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Quick Hits

Polonia featured on TV

As many folks around here know, Hamtramck Review Publisher John Ulaj is also the owner of Polonia restaurant, one of two well-known Polish restaurants here in town. Polonia has a horn to

toot. The restaurant will be spotlighted next Friday (April 28) on WDIV Channel 4's "Live in the D" at

11 a.m. If you miss the broadcast, you can always catch it on WDIV's web-

site. John and Chef Genek highlight several dishes, and they also talked a little about the uniqueness of the restaurant, which has a history that goes back into the 1930s.

Here's a sneak peek at what was served up.

Combination Plate:

Consisting of stuffed cabbage, fresh or smoked polish sausage, 2 pierogi, mashed potatoes and Sauerkraut

Smoked Salmon Potato Pancakes:

3 potato pancakes with cream cheese, smoked salmon, capers, fresh cucumber and tomato slices Hungarian Pancake:

Large potato pancake Continued on page 8

3Fifteen is back in business

with a change in management

By Charles Sercombe

One of Hamtramck's four cannabis retail outlets is back in business.

3Fifteen, on Jos. Campau near Zinow, was temporarily closed for a few weeks while a court case over who controls the company was settled.

As it turned out, Skymint is now the sole owner of the store, but 3Fifteen still holds the business license in Hamtramck.

A spokesman for the company, Jeff Gaunt, told The Review that Skymint holds all of the assets, and is in the process of taking over the business license.

However, if that does happen, according Hamtramck's marijuana dispensary ordinance, it could lead to an automatic shutdown.

The ordinance, section 121.004 (11-I) says: "A marijuana establishment license issued under this



Recreational marijuana outlet 3Fifteen was closed temporarily while a court case was being decided on over who controls the company. That issue has been settled, and the dispensary is now re-opened.

chapter is not transferable." However, this sec- Gaunt told The Review, in tion has not been challenged yet in court.

As of now, a business license renewal application for 2023-24 has been submitted by Victor Kattloula, who has held the license since the outlet initially opened in 2022.

As for the reopening, an email:

"We are excited that we have reopened our storefronts. We appreciate the court's careful consideration in this case, which has restored full operating authority over these locations to SKYMINT.

"Our focus now is on continuing to provide customers throughout the state with the exceptional products and service they have come to expect from SKYMINT."

Hamtramck has had a rocky history of allowing marijuana recreational dis-

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A fire in the rear of Kabob House on Conant destroyed part of the building's second floor in the rear.

Crime Watch...

An alleged arson and reports of women screaming

By Charles Sercombe

It's been a busy week for the police and fire departments.

There were two prominent fires during the past week, the most notable being the Kabob House on Conant.

According to Fire Chief Matthew Wyszczelski, this past Sunday, at 4:30 a.m., firefighters respond-

ed to a reported fire at Kabob House.

Even with the help of Detroit firefighters, it took almost two hours to put out a fire on the second floor of the building. No injuries were reported.

"Most of the damage from the fire was to the upstairs living area, although there was smoke

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Deadline to file for election nears

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's election year will feature only one local race for voters to decide on:

There will be three seats on city council for re-consideration, and now three city charter proposals will have to wait until November for a thumbs up or down.

Councilmembers Nayeem Choudhury, Mohammed Alsomiri and Mohammed Hassan are facing re-election.

They will likely face challengers which will also likely mean a primary election run-off in August.

Those who survive the primary challenge face-off in the November General Election.

However, if there are no challengers, which is highly unlikely, the three councilmembers will then run unopposed in the November election, and obviously be elected for another four-year term.

Would-be candidates better decide fast whether they want to enter the election. The deadline to file for office is April 25 which is next Tuesday.

This election sets a new election rule in motion: starting this year, those elected will now be limited to no more than three terms.

With the recent resignation of Councilmember Amanda Jaczkowski, the current council is all male. That has prompted some discussion on social media sites about a call for

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3Fifteen is back in business with a change in management continued from front page

pensaries to operate here, and it took several years before it was fully allowed.

