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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

## Harvest Festival celebrates all good things about fall

By Ian Perrotta

Last weekend was a Ham-good time. It marked the celebration of the first-ever Hamtown Harvest Festival.

Held in the grounds of the city parking lot between the Polish Village Café and Polonia Restaurant, the two-day event was fun for all in attendance. The entire lot was converted into festival grounds, complete with two large tents that housed a stage and beer tables. Bales of hay lined the area while husks of corn covered the parking meter posts to create a farm-like feel.

In addition to the perfect execution of the festival itself, the weather couldn't have been better, either. Both days were clear and sunny with moderate temperatures – unseasonably warm to be more exact – and there was hardly a cloud in the sky. It was an excellent weekend for a hayride through Hamtramck or to just sit and drink from a hearty selection of Oktoberfest beers.

For entertainment, there was pumpkin painting and a donut-eating contest for the kids, performances by dance troupes and live music by the Polish Muslims, the Howling

Diablos, Eddie Blazonczyk and Danny D. And as promised, during Danny D's set there was a "hot legs" competition, although instead of being with men in lederhosen it was with women in the traditional German dirndl.

Overall, the weekend had everything that could be wanted for a festival except one thing: a large turnout. While the crowd size was decent, it was a little lower than expected. However, though the Harvest Fest may not have been a complete financial success, between the revenue from it and the Labor Day Festival there is still about a \$2,000 profit.

Festival organizer Kathleen Bittner said that it takes a few years to build an event and she is hopeful that it will grow each year. At the same time, she also said that in the future she'd like to shift the efforts of the group that organized the past two events away from festivals – which only bring people to the city for a short time – to promoting Hamtramck as a place to live, work and have a family.

"Hamtramck is here and full of endless possibilities," she says. "We want to show people how."



### Park grant? What park grant?

By Charles Sercombe

Last July, Wayne County Commissioner Moe Blackwell came to town offering a \$75,000 county grant to fix up a city park.

The timing of the offer was suspect to some, since it was just a month before the Primary Election – an election that he ended up losing.

The city filed its proposal with the county to build a basketball court in Veterans Memorial Park.

The only problem, though, is that there is no such grant, said Beverley Watts, the director of the county's parks department. Watts said that this year's park improvement budget was set a year ago. At best, she said, the city may qualify for a grant next year, but she stressed there are no guarantees.

Blackwell did not return calls for comment.

This isn't the first time Blackwell has come bearing gifts but failed to deliver. Hamtramck Recreation Com-

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### Arsonist is on the loose

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is being hit with a wave of small fires.

Since Oct. 5, the Fire Department has reported about 10 arson-suspected fires, several of which involved the burning of city-issued blue garbage cans.

"I'm wondering if we have a firebug in town," said Fire Marshal Paul Wilk.

Some of the fires were set at the back porches of vacant houses. The rash of fires has city officials and residents a little edgy since "Devil's Night" is fast approaching. For those unfamiliar with "Devil's Night," it's the night before Halloween, and in years past a night that arsonists would set numerous fires in the Detroit area.

That phenomenon, however, has been greatly curtailed through public safety cam-

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### Quick Hits

Make room on your calendar for next Thursday evening (Oct. 28). That's when the Hamtramck Community Initiative will hold a fundraiser at Gates of Columbus Hall on Conant.

The group has been instrumental in setting up block clubs and getting the word out on how to make the city safer.

For \$20 you can help HCI purchase some much needed insurance. The night will offer presentations and food and beverages. These are good folks and a very worthy cause.

### This week in history

This was another week where national politicians came to town. On Oct. 24, 1964, Sen. Hubert Humphrey was here, and on Oct. 26, 1960, on the verge of winning the presidential election, John Kennedy campaigned here.

When Hamtramck was still a village, a fire alarm system was installed in 1915.

The Farnum Theatre was demolished in 1968.

Source: Hamtramck Historical Commission

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The HCI is dedicated to bringing the residents of Hamtramck and the Police Department together. The HCI goals are to reduce violence, auto theft and crime and provide positive, healthy activities for youth.

The HCI budget covers officer & general liability insurance. HCI sponsors youths for Camp Defy, a drug education program. HCI mentors youth in Hamtramck and manages the Weed and Seed program from the Department of Justice, among other numerous programs such as neighborhood watch and block clubs.

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## City of Hamtramck Notice of PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Please take notice that the public testing of the equipment and the program to be used for tallying the results of the Michigan State General Election of Tuesday, November 2, 2010 will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. The test will take place at the Office of the City Clerk in Hamtramck City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212. All interested parties are invited to observe.

City Clerk October 22, 2010

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212, to receive comments from the public on the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK AMENDING THE HAMTRAMCK ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING SECTION 13 TO ARTICLE IX, GENERAL PROVISION, TO PROVIDE FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVES, THEIR LOCATION, DEFINITIONS, CONDITIONS AND STANDARDS, TO PROVIDE FOR REPEALER, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public is invited to attend and comment on the proposed ordinance during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before October 25, 2010. Written comments should be made to the attention of the City Clerk, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212. A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office.

## Legal Notice Regarding Special Land Use

To the Property Owner or Party-in-Interest: Hamood Ali-S Qoria, the owner of 8526 Lumpkin, has made a request to the Plan Commission of the City of Hamtramck for a Special Land Use:

V - 1.03. Uses Subject to Special Land Use Approval. In the R District, only the following uses shall be permitted, subject to the limitations of the special land use process as prescribed by this Ordinance:

g. Grocery stores

A public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. thus affording the opportunity of your input being recorded on this special land use request.

