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Quick Hits

Baseball fever strikes in Hamtramck

April brings us two things: showers baseball. And the Hamtramck

Historical Museum has a special presentation, called "Play Baseball," well, baseball, about, coming up on April 16.

Here's what the museum folks have to say about the event:

"Hamtramck" Think and baseball probably will not be the first thing that pops into your head. Yet this unique enclave of Detroit has an amazing association with America's Favorite Pastime.

From kids playing in sandlots, to the Negro League, to Little League and Pony League to proballplayers, fessional Hamtramck has sent them all out onto the fields in Hamtramck.

In the early days, they literally played on fields that had just a few years earlier produced wheat and corn. That blossomed into real ballfields where youngsters and adults honed their base-

ball skills. Along the way, Hamtramck hosted the Negro League (one of the remaining few stadiums where the Negro League played is still in use in Hamtramck), and produced the 1959 Little League and 1961 Pony League World Champion teams. And some local players, like Steve Gromek and Tom Paciorek among others, even played in the pros, includ-

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our fears...

By John Ulaj, Publisher

The Hamtramck Review

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

That is one of the great-

est quotes from former

president Franklin D. Roosevelt. Roosevelt cast World War II as a fight for four uni-

versal human freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. In times of economic

uncertainty, wars and the rattling of sabers, nation rising up against nation, earthquakes such as those which have hit the Middle East (Turkey, Syria, etc.), famine, hunger, greed, and emotional suffering, fear can easily overwhelm our spirit and take control of our lives.



What do you fear most? I recently had a nice conversation with a waiter while dining out, and the topic of death came up.

He was overcome by the thought of dying.

Most people want to live as long as possible, because life can be very joyous if we give it a chance. I thought, "Perhaps I will write about our fear of death."

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Council: can we get by with less?

By Charles Sercombe

In the ongoing look at the city's upcoming budget year, some city councilmembers have been questioning whether the city can get by without filling vacant positions in city hall.

They aren't talking about police and firefighters, but those working behind the scenes in city

"Can we revisit those areas where we don't have staffing (but) we still survived well?" said Muhith Mahmood, who was recently appointed to the council to fill a vacancy, and who is proving to be the most vocal on the topic of city employee position vacancies.

The reason he might have asked what he did is the fact the city is considering a non-deficit spending budget for the coming year - an anomaly for recent years.

City Manager Max Garbarino and City Controller Syed Aamir Ahsan insisted that, basically, the answer is 'No.'

"I wouldn't say we survived well with it," Garbarino said. "We skimmed by, but that's not good. You can only do that for so long before city services start hurting. Things start getting missed, people make mistakes, everything goes wrong."

In fact, it was stressed - over and over -that the city is losing money, and possibly grants, because there are not enough employees to handle the never-ending paperwork and follow-up that is often required for grants.

One area where the city is understaffed, said Ahsan, is in code enforcement, which he said brings in more money via fines than what it costs to run the department.

Additional personnel,

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Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter -5:00pm (English/Polish)

Easter Sunday - 7:00am Resurrection Mass & Procession (English) 9:30am Easter Mass (Polish)

He overcomes our fears Cont. from front page

As Easter approaches, this Sunday, we celebrate this special day with such great joy! For who has delivered us from the fear of death?

The Begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was, and is, and is to come again; the King of kings and Lord of lords!

He is the one who can overcome all of our fears, and even the ultimate fear: that of death.

We all, at other times,

may experience other emotion-stirring things, such as loneliness, anxiety; perhaps dread of an impending World War III; or just all of life's ups and downs.

The Bible reminds us, in (2 Timothy 1:7): "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

This cycle of fears seems to never end. But we must embrace the future with joy and a sense of peace,

knowing that the Prince of Peace (who has declared the end from the beginning) shall keep the world from destroying itself.

Easter is a reminder that God-in-Christ sacrificed His only begotten Son for our sins on that Cross at Calvary, so that, through him, we might be saved.

Remember these words in the Old Testament, for God has instructed all his children in this manner (Joshua 1:9):

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

We never fight our battles alone, because he who gives life is the same one who shall see you through.

Happy Easter, and may God richly bless you and

Council: can we get by with less?

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he said, would bring in even more revenue, and put less stress on the current employees too.

