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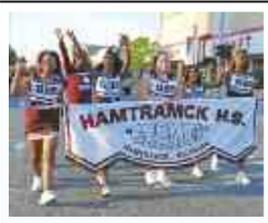
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Quick Hits

Go Cosmos!

Today (Oct. 4) is Homecoming for the Hamtramck High School Cosmos.

As per tradition, students will parade down Jos. Campau at 4 p.m. on floats they made and stop at Keyworth Stadium for further Homecoming festivities. We wish the Class of 2013 good luck.

The Cosmos football team hits the field at 7 p.m.

The team can use all the support it can get as it has yet to win a game this season. But boy, do they have heart.

So come on out and show your support.

And remember, as the school chant goes: "You could have been a Cosmos!"



Quote of the week ...

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

"It's little things like this that saves the city money."



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Art festival invites you to take a walkabout

By Charles Sercombe

Two of the best things about Hamtramck are being combined this Saturday (Oct. 5):

Art and being in a small town where one can walk or bike around without wearing yourself out.

Hamtramck's growing art community is once again holding the Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival, which takes place throughout the day at 25 locations. Most of the events start in the early afternoon and go on throughout the evening.

Some of the venues are at
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Art exhibits and performances will be all over the map in Hamtramck this Saturday, including the art gallery Public Pool (above) on Caniff and Gallagher.

City officials brace for Poletown tax break request

By Charles Sercombe

GM is asking Detroit for a tax break on its Detroit-Hamtramck Poletown plant.

And there is a good bet, said Mayor Karen Majewski, that GM will hold its hand out to Hamtramck for what's formally called a tax abatement.

Hamtramck earns about \$1.5 million a year from the

plant in a special deal with Detroit. A very small portion of the sprawling plant resides on the Hamtramck side of the border with Detroit.

GM is seeking a \$1.8 million abatement from Detroit to help offset costs to build a \$121 million logistics center at the plant site.

It's unclear what will hap-

pen to Hamtramck's portion of the tax collection if Detroit agrees to GM's request.

The tax break couldn't come at a worse time for both cities. Detroit and Hamtramck are under the control of emergency managers who are trying to get each respective city out of a financial crisis.

GM is also no stranger to fi-

nancial hard times as it had to be bailed out by the U.S. government a few years ago. The future of the Poletown plant had been a concern until GM recently announced it would expand production there to accommodate the new Volt.

New street light upgrade will save money

By Charles Sercombe

DTE Energy is not yet through with upgrades to some of the city's street lights.

The company will be swapping out light fixtures on most of Jos. Campau with LED lights, which will end up saving the city about \$16,000 a year in energy



DTE Energy will once again revisit Jos. Campau street lights and upgrade them with an even better energy-efficient lighting system, saving the city \$14,000 a year in costs.

costs.

If that sounds familiar, well, it is. Last year DTE also performed an upgrade on street lights along Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

Emergency Manager Cathy Square said she recently met with DTE officials about reducing the city's annual lighting cost, and she said DTE came back with an upgrade plan.

DTE said the cost of the project will be \$170,000, out of which Hamtramck has to kick in \$19,000.

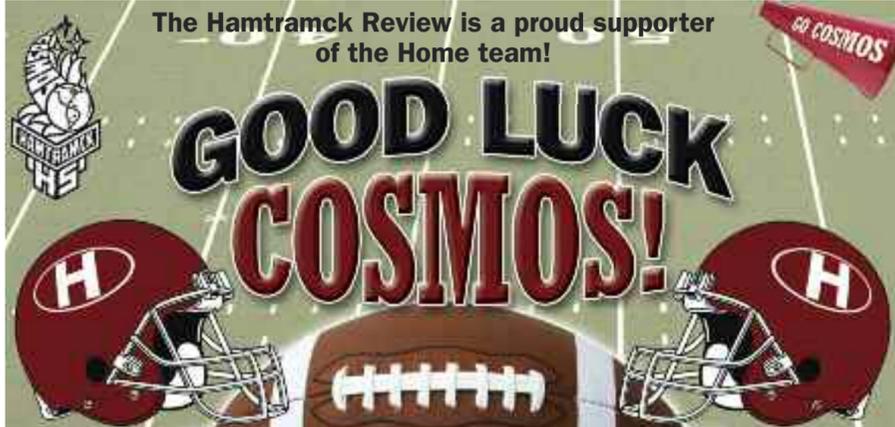
But Square said the savings in energy will just about "make it a wash." And better yet, the city will continue to save money going forward. The cost of lighting Jos. Campau will go from \$30,000 a year to \$14,000. "It's little things like this that saves the city money," Square said.

Besides getting a break on

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costs, the new lights will no longer be connected to one another "like Christmas tree lights, where if one goes out all of them do," Square said. Instead, if one light goes out, it does not affect the others.