And then it all happened almost accidently, because the then-city council took no action to regulate the business, which allowed the city's four dispensaries to exploit a state loophole.

And that loophole is if a city takes no action to regulate - meaning it neither opted in nor out - a dispensary can open, as long as it meets state requirements.

The city eventually shut that door, decided to opt in

to allow the dispensaries but limited the number of outlets to four that were already currently operating.

Many in the Muslim community were – and still are - vehemently opposed to allowing the retail sale of marijuana, for fear it would attract crime or result in minors getting their hands

Daily police incident reports have not confirmed any of that happening.

Most of the activity at the outlets is subdued, and there are no groups people congregating

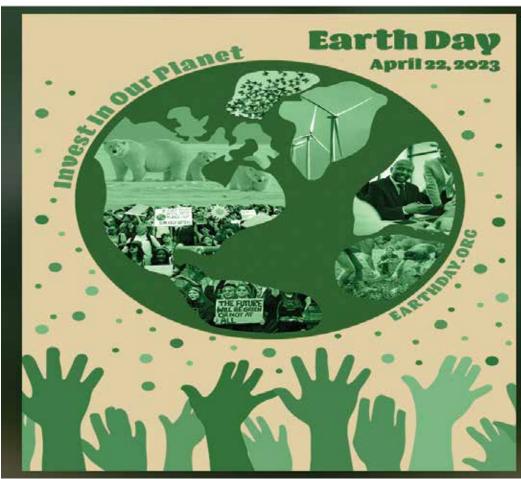
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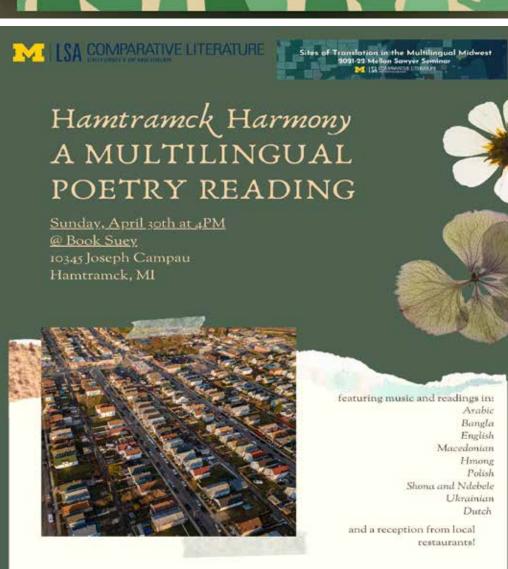
Each store has security presence as well.

The outlets have proven to be a boon for the city in taxes and fees. The city has been receiving a total of over \$200,000 a year from the four outlets.

That breaks down to over \$50,000 per outlet each vear.

Still, there are some who say the city can afford to lose that revenue stream - while others have argued that the city needs every tax dollar it can get.







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Hamtramck Housing Commission (HHC) does not discriminate on the

Deadline to file for election nears

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women to step up and represent the city.

It's not immediately known when the last time the Hamtramck council did not have a woman as a member.

There is no election for the Hamtramck School Board this year.

In other election news, the city had initially planned for voters to decide on three city charter amendments for the primary election, but the state rejected the ballot language.

City Manager Max Garbarino said the changes are minor, but the revised ballots won't be ready in time for the primary election in August.

The council wants voters to approve these changes to the charter:

Councilmembers

seeking a pay raise from \$3,249 a year to \$9,749.

The mayor pro tem's increase would go from \$4,874 to \$11,374 a year. Councilmember Mohammed Hassan is the current mayor pro tem, whose duty is to chair council meetings when the mayor is absent, as well as fill in for the mayor as needed.

And for the mayor, the current salary of \$6,499 a year would go up to \$12,998.

The total increase for the council and mayor is \$45,500 for the year.

