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## Quick Hits

### An update from county treasurer

**By Alan Madlane**

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office, under the direction of Eric R. Sabree, shared some tips for residents in their December newsletter. We give the highlights...

On November 21, Treasurer Eric R. Sabree hosted the Wayne County Treasurer's Office 8th Annual Veterans Resource Fair. The event welcomed over 300 veterans and featured participation from more than 85 vendors.

They look forward to doing it again next year; same place, same time.

You have a number of options when paying your property taxes: Online at <https://pta.waynecounty.com/>; by phone at 313-224-5990; through the county's mobile app (search Google Play Store for WCMobile or the Apple App Store for WayneCountyMobile; should be free); at DivDat kiosks ([www.WCTKiosk.com](http://www.WCTKiosk.com) for a list of kiosk locations); or in person at the City-County Building, 400 Monroe St. Note: Don't just show up; you must schedule an appointment at <https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule/a2167f5f>.

Payment plans are available to help cash-strapped folks with their property taxes. You may call 313-224-5990, or email [taxinfo@wayne-countymi.gov](mailto:taxinfo@wayne-countymi.gov) or [WCTO-PaymentPlans.com](http://WCTO-PaymentPlans.com), or go to their website, [www.Treasurer.WayneCounty.com](http://www.Treasurer.WayneCounty.com).

There are multiple plans in place, including the Stipulated Payment Agreement (SPA); the Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA); the Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA); and the Distressed Owner Occupant Extension (DOOE).

You may also be eli-

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## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Looking at the year ahead: Our predictions for Hamtramck

**By Charles Sercombe**

Ah yes, the year 2025. What do the next 12 months hold in store for Hamtramck?

We don't pretend that, in the past, we've been 100 percent accurate in predicting the year ahead for Hamtramck. But we've often been pretty close.

For example, last year we predicted the ongoing openings of new business and city lots being sold and developed into housing units. OK, that was easy and predictable.

We also warned that it was likely Wayne County officials would close the jail here, leaving the city with a financial hole of \$1.4 million in revenue from the jail's operation, and we also said there would be a continued cultural divide between the growing conservative community and progressives.

And indeed that political division grew wider, when the conservative members of the community ditched the Democratic Party in the presidential election and threw their support to former President Donald Trump.

Those boxes got checked.

So now, with our crystal



**Now that Wayne County's jail in Hamtramck is closed, city officials will have a fight on their hands to force the county to continue paying the city \$1.4 million a year to keep the jail here.**

ball dusted and cleared, let's take a dive into the coming year.

On top of the list of things that might happen is whether Mayor Amer Ghalib will be offered a job with the incoming Trump administration, as a reward for his galvanizing the support of the Muslim community in the metro area for his campaign.

The mayor says he's not heard anything yet, and at this point one has to wonder if an offer will be coming. You'd think he would have heard by now.

So the more time goes

by, it looks doubtful, but you never know. By the way, Ghalib is now saying that if he has to move, he'll likely turn down the offer. Or something like that. Sounds like the situation is muddy at best.

As for the Wayne County Dickerson Jail here, county officials did close down its operation now that the county's new centralized jail is up and running.

So that begs the question: What will Hamtramck officials do about that loss of jail monies, amounting to \$1.4 million each year? City officials

are still negotiating with the county, and the city attorney insists that, as long as the jail building still sits there, occupied or not, the county still needs to pay up.

We expect a court fight over this one because the city has too much to lose financially.

Last year, we predicted new restrooms would be installed in Veterans Park, but we're still waiting. It will likely happen this year, however.

For the last two years or so, Hamtramck Public School Superintendent

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## With a new year here, a new school board president takes the helm



**The new year started with two new members of the Hamtramck School Board and a new board president.**

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck Public School District's Board of Education has a new Board president.

At the board's first meeting of the year, the following officers were appointed:

Boardmember Abdulmalik Algahaim will now be running the board meetings as president.

Boardmember Moortadha Obaid is the vice president.

Regan Watson will once again be treasurer.

Daz'sharon Hall resumes her role as secretary.

Two new members joined the board: Mohamed Algahaim and Linda

Wolyniec. Boardmember Victor Farris resumes his role as board trustee.