Any variation or modification granted by the Commission would have no bearing on private restrictions. You may appear, authorize others to represent you, or you may express your views in writing. Communications must be received before the date of the hearing.

Plan Commission  
City of Hamtramck

## Town Hall meeting emphasizes crime fighting tips

By Ian Perrotta

Wednesday's Weed and Seed Town Hall meeting wasn't one to miss. But don't worry if you did - the information is all here.

To begin the meeting, community member-at-large Vera Burk introduced the Weed and Seed program's new Site Director Barbara Stachowski, who joined the team earlier this year. Stachowski went on to talk about how Weed and Seed works, explaining that it is foremost a strategy consisting of four components: Law Enforcement; Community Policing; Prevention, Intervention and Treatment; and Neighborhood Restoration and Economic Development. When each component works together it allows for the community to "weed out" problems and "seed in" solutions.

"It's the big picture that makes the difference," she said. "I encourage everyone to get involved."

Stachowski then introduced Police Chief Mark Kalinowski, who was there to talk about the importance of getting involved in preventing crimes. He said that good communication was a key part of crime prevention, and that by simply talking to your neighbors and knowing who they are allows for a heightened level of security because it builds the strength of the neighborhood.

Once that has occurred, he said that preventing a crime can become as simple as creating a phone tree and then calling everyone on it to sit on their porch and read a book when something suspicious is occurring.

Chief Kalinowski also spoke about the importance of clear communication when reporting a crime. He reminded the audience that when calling 911 it is important to speak clearly, remain calm and provide as much information as possible.

And on the subject of crime reporting, he talked about a new tool for law enforcement called Nixle, which is a free computer program that can automatically send text message updates to your phone when a crime is reported in your specific area. When he finished, he commended the

success of the Block Club, reminiscing that when he started there was only one block club.

"Now they're multiplying and we have a bunch, like 3c7," he said. "That sounds like a math problem - it's great."

After Kalinowski spoke, he introduced Sgt. Wally Tripp, the Police Liaison for the Weed and Seed program. Tripp's presentation focused on the common types of crime in Hamtramck and how to prevent them from happening. Overall, he said that there are three components to every crime - a victim, an opportunity and a desire to commit it - and that by taking away just one of those parts it was possible to stop a

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## Arsonist is on the loose

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paigns and stepped up volunteer patrols. The night is now dubbed "Angel's Night."

Wilk said most of the fires have occurred in the Caniff-Trowbridge area and also happen at night.

Some of the fires at vacant homes may be set to collect insurance money, Wilk said.

## Park grant? What park grant?

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mission member Leonard Sobota said that three years ago Blackwell presented a similar offer.

"He never came through with it," Sobota said.

City Manager Bill Cooper could not be reached for comment on this latest development.

## Attention:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MCL 436.1532.2), this ad serves as public notice of the intent of the Commission to issue a Club Liquor License to Making It To The Finish Line, a 501 (c) (3) Non-profit Organization located at 2140 Holbrook Avenue, in the City of Hamtramck, MI, 48212; County of Wayne.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN  
FOR THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, WAYNE COUNTY, MI  
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE  
PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Hamtramck on the 1st day of November, 2010, at 6:30 PM in the Council chambers at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212, on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the City of Hamtramck, within which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed brownfield is:

1. Land situated in the City of Hamtramck whose address is 10201 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, Michigan, 48212.

A description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at the Department of Community & Economic Development, Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212.

Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

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**Storytime for Children** - Saturday, October 23 at noon. All children are invited to children's storytime at the library. This week we will discover our inner monster after reading "Monster Boy at the Library" by Carl Emerson.

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Tuesday, October 26 at 11:30 a.m. Basic instructions on computer use for beginners will be held on Tuesdays. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

**Reading and Conversation for ESL Students** - Tuesday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. Jide Aje is the instructor for the reading and conversation ESL classes.

**Math Club Meeting** - Tuesday, October 26 at 4 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club and math tutoring.

**Movie Wednesday** - Wednesday, October 27 at 3:30 p.m. Every Wednesday is movie day at the library. Come and enjoy our feature presentation, which also includes popcorn and snacks.

**Computer Classes for Intermediate Users** - Thursday, October 28 at 11:30 a.m. Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy each Thursday at the library. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access our online catalog.

**Fall Teen Club** - Thursday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m. Members of the Teen Club will learn how to make caramel apples for the holidays. Everyone is invited to join.

**Jeopardy at the Library** - Thursday October 28 at 4 p.m. Sign up and participate in Jeopardy games held on Thursdays at the library. Compete against friends, win prizes and have fun developing your knowledge skills.

**Halloween Costume Party** - Saturday, October 30 at noon. Dress up and join your friends at the library Halloween Party overflowing with ghoulish games, freaky arts and crafts and frightening fun. Best costumes will win prizes.

**92nd Anniversary Library Dinner** - Thursday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to the Annual Library Dinner at the PNA Banquet Hall on Conant & Belmont. During the program, new members will be inducted into the Library Hall of Honor. Tickets are available at the Library. The event is organized by the Friends of Hamtramck Public Library.

**Meeting of the Library Board** - Tuesday, November 18 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

**Special Thanks for donations to:** Ralph Rinaldi, Monowara Begum, Lesley Gray and Helen Krol.



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# Second Front Page

## Now comes the hard part in creating city's historical museum

It won't be long before Hamtramckans get a special look into their history.