The yearly salaries are based on a percentage of the governor's salary. For council, it's currently 2 percent, for the mayor pro tem it's 3 percent and the mayor's is 4 percent.

The amendment, if ap-

proved would change that to 6, 7, and 8 percent respectively.

Another change in the charter would remove the restriction of making councilmembers and the mayor to wait at least two years before being appointed as city manager here.

And the third wouldbe charter change would strike down the requirement for a councilmember who wants to run for mayor to first resign from council no later than 60 days prior to the filing deadline to run for mayor.

The same would apply to a mayor who wants to run for council while still in

In both instances, no resignation is needed if they are in the last year of their term.

Covid update: Feds are about to end covid health emergency

By Charles Sercombe

While the number of new COVID-19 cases continues to recede, it remains one of the leading causes of death in the U.S.

According to government records, covid is the third leading cause of death - with the top causes being heart disease and then cancer.

Hamtramck's leading causes of death are not immediately known. The Review reached out to the Wayne County Department of Health, Human & Veteran Services for comment, but the agency had not responded by Thursday, the day the paper went to print.

Over a million people have died in the U.S. from covid over the past three years, since when the pandemic started.

There are still, according to government health records, some 250 U.S. deaths every day from the disease. At one point, in 2021, there were over 3,000 people a day dying from covid, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Hamtramck, there have been 82 people who died have from covid during the past three years since the pandemic started, and over 6,000 cases reported. Nationally, most of

those who die are 45 years and older, with seniors and those with compromised immune systems being the most at risk.

However, there is still debate over the number of covid-related deaths, with some saying the figures are over-inflated and

others arguing they're actually undercounted.

No matter what the statistics say or what people believe, the government will be ending covid's public health emergency status by the end of May.

This also means FE-MA's \$9,000 assistance to cover funeral costs for families who had members die of covid will also

Looking at the weekly number of covid cases here in Hamtramck, the latest tally is four new cases for the past week, according to county health officials. That brings the total number of covid cases for the past three years up to 6,061.

The number of deaths from covid during this period remains at 82.

This week at the Library

Language Learning: Transparent Language is multifaceted learning platform that offers over 100 languages to choose from. It's approach to learning is declarative-focused, helping learners acquire and command an effective stable of vocabulary and phrases before moving on to more complex layers of a language. To use you need your library card. The link is on our website, eResources tab, at www.hamtramck.lib.mi.us

Group Exercise: The classes are currently on spring brake but will return starting May 7th on a new schedule; Adaptive Yoga on Tuesdays at 3 pm and Tai Chi on Fridays at 10 am. Classes limited to 10 individuals.

Focus on Military: Are you a member of a Michigan family that has a military background? streaming the Library of Michigan's next ZOOM presentation on Thursday, May 4th, at 6:30 pm. The hosts will be discussing the variety of military-focused print resources available in the LOM's collections. Register for this event by visiting www. michigan.gov//lmpublicprograms weatch the full schedule of monthly **ZOOM** programs

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

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

Sean Gaskell Concert: This music event is scheduled for May 10th, 2023 at 5:30 pm. in the library's main hall. This acoustic style music experience showcases the kora (African

come to play.

Alzheimer's & Dementia: Please join us for a pair of evenings with representatives from the Alzheimer's Association. Give us a visit on Tuesday, July 18th at 6 pm for an overview of the research into diet, nutrition, exercise, social engagement, and cognitive activity that supports healthy aging. Then, consider attending the conversation highlighting differences between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and factors, current research, and resources available which will take place on Tuesday, August 15th at 6

William Shakespeare: He was born on April 23, 1564 in Stratford-on-Avon, England. Renowned as he most influential writer in the English language, he created 36 plays and 154 sonnets, including Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet and the Merchant of Venice.

Library of Congress: It was established on April 24, 1800 in Washington D.C. It is America's oldest federal cultural institution and the world's largest library. Among the 145 million items in its collections are more than 33 million books.

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Second Front Page



City Hall Insider ...