So why is there a shortage of personnel?

It likely started with the pandemic, which cut into the budgets of many cities due to lost revenue from tax collections.

Also, the city doesn't offer as much money in salaries as other commu-



nities.

In other words, people go for higher pay.

Garbarino noted that, in the last three years, the city has gone through three different economic development directors. It got to the point, he said, that the city had to forego applying for some grants

because there weren't enough people in the economic development department to oversee them.

Economic development is the one city function that many agree needs additional support.

Overall, the city's new fiscal year, which starts

You're invited to a casual, monthly ...

July 1, is projected to have a balanced budget, meaning the city will spend just as much money as it receives.

The projected budget is \$21 million.

In the meantime, the council continues to examine the upcoming bud-

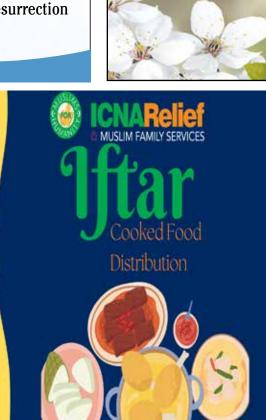


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Together we read: It is an online book club. See a preview of the upcoming book chat title "River Woman, River Demon" by author Jennifer Givhan before the discussions set for March by giving the website www.togetherweread.com/us/ a visit.

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 Teachers.

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Shetan Noir: Join us on Wednesday, April 19th at 6 pm as we welcome Shetan Noir of Squatch GO Magazine for something else that makes our BIG MITTEN great. We will be diving into the cryptozoology of the Great Lakes region. Attend this presentation & discover what is out there.

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 harp).

Monthly Meeting of Library Board: The next meeting of the Library Board will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm. in the library's main

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

Second Front Page

School Bell

Welcome to HPS

Did you know that there are more than 16 differlanguages spoken Hamtramck Public Schools?

We are committed to promoting a culture of diversity, inclusion and acceptance within our schools.

For National Bilingual/ Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month, HPS reaffirms our dedication and support for the educational programs, services and opportunities that encourage equity and access for all our students and their families within and outside of our community.

A celebration

April is Arab American Heritage Month! We are blessed to have such a strong Arab American community across Michigan, and right here at Hamtramck Public Schools.

This community's rich culture, traditions and history are an integral part of our collective sto-

ry. Join us in celebrating by recognizing the many contributions of the Arab American Community.

Join us

This past week, we have acknowledged the "Week of The Young Child," celebrating early learning, young children, teachers and families.

At Hamtramck Public Schools, we take great pride in helping young learners grow, develop and achieve academic success.

This community really goes above and beyond to ensure our students are supported throughout their educational journey. We thank you for your continued support.

you're interested in having your child join Hamtramck Public Schools, enroll at HamtramckSchools.org.

Keep reading

As reading month is now over, we want to remind everyone that reading is encouraged year-



Above: The Hamtramck School district celebrates Arab American Heritage Month. Below: Even though Reading Month is over, HPS encourages kids to keep on reading.



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)bituaries

GUBIN



Juris "George" Gubin, 78, died April 5, 2023. Husband

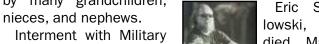
of the late Christine and father of the late Paul Brother of (Loretta). John (Beverly), Alexandra, Anna (Steven) Novi, Leo (Debra) and the late Alex.

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George is also survived by many grandchildren,

Interment with Military Honors will be Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly MI 48442. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral





Eric Szvdlowski, 69, died March 29. 2023. He was the loving

ther of Gina and Jolene. Amazing Grandfather of Louie, Victoria, Leeland and Taeloinnee. Brother of Annel, Alicia, Bob, and the late Ted.

Eric had a passion for life, cars, motorcycles, hunting, and adventure.

A Memorial Visitation is scheduled for Saturday April 15, 2023, 3 - 7 p.m. with service TBD at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.





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- April 7
- Good Friday The Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord
- April 8 Holy Saturday Holy Saturday Liturgy 9:30 am
- Blessing of Food Baskets 11 am only
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The lore of Hamtramck

Have a drink to the history of Hamtramck's bars

By Greg Kowalski

The small token uncovered by the Wayne State University students who did an archaeological dig on Jos. Campau last fall has proven to be a real key to the past.