The overall cost for street lighting is about \$500,000 a year, Square said. She hopes to further trim that cost by reducing the number of street lights throughout town. She said Hamtramck has too many street lights for a city this size.

The upgrade will require DTE to shut off the lights for up to about a month, once the project is underway. There was no start date

given for the work.

In other related lighting news on Jos. Campau, the city-owned street lights that were installed by the DDA, from Holbrook to Caniff, have been turned back on. The lights have not been working for over a year.

Why?

Square said it was a lack of maintenance.

"Money was being spent on salaries and benefits instead of making repairs," she said.

Square recently let go the DDA manager and transferred that job to the new director of Community & Economic Development.

A few tasty morsels from Hamtramck's first-ever Food Week

By Kristin Rose
Special to The Review

Last Monday, the Hamtramck Farmer's Market hosted the kickoff to Food Week, and the market benefitted from the extra foot traffic, declaring its busiest week ever.

The market season ended on a positive note, after 18 Mondays of bringing fresh, locally grown produce and canned preserves, sauces and honey and more to Pope Park.

Tuesday's events featured a behind-the-scenes tour of Srodek's Market at 9601 Jos. Campau. Although participants on the tour did not get to see actual sausage production, due to meat production health codes, generous, chunky slices of Srodek's famous pork and veal "holiday" sausage were offered on a silver platter.

The tour wound its way through the many chambers of Srodek's - the pierogi production wing, the stuffed cabbage roll headquarters - and ended back in the front shop, where tour host Maggie Srodek showed the spot at which she sat, from age 4 to her teen years, peeling garlic for the sausage.

"My father was a wise man by keeping me occupied peeling garlic, he not only kept colds and flu at bay, I was also safe from vampires and boys," she joked.

On Thursday, at People's Community Services, city council contender Susan Dunn taught a cooking class featuring her famous spinach pie. Susan ended up cooking enough spinach pie to feed an army, and generously distributed it to

various establishments around town.

Later that evening, new-kid-on-the-block Henrietta Haus Coffee Roasters held a coffee and tea tasting, complemented with desserts from Bonoful Sweets and Cafe.

As the name suggests, in addition to serving coffee, Henrietta Haus specializes in small-batch coffee roasting of beans grown from around the world. Scheduled to open within the next few months at 8609 Jos. Campau, diners from the Yemen Cafe or Sheba Cafe will soon have an after dinner coffee "haus" to walk to. When renovations are complete, owner Amy Duncan and husband Jeremy Duncan will occupy the upper level of the lovely 1920s brick building, while serving and roasting coffee below.

Friday night was sadza night at Public Pool, 3309 Caniff. Sadza is the staple food of Zimbabwe, a maize porridge that is served communally and is utterly delicious when dipped into stewed veggies and meat gravies.

Offered by the Zimbabwe Cultural Center of Detroit, sadza is part of an exhibit entitled "Kumushu" - the Zimbabwe word for home - and represents Detroit artists working collaboratively with Zimbabwe artists, digitally, from one home to another home.

Curious?

The exhibit runs through Oct. 9.

The red carpet was laid out by McClure's Pickle facility, at 8201 St. Aubin St., on Saturday afternoon. A handful of lucky people toured the McClure's Pickle facility and brought home full size jars of pickles.

Saturday also saw a big turnout at the Hamtown Farms tour at 9100 Lumpkin St.

An estimated 50 people showed in support of Hamtramck's largest community gardening plot. Organizer/Farmer Mike Davis gave garden tours and satisfied all thirsts with both soft and hard cider.

The Hamtramck Lot Acquisition Proposal was available for viewing. The proposal was drawn up by Davis and team, at the request of Hamtramck Emergency Manager Cathy Square, and may be the first step in allowing the purchase of city-owned lots by those who have brought a semblance of

hope and vitality to these formerly neglected parcels.

Like any good buffet, there was truly too much to choose from during Hamtramck Food Week. And like any buffet, we could only take in so much. There was much more offered,

and we hope that next year's food week will have the same tasty variety.

Hamtramck Food Week was made possible by the newly formed Hamtramck Arts and Culture Commission, Meagan Elliott and Jason Friedmann.

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Make & Take Workshop - Thursday, October 10 at 4 p.m. The theme of this week's arts and crafts workshop is "Fire Prevention Week."

ESL "News for You" Class - Thursday, October 10 at 12 noon. ESL reading and writing classes conducted by Ms. Latisha, are free to Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Math Kangaroo Club Meeting - Tuesday, October 8 at 3:30 p.m. All school children are invited to participate in the Math Kangaroo program to prepare for the World Wide Math Competition Test. Free for Hamtramck students.

Movie Night - Tuesday, October 8 at 4 p.m. All children are invited to see a movie shown on high definition screen and enjoy a serving of popcorn. This week's feature is "Animal Odd Couples."