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

By Charles Sercombe

April 11, and all councilmembers, except for Khalil Refai, were in attendance.

The council adopted three proclamations, honoring Autism Awareness Month, Recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Arab American Heritage Month.

The proclamation for **Autism Awareness Month** read, in part:

"I urge all citizens to learn more about autism and to support

individuals with autism in our communities. Let us work together to create a more inclusive and accepting society for individuals with autism and their families."

The child abuse prevention proclamation read, in part:

"We call upon all citizens, organizations, and government agencies to work together to prevent child abuse and to promote the well-being of

all children. Let us raise

awareness, support fami-The city council met on lies, and create safe and nurturing environments for all children. Together, we can create a brighter future for our children and our communities."

> Lastly, the proclamation for Arab American Month read, in part:

> "... For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, technology, business, government, and culture; and since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants. ..."

> In the public comment portion of the meeting, Lynn Blasey urged the council to follow a proposed Economic Development Strategic plan.

> That plan will be implemented thanks to a federal grant worth over

\$300,000. It will allow the city to hire a consul-

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The grant will allow the city to do the following:

- · Conduct market research, exploring workforce needs, and considering other economic initiatives where applicable.
- · Consider economic development options for city-owned land.
- · Incorporate any additional areas of focus based on the strategy planning process. Develop a tangible
- plan for the overall economic development for the City. Identify benchmarks to measure success of
- implementation. · Develop resources and assisting entrepreneurs and existing busi-

nesses in City of Ham-

tramck. Support new busiopportunities ness through business recruitment initiatives and redevelopment of city land and Brownfield sites.

- · Complete additional tasks identified during the economic development strategy planning.
- · Develop a sustainability plan for long-term City investment in economic development opportuni-
- Attend trainings and conferences relevant to the project.

The council later agreed to the proposal.

Continuing with public comment, Bill Meyer said he is unsure what to do about taking further action in creating the Yemen Park at Jos. Campau and Goodson.

The portion of land is now a parking lot, and Meyer said plans had called to create a park there. However, he said, because the city's bike lane eliminated several parking spaces in that area, he might have to repave the lot and keep it for parking.

Meyer also complained about the number of potholes on his street. Trowbridge.

"There's hundreds of holes," he said.

A public hearing was held on a proposal to rezone multiple lots on Can-

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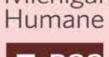
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Crime Watch...

An alleged arson and reports of women screaming

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and water damage to the first floor and basement," Wyszczelski said in an email.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated, and anyone with information is asked to call the Hamtramck fire marshal at (313) 305-4503, extension 225.

Last Tuesday, a Detroit resident was arrested in a suspected arson on Trowbridge, near Lumpkin.

Dionte Williams, 34, of Detroit, was arraigned this week, charged with 2nd degree arson. His bond was set at \$5,000, and he was ordered to wear an electronic tether if he posts bond.

Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise credited help from the Hamtramck fire marshal with the investigation.

In another police matter, a 27-year-old Warren man was charged April 15 with an alleged carjacking that happened last December at Caniff and Fleming.

The driver of the carjacked car sustained injuries, but no details were provided about the extent of those injuries.

Besides carjacking, Karon Forbes is charged with committing a felony with a gun, and illegally possessing a firearm as a felon while being a habitual offender.

Forbes had just been released from prison last October, and was on pa-

Bail was set at \$50,000 cash – meaning someone has to come up with that entire sum of money in order for Forbes to be released from jail.

Police Chief Moise credited the Detroit Police Department in helping with the case.

In other police matters, there have been ongoing reports for the past several weeks about womheard screaming. Screaming about what, exactly, is never explained in the daily police incident reports, which are sometimes mysteriously concise.

These incidents have been happening mostly in the housing project on

the west side of I-75.

There have also been weekly reports of disorderly people, many times at places of business, which makes one wonder what all the fuss is about. And, speaking of businesses, there have also been ongoing reports of shoplifting, as well as customers causing other trouble for shopkeepers.