It is inscribed with the words "F. Gass saloon -Hamtramck."

Intriguing and so reveal-

Hamtramck has long been known for its association with saloons. Some of it is factual and some of it is, well, tentative. It's been said that Hamtramck had more bars per capita than any town in America and that there were as many as 300 bars in the 2.1-square-mile city at one

Maybe. In fact, no one is sure, including the city officials. At one point, after Prohibition ended, the common council suspended issuing any more liquor licenses because no one was quite sure how many were out there because no one had been keeping

And it wasn't that long ago that one bar in Hamtramck had been operating with the liquor license of another bar. Or so it was said.

But it is clear that bars did play an important role



The flat top building at the center of this photo (ignore the arrow) housed the Gass saloon several years before this photo was taken. Charles Faber's bar is next to it.

in the history of Hamtramck and that there were many, many of them, along with veterans and social clubs that served and sold booze.

This goes back at least to the early years of the 20th century. Just take a look at the 1911 Detroit City Directory (which also includes Hamtramck and Highland Park). It lists the Frank Gass saloon at the Michigan Central Railroad Tracks where they cross Jos. Campau.



A token from the Gass saloon.

That is where the viaduct is today. The Gass saloon was next to the south side of the viaduct, although it was a just a railroad crossing then.

The viaduct was built in 1927.

Next door was Charles That's rabers saloon. Charles Faber of Faber Street. He was an early village official. Just south of Faber's place was Ju-Newton's saloon. Going just a little further south was the Rene Van Eekhautte, Alfred Haury, the Cooper Brothers and Edward Russell's saloons. Across the street from Gass' saloon was William Munchinger's saloon.

That was one packed block of pickled proprietors.

Of those, Munchinger's was the tops. In those days, Hamtramck was mainly settled by German farmers (and saloon keepers) and ruled over by the

bar owners. This is likely where the real business of the town was done.

At that time Hamtramck was clustered around the intersection of Jos. Campau and the railroad line. The Dodge Main factory had just opened, the Russel Wheel and Foundry Co., was next to Dodge Main and the Mistele coal yard was next to Munchinger's. Some of us ancient folks still remember buying coal from Mistele.

There were other businesses along Jos. Campau like Frederick Fisher's shoe store, the S. Poitier & Co. dry goods store and Charles Meyer's grocery store. In fact, there was a fairly unbroken line of businesses up Jos. Campau to Evaline Street, where they abruptly stopped. Beyond this were farms and fields.

At this time Hamtramck was on the verge of an incredible expansion. The Polish immigrants were just starting to arrive, drawn here by the jobs offered at the industries cited above.

In the space of a decade Hamtramck's population would soar from 3,500 to 48,000, and in 1915 Hamtramck was the fastest growing town in America.

Today virtually nothing from the era remains. The Gass token in an exception. It is a link to the past that you can hold in your hand. Anyone who prizes the history of Hamtramck owes a debt to the students and staff of Wayne State University for rescuing this little treasure.

(Note: The token is being processed by WSU and will eventually be turned over to the Hamtramck Historical Museum, where it will be put on display.)

Mr. Kowalski is the director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum, located at 9525 Jos. Campau.



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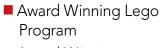


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Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a first reading of the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budget on Tuesday, April 11,2023 at 6:00 pm. The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading of the proposed 2023-2024 budget on Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The proposed budget is available for inspection via the City's website: Hamtramck.us. The property millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.



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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

For some, serving in public office is a bad fit

The three-month absence of City Councilmember Khalil Refai is not only mysterious, but it does underscore the need for people to do their homework before running for public office.

Refai is believed to be out of the country, possibly doing something for his job. He did say, before leaving, that he would be gone awhile.

The thing is, we understand that job duties can require travel, but all would-be candidates need to figure out filling your obligations

whether their own work and personal schedules will interfere while in elected office.

Refai is one of three from work duties. first-term candidates in this current council coning a public servant. figuration.

So far, two of his fellow first-termers have resigned. One cited work obligations and, another, health considerations.

commission.

What exactly is going

People, listen up: ful-

as an elected official takes a lot of time time away from family and, possibly, time away

This is the cost of be-

We have a city council election coming up this year in which three seats will be looking for candidates to fill them.

