Former City Councilmember Abu Musa was sworn into office once again. He is filling a seat vacated by Amanda Jaczkowski who resigned.

speculation that her resignation had something to do with a council proclamation opposing military financial aid to “repressive governments around the world.”

The proclamation singled out the persecution

of Palestinians, and by implication, condemned Israel. She did not respond to The Review for comment on the proclamation, nor did she speak out publicly about the issue.

Jaczowski was in her first term. She became the second new councilmember to resign: Adam Albarmaki resigned last year because of his job obligations.

Musa would have been appointed to the council last week, but there were not enough councilmembers present to legally take any actions, other

than to listen to a financial audit report.

Musa first won a seat on council in 2016 but was knocked out of office in 2019.

He sought re-election in 2021 but came in fifth – next to last in the field of six candidates.

Musa’s appointment now means that the council is comprised of all males. This is the first time in many years where there are no women serving on the council.

The mayor, Amer Ghalib, is also a male, and he chairs the council meetings.

While Musa’s appointment fills out the council, Councilmember Khalil Refai has been absent for about three months. He had said he would be taking a leave.

Refai, who is also in his first term, did not say what the reasons are for his absences, and it’s not clear when he is returning. He was the top vote-getter in the 2021 general election.



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Greenway project's bike lane route hits a snag

By Charles Sercombe

Not everyone has been excited about a bike lane winding down part of Jos. Campau.

Some business owners are complaining about a loss of parking spaces in front of their shops in the area of Jos. Campau and Goodson.

They want the bike lane gone.

Well, there might be an alternative to the plan.

City officials recently discussed about possible changes in what is being called the Joe Louis Greenway project.

It's possible the lane could be rerouted at Holbrook to go down to Lumpkin.

But there's one hitch to that.

"It doesn't achieve the

structure projects; and it can create alternative modes of transportation for residents and visitors.

"However, fitting the greenway into the city's existing traffic and parking patterns will present many challenges."

So far, the bike lane travels down the west side of Jos. Campau from Carpenter to Caniff, and it's proposed to jog it over to the west Jos. Campau alley down to Holbrook.

That's where it gets re-routed back to Jos. Campau to Hamtramck Dr.

The alley portion of the route will ultimately be redesigned, and could be a gathering place for people and become a festive area.

Traffic would still be



Some business owners on Jos. Campau on the south-end are complaining that a new bike lane has taken away parking spaces for customers.

goals of the project," said Cassie Meitl, who is with the company, Spalding-DeDecker, designing the route.

And that goal, she said, is to bring people into the downtown to stimulate shopping – and, possibly, catch the eye of developers.

The Greenway project is a 27-mile route that connects Hamtramck to Detroit, Dearborn and Highland Park.

It's projected to cost \$240 million to complete, and the state of Michigan is dedicating \$143 million toward the project so far.

In a note prepared to city council, it was said about the project:

"This section of the Joe Louis Greenway presents many opportunities and challenges.

"It has the potential to drive economic growth downtown by transforming it into a unique, vibrant destination; it is a priority state project that could unlock future grant money for other infra-

able to travel through the alley.

The Greenway development has been in the works for several years now.

But it's only recently that some business owners on the southend of Jos. Campau have become aware of it, and are now complaining about their loss of parking spaces.

"We realize our business owners are taking exception with it," said City Manager Max Garbarino.

He said that, while the route is pretty much set in place, there could be parking spaces created.

The meeting was an update on where the project is now. Mayor Amer Ghalib said he was also concerned about the business owners.

"Hamtramck is a small, tight city," he said.

In the meantime, Ghalib said he will form a sub-committee of councilmembers to look further into the project.

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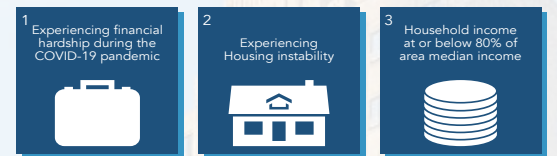
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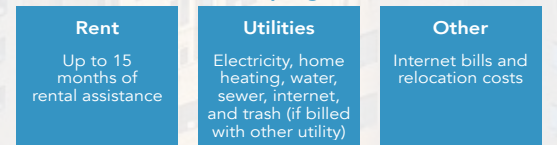
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In Our Opinion