And now, with warmer weather here (excluding



Dionte Williams



Karon Forbes

the rude return of winter earlier this week), complaints are increasing about neighbors being noisy.

is happening This throughout the city.

If you own a dog, this is a good time to make sure your backyard is escape proof. There are also ongoing reports of loose dogs in the streets.

It's very likely a number of these are strays, which should make those who like walking their fur buddy - and what dog doesn't like taking a stroll around the city? – extra cautious.

If you see suspicious people or situations, police encourage you to call 911 to make a report. The department handles dozens of these calls each week.

()bituaries

CREWS



Loyce Crews, 76, died April 5, 2023. Loving father of Dawn, Loyce,

Martin

William, Michelle (Louie) Naumovski, Mary (William) Marlow, Jacqueline (Anthony) Pichette, and the late Barbara Ann. Proud Grandfather of Nicholas, Andrew, Jonathon, Kelsey, Lupjo, Nicola, Alex, Sophia, Anthony, and Justin. Brother of Wayne and the late Bernard Binkowski. Son of the late Loyce

Martin and Martha Emma

by his ex-wife Jacqueline Marie Zelenka. Martin was always the

Jean. He is also survived

life of the party and loved to cook. He was a gifted mechanic which made his love for building and riding motorcycles an art to behold. He was a man a few words and came off as a "tough guy", but he did appreciate his children and grandchildren. He always said" four wheels move the body, but two wheels move the soul". Services were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

American Axle expansion plan is welcomed with caution

It's hard to get too excited about the possible redevelopment of American Axle's former plant

While it's encouraging that an American company is contemplating expanding, this particular company has left a sour taste for many in Hamtramck.

Over a decade ago, American Axle abruptly announced it was getting rid of its hourly workers and closing down its plant. Operations were instead moved to Mexico, where workers there received a little over \$6 an hour.

It was a stab in the back to America, Hamtramck and American ficials have rightly been

By Max Gilginas

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Worse, the company later demolished plant site, which was partially located on the Hamtramck side of the Detroit border.

That meant a loss of property tax dollars to Hamtramck. It was also seen as a betrayal by city officials, since Hamtramck granted a tax abatement for the company so it could presumably continue to grow its market.

As soon as the abatement period ended, American Axle moved forward on firing its workers and leveling its build-

Ever since then, city of- one to swallow.

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reluctant to issue any more tax abatements.

It's unknown whether American Axle will once again ask for a tax abatement if it does rebuild structures so that the company can jump into EV research.

There are a lot of unknowns so far, but our guess is that the project will go forward, since the company announced several months ago that something big was com-

We're hoping the company has enough horse sense not come to city officials with their hands out for a tax break.

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Odds & Ends

Happy Eid... Friday, April 21, marks the end of Ramadan we are told, and we wish those of the Muslim faith a happy Eid.

Eid al-Fitr is when the Ramadan fast is broken. It's a joyous occasion, and you'll likely see a lot of folks celebrating in town.

Strawberry season... You know what we mean by that. Yes, the annual St. Florian Strawberry Festival is coming up quick,

The good folks over at St. Florian sent us this message:

this May 6-7.

"The warm sunny weather is finally here and outdoor activities are ramping up. One of the city's family-oriented favorite events we all look forward to is the St. Florian Parish Strawberry Festival.

"The event formally begins on Saturday, May 6 with a special mass at 4 pm celebrating the feast of St. Florian, patron saint of firefighters. We honor our heroic firefighters during this Eucharistic celebration.

"The festival takes place Saturday May 6, 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday May 7, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"In addition to those times, food sales are available on Saturday starting at noon for those who want to purchase carryout or enjoy their purchases on site before the rest of the attractions and the bigger crowds arrive.

"All of the delicious Polish foods will be available as well as popular strawberry desserts and Polish beer. There will be activities for children, games of chance and other attractions.

"The Polish Muslims will perform Saturday evening, a highlight of the weekend that serves as a reunion for those who attended St. Florian schools.