Not returning to the board are former president Jihan Aiyash and Boardmember Salah Hadwan.

The board also moved their regular monthly meetings to the second Wednesday of each month. For some unexplained reason, the board had previously rescheduled their monthly meetings to the first Wednesday of each month.

Board President Algahaim had this to say, on his Facebook page, about his new role as president

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## AG office allege election violations

**By Charles Sercombe**

During the city's 2023 city council campaign, there was plenty of talk about possible election cheating.

There was also confirmation by residents who said they were interviewed by agents with the state Attorney General's Office who were investigating election law violations.

Little did anyone know, the AG's office had requested warrants on various election violations against three people, including two councilmembers, back in October of 2024 – a month before the November presidential election.

But arrest warrants were apparently never acted on.

And now the Attorney General's Office, at least through its media contact, is unaware of the warrant requests, and did not respond to a question on why the warrants weren't acted on.

The attorney who filed the warrant request, Alexandra Peterson, who is separate from the media office, did not return a call from The Review for comment.

The Review has filed a Freedom of Information Act request for the case files.

According to the online case search posted by the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court, the following charges were filed against the following people:

City Councilmember Mohammed Hassan: Impersonating another (person) to vote at an election, and absentee ballot tampering.

Councilmember Muhtasin Sadman: Impersonating another (person) to vote at an election, and two charges of inducing an unqualified voter to apply for an absentee ballot.

Shaker Sakead: Impersonating another (person) to vote at an election, absentee ballot tampering, and inducing an unqualified voter to apply for an

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# With a new year here, a new school board president takes the helm

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of the board:  
“I’m honored to be chosen as the president of the Hamtramck Public Schools Board of Education. I’m excited to work with my colleagues to provide the best education for our students.  
“I’m committed to collaboration, transparency, and innovation to help every student succeed. Your ideas, feedback, and

involvement are welcome as we strive to improve our schools.  
“Thank you for your trust and support. I look forward to continue serving our community and making a positive impact on our children's education.”

**HPS Board President Abdulmalik Algahaim**



# AG office allege election violations

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absentee ballot.  
Some of the accusations are felonies. The Review reached out to Hassan and Sadman for comment via email, but neither replied.  
Sakead, a businessman, could not be reached for comment.  
Hassan has served on city council for several ye-

ars, and Sadman is in his first term on council.  
In a fiery city council meeting on Tuesday when the council considered a resolution by Hassan to remove Councilmember Abu Musa as mayor pro tem and replace him with Councilmember Khalil Refai, Musa accused Hassan of being “corrupt” and had “rigged” the 2023 election.  
“He is part of the cancer,” Musa said. “Hassan, ask yourself how corrupt you can be?”

Hassan countered, saying the “community knows who I am. If I am corrupt, they are not going to vote for me.”  
Musa was later removed as mayor pro tem.  
As for why Attorney General Dana Nessel is taking no further action on the election allegations, those familiar with the matter, say she is holding back in order to not further alienate Muslim voters from the Democratic Party.  
A number of Muslim

voters shifted their vote to Republicans in November’s presidential election, in protest to President Biden’s ongoing support of Israel and its war in Gaza.  
Other source says the issue has nothing to do with politics, and may involve a legal technicality in the filings.

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**This week at the Library . . .**

**January 17, 2025**

**Get Rid of Stress:** The Treetop Branches Inc., an Art & Breaking Cycles Foundation will conduct a stress relief program at the Hamtramck Library on January 23rd at 12 noon. Free to Hamtramck Residents.

**Edgar Allen Poe:** This poet and writer of mystery and suspense tales was born on January 19, 1809 in Boston Massachusetts. His works include; “The fall of the House of Usher, Tales of the Grotesque and Arabesque, The Murder in the Rue Morgue and his famous poem The Raven”.

**Growing Flowers:** This program for children will be conducted by Treetop Branches Inc. in January 31st at 4:00 pm. Kids will learn how to plant seeds, the growing cycle and will get seeds to watch plants grow at home. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. All children are invited to participate.