ESL Conversational Class - Wednesday, October 9 at 12 noon. ESL conversational classes, conducted by Ms. Latisha, are free to Hamtramck

residents. Registration is required.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, October 10 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

Citizenship Preparatory Classes - Thursday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m. Hamtramck residents are invited to take part in the citizenship preparatory classes conducted by legal staff from the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit. Classes and legal assistant are provided free of charge.

Saturday Story Time - Saturday, October 12 at 11 a.m. Pre-school children are invited to participated in the weekend

story time. Readings from "A Home for Bird" will be followed by recommendations of take home reading materials.

Family Story Time for Children - Thursday, October 17, at 6 p.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a storybook. This week's theme is "Good Night Walk."

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

Annual Library Dinner Program - Thursday, November 14 at 6 p.m. Join us for a celebration of the 95th Anniversary of Hamtramck Public Library and the induction of new members to the Hall of Honor. As always, you will find great company, good food, interesting speakers and enjoyable evening and prizes. Dinner tickets are available at the library (\$25 donation per person). More information to follow.

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.

Second Front Page



School Bell

By Charles Sercombe

Students at Kosciuszko Middle School and Dickinson West Elementary School had a special civics lesson delivered to them this past Monday morning.

capital on May 8.

To celebrate the honor, two music students and their instructor played the national anthem as the flag was hoisted up. Three students, Scott Hallett, Latifur Khan and Logan Hughes, each read a poem they wrote, touching on themes

Student Miriam Alohani presented cards and flowers to Rep. Robinson and Savannah Snipes lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay said students should come away from the ceremony as "just the beginning of a civics lesson – a lesson that lasts a lifetime."

That lesson was certainly not lost on Kosciuszko Middle School Principal Nuo Ivezaj, who emigrated with his family to the U.S. when he was 10 years old.

"For me, that flag was a dream," he said.

Coming up ... Here is what is going on in Hamtramck Public Schools for the week of Oct. 7-11:

Progress reports sent home On Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Athletic Events

- HHS Varsity Volleyball – Monday, Oct. 7 vs. Ecorse at 5:30 p.m., Home.

- HHS Varsity Soccer – Tuesday, Oct. 8 vs. Cranbrook at 5 p.m., Home.

- Kosciuszko Volleyball – Tuesday, Oct. 8 vs. Henry Ford Academy at 4:30 p.m., Home.

- Kosciuszko Football – Wednesday, Oct. 9 vs. Michigan Collegiate at 5 p.m., Home.

- HHS Varsity Volleyball – Wednesday, Oct. 9 TRI Match vs. Harper Woods and YES Academy at 5 p.m., Home.

- HHS Varsity Soccer – Thursday, Oct. 10 at Southfield Lathrup at 5:30 p.m.

- Kosciuszko Volleyball – Thursday, Oct. 10 at River Rouge at 5:30 p.m.

- Kosciuszko Soccer – Thursday, Oct.10 vs. Hanley



Above: State Rep. Rose Mary Robinson and Hamtramck School Boardmember Yvonne Myrick look on at a flag raising ceremony held at Kosciuszko Middle School. The flag had flown over the nation's capital on May 8. Student band members played the national anthem and students also recited the Pledge of Allegiance.



State Rep. Rose Mary Robinson stopped by the school and presented the kids with an American flag that had been flown over the nation's

of honoring our service men and women, Betsy Ross (the designer of the flag) and encouraging others to "wave your flag in honor."



MEAP testing begins. Oct. 8-9 it's MEAP Reading Day 1 & 2. Oct. 10 is MEAP Writing Day 1. Oct. 11 is MEAP – Make up day for Reading and Writing Day 1.

Academy at 4:30 p.m., Home.

- HHS Varsity Football – Friday, Oct. 11 vs. Detroit Loyola at 7 p.m., Home.

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Art festival invites you to take a walkabout

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galleries, coffee shops, stores, artist lofts and in one case, a person's front porch on Holbrook.

Walter Wasacz, a Hamtramck resident, had this to say about Hamtramck's burgeoning art scene in this week's issue of modelmedia.com.

"Hamtramck has drawn modest comparisons to all the places above: big city neighborhoods constantly refreshed by the micro-economic energy of immigrant entrepreneurs and artists, musicians and other creative risk takers. But Hamtramck, a destination for the international art and research scene? Why, yes. Just in the last year I have hosted scholars from Boston and New York; a visual artist from Northern California; a techno producer/journalist from Berlin; a photographer from Rome and a gallery owner from Warsaw (the latter the co-founder of Raster Gallery arguably Poland's freshest contemporary art space)."

Wasacz also notes that the city's food offerings has also grown, especially in recent weeks.