On Sept. 30 the city, in conjunction with the Hamtramck Historical Commission, completed a deal to buy the old Polish Legion of American Veterans hall on Holbrook to serve as the site of the new Hamtramck Historical Museum.

What does this mean? Plenty. Even if you don't live in Hamtramck.

The museum will be the perfect showcase for the thousands of items the Historical Commission has collected over the years. Almost all of those items now are in storage, but with the new museum, they will be placed on display for all to see.

But the museum will be more than just a showcase for old things. It will be a living institution where programs like slide shows,

lectures, book signing and even dance recitals and craft classes will be held. Kids will be invited in for classes tentatively be held with the public and charter schools in Hamtramck.

The site will also serve as a starting and end point for the popular walking and bus tours held in the city.

Former Hamtramckans will find this to be a place of memories, where they can connect with the past - as well as the Hamtramck of today. It will serve as another reason to bring them back to town.

In fact, those involved are confident the museum will boost the local economy by bringing visitors to town. Tour groups already are contributing to the local economy as they usually include lunch and dinner and a bit of shopping as part of their tour. They are bringing in money from out-

side of Hamtramck into the city.

The potential for the Hamtramck Historical Museum is great, but a lot still has to be done. While the building is sound, it needs a new furnace and it has to be refitted to be used as a museum. And one of the first steps as the project moves forward is to acquire state and national historical designations for the building. This will not only be source of pride but also help us attain grants.

You can help make this happen.

The Hamtramck Historical Commission is seeking volunteers to help work on the building as well as contributors who can help finance it. Donations are being accepted by the Friends of Historical Hamtramck, a tax-exempt organization that assists the Historical Commission.

Membership in the Friends

is \$25 a year, although any amount will be gladly welcomed and should be sent to The Friends, c/o Greg Kowalski, 11638 Moran, Hamtramck 48212. Checks should be made out to the Friends of Historical Hamtramck. You will receive a receipt for your tax records.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to help with the building should call Kowalski at (313) 893-5027 or e-mail [gkowsalski@ameritech.net](mailto:gkowsalski@ameritech.net).

Plans are to renovate the building in stages, with the first section to open in the spring of 2011.

The Hamtramck Historical Commission has been working on acquiring a museum since it was founded in 1998. Hamtramck, despite its great history, has never had a historical museum.

This marks a great step forward in the history of Hamtramck.

## Community group needs help to pay for insurance

Hamtramck's crime fighting non-profit agency needs a little love.

The Hamtramck Community Initiative, which also operates "Weed and Seed," is short on funds and needs donations to help pay for insurance coverage.

Next Thursday (Oct. 28), stop by the Gates of Colum-

bus Hall where a fundraiser will be held for the group. Admission is \$20 and there will be a brief presentation and entertainment. There will also be food and other refreshments.

You'll get to mingle with fellow residents and city officials. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the event runs until 9

p.m. The HCI is involved in drug education, neighborhood watch clubs and other public safety issues.

All donations are tax deductible. Gates of Columbus is located on Conant just north of Holbrook. For more information call (313) 281-8150 or (313) 876-7833.

## New drunk driving law hits hard

Don't party too hard this Halloween if you plan on driving.

Well, you probably shouldn't "party" anyway if you are driving, but drinkers take warning: starting Oct. 31 Michigan's drunk driving law goes hard-core.

Basically, there's regular old drunk driving and now there's what's called "super" drunk driving. The difference is, that although you already get slapped hard if you blow up to two times over the legal limit, you now get the rack - so to speak - if your blood-alcohol level is over that amount (technically anything 0.17 or above).

Those guilty of driving while "super" drunk face even heavier fines and associated costs - up to \$8,000- and a possible jail sentence up to six months. You will also be required to install a breathalyzer in your car and go through mandatory alcohol treatment.

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**Turtle & Inky's Place:** Small and cozy 2656 Carpenter; (313) 365-9863.

**Whiskey in the Jar:** There's likely few Irish folks to be found here, but there is plenty of blarney. Seriously, though, a great dive bar and the fellow drinkers are easy to chat up, 2741 Yemans.

## Fire station gets needed repairs

After years of living with a leaky roof, the Fire Department is getting a badly needed home improvement. "This is well overdue," said Martin Ladd, the Director of Public Services, about the new roof being installed at the fire station.

As far as anyone can tell, it's been over 20 years since the roof has been replaced. The new roof will cost the city \$23,000, which had previously been budgeted

Despite hard financial times in the city, the Fire Department has seen steady – perhaps slow – improvements to the station and their equipment in recent years. About a year ago a new pumper truck was purchased. The station's parking lot was also fenced-in to cut down on thefts and vandalism.

Work on the roof is expected to be completed within a week.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## If city unions don't accept cuts, expect the worst

When the City of Pontiac recently announced it was disbanding its entire police department and instead contracting out that service to Oakland County Sheriffs, you could almost feel a shudder in town.

Hamtramck, like many communities in the state, is also struggling with a budget deficit. By January, the city could be \$3 million in the hole. City Manager Bill Cooper is asking the city's union workforce – including police officers – to take a cut in pay and benefits.

So far, only the firefighters have agreed to cuts.

The cost of public safety in Hamtramck is \$8 million a year – almost half of the city's annual budget.

It's a cost that Hamtramck can no longer afford. But what are the

alternatives?

Certainly merging with Highland Park – our immediate neighbor to the west – is out of the question. That poor city recently had to let go of several officers, and the ones who remain are being paid only \$15 per hour with no benefits.

With the layoff of officers there, Highland Park's mayor is asking residents to step up and perform volunteer patrols, armed only with police radios.

