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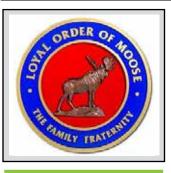
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Quick Hits

Moose Lodge offers holiday activities

By Charles Sercombe

Oops, looks like we made a "moose-take" last week.

We incorrectly said Hamtramck's Lodge is located on Holbrook when we all know it's at 9421 Conant just north of Holbrook.

Why do we bring this

Because the nice folks at the lodge are hosting some holiday fun.

Here's a recap:

Coming up on Dec. 15, from 4-8 p.m., the organization will hold a hot turkey sandwich dinner. Although at this point we've had our fill of turkey, you can never say no to a hot turkey sandwich.

Then on Dec. 17, from 1-4 p.m., the lodge will hold a "Brunch with Santa" for kids 10 years old and younger for members and families in good standing.

Contact the lodge at (313)871-9115, or email them at lodge1670@ mooseunits.org for your spot with Santa and let them know if your child is a boy or girl.

Once again, the Moose Lodge is located at 9421 Conant.



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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

School board members may face penalties for not meeting

By Charles Sercombe

Did the Hamtramck Public School Board of Education violate its own policy – and possibly state law - by not holding any meetings for two separate months this year?

The HPS Board of Education canceled four of their regular monthly meetings this year, and six of their monthly committee of the whole meetings.

On two of those months, July and November, the board failed to meet at

That appears to violate the board's own policy for holding "regular" meetings (section 0164.1), which states:

"The Board shall hold a meeting once each month on a date and at a time and place determined annually by a resolution of the Board."

The Michigan Department of Education told The Review that according to state law (MCL 380.11a(6)) school boards must follow this requirement:



During the past year the Hamtramck School Board has cancelled 10 meetings. During two months of this year, the board did not even meet at all. That may have violated state law.

the board shall be held at least once each month, at the time and place fixed by the bylaws.

"Special meetings may be called and held in the manner and for the purposes specified in the bylaws. Board procedures, bylaws, and policies in effect on the effective date of this section shall continue in effect until changed by action of the

Also, according to state (MCL 380.1804), for not holding a monthly imprisonment for not meeting:

"Except as otherwise provided in this act, a school official or member of a school board or intermediate school board or other person who neglects or refuses to do or perform an act required by (the Revised School Code), or who violates or knowingly permits or consents to a violation of (the Revised School Code), is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine

more than 3 months, or both."

While there is a possibility of a fine and jail for board members, the Michigan Department of Education concedes it has no enforcement pow-

Instead, the law calls for enforcement by "local law enforcement or the Michigan Department of the Attorney General. Also, an aggrieved party may file a civil lawsuit in

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there are consequences not more than \$500, or "Regular meetings of Author gives a view of everyday people in latest Hamtramck book

By Alan Madlane

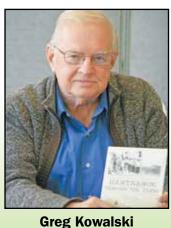
Hamtramck author Greg Kowalski has once again taken a stroll down the memory lane of the city.

But this time it's a little different.

In his latest book, "Hamtramck Through the Years," he has put himself in the head of folks through the decades, talking about their experiences living in Hamtramck.

Trust us, it works.

Recently we caught up with Kowalski, who is the



executive director of the city's historical museum as well as chairman of the Hamtramck Historical Commission.

The Review: Hello, Greg. Well sir, how many books does this make for you now, on the city of Hamtramck and in general? What did you hope to achieve, or bring to light, with this new one that you hadn't with prior

Kowalski: "Hamtramck Through the Years" is my 13th book. Eleven of the books have been on Hamtramck and two are on Detroit - one on Detroit's Masonic Temple and one (co-authored with Rebecca Binno Savage) is on

Art Deco in Detroit. In "Through the Years" I wanted to give readers a close look at what life was like in Hamtramck at specific different periods. It employs extreme detail - what sounds people heard, what odors they smelled in the air, what type of trees lined the streets at those times. It also was designed to show what issues concerned the residents and how they coped with the

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Rep. Aiyash **Co-sponsors LGBTQ** law

By Charles Sercombe

State Rep. Abraham Aiyash continues to support state legislation protecting the rights of the LGBTQ community.

