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## On Joseph Campau, history can be found almost everywhere

### Quick Hits

Set aside some time for next Saturday (June 9) for fun.

That's when a groundbreaking will happen for Hamtown Farms at St. Aubin and Wyandotte, starting at 9 a.m.

Mayor Karen Majewski will say a few words, and afterwards there will be activities for all ages, as well as free food and refreshments, courtesy of Maria's Comida.

Hamtown Farms is an ambitious project. Volunteers have tilled two lots, and plan to plant an orchard and garden.

Stop by and get your hands dirty.

**By Alan Madeleine**

Most people can figure out that Hamtramck has a lot of history behind it. That fact is likely about to get a whole lot more official.

Rebecca Binno Savage, with Hamtramck's DDA (Downtown Development Authority), is also the historic preservation lead, or point person, on an on-going project to designate 80 buildings along Jos. Campau as Historic Places on the National Register.

The project is well underway and, according to Binno Savage, is already at a point where its success is likely.

"Usually, once a project gets this far," it's a fairly foregone conclusion that it will be approved, Binno Savage says.

She seems well-acquainted with the process, which began, as it must, with a call to Lansing.



Some 80 buildings on Jos. Campau, including the Campau Tower, have received historical designation from the state. City officials are now seeking historical designation from the federal parks agency.

"Initially, you go to the state's national registry coordinator," she explains. That person comes to town, and looks over each of the various buildings in question.

Then, Binno Savage had to fill out the National Park Service's federal form NPS 10-900, also called the National Register of Historic Places

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### Council lines up for election

**By Charles Sercombe**

It seems like a majority of Hamtramck City Councilmembers would rather be somewhere else.

Four out of six councilmembers are seeking higher office in this year's elections for Wayne County Commissioner and State Rep.

Councilmembers Cathie Gordon and Tom Jankowski are both taking on incumbent County Commissioner Martha Scott.

In the State Rep. race, Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Robert Zwolak are running.

Gordon kicked off her campaign last Friday with a roast that served as a fundraiser.

She told The Review that she doubts she has much of a chance, but sees the race as a way to see if she can get more votes than Jankowski.

Presumably the two might be squaring off next year when the mayor's seat is up for election.

But in the bigger picture of things, Gordon said Hamtramck is "long overdue" to have a representative sitting on the county commission. The last person to represent Hamtramck may have been Chester Wozniak, back in the 1950s or '60s.

As a consequence, Gordon said, "Hamtramck is on the bottom of the list" when it comes to getting public works done, such as the paving of Conant.

Jankowski echoed that sentiment, saying "we get nothing from (Commissioner)

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### 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.

**"The county won't even talk to us about it."**

## Muralist weighs in on street art debate



Hamtramck muralist Dennis Orłowski says the recently commissioned street art does not reflect the community.

**By Charles Sercombe**

With the debate still going on over street art here in town, we asked Hamtramck's most well-known muralist what he thinks of the fuss.

Fans of street art, you're not going to like this, but then again, supporters of this kind of art say it should spark public discussion.

So, here goes.

Muralist Dennis Orłowski said he's not impressed with the work of the internationally-known artists who were commissioned to create the works, which can be seen on several buildings in town.

"To me, it's like in your face," Orłowski said. "There is no harmonization."

Orłowski is a retired art teacher from the Detroit schools, and has been painting murals here in town, and elsewhere, for decades. His most well-known piece is in Pope Park, which depicts a Polish village square, populated with the likeness of local people from the 1980s.

Orłowski said public art

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Registration form. In this particular case, because of the high volume of properties up for the designation here on Jos. Campau, that form ran 62 pages long once completed, each page dense with type. The bulk of it, pages 5 through 47, is taken up by an inventory of all of the individual properties, including a paragraph describing each building, and then another paragraph each expounding on each building's history, to the extent that history is known.

The properties span 21 blocks along Jos. Campau, from down on Lehman Street (one street south of Holbrook) north to Pulaski (four streets north of Caniff). There are a total of 130 properties within that stretch, of which 80 are "contributing to" the district, according to a press release, and therefore eligible for the designation.

About two weeks ago, on May 18, Binno Savage says, the application was presented in Lansing to the State His-

toric Review Board, and they approved it. She does still have to complete a detailed map of the each property including, for example, lot measurements. She expects to have that fully completed and off to Lansing by next week, she says.

When the state has everything it needs from her, it will then forward the whole package to the National Park Service. They, in turn, have 45 days to approve it.

Binno Savage says that, while she was the one ultimately charged with putting together this massive document, the project was in fact initiated by Jason Friedmann, Hamtramck's Director of Community & Economic Development, and used the writing and research of city historian Greg Kowalski as the basis for much of the historical background for the inventory.