This is insanity. And yet we don't hear a word from state government officials. They are simply going to let Highland Park wither away and die.

This is why Hamtramck has to adapt to the changing economic outlook and change fast because it appears no one from the state is going to come to

our rescue. Oh, and if Hamtramck can't balance its budget it's likely a state-appointed financial manager will be put in charge.

You can bet that whoever the manager is, there will be no hesitation to merge our services.

So, what can the city do?

Our fate, it appears, is in the hands of city employees. They must decide to accept pay cuts now or face having their jobs wiped away. These are tough times where plenty of folks have permanently lost their jobs.

A lot of people would be grateful right now to have a job – any job. This is something employees have to weigh, and we know it's a difficult decision.

## Talk back ...

*It's not often we get a chance to talk about the people and things we encounter in a more relaxed format, so to speak. In our new column, "Talk back ..." our writers will have space to discuss what's on their mind.*

**By Charles Sercombe**

It's no secret that I have worked previously for many years at The Citizen newspaper, which unfortunately went out of business over a year ago just as it was about to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

I had been with the paper for over 20 years, so you can imagine what a blow it was to see that Old Grey Lady go down. The last owner of the paper, Medow & Mayberry News Corp., gave it a valiant shot at keeping the paper alive but this stubborn economic slump was just too much to weather.

Like the proverbial cat with nine lives, I quickly found new work with this publication, The Review. I am happy to report that things are going well.

But I'm not here to talk about The Review. Recently, I moved and in the process of unpacking what seemed like thousands of boxes, I stumbled on a few items I saved from The Citizen days.

There is nothing amazing in what I kept, but it did trigger a few memories I thought some of you – especially those who have known me all these years – would enjoy. Or

maybe not, which goes without saying.

The first thing I picked up from one of my moving boxes was an unopened bottle of "Hamtramck Beer." I like beer and can drink just about anything (especially if it's free), but this stuff was ... Yech!

I could barely get the one mouthful down that I tried way back in the mid-1980s when it was introduced. It was brewed by the Michigan Brewing Company and was created as a marketing gimmick. It wasn't a bad idea, it was just bad beer.

But the one guy who insisted on drinking the brew when city leaders gathered at the now long gone Polish American Club on Holbrook was former Mayor Robert Kozaren. Bob was fierce in his loyalty to all things Hamtramck. He died a few years ago and for many he was one of the greatest mayors Hamtramck ever had.

Bob had a lot of heart for the city, and apparently if something had Hamtramck stamped on it, he was there for it.

Speaking of bottles, I have another one, but this time it's a special edition of Coke. Former Councilmember Joe Karpinski, who was like family to Bob Kozaren, works for Coca Cola and managed to get the powers that be in the company to issue a Hamtramck version of their 8-ounce bottle.

A limited number of bottles featured a special label hon-

oring the city's 75th anniversary. That was back in 1997. I'm not a big soda pop drinker, but out of all the colas there are I like Coke the best, and out of all the various versions of Coke I like the 8-ouncers the very best.

That was pretty neat seeing Hamtramck on a Coke bottle. Way to go Joe.

Next up in my box of nostalgia is a bumper sticker from the controversial era of Lou Schimmel. Lou was appointed by the state as Hamtramck's Emergency Financial Manager after the city government failed to adopt any kind of a budget for two years in a row.

When Lou introduced himself to Hamtramck he encouraged the community to call him by his nickname, "Bud." Remember that, because that nickname comes into play with this bumper sticker. Before I get to the sticker – and some of you already know what I'm talking about – it should be noted for historical purposes that Lou's reign (some called it a "reign of terror") lasted from 2000 to 2007.

It got to the point where folks were wondering if Lou "Bud" Schimmel would ever leave. During his seven years here, Lou went head-to-head with city employees and city officials – most notably Mayor Gary Zych, the guy who petitioned the state to send someone in.

In the last year or so of

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## Odds & Ends

**Bowling for dollars ...** Hamtramck firefighters are hosting a "Haunted Bowling" night on Nov. 5, which, OK, is a few days after Halloween. But it promises to be a big night of fun, featuring door prizes, drink specials and a special prize for best costume. Tickers are \$25 and can be bought at the fire station. The event starts at 8:30 p.m. and takes place at Regal Lanes on Mound Rd. just north of I-696.

**Now showing ...** Our documentary-making friend Terry Murphy was at last weekend's Hamtramck

Harvest Fest shooting video. You can see his finished project at our website, hamtramckreview.com. Good job, Terry. Check it out.

**Halloween fair ...** Well, this actually has nothing to do with Halloween and just coincidentally falls on Oct. 31. Needless to say, it's worth stopping by before taking the kids trick-or-treating. A health fair will take place that day at People's Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a ton of things offered, including blood and cholesterol screenings. A dental agency will

be there also to talk about practicing good dental health.

If you are taking medications, bring a list of what drugs you are taking and the dosage amounts. Also, to participate in the diabetic and cholesterol screening, don't eat anything before.

It's all free so there's no excuse to pass up a chance to get the family checked out. People's is located at 8625 Jos. Campau. The event is being hosted by the Bangladesh Jatiotabadi Dal (BNP) of Michigan.

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## TOAST of the TOWN

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events that can be found throughout the city.

One of Hamtramck's best neighborhood bars is going to have a special party this Friday (Oct. 22). The owner of cozy little Suzy's Bar on Evaline is throwing a birthday bash for herself. We couldn't get her to say how many birth-

"Rodie's" and before that in the 1940s it was "Bristol Bar."