"The city's food culture – a perfect complement to the art scene – is rich with exist-

ing possibilities; even richer with the potential for higher quality markets and restaurants as more people jump into the competitive Hamtown food scene. There are dozens of Bangladeshi-owned food businesses on Conant; several owned by Yemeni Halal butchers, cooks and marketers mostly in the city's south end; and traditional Polish food businesses, which flourished here for close to a century, have seen renewal of culinary passions thanks to a new generation of shop and restaurant owners and operators (best examples are Srodek's and Polish Village)."

As for the weekend's highlights, Wasacz has that covered too:

"The festival opens at 1 p.m. at HenriettaHaus with a solo performance by modern horn classicist James Cornish, and a performance piece by visual artist Jessica Frelinghuysen. That's followed at the same location (8609 Jos. Campau) with a live performance by Scotty Karate."

"Home movies of life in Hamtramck screen 1-4 pm. at the newly-opened Hamtramck Historical Museum (9525 Jos. Campau); violinist Amy Harrington performs on her front porch (2623 Hol-

brook) at 2:30 p.m.; dance, music, film and literary events are at 2739 Edwin, Hatch Headquarters, Planet Ant, Pops Packing, Public Pool; and buildings (including the Floating House, the Power House, the Sound House and the Play House) in the NoHam aka Banglatown neighborhood north of Carpenter are all part of an intense block of programming from 3:30 to 6 p.m."

Weather-wise, be sure to carry an umbrella. According to reports, there is a good chance of rain on Saturday, but at least temperatures will be in the high 70s.

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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.

By Kristin Rose

Special to The Review

Rock City Eatery has arrived. At the space formerly occupied by Maria's Comida restau-

rant, at 11411 Jos. Campau, a new dawn has brought a fantastic new selection of flavors to town.

Rock City Eatery owner Nikita Sanches has been baking pies and serving them up at Ferndale's Rust Belt Market, as well as other trendy around-town hot spots for years. Anyone who has tasted a slice of

that Sanches has fused together under one pie crust knows that this guy can bake.

Butterscotch and bourbon pecan pie, strawberry-rhubarb and basil pie, blueberry buttermilk pie, lemon and lavender

slushies made with Faygo Black Cherry and whiskey.

Except for a few standbys (PBR, Heineken, etc) Rock City Eatery offers a variety of Michigan craft beers and whiskey, bourbon, rum and vodka from



Nikita Sanches (above) is the owner of Rock City Eatery on Jos. Campau. The new restaurant offers unique food offerings and cheap drink prices.



pie, roasted pineapple and ginger pie, fresh fig and almond, cranberry, white chocolate and pistachio pie ... the list goes on.

Not only can Sanches bake, he can cook a pretty mean meal, too. Imagine all these flavor-popping combinations in a sandwich: Lamb cheeseburger with charred onion, zataar labneh, harissa, bacon and poached egg.

How about roasted trout with cucumber, pickled red onion, tomatoe, dill, labneh and roasted capers? Not rich enough for you? Add foie gras for a few bucks more.

Sanches' current menu includes a revolving selection of sandwiches, pies, and appetizers, which he plans on changing every week or two.

Sanches has also given free reign to his creative side when preparing his impressive drink menu: His craft cocktail "Death in the Afternoon" features champagne and absinthe.

His "Lushies" are basically

local, small-batch distilleries.

Non-alcohol drinks include horchata, a traditional folk grain and rice-based sweetened drink that will be your new "thing" once you taste it. Morir Sonando is a drink you wished you had grown up on – basically a sweetened citrus milk combo that tastes like a dreamsicle.

Every drink is under 5 bucks. Sanches, son of working-class immigrants, intentionally keeps the prices as working-class friendly.

Perhaps Sanches' own upbringing has something to do with his unexpected juxtaposition of flavors. Son of a Russian mother and a Spanish father, Sanches grew up in Moscow. At age 12, his family moved to Michigan and started working in kitchens and the construction trade.

Both the cooking skills that Sanches learned during his teen years while working in commercial kitchens with his mother, as well as the construction skills he more re-