Aiyash and over a dozen other Democratic legislators recently sponsored a proposed law that would expand hate crimes to include those committed against someone for their sexual orientation.

House bill 4474 penalizes any harmful act that is done "maliciously and intentionally based on actual or perceived characteristics of that individual, regardless of the existence of any other motivating factors."

Those acts include:

- · Using violence on another individual.
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- Threatening to do any of those actions.

Violating the law would be a felony, and, for an individual found guilty, that person could face up to two years in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines. In some instances, those penalties could even be increased.

Contrary to some reports online, this law does not make calling someone by the wrong pronoun a violation.

The bill, along with a few other companion bills, has not been voted on yet in the Senate.

Democrats control both houses in the legislature, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is also a Democrat.

Aiyash is from Hamtramck, and is the first Arab-American to be appointed as majority floor leader. He is also the first Yemeni-American

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ing maintenance.

Also, the district has

suffered a sharp decline

School board members may face penalties for not meeting cont. from front page

a bid to compel the local school board to follow its own bylaws, as applicable, and this provision of state law."

to Board President Jihan Aivash and Vice President Salah Hadwan for comment, but they did not respond.

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The board has also come under criticism by the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers, who

"They are not doing their job. We want the board of education to remember we show up when they President Toni Coral.

nominal \$700 a vear.but raised it to \$6,000 a year per member, with the board president getting an additional \$1,000.

After rewarding themselves with a salary hike, the board then mysteriously canceled one meet-

bers owe it to the community to "Give back the

The board's lack of meetings also comes at a time when the district

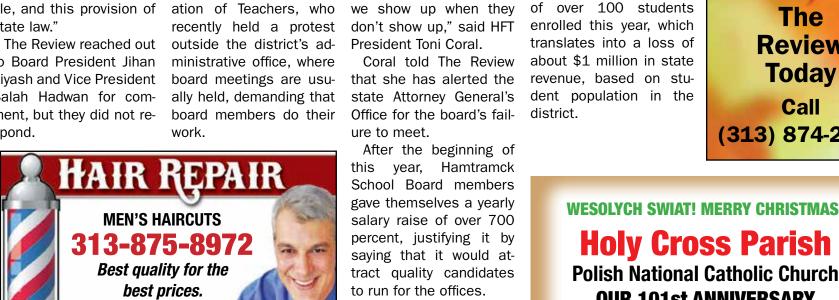
Board members had previously been paid a

ing after another.

Coral said boardmemmoney."

is facing two serious financial blows.

Voters have twice now rejected a request by the district for a 3-mill tax renewal that would have continued to raise \$750,000 a year, for the next 10 years, for build-





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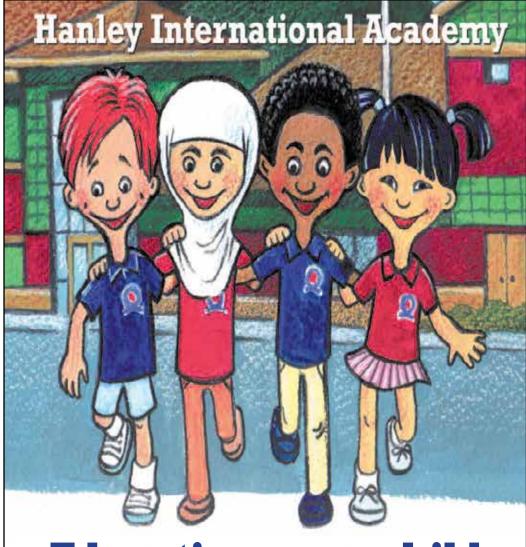
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Tuesday, Dec. 26th Feast of St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr (Msza Św. w j. polskim) 10:00 am Holy Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 27th Solemnity of Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist 7:00 pm Holy Mass (Blessing of Wine) Thursday, Dec. 28th Observance of Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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December 8, 2023 This week at the Library . . .

Inaugural Ceremony: The Oath of Office for the city government will take place on January 7, 2024 at the Hamtramck Public Library. Registration and social hour will start at 1 pm, ceremonies will start at 2 pm. Light snacks and refreshments will be served from 1 pm to 4 pm. Everyone is invited to witness oath of office and meet with the new city officials.