You can imagine back in the 40s when the town was bustling 24/7 with war production in Dodge Main – the city's top employer at the time where tens of thousands worked. Few people could drive then because of gasoline rationing, forcing folks to walk or take the trolley.

A little place like this bar was probably packed all day and night.

Suzy herself is a bit of a

plays in too many bands to keep track of.



Word on the street is that the legendary Clock Restaurant is coming back, new and much improved. We don't know when but according to a reliable source the place received a major do-over inside. You may have also noticed that the restaurant was recently in a scene in "Detroit 1-8-7." You know who else was featured in the Detroit-based TV cop show? Three Star Bar B Que. In fact, several scenes were filmed throughout the city and we hear there will be more filming coming up.

That's one of the best parts about the show - identifying where in the Detroit area the scenes were filmed.

And while we're talking food, we can't help but put in one more plug for the newly revamped – cuisine-wise – Maria's Comida. The Pronko family has redone their menu and now offers not only some good Mexican eats but also an Asian fusion as well.



Any DJ's out there looking for work? If so, Celina's Sports Bar is looking for someone "who can attract a crowd" to man the turntables on Wednesdays, which will now be called "College Night."

If you want to apply or get more info, call John at (586) 722-8933.



We haven't heard too much about Halloween fun happening in the bars, but Whiskey in the Jar is getting into the spirit, or should we say spirits, of the season.

Next Thursday (Oct. 28), the bar will host a Halloween party called "HalloWhiskey 2." As the name implies, it's the second year for this special night. What does it entail? Oh, just the same nightly clinking of glasses is our guess, except maybe with some patrons in costumes.

**Do you know of a cool bar, a great restaurant or just a nice place to hang out? If you have tips on special events or just want to shine some light on your favorite spot send a message to [news@thehamtramckreview.com](mailto:news@thehamtramckreview.com) or call us at (313) 874-2100.**



days she's celebrated because, well, there are just some things a gal won't say.

Sue "Suzy" Briskey is a natural when it comes to tending bar. If you come here as a stranger, you will leave as a friend because Suzy is one of the most outgoing and genial folks around here.

She's pure Hamtramck charm and generosity. Suzy's is also one of those incredibly tiny bars that can be found here and there around town. Official capacity is at 42 but it doesn't ever feel cramped. The bar is also home to "Hamtramck Girls Gone Wild." On special nights, after a few rounds are downed, you can say things get a little frisky here, but all in good fun and nothing terribly naughty.

Suzy's will also be celebrating another anniversary next April when the bar will be 20 years old, at least in this incarnation. Before it was Suzy's, the place was called

throwback to a time when people got out and about and knew each other. Suzy oozes love for Hamtramck.

"It's like Mayberry," she said in reference to the early 1960s TV show about a little town full of friendly and wacky characters. "You can't go a block without waving to someone."

Stop by this Friday and give Suzy – a true ambassador of Hamtramck – a much deserved toast.



We got word late, but a belated congrats goes out to Melody Baetens for her recent marriage. Melody is a Detroit News scribe by day and co-owner and drink slinger by night at Small's – one of best rock and roll showcases in the area.

We don't have any details about the nuptials but whoever ringed Melody is a lucky fella. Melody, by the way, is also a mighty fine bassist and

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## Street Life

### From long distances comes close relatives

(Editor-at-Large Walter Wasacz writes a weekly column on life in Hamtramck.)

By Walter Wasacz

It's always sweet to find close family from distant places. This has happened to me a few times with relatives discovered on both my dad and mom's side.

In 2004, I went to Berlin to do a story on the ex-pat Detroit techno scene there. I spent eight insane days and nights – all blurred together, for better and worse, into one seemingly endless party – chasing down Richie Hawtin, Magda (a Hamtramck girl whose family then lived on Belmont) plus other electronic musicians and DJs for a Metro Times story called Losing Your Mind in Berlin.

From there I took a train to Warsaw, where I met Emil Wasacz, his wife Urszula and son Mateusz.

He was a cousin I'd never met, nor knew I had, until we started reading about him in the Polish press. He was a finance minister for the Polish republic, then headed by President Aleksander Kwasniewski, in the late 1990s. My mother wrote to the Polish embassy and we made the connection that Emil Wasacz and my father, the late Walter Wasacz, came from the same region in southeastern Poland.

I was treated to the best that Warsaw, Krakow, Gdansk, Katowice and other smaller towns had to offer over a two-week period. We drove up to the Baltic Sea and down to the Carpathian Mountains near the Slovak border. All of it gorgeous. I could not have been treated better. We have kept our contacts going and invitations to revisit come each year.

Fast forward to this summer, when we received word that connections to more Polish relatives were in the works, this time on my mother's side of the family.

I found out that a cousin, originally from the northwestern city of Szczecin near the German border, was coming to Windsor as an exchange student. Aleksandra was studying visual arts in Coventry, England with a year left to go before finishing her degree.

When she got to Canada, I got her cell phone number and tracked her down – in old Montreal, of all places. She hit the continent running and was

traveling as much as possible with her companion from London, Alex. This week they are in Chicago. Before she goes back to England in December, she plans to visit friends in Vancouver.

Last week Aleksandra and Alex came across the border by bus from Windsor. I picked them up at the Rosa Parks Transit Center and brought them to the Hamtramck Harvest Festival.

On the way we drove through Detroit, touring Corktown, North Corktown and Woodbridge neighborhoods.