**USS Nautilus:** This world’s first nuclear powered submarine was launched at Groton, Connecticut on January 21, 1954.

**Exercise in the Library:** The exercise classes will be on holiday break during December. The program is sponsored by the RIM Foundation. Watch for information with a new schedule for January 2025.

**Concord:** This supersonic jet began passenger service with flights from London to Bahrain and Paris to Rio de Janeiro on January 21, 1976.

**ESL Classes:** The Horizon school is sponsoring ESL classes at the library, held Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday at 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. They are free of charge to Hamtramck residents. Registration required. There will be no classes during the holidays. They will restart again on January 6th.

**Stream on Hoopla:** There are tons of shows and movies available for you to stream on Hoopla. Cooking competitions, rom-coms, thrillers, cand comfy holiday classics. Selection is massive. If that is not enough, give Kanopy a try. They provide a specially curated collection of foreign films, domestic cinema classics, award winning documentaries, and educational media that is topnotch. Look to the eResources tab on our website for a quick link to all this awesome content.

**Chess Club:** Our chess master is returning to play against longtime fans while also welcoming newbies to the brilliant game of strategy. Set aside Monday afternoons for Chess Club at the library., staring at 3:45 pm

**Story Time:** Get your kids together and drop in on our Wednesday noon programs with library staff, and on first Mondays of the month at 3:45 pm (usually) with members of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

**Game Night:** We are moving to Wednesdays. Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Wednesday at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play. Everyone invited.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### School board now has a chance to move forward

With two new members on the Hamtramck School Board, we sense a new era coming.

This is based on just the first school board meeting of the year, but there is air of optimism and energy among board members.

We hope, in the new year ahead, the board will tackle one very immediate problem: setting an attendance policy for board members. For the past couple of years, the board has had a problem getting enough members to attend a meeting, or, even worse, just outright canceling monthly meetings in advance.

That needs to be changed, with a policy that has teeth in its enforcement – and with a leadership committed to serving the public.

There is no excuse for a public body that meets only once a month to be unable to hold a meeting.

The board also needs to address the continued decline in student enrollment. Over the last few years, the district has lost a few hundred students – no doubt to the dozen or so charter schools in the area.

That loss translates into hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost state financial aid.

On top of that, voters here have twice rejected a needed tax millage renewal that generated about \$1 million in revenue per year.

The question is, why? One reason might be the district's failure to get volunteers to organize a campaign. Another reason is not convincing homeowners that an educated youth is an ongoing investment in our community.

We have faith in the coming year, that it appears we now have a more unified school board that actually has a vision for the future.



## 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 Dec. 17, and all councilmembers were in attendance.

During public comment, a Roosevelt St. resident complained that street lights have been not working for a few months, despite repeated calls to DTE for repairs.

The resident said that DTE says it's not their responsibility, and it's up to the city to make repairs.

City Manager Max Garbarino said that is untrue, and that it is indeed the responsibility of DTE to take care of the matter.

"Oftentimes they (DTE) tell people that," Garbarino said.

He promised to follow-up with DTE.

Former City Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi, who is now a Hamtramck Police Reserve Officer, praised city officials for the accomplishments made in the city.

"I applaud management, council and all departments for initiatives to strengthen our police department," he said.

Bill Meyer said there are rumors that Mayor Amer Ghalib will be taking a job with the Trump administration.

"This scares me," Meyer said, "because I've been so impressed with the work that has been done in the city and how it has turned around into such a great cooperative working community that I don't know who can fill those shoes."

Meyer continued: "It's very difficult in this city to bring people together."

If Ghalib does leave, Meyer said, "We have to find a solution."

He also urged the city not to install parking meters on Caniff. (Editor's note: There has not been a proposal to take that action.)

Meyer said that the city should install signs that tell motorists "We'll pay you to park here." He said that would be an incentive to get people to support businesses that had been financially hurt while Caniff was closed for a few months to be repaved.

A resident, speaking in Arabic and later translated by the mayor, complained of too many handicap parking signs, some of which, he said, are outdated.

Two emails were read accusing Councilmember Abu Musa of not actually residing in Hamtramck, but instead living in Warren.

The emails also accused Musa of sleeping during council meetings.