Exercise meetings: Please take note that our group exercise sessions will be wrapping up soon for the rest of this year. Yoga has already finished its run, but you can still join us on Friday December 8th at 10 am for Tai Chi. Thanks again to the RIM Foundation for sponsoring these health focused meet ups. The library will inform the public when the classes will resume in 2024.

Chess Club: Something new just for you. Games held on this Thursdays at 3:30 pm right here in the library. Open to newbies, experienced pros, and all those in between

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Wednesday afternoon Story Time at 12 noon and on Mondays at 3:45 pm. Presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

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

come to play. Everyone is invited.

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lutely everything on your streaming services and are still in need of thoughtful entertainment? Kanopy a try. Dive into the humongous collection of critically acclaimed films both foreign and domestic, as well as documentaries and educational series that Kanopy has on offer. Stream titles anywhere on your personal smart device for free after signing up with your library card info. Find a link to this awesome resource on our website www.hamtramck.lib. mi.us under the eResources tab.

Michigan based authors: Here is a couple of recommendations for you. James Harrison (born on December 11, 1937) and Thomas McGuane (born on December 11, 1939). The two were fast friends, attending MSU together, and would touch upon similar themes in their catalog of written work. Whether you are salivating over poetry or novels, stories about intergenerational trauma or humanity's place within nature, consider giving these authors a try.

Joseph Conrad: This Polish born novelist was born on December 3, 1857 as Josef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski. Although he could speak no English at age 20, he went on to become an outstanding novelist, best known for this tales of seafaring life including "Hearth of Darkness" and "Lord Jim".

Observer: Now the oldest newspaper in the world was first published in Britain on Dec. 4, 1791.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Look for exciting things to happen soon

Things are moving forward for Hamtramck's parks.

With a new executive director now in charge of the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy, we expect major excitement to be generated.

And we are confident that, with the chief presently in charge - Tom Habitz - that will come to fruition.

In a vote of confidence, the city council OK'd a transition that allows the conservancy to take over event scheduling at the Turkey Stearnes Field in the city's newly renovated historic baseball stadium.

For the past few years, the Friends of Histor-

Hamtramck Stadihas handled event scheduling, and they did a fantastic job. There baseball teams from all over playing at the renovated stadium, and people are having a blast being there.

It is truly a magical place to be, considering its storied historical significance to American baseball. The stadium was once home to the Detroit Stars in the

The Stars, who had a standout player named Turkey Stearnes, were part of the-then Negro Baseball League - from back when African-Americans were not allowed to play in the all-white

major leagues.

Jumping forward to today, the stadium site has the potential to be a major destination for, not only baseball fans, but also other types of events.

We can't wait for spring to see what will be coming to this location.

Want to learn more about the parks conservancy?

Go to hamtramckparks.com, where you can view a 200-page plan for the group.

Habitz has said that the goal is to transform 26 acres of park and recreation areas into becoming "the heart of the

Odds & Ends

Memory lane... In the latest offering by the Hamtramck Historical Museum, those of a certain age will have a chance to revisit a favorite holiday shopping tradition.

The presentation is part of the ongoing "Hungry for History" program, and it will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Guest speaker Michael Hauser will talk about downtown's Detroit Hudson's that featured one of the most magical Christmas displays in all of the metro area.

According to a press release, "Attendees will also be able to browse through photos and artifacts from the store as well as view a PowerPoint presentation. There will be time to participate in a sharing and a question-and-answer session."

Hauser is the Marketing Manager for the Detroit Opera House, and he is a noted historian and author. He has a rich knowledge of the Hudson's store and will bring items from the store to display at the museum.

Tickets for the program and meal are \$25, (\$20 for Friends of Historic Hamtramck members). For those interested in just the program, admission is \$5.

Reservations should be made by Monday, Dec. 11. You can register via email hamtramckhistory@ gmail.com or call (313) 690-9390.

- · Doors open at 5:30
- p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m.
- Program is at 7 p.m

DIA happenings... The Detroit Institute of Arts has a special music program geared toward seniors, called "Melodies at the Museum."

There has already been presentation, but there is another being held on Dec. 13 that will feature the Alvin Waddles/ Marion Hayden Quartet.