They'd already been to some of these areas before in previous weeks – they'd rented bikes at Wheelhouse Detroit on the riverfront to see parts of downtown – but they seemed thrilled by up close and personal views of the intensely visual Michigan Central Station, leafy Commonwealth St. near Wayne State University and Faith Farm and the Spaulding Courts rehab near Temple and Rosa Parks Blvd.

We also took a spin past the "\$100 house" – which they already knew about – in the Power House neighborhood north of Hamtramck.



nated by the vastness of the "place" and how it contrasted with their experience in England. There is post-industrial – Coventry is known as the Motor City of the UK – and there is post-industrial "plus." That's where we're at in Detroit. There is an incredible wealth of quirky urban possibilities here, more affordable and authentically cool than just about anywhere on the planet.

And these two arts-educated young people – Aleksandra is 21, Alex is 22 – seemed to grasp that immediately. They loved Hamtramck, but had to catch a film at the Burton Theatre and then walk back – yes, walk – about 15 blocks south on Cass to catch the bus back over the border.

But they'll be back. There's lots more my girlfriend Jennifer and I want to show them, including Disneyland, Public Pool, 2739 Edwin, Pops Packing and the Heidelberg Project. No shortage of eye candy in our part of the world. Welcome to our place, you guys.



The photo is in my yard (left to right): Alex, Aleksandra and Jennifer.

## Hamtramck High soccer ends a successful season

By Ian Perrotta

Another heartbreaking loss in the post-season has prematurely ended Hamtramck High's soccer season. The Cosmos were defeated by Madison Heights Lamphere.

Last year the team made it all the way to the finals, but their dreams of being champions were diminished with a "golden goal" by the Ferndale Eagles in overtime. The Cosmos got their revenge on Mon-

day (Oct. 18) when they shot down the Eagles 4-3 in the tournament's first round, but were unable to pull off another win in their overtime loss against the Rams.

Overall, it was a successful season for the Cosmos, who once again had a very young and inexperienced team at the beginning of the season. One thing is definitely certain for next year: they'll be back and more determined than ever.

## Block Club Corner ...

**First Thursdays, 4 Cs Neighborhood**

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**Second Mondays, Eastside Block Club** (if you live or have a business East of Conant) 7 p.m. Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Activity Center, entrance on Harold Street

**Second Wednesdays, 3 C7 Neighborhood Watch** (if you live or have a business between Carpenter, Campau, Caniff, and I-75) People's community Services Senior Center on Caniff, across from the Public Library

**Third Wednesdays, Midtown Neighborhood Watch** (if you live or have a business between Caniff, Campau, Holbrook and I-75) 6:30 p.m. in the Convent of St. Florian's Church, on Florian Street

**Fourth Thursdays, Southend Neighborhood Watch 6:30 p.m.** in the People's Community Center on Joseph Campau and Danforth, for all residents and businesses

south of Holbrook.

**The Central Neighborhood Watch** (Caniff, Conant, Holbrook, Campau) will meet the first Wednesday of each month, starting Oct. 6, at Skipper's Bar, located at 9735 Conant at Evaline. Also there will be a neighborhood cleanup project on Sunday, [hamtramckCBC@gmail.com](mailto:hamtramckCBC@gmail.com). Facebook: [Hamtramck Central Block Club](https://www.facebook.com/HamtramckCentralBlockClub) group page.

**The Hamtramck Housing Commission Neighborhood Watch** is now called the W75 and it meets the second Wednesday of every month at 12025 Dequindre (housing commission activities center) at 1:30 pm.

**Neighborhood Watch meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. If additional information is needed contact the Weed and Seed office at (313) 281-8150.**

**For more information about Hamtramck's network of block clubs, go online to: [www.hamtramckblockclubs.com](http://www.hamtramckblockclubs.com)**

# Obituaries

## BENTON

Ona Frances Benton, 63, died October 17, 2010. Mrs. Benton was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, and son, Christopher. She is survived by her beloved companion, Leo A. Simpson; daughter, Shawn-ae (Rick) McLean; sons, Carl Benton, Carey Booker and Cheyenne Benton; and 13 grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were made by Krot Funeral Home, and funeral services were held on Oct. 20. Cremation was at Meadowcrest Memorial Cemetery.

## BROWN

James William Brown, age 55 of Sterling Heights and formerly a longtime resident of Hamtramck, died Monday, October 18, 2010 at his home. James was born June 8, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan the son of the late Aaron W. Brown and the late Mary (nee: Boling) Brown. James graduated from Hamtramck High School in 1972 and later worked for American Axle in Hamtramck before retiring. When time off allowed Jim enjoyed hunting and golfing with his brother. He was a hardworking man who worked

many overtime shifts. He also was the past president of the Hamtramck Fraternal Order of Police Hall #109. Jim will be remembered as a true friend to many. James is survived by his wife Carol (nee: Kutyla) Brown, and his siblings; Margaret Ann (Gary) Brunett, Aaron (Corinne) Brown, and Leonard (Dolores) Brown. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral arrangements were made by D.S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home, 30009 Hoover Road at Common (12 1/2 Mile Road). Funeral Services were held on Thursday (Oct. 21) at the Funeral Home. Officiating the services was Rev. Kevin McGuire. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Memorial donations are appreciated to the American Cancer Society or St. John Hospice. Please share memories at www.Temrowski.com