If you are tempted to run for one of these Now Refai is out of seats, please, please, do some hard thinking about the sacrifices you'll be expected to make.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Smoke alarms save lives, get a free one now

By Matthew Wyszczelski Hamtramck Fire Chief

The latest statistics have been released by the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society Foundation. In the State of Michigan alone, 41 people have died in 38 fires so far in 2023.

This represents a 6 percent increase over the 5-year average and a 15 percent increase in fires over the 5-year average,

of these fatal fires only 21 percent had working smoke alarms.

It is crucial that all have working homes smoke alarms, and it is recommended that there is at a minimum one smoke alarm on every level of the home and one in every bedroom.

As a reminder, smoke alarms should be checked monthly, if they are beeping, the battery should be

replaced, and all smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years.

The Hamtramck Fire Department has smoke alarms available and will install them for residents, free of charge. Please contact the Hamtramck Fire Department at (313) 305-4503, extension 225 to schedule an installation.

Odds & Ends

Baseball fever... It's spring, and that means the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew are busy preparing the field at Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium.

Recently, Tom Derry of the crew captured fellow volunteer Kirk Jeffery hard at work and applying fertilizer in the outfield of Turkey Stearnes Field.

Derry said:

"We're just volunteers, but we're determined to make this look like a major league field. Our first scheduled game is just a couple weeks away.

"2023 is going to be a great year for baseball in Hamtramck.

"Hope to see you at the ballpark!"

Ka-ching!... Michigan residents are in line to get a tax break.

Under new legislation signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, those who receive private and public pensions will be fully exempt from paying an income tax on them in a four-year phaseout plan.



Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew volunteer Kirk Jeffery helps prepare the outfield of Turkey Stearnes Field for another season.

Reckless drivers... Has anyone noticed an uptick of reckless drivers lately?

Spend a few minutes at the intersection of Jos. Campau and Caniff and you'll noticed cars honking at each other as some drivers try to jockey around others in a reckless manner.

Plus, there have been a few accidents lately where it looked like drivers were either speeding or driving crazily.

And worse, recently on I-75 northbound lane at Caniff, two people died from a driver who lost control.

According to media reports, an EMS worker was helping out at the scene of a car crash when another driver lost control and killed the EMS worker and a 36-year-old Oak Park woman who had been involved in the crash.

This happened around 2 a.m.

Police say the driver who lost control did not move one lane over from an emergency vehicle, as required by law when pos-

Folks, slow down, and be patient.



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All games start at 4:30 p.m.

4-13 L.K.A. vs. Hamtramck (home)

4-17 Hamtramck vs. UPSM/ABT (away)

4-20 Star vs. Hamtramck (home)

Hamtramck vs. Ceaser Cheavez (away) 4-24

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

Head Coach: Dave Farver Assistant Coach: Daniel Gubin

Lady Cosmos Girls Soccer Schedule

All Games Start Times Are 4:30 p.m.

Hamtramck vs. Cass Tech

(PAL/Corner Ball Park, away)

4-14 Lady Cosmos vs. Dearborn ATA (away) 4-19 River Rouge vs. Lady Cosmos (home)

4-21 Cass Tech vs. Hamtramck (home)

4-26 Taylor Prep vs. Lady Cosmos (home)

5-3 Lady Cosmos vs. River Rouge (away) 5-10 Dearborn ATA vs. Lady Cosmos (home)

5-17 Lady Cosmos vs. Taylor Prep (away)

5-19 Lady Cosmos vs. Rudolf Steiner

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5-24 Thurston Lady vs. Cosmos (home)







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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 March 28, and all councilmembers, except Khalil Refai and Mohammed Hassan, were present.

During public comment, Councilmember Refai submitted an email regarding several agenda items.

He said he was in favor of a proposed contract with the Michigan Humane Society to continue taking in animals that the police department handles.

Refai thanked a resident on Jacob St. for purchasing a city lot next to his house, where the buyer plans to construct an addition to his house.

And he supported accepting a grant to install restrooms in Veterans Park.

Nasr Hussain took issue with Councilmember Refai's ongoing absence from council meetings. He said that Refai has to decide to either attend the meetings, or else step down.

(Refai has been absent from meetings for about three months.)