City can count its financial blessings – for now

Recently the city received a needed shot in the arm, financially-speaking. For the past several years, the city has been in deficit spending, burning through its budget surplus. And it was through no fault of anyone. Simply, the city was spending more money than it was taking in. A huge chunk of that cost is for police and fire services, and for funding the city's pension system. But now, a number of circumstances have come together that have resulted in an increase in revenue – which pretty

much has resulted in the city taking in as much as it spends. While some political leaders are patting themselves on the back for this financial blessing, we caution against being too optimistic. Hamtramck's financial history has been one of ups and downs. Oh sure, there is skill and knowledge involved in successfully painting the financial picture, but a lot of it has to do with forces the city has no control over. It's also not entirely certain how long this financial trend will last – as is the case in any year. While there have been

gains made, a major revenue source, the Wayne County Jail, is likely to close down within a year. That's because the county is building a new jail, and once it's up and running, all of the county jails will be consolidated. That will result in a loss of about \$1 million a year in revenue from the county. It's going to be a gut punch to the city, but hopefully one that can be absorbed. There is one thing we have noticed about Hamtramck: for every two steps forward, we tend to then take on step back.

Crime Watch... A busy week for the police department

By Charles Sercombe

Assaults, disorderly juveniles, hit-and-runs, family trouble, customer trouble, domestic violence, street fights, suspicious people and suspicious situations, intoxicated people – all that, and much more, was reported within the last week in town, according to the police department's daily incident reports.

Is it the longer daylight hours?

The slightly warmer temps?

Or just one of those weeks?

Oh, and officers are still handing out dozens of tickets to people who park in the bike lane at Jos. Campau and Goodson.

The city's bike lane has been the center of controversy lately. A small group of business owners are complaining that their customers can no longer park in front of their storefronts, which is causing a downturn in their businesses.

The bike lane is part of a much bigger project called the Joe Louis Greenway. That's a bike and walking path that will stretch 27 miles, and connect Hamtramck to Detroit, Dearborn and Highland Park.

This project has been talked and talked about for several years running, but apparently a number of people were unaware of the project and its impact on the city.

There is now talk of possibly rerouting the path between Holbrook and Hamtramck Dr. on Jos. Campau

over to Lumpkin.

As for other incidents in Hamtramck, here's a reminder on how to deal with tensions at home that can escalate to domestic assaults:

- Going outside is one way to catch a break from one another, but there are also other techniques to diffuse tensions.
- Develop a code word to cool off an argument that is beginning to escalate in anger. That word, which can be any word, gives a signal to a partner that it is time to separate and cool off for a period.
- Look out for triggers, such as certain times of the year that are known to prompt emotional outbursts – for example, an anniversary of something tragic that happened, or bill paying times.

For those who are in an abusive relationship, there is help available at YWCA/Interim House Metro Detroit. You can call them at (313) 862-3580.

Also, in Wayne County, First Step is an organization for victims of domestic violence. They can be reached 24 hours a day at (734) 722-6800 or (888) 453-5900.

The organization provides shelter for women and children, as well as also providing counseling and legal services.

If you are in immediate danger, call the police emergency line at 911.

As for suspicious behaviors, here's a breakdown on what to look out for:

- Anyone who appears nervous, or constantly looks over their shoulder
- Anyone entering restricted areas
- Anyone claiming to represent a utility company, but not wearing a uniform, who does not produce identification upon request or does not have a company logo vehicle
- Carrying property at an unusual hour or location, especially if they are attempting to hide the item
- Using binoculars or other devices to peer into apartment and home windows
- Driving a vehicle slowly and aimlessly
- Sitting in a vehicle for extended periods of time or conducting transactions from a vehicle
- Abruptly changing behavior when seen
- Leaving packages, bags or other items behind
- Exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms
- Making unusual noises like screaming, yelling, or if you hear gunshots or glass breaking
- Individuals in a heated argument, yelling or cursing at each other

Hamtramck is a family-oriented city, but we are also an older urban area. Be aware of your surroundings, and call 911 if you think something suspicious rises to the level of needing officers to investigate.

They do it all the time. And they certainly did plenty of it last week.