# Hamtown's movers and shakers...

By Alan R. Madeleine

As hard as life surely is for some residents in Hamtramck, there are often places that can help. One of the most prominent, People's Community Services, is located on the city's southend, and their Basic Needs Program is a boon to young women trying to start over. We met with Care Manager Rose Haider over lunch recently, and she shed some light on this United Way resource. "We specialize in family services for previously incarcerated women, in addition to helping others" she explained. Such women, often just released from jail terms for substance violations or solicitation charges, may show up at the center lacking in life skills and virtually all basic comforts: shelter, transportation, food, appropriate clothing, methods of communication, and so on. "One of the bigger prob-

lems is often with getting utilities turned on," Haider said. Utility monopolies, rife with red tape, can be unforgiving of past payment histories, and the initial live contact persons seem trained to put up barriers. The workload, not surprisingly, is increasing as the local economy remains stagnant. Part of this is due to the many functions that PCS tries to serve. In addition to arranging for emergency shelter for the women, they offer up a variety of after-school programs on Mondays through Thursdays. The website, www.pecose.com/hamtramck, reveals the scope of their assistance, and explains the physical layout of the center. Programs range from lunchtimes with seniors to youth transportation to chore service and more. But the basic needs program is one of Rose's primary focuses, and with colder weather already having arrived a bit early this year, one can imagine that her workload won't be easing up soon.



"Kids sometimes have to go into foster care," Haider notes. A court process has to be undergone to see if the mother is deemed fit to have her children returned to her. It's a nightmare most would rather avoid in retrospect. Also located within the same building is the WIC coupon center for food assistance to mothers and mothers-to-be. Trying to help the needy in Hamtramck, it appears, will be a full-time job for at least the foreseeable future.



**~ In Loving Memory ~**  
**Brenda Hammtreee (nee Ball), 48, of Hamtramck, who died Thursday, October 7, 2010.**

Brenda was born in Madison, West Virginia to loving parents, Norma Sue Halstead and Leroy Ball on April 21, 1962. Brenda is survived by her beloved husband, Robert (Bob) Hammtreee, and a wonderful mother to Anthony, Claude and Adam Hammtreee. Also survived by Paul, Paula, Loretta, Robert and Roxanne and loving brother, Larry Ball; loving daughter-in-laws, Sarah Miller and Shawn Hammtreee; son-in-laws, Paul Gubin and Wes McDowell. She was also the loving grandmother of 16 grandchildren. Brenda will surely be missed and forever loved. Thanks for all the love and support, and a special thanks to the Hamtramck Public School District for 17 years of dedication.

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# Talk back ...

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Lou’s occupation of City Hall, a bumper sticker emerged, saying: “BUD OUT.” The sticker also said it was paid



for by “Residents for fair government.” There were rumors about who was behind it but no one ever came out publicly and admitted creating the sticker.

No matter, Lou had a bit (and I mean little) of a sense of humor and even asked if anyone knew where he could get the sticker in his farewell speech to the community. Lou, I’ve been waiting a long time to say it ... this “Bud’s” for you.

Hamtramck has long been a campaign stop for politicians from the bottom of the ladder to the very top. FDR came here, and so did Truman and Kennedy and Reagan and the elder Bush.

Bush’s VP, the spelling-challenged Dan Quayle, also campaigned here. That was the first time, or so I think, the phrase “family values” was banded about. That phrase is now a permanent part of the political lexicon but darned if I know what it’s supposed to mean. I mean, define what is a “family” and what is a “value”?

You can have endless – and to me pointless – arguments

over that one. But what struck me in that campaign rally, which was populated by a bunch of suburban Republicans, was the in-your-face aggressiveness with that slogan.

At the end of the rally, I couldn’t help but get a laugh that one of the signs promoting “family values” was left on the ground where it was trampled on by the rushing Republican mob, acting like a herd of rampaging elephants, that couldn’t wait to get out of Hamtramck.

I took a photo of that sign, just as some beefy guy put his left foot over the word “values.” I find a range of conflicting messages in that one second of time – mostly unintended. One thing came to mind, though: Which “family value” is it to litter?

I can pretty much guess that the next photo I found, of a scantily clothed gal posing for an advertisement for the long gone Tom Dom Club, is not something Dan Quayle and his followers would consider a “family value.”

I’m gonna guess she was a stripper, or maybe she was a waitress.

Considering what you can see in many bars these days, she almost looks conservatively dressed, no pun intended.

I think I’ll keep this photo, just for old time’s sake. I think she deserves some respect.



## Gardener’s Corner ...

By Kathleen Wojcinski

Making a harvest wreath is so easy and cheers up your front door porch or perhaps your front gate.

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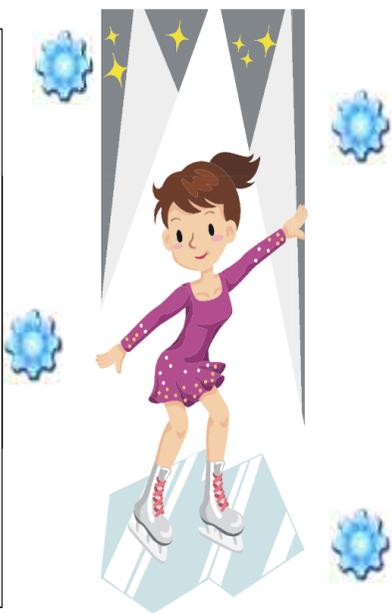
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## Metro news ...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. If you were to rely solely on the local mainstream media, you'd think Detroit is no more than a crime-infested wasteland. Well, we're here to say that isn't so. Our friends over at [modelmedia.com](http://modelmedia.com) and [metromode.com](http://metromode.com) have been

reporting on fascinating development projects for the past few years.