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Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival, Saturday October 5 2013. Schedule of Events		
Location	Studio, gallery and art project crawl (times as shown)	Music, dance, performance, theater etc. (times as shown)
1	HenriettaHaus, 8609 Joseph Campau	1pm, festival starts with horn solo by James Cornish 1pm, start of performance by Jessica Frelinghuysen. 2pm, music by Scotty Karate
	vacant lots between HenriettaHaus and Lo&Behold	1pm onwards, James Cornish will proceed North on Joseph Campau, accompanied by the LaMarre dancers performing in every vacant lot they find until they reach Lo&Behold
2	Zahorsky Studios, 2411 Denton	1-3:30pm Studios of Rachel Reynolds and Robert Zahorsky, featuring a metal pour by Robert Zahorsky
3	People's Community Center, 8625 Joseph Campau	1-3:30pm, tour of the Hamtramck Mural by legendary local artist Dennis Orlowski
4	Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Joseph Campau	1-4pm, Historic home movies of Hamtramck introduced by Hamtramck historian Greg Kowalski
5	The New Dodge Lounge	1pm and 3pm, music by Petal Shop
6	3875 Norwalk	1-3:30pm, Studios of Dylan Spaysky, Angela Pham and Michaela Mosher
7	3140 Trowbridge	1-3:30pm, Studio of Alex Tsocanos
8	2623 Holbrook	1:30-3pm, music by Sheida Soleimani
9	Café 1923, 2287 Holbrook	2:30pm, music by Amy Harrington and Matt Daher
10	3906 Yemans	1-8pm, drawings by Sean Bieri 1-3:30pm Studios of Alexander Buzzalini and Matthew Hunt
11	2739 Edwin	1-5pm, "Natural Life", installation and experimental documentary by Tirtza Even and Ivan Martinez. Filmmaker Tirtza Even will be present throughout the afternoon to discuss the work. 7pm, full screening of the 80 min documentary "Natural Life". (Note: out of respect for the subject matter and other audience members, please arrive promptly for this event.) 10pm, music by James Cornish, Jordan Schug and Anthony Poretti
12	Hatch Headquarters, 3456 Evaline	1-6pm, "Santos y Milagros", exhibition of art work by Adrienne Lesperance and open studios by Chris Schneider, Addie Langford, Roshan Toma and 'Jide Aje
13	Lo & Behold, 10022 Jos.Campau	7pm, videos by Richie Wohlfel plus Lo&Behold record/cassette release party
14	Detroit Threads, 10238 Joseph Campau	1pm onwards, pop in for the unique Lo&Behold experience A. Garcia and Roman Debnar will DJ throughout the afternoon
15	Public Pool, 3309 Caniff	1-6pm, KUMUSHA, exhibition curated by Chido Johnson/The Zimbabwe Cultural Center of Detroit
16	Outer Limits, 5507 Caniff	2pm, MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company. 8-11pm, "The Good Tyme Writer's Buffet" featuring writers Lynn Crawford, Tom Clynes, Christine Hume, Katie McGowan, Tom McCartan and Steve Hughes, plus a neighborhood potluck and DJ George Rahme. 3-7pm, music by Tiny Little and friends
17	Planet Ant Theater, 2357 Caniff	3-6pm, exhibition of posters by local artists from Planet Ant's 20 year history. Videos running in main theater.
18	11544 Lumpkin	3:30-6pm Studio of Sean Hages
19	11430 Lumpkin	3:30-6pm Studios of Trisha Holt and Shanna Merola 4:30pm, music
20	Pops Packing, 12138 Saint Aubin	1-7pm, REPEATER///, exhibition by Matthew Craven 1-6pm, Co-operative Phonograph, interactive outdoor sculpture by Michael Flynn 5pm, music by Joel Peterson 6pm, music by Andrew Barrett from April in the Orange
21	Klinger Studios, 11627 Klinger	3:30-6pm, Studios of Jon Anthony, Katie Barkel, Danielle Karmo, Scott Northrup, Jon Parlange, Jonathan Rajewski, Chris Riddell, Bailey Scieszka and John Zeichman
22	The Floating House, 12527 Klinger	3:30-6pm, a project by Charlie O'geen
23	Power House, 12644 Moran	3:30-6pm, a project by Design 99 Films by Katie Barkel, Joe Bernard, Oren Goldenberg, Scott Northrup, Bailey Scieszka, Jason Sudek, Jonathan Rajewski and others will be playing in a tent in the yard. 5pm, music by the vonneguts
24	The Play House, 12657 Moran	3:30-6pm, visit the home of the Hinterlands theater company, hang out and talk about their space while watching "Digital Vaudeville 2013: The Best of YouTube Videos"
25	Sound House, 13181 Moran	3:30-6pm, Installation by Jon Brumit
26	3340 Burnside	6-9pm, music by Skinny Wrist (Dina from Secret Twins), Shardonday (Liz from Phantom Cats) and Mozart (Jen and Jeffrey from illymack and Gardens)

Review: Opinion Page

Once again, the city pays the price of bad behavior

Is it really "toxic" in city hall?

That's what O'Keefe & Associates said in its financial analysis on Hamtramck that was prepared for the state Treasury Department. The Review recently obtained a copy of the report from the state.

O'Keefe was hired to detail what led to the financial meltdown of the city and why an emergency manager was needed. Gov. Snyder eventually did appoint an EM.

Here's what, in part, the folks behind the report had to say about elected officials:

"Financial issues and mismanagement by elected officials and previous administrations have created a toxic atmosphere within the City Council and City Hall."

The cure, the report said, is: "The City Council needs to adopt a more positive attitude toward

governing. Continued infighting and public acrimony will inhibit the City's ability to attract quality people to work there and stymie efforts to turn around and grow."