"The musical entertainment also includes the popular Kielbasa Kings on Sunday and several Polish dance groups and DJs on the two days.

"This year we are dedicating the festival in memory of Alex Pietrzak, one of the founders of the Strawberry Festival (which began in 1968), who passed away last year.

"He was a beloved teacher and life-long parishioner of the parish. We will have a memory book that those who knew him can sign and express their fond memories.

"The activities take place on the grounds of St. Florian at 2626 Poland St. Admission is free and all are welcomed."

Youth vote... Turns out, the power of young people voting made a difference in Michigan's November election.

In fact, the Michigan youth vote, defined as those who were 18-29 years old, was the highest rate in the country, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at Tufts University.

That bit of information came from the Secretary of State's office this week in an email blast to media outlets.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson of course weighed in on the news, saying: "A strong democracy requires informed and engaged citizens and Michigan is leading the way in ensuring our

youngest voters are active participants in determining our future."

Benson said her office has been working with students in colleges and universities throughout the state to get the word out to participate in elections.

The messaging, obviously, paid off.

Benson has also specifically implemented sameday and automatic voter registration and no-excuse absentee voting, after Michigan's voters overwhelmingly approved a 2018 constitutional amendment that mandated they be provided to all eligible citizens. In 2019, she also enabled online voter registration, according to her office's press release.

As for working with young folks, she said, via the press release:

"We continue working with Michigan's colleges and universities and their local clerks to ensure young citizens can conveniently cast their ballot and know how to do so, and I'm thrilled to see data recognizing the impact of our work."

As punk poet Patti Smith famously sang: "People have the power."

Here's a snippet of what she had to say:

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iff from residential use only to multi-purpose.

The following parcels being considered include:

- · 1944 Caniff
- · 2000 Caniff
- · 2016/2024 Caniff

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- A note to the council about the proposal, said, in part:

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"The purpose of this re-

quest is to:

- · Remove some existing nonconformities, especially west of Lumpkin
- Preserve the existing character and use of these parcels while allowing for the possibility of mixed-use development on these parcels in the future in accordance with the Master Plan.
- Create a consistent corridor that facilitates fu-

ture mixed-use along both sides of Caniff."

The council OK'd the rezoning.

In another matter, the council agreed to accept a federal grant of over \$325,000 to further look into the city's ongoing problem of basements flooding during heavy storms.

A note to the council, said, in part, that project will conduct:

"... engineering and hydraulic study of the storm sewer system in the city to establish a foundation for evaluating alternatives and selecting the most cost-effective alternative to reduce the risk of basement flooding and surface flooding in the project area; and the goal of this scoping project is the eventual design and construction of relief sewers and junction chambers, which will collect and transport runoff and overflows to an existing relief sewer previously constructed and in service. ..."

In another matter, the council approved the purchase of a street sweeper for \$330,000. The city plans to no longer use a contractor to provide the service, and this will also allow the city to expand the number of times streets are swept.

The truck is expected to be in service by June.

Lastly, the city entered into a new agreement with the operator of the city's parking meter system to arrange for more free days to park.

The new schedule accommodates the Ramadan holiday. The new scheduling is as follows:

- · New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Good Friday · Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- · Labor Day
- · Columbus Day Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day (Thursday and Friday)

 Hamtramck Holiday Parking Days: Twelve days leading up to and ending on New Year's Day (New Year's Day calculated separate from the twelve preceding days); ten days during Ramadan leading up to Eid al-Fitr (the tenth day shall be the day after Eid al-Fitr); and five days leading up to Eid al-Adha (the fifth day shall be the day after Eid al-Adha)

& Ends

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"The power to dream, to

To wrestle the world from fools

It's decreed the people rule

It's decreed the people rule

Listen

I believe everything we

Can come to pass through our union

We can turn the world around

We can turn the earth's revolution

We have the power People have the power

We aren't getting any smarter, apparently...