According to the DIA:

"Historically, our music performances have been among our most popular offerings for senior groups, and we are excited to see their enthusiastic response to our fall schedule of events," said Julie McFarland, Executive Director, Public Affairs & Community Engagement for the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Melodies at seum is a unique opportunity designed specifically for our seniors to enjoy the arts and music in the DIA's historic auditorium. We are delighted to offer this series once again and look forward to welcoming many more senior groups in the future."

more information and to learn more about "Melodies at the Museum," go to: www.dia.

General admission is always free for members and residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne coun-

Reminder... Anyone who has ever cared for an elderly family member or friend knows how exhausting - both physically and emotionally - that task can have on you. The Ralph C Wilson, Jr.

Foundation and the Michigan Health Endowment Fund are offering to extend helping hands - to the tune of \$3.7 million. The program is called

Exhale – as in, giving caregivers some time out to take a deep breath and recharge their batteries.

The program has operated since 2019, primarily working with organizations and businesses in New York, and will now make grant monies, totaling \$3.7 million, available to

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It's estimated that there are more than 1.7 million family caregivers in Michigan, with 44% residing in Southeast Michigan.

Interested in getting assistance?

Exhale is hosting two virinformation sions to kick off its 2024 Southeast Michigan program. These sessions will provide attendees with an overview of the Exhale program; information about the grant application process, including eligibility requirements; and the opportunity to hear from current Exhale grantees.

They will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST and Monday, Jan. 8, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST.

To register for the workshop series, the Dec. 12 information session, and the Jan. 8 information session, go online to ExhaleForCaregivers.org, or contact Lisa Simon at LSimon@tpi.org.

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Health agency hits brings services to you

By the DWIHN

The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is rolling out a dozen mobile crisis units into communities and neighborhoods to help children and adults in cri-

DWIHNs mobile crisis units will be staffed by a master's level Clinician and Peer Support Specialist who will assist the child or adult through the

Anyone in the Wayne County area regardless of insurance status can call the DWIHN Access to Care 24/7 Helpline at 800-241-4949 and get a unit deployed to their location.

"As a behavioral health organization, we are always looking for innova-



tive ways to help people right where they are; this is just one more way to serve people in their communities," said DWIHN President/CEO Eric Doeh.

"The program is a community-based mobile crisis response team that will go to a person in crisis, regardless of location ting," said Doeh. and get them behavioral healthcare resources thev need."

In Phase One of the rollout, four teams will be available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for adults only.

The mobile crisis teams will eventually provide services around the clock for both children and adults: as trained mental health professionals will provide de-escalation and crisis intervention services, connecting people with the appropriate behavioral health resources.

"Our hope is to rapidly respond by offering immediate community-based intervention, resource development and reduce or prevent the need for care in a more restrictive set-

(DWIHN is currently hiring for this program as well as many others. Check out the available job positions on https:// www.dwihn.org/)

Covid update: The number of Hamtramck covid deaths increase

By Charles Sercombe

Covid has claimed another Hamtramck victim, for the first time in over a year.

The covid death total for Hamtramck now totals 83 for the past three-plus years, since when covid first appeared in the U.S, according to Wayne County health officials.

The total number of covid cases reported in Hamtramck is now 6,292 over the last three years. The number of new cases for the past month-and-ahalf is 64.

Hamtramck's

reported covid death comes at a time when a new variant of covid has begun to make its rounds in the country, including in Michigan (according to

Also, according to the Centers for Disease Control, investigators are noticing a spike in covid detection in waste water. There is a concern that covid come make a sizeable comeback this winter season.

various media reports).

So far, only 36 million Americans, or 14 percent of the population, have latest received the latest updated covid vaccine. By contrast, 91 million Americans, 34 percent of the population, got a flu shot for the season.

other updates, there are conflicting reports on whether chronic school absenteeism has declined or increased across the country. On average, three out of every 10 students are chronically absent from school, according to one report.

While that figure is down, school absenteeism is still higher overall since covid hit.

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Help for Autism kids

The Autism Alliance of Michigan (AAoM) recently received a \$100,000 grant from the Skillman Foundation to assist in the organization's effort to educate autistic children.

According to the organization, the grant "will further ensure high-quality, inclusive education for all students, including those with disabilities, that results in successful pathways to post-secondary education, employment, and independent living outcomes."