"This is a moral issue," said Omar Khan.

said Omar Khan.

One email accused Councilmember Mohammed Hassan of actually not residing in Hamtramck, but instead living in Warren.

Another email writer accused councilmember Mahmood Muhith of actually living in Troy.

Charles Blackwell urged the city to investigate "rogue" councilmembers who are not residents, and also those who have allegedly participated in ballot harvesting in elections.

"This is the worst of third world shady government," Blackwell said.

Blackwell also accused Hassan of using fake email addresses to unseat Councilmember Musa in his position of mayor pro tem. He said Hassan wants that title in order to take over as mayor if Ghalib takes a job with the Trump administration.

Moving on to new business, the council agreed to renew the city's contract with the Michigan Humane Society to take in stray and lost animals that the city captures.

The Humane Society also investigates cases of animal abuse.

Councilmember Khalil Refai was the sole objector to approving the contract,

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## Odds & Ends

**Reminder...** This Monday, Jan. 20, is the annual celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday celebration.

Once again, the Concerned Women of Hamtramck will host the MLK Day Prayer Breakfast, held at the Hamtramck Community Center, at 11350 Charest St., just south of Hamtramck High School, from 9-11:30 a.m.

Ticket prices will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for young folks 12-17. Kids under 12 are free.

You can get a table for 8 people for \$150.

In addition to getting well fed, you'll be getting entertained as well: the "Hamtramck's Got Talent Showcase" will award cash prizes for the top school district student performances.

For tickets, make a check out to Concerned Women of Hamtramck for the appropriate amount, making sure to have your name clearly indicated, and send it to 11411 Lumpkin St., Hamtramck, MI 48212, or, send the payment via Cash App to \$Mad24Port.

If you need more info, contact either Madelyn Porter, at (313) 573-0782, or Vanessa Gray, at (313) 772-5097.

**A bit of (faux?) history...** The Ant Hall, a part of Planet Ant Theatre, will be hosting an interesting original piece these next two weekends; one which ties in strongly with Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this coming Monday.

Titled "Nixon King," it is a "musical dramedy" conceived and brought to the stage by local Detroit-area writer Robert P. Young.

In this alternate fantasy take on history, 1960 presidential candidate Richard Milhous Nixon travels to Georgia to visit the Reverend in prison, where King's very life is at some risk.

Will Nixon use his not-insignificant pull to help King get out, an act which could propel the candidate over the top in the upcoming neck-and-neck election?

Show dates thus far run this Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17-18 at 8:00 p.m., this Sunday the 19th at 3:00 p.m., and, so far, next Friday and Saturday, also at 8:00 p.m.

The play is listed on Event Brite. Tickets are \$30 to \$35. Reasonable, we would say: "(They) are not a crook!"

**All for volunteers...** The Hamtramck Blowout is coming up in March, and organizers are asking for volunteers to lend a hand.

For more information, go to the Facebook page for the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

And that goes for bands also looking to play.

**Roll another one...** It's being reported that the Michigan cannabis industry is reporting sky-high sales, financially-speaking, of recreation marijuana.

This is the sixth year that pot has been legal to sell recreational, and we're looking at sales totaling \$10 billion smackers.

For Michigan it means more money, tax and fee-wise, to go toward more highway rebuilds.

Hey, people complain about road conditions, and then when the state goes to fix them, you complain some more.

Sales here are so good, it surpasses California for being the top pot market, and that's saying a lot.

**Roadshow hits the road...** That venerable and much beloved valuation show on PBS, Antiques Roadshow, will be making a stop in Michigan this summer, way up north in Charlevoix.

The city is located right on Lake Michigan, some ways north of Traverse City but not as far as Mackinac City. To say that it is scenic would be doing it an injustice.

We're talking about a four-hour drive north of here.

For those not familiar with the show's format, the show brings along a variety of local and other experts in areas as diverse as art, jewelry, furniture, sports memorabilia, entertainment memorabilia, military, and the like; basically, anything that can reasonably be carried in.

These experts appraise items that folks have brought in with them.

Sometimes, people are flat out astonished at the values suggested, which can on rare occasions rise into the six-figure range or higher.