New findings released today, in a report called "The Economic Cost and Social Impact of Illiteracy," highlight the social impact brought about due to the estimated 21% of people in the US with low level literacy skills.

The report has revealed the estimated financial cost to the wider economy in the US at \$300 billion cer (and co-author of the report) Andrew Kay said that reduced income earning capacity and social costs are the main reasons why illiteracy is so effecting the U.S. economy.

"Literacy can change everything in the life of a young person and provide a pathway to reach their full potential," McKay said.

It's estimated that, in the U.S., approximately 70 million people struggle to read, write and/or display basic number skills.

Globally, it's even more staggering: 770 million people can't read a single word; a further 2 billion people struggle to read a sentence.

Dr. Tony Cree, Chair of the World Literacy Council, said the World Literacy Summit, happening this current week, is playing a central role for the first time again post-pandemic, bringing together literacy practitioners and

academics to share the latest global research and learnings. Let's hope for some

movement toward brighter futures for many, including those right here at home in Hamtramck who struggle with the issue.

Vinyl madness... Vinyl lovin' hipsters, take note (as if you didn't already know) - this Saturday, April 22 is the first of this year's Record Store Days.

The celebratory day – or rather, days, as there are usually two per year now, plus Black Friday as an unofficial third - was begun about 15 years ago to throw some business the way of the small, independent record stores as they battled to stay in business against the mega-chains.

Numerous artists record or repackage small batches of their material, spe-

cially for the day. Locally, Hamtramck has Record Graveyard, on the city's north border (2610 Carpenter) and Detroit Threads on the main drag (10238 Jos. Campau). Check'em out.

per year. World Literacy Founda-Do You Need Help? Contact Us. 24-Hour HelpLine 800-241-4949 tion Chief Executive Offi-

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On Facebook @ St. Florian Strawberry Festival

> St. Florian Parish is located East of I-75 and South of Davison in Hamtramck (just north of Holbrook) www.stflorianparish.org

Spring ushers in the season for citywide cleanups

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck, you could use a good cleaning.

By that, we mean, it's time to pick up the trash - and we have a winter's worth of litter to tackle.

This Saturday, April 22, is the city's annual "Clean Sweep" day - and it also coincides with Earth Day.

Max Gilginas, who coordinates city activities, put it best in a press release sent to us:

"Come out and give back to the Earth!"

Volunteers are asked to meet up in front of city hall at 10 a.m., and for the rest of the season, every third Saturday going forward.

"This year, the Clean Sweep is all season long," said Gilginas. Let's make a cleaner and safer Hamtramck. To volunteer: Just show up! We'll have sup-

plies and rewards."

If you need more infor-

mation, email Gilginas at: mgilginas@hamtramckcity.com.

By the way, the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers already got a head start when they hit the streets around HPS schools on Wednesday.

"Teachers understand the negative impact of litter on the wildlife and the environment," Toni Coral, president of the HPS teachers union. "We also understand that wildlife loss and environmental degradation have harmful repercussions on our students, both in the present and in the future."

Coral added: "Our members spend significant time in Hamtramck. For many, it feels like a second home. It's only natural that we would want to contribute to making sure the neighborhoods where our students live are clean."

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April 21, 2023

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers April 11-17.

Tuesday, April 11

- · A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 3900 block of Trowbridge.
- about two females, in the 12000 block of Selfridge, who were screaming.
- Following a traffic stop, a male was arrested for driving without a license and for driving an unregistered vehicle.
- A harassment complaint was made in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 3000 block of Hanley.
- Property damage was reported at Trowbridge and Brombach.
- A possible fight was reported on Caniff near Charest.
- · A loose pit bull was reported in the 12100 block of Nagel. Officers found the dog and took it to the Westland Humane Society.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge. · A complaint about a
- juvenile was made at Jos. Campau near Dan.