Dr. Ted Radzilowski was also helpful in that area, she adds. Most of the property owners

involved will be glad to see this happen, Binno Savage indicated in the press release.

Asked about specific buildings she thinks are real city treasures, she cites the one owned by Mark Hausner on the northwest corner of Jos. Campau and Belmont – the tallest building on the strip – as well as Campau Towers, the bank buildings of PNC, Huntington and Talmer, and even the Shoppers World building which, while it may not seem that architecturally significant as it stands, actually could benefit a lot from the potential tax breaks afforded by the historical designation.

The upshot of all this is, that any building so designated will net a 20 percent property tax break for any owner who wishes to use said savings toward rehabilitating the structure. Additionally, the designation provides some federal protection against its own other departments' projects. For example a federal

highway loop being drawn through the middle of town would be restricted from impacting the designated structures.

Owners can still choose to do anything to the buildings that they want to with their own funds, however, including totally razing them, making radical changes to them, or anything else allowed by the city.

And while this would be Hamtramck's largest such district, it wouldn't be the first.

"There is actually already a 'St. Florian District' in place," Binno Savage says, "although, that's mostly residential structures."

For her part, once this project is successfully up and running, she'll then be moving on to a couple of other ones, this time in Detroit.

But the benefits of all the work that she and others have done should last this city for quite some time. Here's a deal where everyone, it would seem, wins.

# Council lines up for election

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Scott."

Plus, he said, there is a good chance the county jail here in Hamtramck will close.

Local inquiries from city officials, he said, go unanswered.

"The county won't even talk to us about it," Jankowski said.

Scott has spent decades in one office or another, serving

as mayor of Highland Park, State Rep., Senator and even way back as a county commissioner.

Her roots go deep in her district, and it's unlikely she can be beat. However, she has aligned herself with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who might be considered a political liability with all the scandals popping up around his administration.

Hassan has let it be known that he has higher aspirations since he took a seat on the council. He created a little stir in town when a candidate list was made public. According to the list, Hassan listed his city as Detroit.

But as it turned out, Hassan used a Conant address as his mailing address. In his candidate affidavit, he said his residence is in Hamtramck, at 2425 Neibel.

Zwolak is no stranger in running for outside office, having run for just about every office in the past three or four decades.

It's not unusual for members of any city council to use the local office as a stepping stone to higher offices.

But Mayor Karen Majewski said that, although she doesn't question their motives, they should serve out their terms in office before moving on to another.

"You have an obligation to fulfill your term," she said.

There are other locals running for office, some familiar, some not.

Longtime county Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz is seeking another term. He lives on Gallagher, in the "Grosse Pointe" (with the nice big, brick houses) section of the block.

Perennial candidate for county sheriff, Taras Nykoriak, is once again running as the sole Republican. Wayne County is a staunch Democratic county, and there's not even a remote chance of a Republican getting the job as sheriff.

Also running for State Rep. are Ron Michalski, a political unknown, and Beverly Tran, who has been working for Congressman John Conyers.

Tran has also run for city council in Hamtramck.

# Muralist weighs in on street art debate

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should be "humble to the people of the city."

The street art that was recently created, does not reflect life in the Hamtramck. Most of the murals are abstracts. One, though, has caused controversy. It depicts six cartoon characters carrying a coffin.

Some folks in town have de-

manded that this mural be removed because of the perceived negative connotations.

"That's why most mural artists are older," Orlowksi said. "You have to live life to know what to put on a wall."

The street art, he said, "is so generic. You see it everywhere."



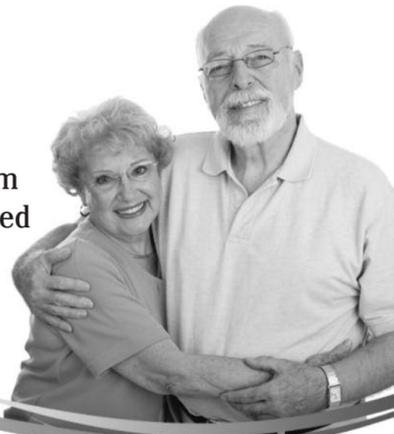
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**Story Time for Children** - Saturday, June 2, at noon. Join your friends at the library for a reading of "I Ain't Gonna Paint No More."