So, how can you get on there with your items?

From the horse's mouth (in other words, their website):

The PBS show Antiques Roadshow will film in Charlevoix, Michigan on July 1, 2025 (that's a Tuesday) as part of its 30th season. This will be the final stop on the tour.

What to expect:

- Local residents can bring in items from their homes to be appraised by experts
- The show will film at a historic venue
- The episodes will air in 2026

How to get tickets:

- Enter the Antiques Roadshow Social Media Sweepstakes by February 13, 2025
- Enter the Antiques Roadshow Ticket Sweepstakes by March 24, 2025
- Winners will be notified in April, 2025
- Tickets are required to attend the event
- You can print out your electronic ticket or have it on your mobile device

If you've got a piece you suspect is worth a bunch and want to get it appraised, Charlevoix in July seems like a wonderful place to be. Hang around for the Fourth of July weekend, even?

Someday maybe the Roadshow will a stop in Hamtramck? We can dream, right?

**Fireworks...** No, we're not talking about Fourth of July celebrations.

We're talking what went on and said at Tuesday's city council meeting between Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Abu Musa.

Both made serious allegations of wrongdoing, and quite frankly a lot of their banter was hard to decipher because of their heavy accents and broken English.

But to make a long story short, Councilmember Musa can now count out becoming the acting mayor if Mayor Amer Ghalib gets a position with the incoming Trump administration.

That's because Hassan

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week’s Crime Log covers Jan. 7-13.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

- At a little after 4 a.m., a dispute between neighbors was reported in the 2600 block of Holbrook.
- A vehicle was reported stolen on Lumpkin.
- A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 1900 block of Belmont.
- A theft was reported in the 9800 block of Winfield.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 11500 block of Conant.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

- At about 2 a.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11400 block of Grand Haven.
- A break-in was reported on Nagel.
- Following the recovery of a stolen vehicle at Jos. Campau and Trowbridge, two suspects were arrested.

Thursday, Jan. 9

- Following a house fire in the 3300 block of Doremus, a male suspect was arrested for arson, and for being wanted on two Hamtramck warrants.
- A juvenile was arrested for making a threat to a school.
- A person was arrested on I-75 for reckless driving.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 3300 block of Doremus.

Friday, Jan. 10

- At about 2 a.m., family trouble was reported in the 3000 block of Holbrook.
- At 5 a.m., neighbor trouble was reported in the 2600 block of Holbrook.
- A hit-and-run accident happened on Fleming.
- A hit-and-run accident also happened on Jos. Campau.
- Officers, responding to an assault reported in the 3300 block of Caniff, arrested two suspects.

- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 8500 block of Jos. Campau.
- Saturday, Jan. 11**
- At about 5 a.m., family trouble was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff. One person was arrested for filing a false report of a misdemeanor.
- A complaint was made about an animal on Mitchell.
- A theft was reported on Caniff.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 5200 block of Trowbridge.
- A break-in was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A business in the 2300 block of Carpenter reported trouble with a customer.
- Sunday, Jan. 12**
- A break-in was reported in the 12000 block of Klinger.
- A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 9500 block of Conant.
- A break-in was reported in the 2300 block of Zinow.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 11800 block of Dequindre.
- Monday, Jan. 13**
- A business on Caniff reported an incident of retail fraud.
- A domestic assault was reported on McDougall.
- An assault was reported on Florian.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2100 block of Belmont.
- A person was arrested following an investigation into a report of a domestic assault in the 1900 block of Trowbridge.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 12100 block of Sobieski.

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Quick Hits

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If you need assistance in starting a Wayne County Probate Court case for a property in the name of a deceased family member, contact one of the following community partners for assistance: Michigan Legal Services, 313-964-4130; the United Community Housing Coalition, 313-725-4560; or Lake-shore Legal Aid, 888-783-8190 (or visit LakeShore-LegalAid.org).  
You can contact the Wayne County Probate Court directly at (313) 224-5706.  
The Treasurer’s Office holds their last appointments for the day Monday-Friday at 4:15 p.m.



# Looking at the year ahead: Our predictions for Hamtramck

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Jaleelah Ahmed has been receiving her salary even though she is not performing any district work. In other words, being paid to do nothing.