With their permission, here is a round-up of their reports from the past week:

HATCH, a Hamtramck arts collective, was deeded the city's former police station in 2008 to create a permanent home for the organization. The grassroots efforts

have been awarded \$29,000 in CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) funds, which will be used to replace the building's roof. Scott Collins, the organization's vice-president, says that, if all goes well, the building's gallery and studio space could be operational by December of this year.

Any surplus CDBG dollars

will go towards electrical and plumbing repair, finish work, paint and light fixture installation. Private donations and volunteer time have progressed the building to where it stands now.

"The last couple of months, we've had a work day every weekend," says Collins, who estimates that a half-dozen people show up each time from a pool of 20

and printing press. "A lot of the volunteers are artists from the community, there is a lot of excitement growing in having a public art space available."

Although a December soft opening is the goal, it will take more time than that to achieve HATCH's overall vision of exhibition, studio and classroom space, a gift shop and a kiln, darkroom

and printing press.

"Excitement builds as things progress, and it starts to transform into a new space," says Collins. "The more time you spend in there, the more you can kind of see art on the walls and merchandise in the gift shop."

Writer: Kelli B. Kavanaugh

## Town Hall meeting emphasizes crime fighting tips

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crime before it happens. He also provided some startling statistics, such as that a breaking and entering occurs every 11 seconds in the country and that 60 percent of home invasions occur in the daytime, most likely from 6 to 10 a.m. He then advised residents on easy home remedies to keep crooks out of the house. Securing doors with metal door jams and 3-inch screws helps secure doors better, obstructing windows from being opened, playing a radio and keeping on the bathroom light when you are not home are all good ways to make it harder for robbers to break into your house. For night-time, he said that lighting is the most effective low-cost deterrent to a crime.

The next speaker was Det. Jackie Crachiola, who works with youth in the community. She was there to speak on the importance of keeping minors away from a criminal lifestyle and stressed the need for parental involvement.

Crachiola highlighted a few ways that the city has tried to curb youth-driven crime, like its curfew, the Youth Tobacco Ordinance, and the recently passed Parental Responsibility Ordinance which can hold parents responsible for their child's actions. Before she finished, she mentioned she is still looking for volunteers to help finish painting the viaduct at Jos. Campau and can be reached at (313) 876-7823.

"I love trying to make a difference with the kids," she said.

On the stage after Crachiola was Officer Greg Collins of the Auto Theft Investigation Unit. He spoke about the best ways to prevent auto theft, saying that in the United States a vehicle is stolen every 30 seconds.

Collins said that locking doors, closing windows, using a steering wheel club and removing valuables from sight all make a difference to an amateur car thief. Additionally, parking in a well-lit and visible area can also be a deterrent, as can kill switches, car alarms and the "LoJack" tracking system. He also said that if a car is stolen, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching can aid in the recovery process.

"VIN etching can help us find your car a lot faster," he said.

The last police officer to speak was Officer Mark Kay of the department's K-9 unit.

He was there with his partner Officer Raider – a German Sheppard – to explain what his and his partner's roles are in the police force.

Kay told the audience that dogs are primarily used for their superior sense of smell, saying that dogs can typically find things faster than humans can. He also said that the K-9 unit can help the police in apprehending drug offenders because dogs can legally sniff the area around a car, and if they detect something, police officers can then proceed with a full, legal search of the vehicle. Another important use of a dog is crowd control, which is possible because of the highly-trained dog's level of obedience.

"This is the bullet that I can call back," Kay said.

To conclude the meeting, the leaders of the local block clubs all spoke briefly about their individual block club, encouraging residents who are not already members to get involved.

Each club has their own unique challenges and solutions, but they have all grown in the years since getting started and they continue to be the backbone of the neighborhoods they serve. Ron Orr, of the Community Policing aspect of Weed and Seed, finished the meeting by reiterating the importance of the Hamtramck Community Initiative (HCI), which oversees the Weed and Seed Program.

"The HCI is a vital part of Hamtramck," he said. "You might not see the things we do, but our work is very significant to the city."

## Cosmos volleyball is on a roll

By Ian Perrotta

It's been a perfect season so far for the Hamtramck High Volleyball Team.

After the team seemingly imploded on itself last year, the Cosmos experienced a complete turnaround under the guidance of new head coach Charrisse Youmans, a science teacher at the school. They continued their unbeaten domination this week by defeating University High School on Monday (Oct. 18) and Highland Park on Wednesday (Oct. 20).

At Monday's home match against University, the Cosmos needed all five games to secure victory over the Driving Eagles. It was the closest match of the season and wasn't decided until the final minutes of the last game, when the lady Cosmos sealed the deal by winning

the game 16-14.

The match-up was incredibly exciting for those in attendance, many of whom were there for Parent Appreciation Night. In between sets, the parents and guardians of each player were invited to join their daughter on the court for a special recognition ceremony. Also recognized during this event were the team's three seniors, Almedina Klijajic, Almedina Kaltak and Bridgette Szelestey.

During Wednesday's competition against Highland Park, the Cosmos froze out the Polar Bears, taking the team to an 11-0 record for the season. The team's next game is on Monday (Oct. 25) against Southfield Manooagian, and on Saturday (Oct. 30) they head to Grand Blanc for a tournament to finish out the season.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, WAYNE COUNTY, MI PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Hamtramck on the 1st day of November, 2010, at 6:30 PM in the Council chambers at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212, on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the City of Hamtramck, within which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed brownfield is:

- Land situated in the City of Hamtramck whose address is 10201 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, Michigan, 48212.

A description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at the Department of Community & Economic Development, Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212.

Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

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