For more information about the organization and the services it offers, con-

Obituaries

GRYCZKO



Michael D. Gryczko, age 78, passed away on December 1, 2023.

Michael was born to Mike and Jane Gryczko on March 27th of 1945; beloved companion of David Bezdziecki; brother of John (Carleen) Gryczko; special uncle of Jeff Gryczko and Megan Gryczko; adoring great-uncle of Morgan Jane Conner.

We invite everyone to join us in celebrating Mike's life at Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home of Sterling Heights on Sunday, December 10th, 3:00pm - 8:00pm. Funeral mass Monday, December 11th at Lady of the Scapular Church, 976 Pope John Paul II Ave in Wyandotte at 11:00am, instate 10:30am until the time of mass.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to your favorite charity, in Mike's name.

SEE



et (nee Teet) See, 84, died November 24, 2023 Dianne was

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Dianne was born and raised in Detroit until she moved to Canton, MI to give her family a better opportunity to flour-

ton, MI to give her family a better opportunity to flourish. In her elder years, she moved to Hamtramck to be close to her great-grand-children and relished the fact that she could see them daily.

She graduated from I Western High School in 2 Detroit in the top 10%

of her class. She then earned two associate degrees through Wayne State University and Schoolcraft

College.

Dianne was a highly acclaimed Manager of Purchasing in the steel business and had over 50 dedicated years in the field of sales in automotive manufacturing.

She took great pride in beautifying the neighborhood and showing off her great-grandchildren during her daily walks. She was an avid Red Wings fan, loved bird watching, and had a great love of Jazz. She volunteered yearly at the Michigan Jazz Festival, donated to many local charities, and spent her free time enjoying and watching up-and-coming jazz musicians.

Dianne's greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially her cherished great-granddaughters.

Dianne is survived by her daughter Bonnie See; granddaughter Angel (Phil) Salatrik and two great-granddaughters; Fiala(12) and Adaline (4). Dianne will be dear-

ly missed by her family, neighbors, and friends. She positively touched many people's lives and shared her kindness with so many.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Forgotten Harvest, Attn: Donor Relations 15000 W. Eight Mile Rd., Oak Park, MI 48237.

A Memorial Dinner will be held Friday, December 8th from 5 PM until 11 PM at Mama Mia's Livonia, 27770 Plymouth Road.



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Author gives a view of everyday people in latest Hamtramck book

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special challenges each era.

The Review: A quick glance at the table of contents reveals ten chapters, each named with a date and spanning more than a century overall - without getting too much into specifics, what were you looking for in a given year that would gain it inclusion into the book?

Also, why not give more info about each date as part of the chapter title were you trying to lead the readers to discover the importance of these dates for themselves?

Kowalski: This book carefully very planned and designed. Each year represents a specific time period and in some cases has a special meaning. 1890 was representational of the farming township years.

1901 was the year the village of Hamtramck was formed. 1910 the Dodge Main plant began major operations.

1922 Hamtramck became a city. 1933 was the heart of the Great Depression and Prohibition ended. 1945 marked the end of World War II. 1968 was symbolic of the turmoil of the 1960s as a

1987 focuses specifically on the visit of Pope John Paul II and his visit to Hamtramck. 1997 is specifically about the great tornado. 1959 was the most important chapter to me because I could draw much of it from my own personal experiences growing up in Hamtramck at that time.

And note that the chapters do not necessarily only cover those specific years. Often there is background information in years leading up to the events in the named chapter. I deliberately chose not to put tag lines on each chapter because I am an old-style journalist. Less is better. The readers get it without being led.

Note that 1987 and 1997 do not cover the whole years, but the two major events that happened during those years - the visit of the pope and the tornado, respectively.

Many people still remember those events and already have memories of them. But what I wanted to do was show details that many people don't know, even if they were there at the time.

The Review: It's notable that the date of the final chapter - 1997 ends before the new millennium. We know that interesting things have happened here in town in the 26 years since; was it just a matter of wanting to let Time judge more recent history, to sort of "season" it for a minute?

Or something else? Certainly, it doesn't imply that the city's "golden age" has come and gone?