Odds & Ends

Donation... March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day, and our metro vets just got a financial boost. The Detroit Chapter #9 of the Vietnam Veterans of America donated \$30,000 to the Fallen and Wounded Soldier's Fund (FWSF). The donation is to support grants to Vietnam veterans facing hardships. "We appreciate the work being done by FWSF and are grateful that they will support our efforts to assist Vietnam veterans," said Paul Palazzolo, president of VVA Chapter 9 in a press release. "Whether it is PTSD or struggles with housing, sadly, many of our members still feel the effects of war. This will help to ease some of their burdens." Founded in 2006, the FWSF helps injured Michigan-based soldiers pay their living expenses and aids the families of the fallen. VVA#9 supports and honors veterans by helping them access resources, advocating for veteran-centered policies and legislation, being a partner in the Metro Detroit Veterans Coalition that hosts the annual Veterans Day Parade, and working to better our community through scholarships, donations, and other philanthropic efforts. For more information about VVA #9, go to <https://vva9.org/> For more information about FWSF, go to <https://www.fwsf.org/> With Democrats now the majority in the Michigan legislature things are getting done, whether you agree with them or not. We recently received an update from the online publication Bridge Michigan's capitol reporter Lauren Gibbons on what the Dems have in store after their first flurry of bills. Here's what she had to say: "Now comes the harder stuff: A state budget, road funding, energy and climate, government transparency, the state's auto no-fault law, mental health and affordable housing, among other things. Democrats only have a two-seat majority in both chambers, and cracks could start to emerge between progressives and those in swing districts. "Conversations on labor issues, gun violence prevention and expanding abortion access almost certainly will continue as well while Democrats hold the gavel." Never heard of Bridge Michigan? It's an informative and well-written news source. Check them out. You can read it for free, but donations are encouraged.

Reminder... The Hamtramck Parks Conservancy is seeking to fill the position of executive director. According to the job description, the director is specifically tasked with "... revitalizing Veterans Parks and PlayFair into a thriving community hub, overseeing park operations, and shaping the Recreation District's future. In addition, the Executive Director will have the opportunity to bring Keyworth Stadium, home to the DCFC soccer team, and the historic Hamtramck Stadium, one of the five remaining Negro League stadiums in the nation, to new heights. The job description continues: "The Executive Director will be a critical thinker and problem solver capable of moving Hamtramck Parks Conservancy towards a long-term vision by creating innovative strategies and leading through the organization's start-up period. "In addition, the ED will bring a highly focused racial and social justice lens and be a champion of and exhibit an abiding passion and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion values and to the role that public space can play in creating healthy, safe, and dynamic outcomes in the community. **Continued on page 8**

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4-13	L.K.A. vs. Hamtramck (home)
4-17	Hamtramck vs. UPSM/ABT (away)
4-20	Star vs. Hamtramck (home)
4-24	Hamtramck vs. Ceaser Cheavez (away)
4-27	Arbor Prep vs. Hamtramck (D.H., home)
5-1	D.C.H. vs. Hamtramck (home)
5-4	Hamtramck vs. River Rouge (away)
5-8	UPSM/ABT vs. Hamtramck (home)
5-11	J.R.L.A. vs. Hamtramck (D.H., home)
5-15	Make Up Days
5-18	Semi Finals
5-20	Finals/Conf. Games

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4-26-23	Taylor Prep vs. Lady Cosmos (home)
5-3-23	Lady Cosmos vs. River Rouge (away)
5-10-23	Dearborn ATA vs. Lady Cosmos (home)
5-17-23	Lady Cosmos vs. Taylor Prep (away)
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Kindergarten Roundup

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Kindergarten Roundup

Holbrook Elementary School

Holbrook Elementary School students celebrated Pi Day (March 14) with an assembly at the end of the school day for students who read the most minutes and books so far in March.

And speaking of reading, Dave Mesrey, who has been active with the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew, recently visited first-graders where he read to them “The Cat Man of Aleppo.”

March is Reading Month for school kids.

Here's what he had to say about the experience.

“I told'em, be good to yourselves, be good to your teachers, and be good to the animals.”

Dental school visit

Thank you to the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School for visiting Tau Beta to provide dental ser-



The recent Kindergarten Roundup was a success.

event at the Hamtramck Community Center! We loved getting to meet all of the Cosmos that will be joining us in the fall. If you missed the event, not to worry!

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Spotlight on ...

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of them are still with us today!

This month we're pleased to spotlight Ekram Sarkic. Mr. Sarkic graduated from Hamtramck High School in 1996 and went on to receive his master's



Above: Students at Holbrook Elementary School celebrated Pi Day. Below: Dave Mesrey of the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew read to students at Holbrook.



Covid update: Mapping out a worldwide plan on dealing with the virus

By Charles Sercombe

Although the number of new COVID-19 cases is trending down, there is concern about how to handle future pandemics.

According to the online publication “The Conversation,” there are some suggestions on what steps to take.

Here, in a nutshell, is what is being recommended by health experts.

- Create national and international strategies. For what exactly? Ensure testing and treatment is available for new infections and treatment for long-term covid.