We have on occasion talked about the behavior of some city councilmembers during council meetings. In short, some, who will go unnamed, have turned meetings upside down with outlandish accusations, outbursts and insults.

What should have been 20-minute meetings instead ran on for two hours of non-stop grandstanding.

The antics reminded us of what happened in the mid-1990s when the council was also out of control, which eventually lead to a state-appointed emergency financial manager.

With the adoption of a new city charter in 2005,

and a new form of government where a city manager took over day-to-day operations, the arguments and political infighting mostly disappeared.

But little by little, it has crept back in recent years. There is proof positive that as a city we pay a steep price for that kind of behavior.

We don't mean to point fingers at anyone. We stress this to encourage elected officials to chart a new course, especially with the potential of four new councilmembers joining at the end of this term.

If Hamtramck elected officials continue to go down a path of chaos, and the city once again slips into a financial emergency, you can bet that if the state has to intervene once again after the emergency manager leaves, the third time won't be a charm.

Letters • Letters

Call to prayer shows 'disrespect and disregard' to city

(This letter is in response to a letter from John Rush that was in last week's issue.)

Dear Mr. Rush, I'd like to respond to letter of last week with a big congratulations on being open and direct! I give you my praise and respect, even though you and I have not met.

My sentiments are with you in respect to the call to prayer as well as the disrespect and disregard for others that is demonstrated by this community group of people. In my opinion, they are sending the rest of our diverse community an unspoken message that they own our city and the rest of us should be thankful that they are allowing us to reside, work and education our children in the city.

I'd like to address the call to prayer first. You are so right, this never should have been allowed in our city. No one calls you and I as well as many other faiths in this city to worship. It is all of our responsibility to attend our churches, halls etc. as we desire.

I have had company at my home in the summer and we have been sitting outside and when that call goes off, and it is uncomfortable for many people who do not live in our city. I've been told that it sounds unnatural, and I've been asked if I know what they are saying. I do feel that it sounds unnatural and just like you wrote, Mr. Rush, I don't have a clue as to

what is being said. That makes me uncomfortable every time I hear it.

Also, I noticed that it is getting louder and the call is going out what seems to me to be whenever they desire. There does not appear to be a certain time anymore. I don't care what their leaders are saying.

To address their disrespect and disregard for the rest of the community, it is not only on the streets, but also in the schools.

Many of the children appear to know without saying it but showing it that they don't have to respond to anyone but someone of their own race. I'm really tired of having to cope with many in this community of people. I don't have a problem with them being here, living and working beside many of them, as well as learning more about their culture. But they need to realize Hamtramck was here and very functional long before they even knew our city was on the map.

I too have been here in all over 60 years. My grandparents settled here when our city as we know it today was yet a village. I proudly attended and graduated from all Hamtramck Public Schools. I have seen the positive development in the various cultures, where now anyone of any race, color or creed can come to the Hamtramck Table of Brotherly Love and be accepted as a human being.

Nothing more or less.

We have learned from our forefathers' errors, that we must live as a people, respecting the rights and privileges of others and treating others the way desire to be treated. The journey of Brotherly Love is a life long journey and we each need each other to journey on. No Big No Little, just a melting pot of diverse people.

While I am addressing these serious issues, there is another issue I'd like to address and that is the General Election, coming Nov. 6 in our city.

We as a people must pay very close attention as to how and who we cast our votes for. Mr. Rush, I know for a fact that most of my community is complaining about the call to prayer as well as the ill treatment by this community of people. Dear Community, I beg you to vote and to vote wisely.

Now is the day to learn more about the ones that are on the ballot as well as who they are. If you agree with the comments of Mr. Rush and myself, than you are aware of the plague we will come up under if we allow the wrong community of people to get in office.

Please beware of the smiling faces and the back stabbing behind your backs. Tomorrow is already present and we as a community of people must open our eyes and see the handwriting on the walls of our beloved city.

My blatant disrespect for many of us, is just the begin-

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Odds & Ends

Hey, hey, the blues is alright ... The gang from the Attic Bar – one of the few blues bars in the metro area for many years – is getting back together this Sunday (Oct. 6) to celebrate old times.

The Attic, sadly, was closed down a few years ago and reopened as Celina's on Jos. Campau and Pulaski. Times change, as they say.

The reunion starts at 3 p.m. and it will be held at Tangent Gallery, located at 715 East Milwaukee in Detroit – just a few blocks south of I-94. There will be

food and drinks available and a photo display. Of course it wouldn't be a proper reunion without a blues jam, which there will be. Sounds like a lot of fun.

Here the roar ... We received an email from longtime reader Al Ulman, a former Hamtramck resident who now lives in Hawaii, about an amazing school program called R.O.A.R., which stands for Respect Others — and Act Responsibly.