His absence, Hussain said, "doesn't look good for the city."

In another matter, Hussain insisted that the city is losing money on the new parking meter system.

City Manager Max Gar-

barino said that this is not true, and that the city's revenue from the meters can be found added into the district court's revenue stream of fines and fees.

Lynn Blasey defended the city's new bike lane, saying she has seen people biking on it. She also noted, though, that people are still parking in the bike lane even though it's not permitted.

Bill Meyer commended the council for its "civil discourse," as opposed to council interactions prior to this council and mayor.

He welcomed Councilmember Abu Musa, who was appointed to fill a vacant council seat.

"I hope you talk more than the last time you were on council." Mever added.

Meyer then switched gears and noted that his organization OneHamtramck is being re-activated. One project the non-profit will focus on is continuing its plan to convert a parking lot at Jos. Campau and Goodson into a park.

As for the new bike lane, which is part of the Joe Louis Greenway project, Meyer said it was "such a mistake" because it took away street parking.

He urged the city to reroute the portion that runs on Jos. Campau south of Holbrook.

Meyer said the bike lane, combined with the Campau street bumpouts and the new parking meters, have meant the loss of many parking spaces.

"What the heck, are we... going to wipe out all the parking spaces, and let people park in Highland Park," Meyer said. "Parking is primary, not bicycles."

Police Chief Anne Moise spoke briefly on a contract renewal with the Michigan Humane Society to take in animals that officers find in the streets, or that are dropped off at the station.

But there was one major change in the contract, Moise said.

"... The Michigan Humane Society will no longer accept emergency care cases, requiring municipalities to seek alternative emergency care services from an after-hours emergency clinic.

"At this time, arrangements are in the works to use Veterinary Emergency Services in Madison Heights for any emergency care that might be needed. This is a pay by visit service, no contract required," Moise said, in an agenda note to the coun-

The council approved the contract. The cost of the service is \$7,200.

In another matter, the council OK'd the sale of a city lot, located at 3269 Jacob, to a resident who lives next-door to the lot.

The resident, Jamal Ezzi Jawany, plans to build an addition to his house, including a sunroom.

Mayor Amer Ghalib cautioned residents that when you make additions and improvements to your house, your property taxes will increase.

"That's the rule," Ghalib

He added that residents should research tax issues before considering a significant home improvement.

The council agreed to accept a grant worth almost \$650,000 that will be used to renovate restrooms in Veterans Park.

In a related action, the council agreed to support a grant application for several more improvements to Veterans Park.

Konrad Maziarz, who chairs the Hamtramck Park Conservancy, said there are plans to install a workout station, children's playscape and a scoreboard at the Hamtramck Stadium.

In his report to the council, Mayor Ghalib said he recently met with Wayne County officials to discuss the future of the county jail in Hamtramck.

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An optional Pre-Bid Meeting and Walkthrough for all contractors interested in submitting a bid will be held at Holbrook Elementary located at 2361 Alice Street., Hamtramck, MI 48212, on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:15pm. Attendees should gather near the main entrance.

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The Architect will provide the documents to prospective bidders electronically free of charge. Bid documents will be available on or about April 6th, 2022. Interested contractors should request documents via email @ JHoulihan@partnersinarch.com. Questions may be directed to PARTNERS in Architecture PLC, 65 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (Phone: 586-469-3600), attn Pam Elderkin (pelderkin@partnersinarch.com).

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 30-April 3.

Tuesday, March 28

- Officers responded to a call about property damage in progress in the 2100 block of Trowbridge.
- A complaint was made about an unwanted guest in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A noise complaint was made in the 3900 block of Oliver.
- · A car theft was reported in the 11400 block of Dyar.
- · A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11600 block of St. Aubin.
- A complaint was made by a person in the 3400 block of Norwalk about harassing communications.
- · A theft was reported in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.

A theft from an auto

11600 block of St. Aubin. Wednesday, March 29 Officers responding

was reported in the

- to a fight in the 12000 block of St. Aubin arrested a male for assault. A suspicious incident
- was reported at Caniff near McDougall.
- occurred in the 12000 block of Gallagher. A theft was reported
- in the 9400 block of Charest. Family trouble was re-
- ported in the 2300 block of Danforth. A complaint was made about a disorderly
- customer at a business in the 2900 block of Caniff. Officers investigat-
- ing a possible domestic assault in progress were told by witnesses that the suspect and victim had fled.
- Family trouble was reported in the 3800 block of Belmont.