Kowalski: The book really doesn't end at 1997. The Conclusion chapter gives a literal feet-onthe-street overview of Hamtramck today and is based on my actual walks through Hamtramck on the days of the subhead-

And by that point I felt I had given the readers all the information they would want to get an understanding of the lives of the people through the

As for the "golden age" of Hamtramck, that is based more on nostalgia than on reality. That's one of the things I wanted to show in the book. Nostalgia is fun but it has to be kept in perspective.

The overriding factors of history that have shaped Hamtramck - we could guess, but your informed perspective would be far and away the most valuable here, we think ...?

Kowalski: The creation

and shaping of a city like Hamtramck is extremely complex. In Hamtramck's case, the immigrant influx through the decades has been the core factor, but that has a thousand facets to it. And each one could be the basis of a book on its own. That's why I have been

able to write 11 books on Hamtramck and still not covered the whole story. Prohibition, the Great

Depression, the influence of the churches and many other things all played pivotal roles not only in their direct impact but in the many ways they influenced lifestyles. And the process is still continuing

The Review: Why would a person want to make Hamtramck their home? What traits in a person tend to make them succeed in a place like this? Do you ever write a book in the hopes that it will turn someone's head to look at the city as a **Home destination?**

Kowalski: Hamtramck is and always has been an amazingly energetic city. Its diversity is a great source of strength yet creates great challenges.

I believe that is a key reason that Hamtramck not only survives in spite of its challenges, it thrives. It draws strength from facing and overcoming challenges.

From my years of being a journalist I have gained a lot of insight into how cities operate and I've learned that some towns that seem to have everything actually have little while a town like Hamtramck, which is constantly battling some issue, actually has great resourcefulness. In effect Hamtramck has built up an immunity to crises. We suffer but we always get better.

All that being said, Hamtramck isn't for everyone. Just as some people don't like living in an apartment, not everyone is comfortable with the intensity of our crowded neighborhoods. But Hamtramck has a great sense of community.

The Review: What do Review: What you see as your next would you say are the project after this one what direction will you go next time?

> Kowalski: For now I am directing my energy into growing and improving the Hamtramck Historical Museum. We've been in operation for 10 years now, but we are just getting started.

> The Review: The book is called "Hamtramck Through the Years," by Greg Kowalski, Director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum. Where are all the places that the book can be found?

> Kowalski: The book can be found at Barnes & Noble bookstore, CVS drug stores, Costco, the Polish Art Center in Hamtramck and the Hamtramck Historical Museum and is available on Amazon.

Rep. Aiyash Co-sponsors LGBTQ law

Continued from front page Hamtramck to serve in

the legislature. The Review reached out to Aiyash for comment on

issues.

expands civil rights protections for the LGBTQ this proposal law but he community. did not respond, and has He received pushback not responded to earlier questions about LGBTQ

for that support from members of Hamtramck's Muslim community.

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co-sponsored a law that





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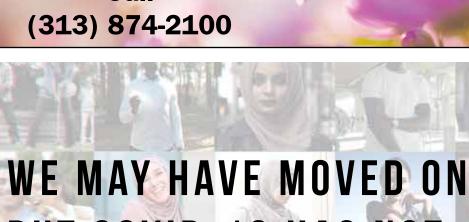
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This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 25-Nov 28.

Saturday, Nov. 25

- A fight was reported in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.
- · A domestic assault was reported in the 11300 block of McDougall.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 2400 block of Holbrook.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2400 block of Commor.

Sunday, Nov. 26

- A complaint was made about noise in the 2400 block of Holbrook.
 - Neighbor trouble was

reported in the 2000 block of Trowbridge.

- · A business on Conant
- reported a break-in. · A business in the
- 11600 block of Jos. Campau reported a break-in. · An assault was report-
- ed in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 11500 block of Lumpkin.

Monday, Nov. 27

- At 11 p.m., a complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 1900 block of Trowbridge.
- Following an investigation into a traffic crash in the 11000 block of St. Aubin, officers arrested a

woman for drunk driving. The vehicle she was driving struck a vehicle and then a house.

- · An assault was reported on St. Aubin.
- · A hit-and-run accident occurred at Florian and
- · A break-in was reported on Poland.

Lumpkin.

- · A break-in was reported on Conant.
- · A hit-and-run accident occurred on Caniff. Two more hit-and-run accidents also happened, one on Pulaski and another on Burger.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

· At 2 a.m., a complaint was made about a Chrysler 300 circling the block on Sobieski.

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