- Create an independent organization to investigate the origins of the virus. Probably easier said than done. This includes looking at “spillovers” from local animal markets and laboratories.

- Strengthen the World Health Organization.
- Create a worldwide pandemic agreement.
- Create a global strategy to deal with future pandemics.

- Better regulation of domestic and wild-animal trade and enhancement of surveillance systems for pathogens (disease-causing mi-

cro-organisms) in domestic animals and humans.

- Strengthen national health systems.

- Increase community-based public health systems; invest in a skilled workforce; invest in public health and scientific literacy to fight against disinformation; establishment safe schools and workplaces; and improve coordinated surveillance and monitor-

ing for new variants.

Meanwhile, the latest number of new covid cases in Hamtramck for the past week, according to Wayne County health authorities, is 16.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers March 14-20.

Tuesday, March 14

- Officers investigated a suspicious circumstance in the 2300 block of Yemans.
- A person reported being harassed.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jacob and Jos. Campau.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 3400 block of Yemans.

Wednesday, March 15

- A report was made about two females fighting in the 2600 block of Holmes.
- An assault was reported in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.
- Officers investigating an assault in the 9700 block of Conant arrested a person for obstruction and for possessing drugs.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly group of juveniles in the 8800 block of Conant.
- A neighbor dispute was reported in the 2400 block of Andrus.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 2400 block of Andrus.

Thursday, March 16

- A disorderly person was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- Officers investigating an assault in the 2200 block of Danforth arrested a woman for domestic violence.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Danforth.
- Officers investigating a domestic assault in the 5000 block of Trowbridge arrested a male.
- A suspicious incident was reported on Caniff near Dyar.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 1900 block of Trowbridge.
- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- A person was arrested in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau for shoplifting.
- A noise complaint was made in the 11700 block of Sobieski.

Friday, March 17

- Multiple vehicles were ticketed for being parked in a bike lane at Jos. Campau and Goodson.
- A domestic dispute was reported at Jos. Campau.

- A loose dog was reported on Conant.
- A theft was reported on Jos. Campau.
- A noise complaint was made in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- A disorderly customer was reported at a business in the 3000 block of Holbrook.
- Officers recovered a Chevy Impala, in the 2000 block of Edwin that was stolen out of Detroit.

Saturday, March 18

- No incident report was available for this date.

Sunday, March 19

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the area of Belmont and Conant.
- A driver was arrested, after a traffic stop, for driving drunk and for having open intoxicants in the car.
- Officers investigated a report of a suspicious person in a car in the 3200 block of Hanley.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2400 block of Carpenter.
- An assault was reported in the 9400 block of Charest.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 2700 block of Holbrook.
- A disorderly customer was reported at a business in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau.

Monday, March 21

- A report was made about an intoxicated male who was attempting to gain entry into a residence in the 2200 block of Norwalk.
- Officers investigating an auto accident, at Holbrook and Gallagher, arrested a woman for drunk driving.
- Officers investigating a domestic assault in the 5100 block of Yemans arrested a man for obstruction.
- A report was made about two suspicious males looking into vehicles in the area of Brombach and Norwalk.
- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of St. Aubin.
- Customer trouble was reported in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- A juvenile was arrested for a theft that happened in the 2200 block of Evaline.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 10200 block of Conant.
- A possible fight was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

Coming Events

SATURDAY, March 25, 4-6 p.m. – Drive-thru Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. \$12 Adult/\$6 Children 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.

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“The ED will also support, sustain, and grow a collaborative work environment that attracts and retains a motivated, diverse, and mission-driven staff and board.”

The job duties include:

• Serve as an external ambassador, promoting its (the Parks Conservancy’s) values and mission to media, donors, partners, and constituents

• Drive fundraising efforts, and explore new revenue-generating strategies

• Ensure the financial stability of the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy, by presenting a

proposed budget and financial reports to the board, reflecting the organization’s financial status accurately

• Manage financial, operational, and administrative aspects with the support of the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy Board and partners

• Assemble a passionate, dedicated, and diverse mission-driven team

• Emphasize professional development opportunities for team members at all levels, and promote growth and success within the organization

• Cultivate a strong

working relationship with the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy Board

- Create a harmonious strategy to enhance all initiatives within the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy.

The salary for the position ranges from \$85,000 up to \$120,000 a year, based on experience.

To find out more, go online to quattrobs.applytojob.com and search for Hamtramck Parks Conservancy.

Correction... In last week’s issue, we, or should we say a certain proof reader, mistakenly said that the port of Gdansk in Poland is located on the Black Sea. Incorrecto. It’s located

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