Thursday, March 30

- Officers investigated two suspicious vehicles at Gallagher and Trowbridge.
- · A report was made about a female screaming in the 12000 block of Dyar. Officers also investigated a report of a woman screaming in her backyard in the area of Circle Dr. and Grand Haven.
- A report was made about a man attempting to access a sewer cover at Botsford and Fleming.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile on Selfridge. • A person in the 9000
- block of Jos. Campau reported that they were receiving harassing communications. · A suspicious incident
- was reported in the 9400 block of McDougall.
- · A large fight was re-
- ported on Sobieski. A domestic assault

loose dogs on Gallagh-

er and returned them to

A littering complaint

their owner.

- was reported in the 12100 block of Dequin-
 - Officers captured two

block of Caniff. · Michigan State Police dropped off a suspect wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

was made at Jos. Cam-

An incident of fraud

A hit-and-run accident

happened in the 3500

was reported in the 2300

pau and Evaline.

block of Pulaski.

Friday, March 31

- Officers responding to a report of a theft from a vehicle in the 3000 block of Goodson noticed a silver Chevrolet Malibu speeding away from the scene. Officers were unable to catch up with the vehicle. A catalytic convertor had been removed from the vehicle officers were investigating. The convertor was still near the vehicle.
- Officers investigated a suspicious person at Jos. Campau and Good-
- · Officers investigating an incident at a business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau arrested a woman for retail fraud, obstruction and for being wanted on several warrants.

Saturday, April 1

- A hit-and-run accident • A hit-and-run accident happened in the 9300 block of Charest.
 - · Reckless drivers were reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Holbrook.
 - A male was arrested in the 3200 block of Lehman for domestic assault, and for being wanted on a
 - Hamtramck warrant. An assault happened in the 2600 block of
 - Holmes. A suspicious incident

was reported on Buffalo.

· A robbery was reported in the 11400 block of

Klinger. Sunday, April 2

- A noise complaint was made in the area of Holbrook and Jos. Campau.
- A report was made of a suspicious male knocking on a door in the 2400 block of Hewitt.
- · A male was arrested for driving with a suspended license.
- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 12100
- block of Gallagher. A complaint was made about a disorderly
- customer at a business in the 2700 block of Carpenter. A hit-and-run accident
- occurred in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau. · An assault was re-
- ported in the 9600 block of Conant.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 3400
- block of Evaline. A hit-and-run accident
- happened at Jos. Campau near Botsford. Monday, April 3

A possible assault

- was reported in the 11600 block of Lumpkin. A suspicious vehicle
- was reported in the 3200 block of Roosevelt. · Family trouble was re-
- ported at a Comstock St. residence.

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Covid update: Michigan is the 10th worst state for covid cases

By Charles Sercombe

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During the covid pandemic, Medicaid coverage was expanded to support hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents.

That coverage has come to an end – although, not to a complete end.

Some three million Michigan residents will now have to reapply for Medicaid.

And it's not going to be quick.

The renewal process could take up to three months.

Nationally, up to 15 million people could lose their Medicaid coverage.

To find out how to reapply, go online to Michigan. gov/MIBridges. Or, call your local MDHHS office. The number for the Hamtramck office is (313) 892-0180.

In other covid news and advice, here's a small round-up:

Besides masking up, one of the key ways to wash your hands often. That also works for helping to avoid colds and the

Washing hands is more effective than hand sanitizer, health expert say.

What have been the worst states for covid cases?

The top three are California, Texas and Florida. Michigan is the 10th worst state. Since the pandemic began three years ago. three million people in state have come down with Covid-19. There have been over 42,000 deaths from the disease during that time.

Nationally, 104 million people came down with covid during the past three years.

Those who are at the highest risk are seniors and people with pre-existing conditions, which include heart disease, diabetes or lung disease.

A question, heard often,

avoid getting covid is to is: how many times can you get COVID-19?

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So if you do get covid, can you sleep with your mate?

No, no and no. The key here is to isolate and stay in separate rooms.