It's basically an anti-bullying campaign aimed at stu-

dents. It incorporates audience participation, storytelling and magic tricks. That's where Al comes in. He's an amazing magician and travels all over the country putting on shows.

He still has property in town and returns to Hamtramck frequently.

Al is urging local schools to look into the program, which can be found on Facebook. Or if you wish, call 1-800-874-2591 to find out more and how to book a performance.

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The lore of Hamtramck ...

By Greg Kowalski

The Hamtramck Historical Museum officially opened on Labor Day weekend, and to date hundreds of people have visited the site.

What they have seen so far is just the beginning. Only

now being stored on the first floor will be moved upstairs and the first floor will be repainted and recarpeted. More display cabinets will be added and an area will be designated for programming. All this could happen before

various ethnic groups in the town to ensure that they understand the museum belongs to all Hamtramckans, regardless of which country they come from and how long they have lived here.

For now, everyone can visit and see the fascinating items on display. Probably the most popular piece is the authentic Prohibition Era still in the front window. This was recovered from a building in Hamtramck. It's unusual in its completeness. Not only does it have the cooking pot where the mash was boiled, it even has the original small stove

that the cooker sat on. The bottles and jars with the still were all from the same setup.

During Prohibition – roughly from 1919 to 1933 – Hamtramck was a wide open town where liquor laws were flaunted. Corruption was so intense that in 1923 the Michigan State Police took over law enforcement operations. They raided houses and businesses where illegal liquor was being produced at a furious rate. Dozens of places were raided – to no avail. The drinks flowed with abandon.

Illegal liquor was produced in the city long after Prohibition ended. Even in the early 1960s, police found homemade stills operating in garages, basements and at-

tics. It's all part of the lore of Hamtramck.

Find out more by visiting the Hamtramck Historical Museum. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information about

the museum, call (313) 893-5027. Or, go to www.hamtramckhistory.org.

(Greg Kowalski is the Chairman of the Hamtramck Historical Commission.)



A homemade distillery is on exhibit at the new Hamtramck Historical Museum. During Prohibition Hamtramck was famous for ignoring the national ban on alcohol sales and consumption.

about a third of the first floor of the building, at 9525 Jos. Campau, between Poland and Norwalk streets, is being used for displaying items. But already two new display cabinets have been added to the space in the last two weeks.

Once renovations are completed on the second floor, the huge quantity of material

the end of the year.

Then the museum will fully live up to its mission, which is not only to place items on display but to serve as a community center where a wide variety of programs will be offered that reflect the history and rich diversity and culture of Hamtramck.

The museum will be launching outreach programs to the

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 24-30.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

- Officers found a 13-year-old girl who had been reported as missing from her parents' house in Detroit. Her grandmother reported her whereabouts on Casmere St. A caseworker was notified of the location and picked the child up later in the day.

- An Evaline St. resident said her 15-year-old son ran away from home.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for grabbing a person's cell phone.

- A Klinger St. resident reported that someone opened five Verizon phone accounts in her name without permission.

- A Dequindre St. resident reported someone broke into her garage and stole her pink bike.

- Officers recovered a small brown male Pomeranian dog from 11411 Jos. Campau. The dog was transported to the Westland Humane Society.

- An Andrus St. resident was arrested at his residence on an outstanding Hamtramck warrant.

- A Detroit resident reported a male suspect with curly hair stole her gray pit bull while her daughter was walking it in the 12000 block of Klinger St.

- A sewer grate was reported missing from the 11600 block of Sobieski St.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

- A landlord reported someone started a fire in the front and rear doors of an Oliver St. residence where one of his tenants lives.

- A man was assaulted at a laundromat and during the assault the victim dropped his phone. The male suspect, who was wearing a green hat and black shirt, picked up the phone and fled.

Thursday, Sept. 26

- A resident from the 11300 block of St. Aubin St. reported

that someone attempted to break into her residence through the front window. She said she confronted the suspect who then fled.

- A Whalen St. resident reported that someone forced entry into his garage and stole assorted items.

- A Caniff business owner reported that someone gained entry into her business and stole a checkbook and several other items. A neighboring business also reported someone broke in by prying open the back door and stole money and other items.

- A Nagel St. resident reported that someone fraudulently used his Social Security number to collect his federal income tax return.

- A former Hamtramck resident reported that a student aid check that had been mailed to her former Hamtramck address had been cashed in Hamtramck at a party store.

- A Belmont St. man reported his camera was stolen from his unlocked car.

- Officers went to a residence on Hanley St., looking for a suspect with an open felony warrant out of Hamtramck. Officers located the suspect who had fled into a residence. After being tased the suspect was arrested.

Friday, Sept. 27

- A resident in the 11500 block of Lumpkin St. reported his car was stolen from in front of his residence.

- At about 2 a.m., two people said that they were robbed at gunpoint while walking in the Yemans and Charest area. They said there were two male suspects, one wearing a green hoodie and the other a black hoodie. The suspects fled on foot.