**ESL Class with Christine Templin** - Saturday, June 2 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Monday, June 4 at noon. Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge course. At this time the class is full. Call to check for openings. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

**Computer Classes for Advanced Users** - Monday, June 4 at 1 p.m. Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

**Toddler Time at the Library** - Monday June 4 at noon. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. This week's book is "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

**Citizenship Preparatory Program** - Tuesday, June 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit will conduct citizenship workshops. Residents interested in becoming U.S. citizens are invited to meet with a team of attorneys who will guide them in this process.

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Tuesday, June 5 at noon. Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge course. Two classes are offered on Tuesday at noon, and 1 p.m. At this time the class is full, call to check for openings. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

**Math Club Meeting** - Tuesday, June 5 at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club, math tutoring and Math Kangaroo competition.

**ESL Conversation Class** - Tuesday, June 5 at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

**ESL Class with Ms. Templin** - Wednesday, June 6 at noon. Christine Templin is the instructor for the ESL class for beginners. Everyone is invited. Free to the public.

**Movie Screening "The Amazing Cynicalman"** - June 6 at 7 p.m. The premiere of "The Amazing Cynicalman," directed by Matt Feazell and shot in Hamtramck with all local actors, will be shown in the library auditorium on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Free to the public.

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Thursday, June 7 at noon. Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge course. Three classes are offered on Thursday at noon, 1 and 2 p.m.. At this time the class is full. Call to check for openings. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

**Welcoming Michigan Meeting** - Thursday, June 7 at 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by a local grass roots cooperative working to promote mutual respect and cooperation between foreign born and U.S. born Americans.

**Movie Night** - Thursday, June 7 at 4 p.m. All children are invited for a movie and popcorn. This week's feature is "Kung Fu Panda 2."

**ESL News for You** - Friday, June 8 at 3:30 p.m. ESL reading and discussion class with Latisha Edge. Free to the public.

**Family Game Night** - Thursday, June 14 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in games and contests during the family night.

**Meeting of the Library Board** - Thursday, June 14 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

**Friends of the Library Meeting** - Thursday, June 21 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday, invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

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# Second Front Page

## A long wait for demolition finally pays off

By Charles Sercombe

After nearly a year of waiting, two houses on Faber St. destroyed in a fierce fire last July have been demolished and removed.

A third house is still waiting to come down, but will be demo'd sometime in the next two weeks, said Jason Friedmann, the city's Director of Community & Economic Development.

While more affluent communities would have had the structures removed weeks, if not days, after the fire, Hamtramck had to scramble for funding. Two of the houses

had no insurance coverage, which meant no money from an insurance company to cover demolition costs.

Usually an insured house will have several thousand dollars reserved for demolition costs in the case of a catastrophic fire.

Friedmann said the city was able to tap into funding from the Downtown Development Authority.

Friedmann said federal funding will become available to fund more demolitions, about 50 in all. That project should begin in the next several weeks.



Two out of three houses that were destroyed in a fire last July were finally demolished and removed last week. A third house will come down soon.



by Alan Madeleine

Crime Log is compiled from Hamtramck Police Reports from between the dates of Tuesday, May 22 (continued from last week), and Wednesday, May 30, 2012.

(Continued from) Tuesday, May 22:

• A resident of a home in the 3400 block of Evaline reported a break-in that would have occurred the day before, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Missing were a Gary Fisher brand mountain bike and a Weed Whip.

• A person living in the 9500 block of McDougall reported an attempted phone scam, wherein she was notified that she had won a vehicle, but would have to provide money first in order to claim it.

From Wednesday, May 23:

• A man was arrested for aggravated assault, a CCW violation and malicious destruction of property by officers investigating a disturbance in the 3300 block of Trowbridge. The gun was tagged into evidence.

• A woman living in the 2600 block of Trowbridge reported the theft of unspecified property from her yard.

• A man living in the 11500 block of Lumpkin reported the theft of a motor scooter.

• Officers issued a man an or-

dinance violation for public intoxication, then had Hamtramck EMS transfer him to Detroit Receiving Hospital as he was barely able to walk, and registered a .339 blood alcohol level.

• A man living in the 3400 block of Evaline stated that someone broke in and stole a .22 caliber rifle.

• At about 5:30 p.m., two men were arrested at the scene of a large fight, after being told to leave the area and refusing to do so.

From Thursday, May 24:

• A meat-processing business in the 2200 block of Holbrook reported the theft of a cash deposit. The report did not state the amount in question.

From Friday, May 25:

• A man was arrested for assault and battery, and possession of cocaine, by officers investigating a fight at a bar in the 3000 block of Holbrook.

• A woman living in the 2200 block of Goodson reported that a black male attempted to break into her garage, but fled when she turned on the back light.

• Two women were arrested for stealing a hat from a gas station in the 2000 block of Caniff. One also had a city warrant.