Nice work if you can get it, eh?

This year, that situation should (emphasis on should) finally come to some kind of closure, and it is highly doubtful Ahmed will continue collecting her \$220,000 salary for not showing up – one way or another.

With two new school board members, we expect some answers.

And, speaking of the school board, chances are good that it will finally set a policy on unexcused absences among board members – something that has been abused in recent years.

For the past few years there has been speculation that some city councilmembers are not really residents here, and instead live in Warren or Troy.

It's a good bet something will come to light about this, and we expect it to be a bombshell. Buckle up.

Speaking of city council, this is an election year for three council seats (Councilmembers Khalil Refai, Mahmood Muhith and Abu Musa) and also

for the mayor.

If Mayor Ghalib heads to Washington D.C., the mayoral race will be a free-for-all. As for the city council race, at this point a good question might be: will actual residents be elected to office?

For the past few years, the police department has aggressively hired new officers who are more reflective of the community's ethnic and racial population – including an increasing number of female officers being brought on board.

This begs another question: will the fire department hire its first female firefighter?

With more and more women entering the fire fighting profession, one could guess that there is a remote possibility, but we wouldn't bet the farm on it, as the saying goes.

Last year, what was noticeably missing on Paczki Day were people. Yes, there was a long line of paczki lovers wrapped around New Palace Bakery, the last Jos. Cam-pau bakery to celebrate the day, but our local bars and clubs saw a noticeable drop in the number of celebrants.

Are the days of the madcap celebrations of Paczki Day soon to be a thing of the past? Maybe



Above: Will HPS Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed continue to be paid to do nothing? Below: Will Mayor Amer Ghalib be offered a position in the Trump administration? Stay tuned to find out the answer to both questions.



this year will be a better indicator of where things go moving forward.

The Detroit City Football Club says it is leaving Keyworth Stadium in favor of a new stadium it is building near Detroit's Corktown after next year.

Will the club actually be able to get a stadium built in that short period of time? It's hard to believe that will happen, and we predict the club

will end up looking to get an OK from the public school district to stay at Keyworth for at least another year.

Uh-oh, our crystal ball is fogging up, which tells us that's it for predicting the next 12 months here in town. Now if only we had bothered to ask for winning lottery numbers.

Next year, for sure!

## Odds & Ends

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got enough councilmembers to kick Musa out of his position as mayor pro tem and replace him with Councilmember Khalil Refai.

We'll have more on this next week. From what we heard, this got certain legal wheels in motion up in Lansing. Turns out both of them may ultimately lose in the political chess game they are playing.

You can read more on the front page about what Councilmember Hassan may face in the coming weeks.

### Highway to heck...

Expect yet another highway upgrade and major inconvenience in these parts.

As it has been widely reported, the eastbound

section of I-696 from I-75 in Royal Oak to Lahser in Southfield will be closed for reconstruction starting on March 1.

Although it was "just" built in the 1980s, the road and overpasses in that section need redoing.

We know a number of residents here depend on that stretch of road to get them to work. The good news is, there will be detours. The bad news is, there will detours, which means traffic congestion up the kazoo.

It only gets worse.

The improvements will take two freakin' years to complete.

There is some good news. Westbound lanes will remain open – for the most part.

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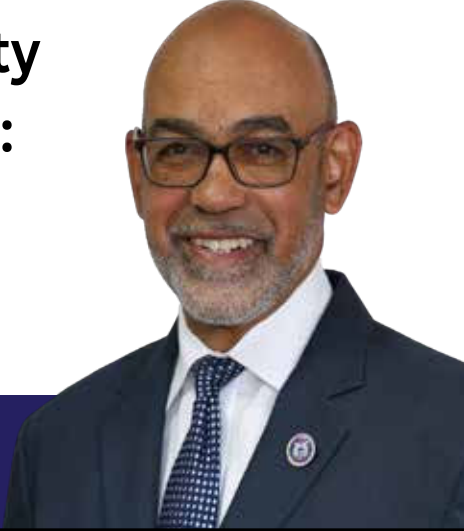
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