Wednesday, April 12

- to a complaint about a disorderly customer at a business in the 2000 block of Caniff, arrested a Detroit resident for being disorderly, providing false information, and for being wanted on a misdemeanor warrant.
- · A noise complaint was made in the area of Jos.
- ing was reported at a business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- happened in the 3900 block of Dorothy.
- made in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

Thursday, April 13

 No incident report was available for this date.

- A break-in was reported at a residence on Bel-
- A suspicious circumstance was reported in the 2300 block of Yemans.
- was reported in the 3000 block of Jacob.
- ed in the 2300 block of
- was reported in the
- reported in the 2300 block of Zinow, and in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- the 9800 block of Conant.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of
- block of Poland.
 - A complaint was made
 - A car theft happened

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· Officers, responding

- Campau and Florian.
- An incident of shoplift-
- A hit-and-run accident
- A noise complaint was

Friday, April 14

- mont.
- A domestic assault
- · An assault was report-
- Caniff. An incident of fraud
- 12100 block of Conant. Neighbor trouble was
- A suspicious situation
- was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff. A theft was reported in
- Grand Haven. Gunshots were reported at Caniff and Yemans.
- Saturday, April 15 Officers noticed a

house fire while on patrol in the 1900 block of Trowbridge, and notified the

fire department.

St. Aubin.

- · A noise complaint was made in the 3800 block of Caniff.
- · A car theft was reported in the 11300 block of
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 2200 block of Evaline.
- · Officers responded to a littering complaint in the 11400 block of Moran.
- · A theft was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.

Customer trouble

- was reported in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau. · A hit-and-run accident
- occurred in the 2600 block of Botsford. A woman was arrest-
- ed, in the area of Carpenter and Mackay, for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant for unarmed robbery and for possessing drugs.
- occurred in the area of Jos. Campau and Norwalk. Sunday, April 16

· A hit-and-run accident

· Officers responding to

- a fire in the 2000 block of Trowbridge arrested a Detroit resident for arson and for possessing an open intoxicant.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported at Caniff and Conant.
- A possible break-in was reported in the 2400 block of Florian.
- · A male was arrested for a domestic assault that was reported in the 2400 block of Florian.
- Officers assisted the fire department with a fire in the 11400 block of Conant, and then also with an undisclosed matter in the area of Conant and Prescott.
- A car theft was reported in the 2200 block of Hewitt.
- · A noise complaint was made in the 3100 block
- of Caniff. Shoplifting was reported in the 9300 block of
- Jos. Campau. A complaint was made about a disorderly customer at a business in the 8900 block of Jos.
- · An assault was reported in the 11400 block of

Campau.

· Property damage was reported in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau. Monday, April 17

· A car theft was report-

- ed in the 2600 block of Holbrook. A disorderly person
- was reported in the 1900 block of Edwin. · Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block
- · A theft was reported in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau. An incident of fraud

of Selfridge.

block of Dequindre. · A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 9400

was reported in the 11300

- about disorderly juveniles in the 11300 block of Mo-
- in the 2300 block of Danforth.

A report was made

School Bell

HPS news

Video games are a gamechanger here at Hamtramck Public Schools. In fact, students can even earn a scholarship or a trip to the Olympics by participating in Esports!

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seen a beautiful community form from our HPS Esports club and look forward to watching it grow in the coming years.

Congrats

Hamtramck High School is proud to announce Farhana Begum, Uday Parom and Nasma Begum are a part of one of 20 teams attending the Michigan Department of Transportation Design and Build Bridge Challenge in Lansing on April 27.

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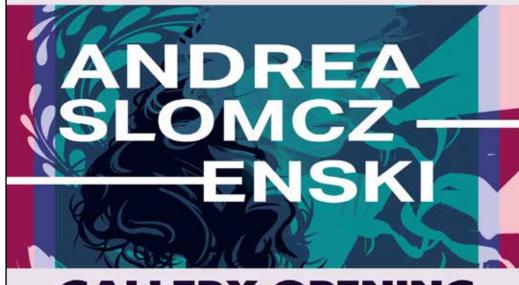
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