• At 8:52 a.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious suitcase at the main

entrance of a bank in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau. No further action reported.

• A woman reported someone opening a DTE account in her name.

• A man reported that a safe that he owned, but which he was keeping in a building that he no longer owned, had been broken into, and the undescribed contents stolen.

• A man reported being attacked by another man, known to him, who was brandishing a knife, at the latter's home on Lehman.

From Saturday, May 26:

• Two men were arrested for attempted auto theft. No other details given in the report.

• A woman reported her 2005 Honda Odyssey, license plate number 9JQF96, taken from in front of a location in the 2600 block of Trowbridge, sometime between the previous day at 9 p.m. and this morning at 9 a.m.

From Sunday, May 27:

• Police responded to a reported assault that happened at Jos. Campau and Holmes. No further details.

• A woman living in the 11400 block of Lumpkin reported that someone used her Discover credit card to make several unauthorized purchases.

• A man was arrested at a su-

permarket in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau for being disorderly.

• A man living in the 5200 block of Yemans reported his 2005 white Chevrolet Impala, license plate number CKP 3435, stolen sometime between midnight (?) and 1:30 p.m. today.

• A man residing on Trowbridge was arrested at a fast food store in the 10300 block of Jos. Campau after officers found him to be belligerent, refusing to leave, and throwing his food at the people behind the counter.

From Monday, May 28:

• A man living in the 12000 block of Oklahoma reported that a black male came to his door, claiming to be looking for someone not known to the homeowner. The suspect then pulled a handgun and fired a shot at the homeowner, missing him. The bullet stuck in the door frame. The suspect fled in a dark SUV.

• A man was arrested for window peeping and resisting/ob-

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"Also, congratulations to Dickinson East teacher Miss Dina and all other staff members for the successful 13th annual Multi-Cultural Event held on the playground at DE on Wednesday evening. Several hundred people attended this event. As usual, our talented public school students

were fantastic.

"Last but not least congratulations to Hamtramck High School teacher Ms. Coral and all other staff members that participated in the highly organized senior portfolio night

on Tuesday. It truly was an impressive activity.

"It has been a busy week for HPS. Thanks to everyone for helping."



Sophia Baldoumos, a Dickinson West Elementary first grader, and her sister Ava Baldoumos, who is a kindergartner, enjoy playing Lego.

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  - Promote Small Business Entrepreneurship in the community
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  - Promote Youths and Women involvement in the US Political Process
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## Obituaries

### TRYPUS

Lillian Helen Trypus, 97, died on May 23, 2012.

Mrs. Trypus was a retired beautician.

Mrs. Trypus was predeceased by her husband, Casmere and daughter, Palma Golebiewski. She is survived by her daughters Charlene Priputen and Delphine DeRamer; nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday, May 29, from 1 to 9 p.m., at Jurkiewicz and Wilk Funeral Home with burial Wednesday, May 30, at Meadowcrest Cemetery.

### PSZCZOLOWSKI

Louise Pszczolowski, 94, died on May 30, 2012.

Mrs. Pszczolowski was retired from Chrysler Corporation. She was a member of PLAV Post 10, AMVETS Post 25, and VFW Post 4162.

Mrs. Pszczolowski is survived by her daughter, Gerry (Tony) Wietecha; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild.

Visitation is at Krot Funeral Home on Sunday, June 3, from 3 to 8 p.m. with Parish rosary at 6:30 p.m. Funeral service is at Krot Funeral Home, Monday, June 4, at 9:30 a.m., followed by Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Ladislaus Church. Burial is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.



## Hamtramck honors our war dead

By Charles Sercombe

On Monday, local vets and residents observed Memorial Day, but this year things were a little different.

Instead of holding a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, things moved indoors to St. Lad's, where a Mass was

held and a ceremony followed.

The traditional laying of the wreaths also took place.

There was a nice gathering, but there appears to be fewer and fewer people involved than in previous years.



## Trish Astrology

### ARIES (March 21-April 19):

If you would learn something new, it's been said, take the path you took yesterday. It's especially true now that everyone's wandering around glued to cell phone screens. Stars say pay attention while traveling a familiar path this week Aries, and we'll discover something new instead of tripping over it.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Math is easy; design is hard, says Jeffrey Veen. Stars say math upsets our plans this week Taurus. It's a good thing we always have a Plan B. If we don't have a Plan B we're reading the wrong horoscope-jump to Sagittarius. Those guys were born believing Plan A will always succeed.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

"Your future together holds such promise," Miss Piggy advises new brides. "Why ruin it by telling him your plans?" Stars say someone is surprised when a plan is revealed this week Gemini. Chalk another exciting rela-

tionship moment up to our being overly fluent in our own language.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22):

If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there it's been said. Stars say this week we get evidence that our destination is unclear Cancer. Wasn't the invention of GPS supposed to eliminate this problem?