- At a little after 9 a.m., a resident was arrested for being disorderly.

- A woman from the Grand Rapids area reported two men bought her vehicle in Hamtramck with a fraudulent cashier's check from Huntington Bank.

- A Hamtramck woman reported someone charged over \$500 on her Huntington Bank debit card. All charges were in Hamtramck at local businesses and ATM's.

- A Hamtramck man from Evaline St. was arrested after he got in a fight with his father and ripped up \$200 in cash.

Saturday, Sept. 28

- A Detroit resident was arrested after assaulting a person at Carpenter and Gallagher and for obstructing police.

- At about 9 p.m. an Edwin St. resident was caught slashing car tires of a Dorothy St. resident.

- A Holbrook St. resident reported that her cousin stole her bicycle, cell phone and Kindle.

- A Hamtramck juvenile, who had escaped from jail, was arrested after a foot chase.

- A Conant St. dental office reported that a patient stole a set of dentures.

- Officers responded to the area of Gallagher and Holbrook on a report of a disorderly group and one or more possibly armed with a gun. Officers arrested a Hamtramck man for possession of a replica firearm in the form of a BB gun.

- A woman reported being bitten by a dog on Roosevelt St. while she was delivering flowers.

- A Westland woman reported her purse was stolen from inside a Conant night club. Her keys, money and credit cards were taken.

Sunday, Sept. 29

- For the second time in a week, Checkers restaurant reported damage to its building. In the latest incident, someone damaged the drive-through speaker box.

- At 1:45 a.m., two people were arrested for fighting in public while in the 2300 block of Caniff.

- A woman living in the 3100 block of Jacob St. reported someone damaged the outside mirrors to her car.

- A Grand Haven St. woman reported that a man she knows stole a number of items from her.

Monday, Sept. 30

- A woman was arrested during a fight for not being licensed to carry a concealed weapon.

- A person was arrested at CVS Pharmacy for retail fraud, but the person had to be taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital after complaining about a health matter.

- A Hamtramck resident reported that someone opened four cell phone accounts in her name without permission.

- A Hamtramck woman reported receiving threatening phone calls and emails.

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SUNDAY, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. – St. Florian's second annual Polish Soup, in the church hall, featuring food and live entertainment.

Letters • Letters

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ning if we don't protect our city. Again I appeal to all the home owners, renters, transit people and people of diverse genders, if you are living here today, now, you have a stake in our city. It is your city too and you must take a stand for it. We must as, a community of people, send a strong message through our vote that we aren't going anywhere and we will chose our city officials through the vote.

I maybe going too far with this question, but it is a very honest one, coming from my heart to all who have a stake in the governing of our city. If you can't pronounce the first and last name or know something about them, than I ask you, should you vote for them?

If any of you have signs on your property and can't pro-

nounce the first and last name and you don't know anything about them, should that sign be there? What are you saying about yourself? Would they vote or display a sign for you or your love one if the stakes were different?"

I have no problem sharing who I am supporting:

- Mayor Karen Majewski
- 2 year seat for City Council - lan Perrotta
- 4 year seat for City Council - Titus Walters and Susan Dunn

My community of diversity, we must seize the time and come together for the sake of our city. Please vote and be wise in your voting.

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cently developed under the tutelage of his father, have gone into making the Rock City Eatery a place that reflects his multi-ethnic character.

Sanches and his father, described by Sanches as a "construction perfectionist," spent months laboring over the remodeling of the interior, ultimately creating a decor that is decidedly Detroit rustic.

Partially exposed brick walls (chiseled away by Sanches himself) and stained plywood floors (designed by Sanches' father), are part of the aesthetic that Sanches was going for, and fit in the budget.

Local artist David Moroz constructed much of the industrial chic seating. A colossal chandelier adds just the right amount of glittery glam, catching and reflecting the light from a series of DIY lighting fixtures crafted by Sanches' father. The piece de resistance is a set of massive metal bomb shelter doors, dragged up from the basement, that Sanches and his father lovingly sandblasted and then mounted to the wall.

Original artwork by musician and artist Niagara adorns the back wall. Local photographer and CCS instructor Kay Young provided large-scale original photographs of Patti Smith, Iggy Pop and Aretha Franklin,

which keeps in step with the local rock city theme and adds an eye-popping punch to the walls.

Good food, comfortable seating, budget-friendly prices, and accommodating hours of 11:30 am - 11 pm Monday through Saturday make Rock City Eatery a very welcome addition to town.

For more information, please visit Rock City Eatery's Face-

book page.

Final note: When asked how he landed in Hamtramck, Sanches gives the obvious answer: "Jason Freidmann wooed me here." Another, in a

long line of thank you's, to Jason Freidmann, who had been Hamtramck's Director of Community & Economic Development until a few weeks ago.

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