In Hamtramck, with our cramped flats, good luck with that.

Now, let's take a look at the covid numbers in Hamtramck for the past week.

According to Wayne County health authorities, there were 15 new cases for the past week, up through Monday.

That brings the total number of cases for the past three years up to 6,053.

The number of deaths from the disease remains at 82.

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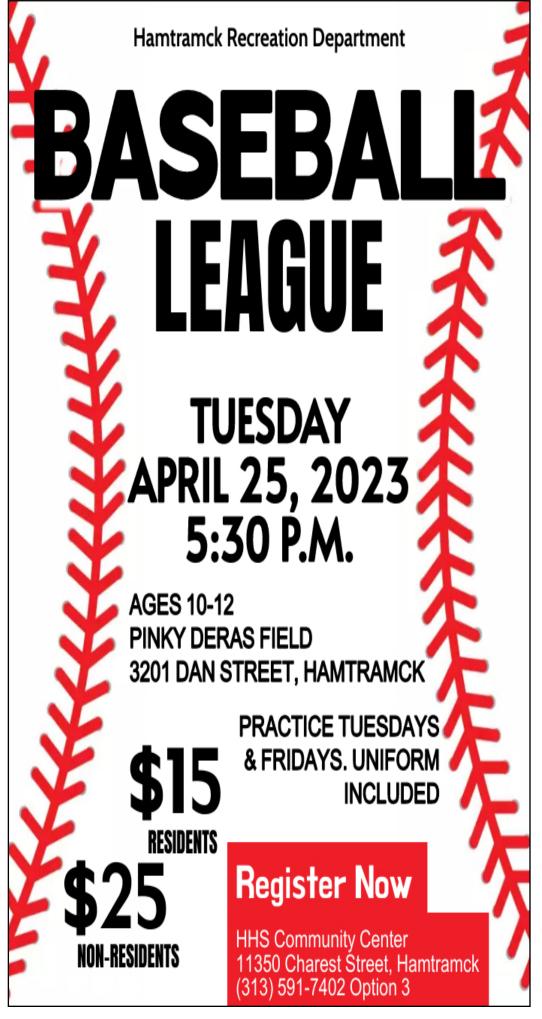
new jail, and it appears the Hamtramck jail will be shut

Ghalib said the county what the county planned to do with the building.

The county has built a the jail, the city will lose about \$1 million a year in revenue that came previously from the county.

Ghalib also said there "didn't have an answer" on will be a slight change in the city's yearly suspension of charging parking If nothing is done with meter fees. Instead of having a full month of free parking during the Christmas season, this will be reduced to two weeks, but the city will then add two weeks of free parking during Ramadan.

These changes are dependent on the parking meter company agreeing to them since the city currently has a contract with the company.



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ing for the Detroit Tigers.

You can get the full roster of Hamtramck teams and players at the "Play Ball! Baseball in Hamtramck" exhibit at the Hamtramck Historical Museum. Opening day for the exhibit will be Sunday, April 16, 1-4 pm, at the museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. It's free.

Baseball bats, autographed baseballs, cards, assorted memorabilia and many photos will highlight the exhibit. And, there will be some special features, including a mini re-creation of the seats in original Tiger Stadium, along with genuine chairs. A custom-made mural by artist Dennis Orlowski will serve as a backdrop.

And this will be a presentation that goes beyond artifacts. We'll look at the

players from a personal standpoint.

Former Detroit Tiger Ike Blessitt will be on hand to sign autographs at the opening. Greg Gromek, son of the late Steve Gromek, will also be there. And, to add extra flavor to the occasion, special "baseball food," including hot dogs (with some ethnic variations), chips, nachos and more will be available for purchase.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

For more information, call 313-690-9390. Email hamtramckhistory@gmail.com.

City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing City Council

The City of Hamtramck will hold a public hearing for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWRF) loan for the City of Hamtramck lead service line replacement and water system improvements program. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Clean Water and Drinking Water System Improvements and to receive comments from interested parties. The hearing will be held during the Hamtramck City Council starting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Interested residents may attend the meeting at the City Council Chamber at the City of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

The public is invited to attend and comment or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Address written comments to City Clerk Rana Faraj and email them to rfaraj@hamtramckcity.com or mail them to: City Clerk, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212.

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