### LEO (July 23-Aug 22):

"New customers are like razor-toothed gee worms," say the Ferengi, Star-Trek's race of über-capitalist aliens. "They can be succulent, but sometimes they bite back." A new contact provides excitement this week Leo. Keep high expectations—and bandages—on hand, so we're ready for any eventuality.

### VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22):

"I've always been famous," says Lady Gaga, "it's just no one knew it yet." We find ourselves being followed by people we don't recognize but who seem to know us Virgo. We're either finally getting the

attention we deserve, or once again we've forgotten how weird our housemates are.

### LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22):

We're feeling homesick for a place we've never known this week Libra. Stars say it's a good week to either go someplace we've never been, or get a new perspective on a current location. Setting up camp complete with tent in the neighbor's yard when they're not looking should work.

### SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21):

The word "desire," and the word "sweat" share the same root. No one knows this better than us—we always wish too hard for the things we wish for. Stars say this week we're wishing ourselves into a sweat once again. At least now we know to add "extra deodorant" to our shopping wish list.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21):

They say that love is two hearts beating as one. We've always thought that sounds more like a medical experiment than love. A surprise in partnerships gives us clue as to whether we need more or less independence Sadge. Stars say no need to check our pulse—it's going to be elevated either way.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19):

The big picture for our life has a conflict with the details this week Cappy. Stars say our task is to figure out which one started the fight and reduce its allowance.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18):

If design isn't profitable, says Henrik Fiskar, then it's art. There's a conflict between form and function in our life this week Aquarius. Hopefully this doesn't mean we bought the wrong sized batteries yet again.

### PISCES (Feb 19-March 20):

"It's better to be a human being dissatisfied than a pig satisfied," said John Stuart Mills. "Better to be Socrates dissatisfied than a fool satisfied." Stars say dissatisfaction is in our stars this week Pisces. At least we can be glad we're not a happy pig.

**Trish Marie is a professional astrologer based in SE Michigan. She first discovered the sky is talking in 1996. It hasn't shut up since. So much for space being silent. Contact Trish Marie at Trishmare7@aol.com and discover what astrology can do for you.**



*Real Esteals highlights some of Hamtramck's best properties on the market, and most likely ones that you can purchase for a steal. Get them while you can folks because eventually, the real estate market will come back.*

By Charles Sercombe

Thinking of getting into the bar business?

Maybe even open up a swanky little spot in the heart of Hamtramck?

If this got your attention, then look no further than the former Trowbridge House of Coffee. The spot, on Jos. Campau and Trowbridge was also known as Lush at one time.

We're not sure why it was ever called Trowbridge House of Coffee because it was never a coffee house.

It's been closed for a couple of years now, for reasons unknown. But it's a good bet the place is pretty much the same as the last day it was open.

Which is to say, fabulous.

It reminds us of a New York-styled bar, long and narrow in the front and opens up in the

back. The place was redone in a great, sophisticated style. At one time this was THE place to go if you were into techno.

The bar even has a huge kitchen that's up to date on health codes.

The building comes with two, one-bedroom apartments upstairs. For \$250,000 you get the building and its liquor permit.

son."

The bar goes back a bit. We remember it being a crusty old man bar, way back in the 1980s. A female friend of ours ordered a gin and tonic back the in the day and almost got thrown out.

It was strictly a shot and a beer joint.

It's funny how places here in town get reinvented. The bar is waiting for you – or any-



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## Block Club Corner ...

### 3C7 Block Club Meeting

When: Second Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: People's Senior Center, 2339 Caniff St.

For: residents that live between Caniff and Carpenter and between Jos. Campau and I-75

### Hamtramck Heights Neighborhood Association (4Cs Block Club) Meeting

When: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: Hamtramck Community Center (11350 Charest St.)

For: residents that live between Caniff and Carpenter and between Conant and Jos. Campau

### East Side Block Club Meeting

When: Second Monday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: Our Lady Queen of Apostles Activity Center

For: residents that live East of Conant.

### Midtown Block Club Meeting

When: Third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: St Florian 2626 Poland Street

For: residents that live between Caniff and Holbrook and between Jos. Campau and I-75.

### Senior Plaza Block Club Meeting

When: Fourth Monday of every month, 4-5 p.m.

Where: 2620 Holbrook St

For: Residents of the Hamtramck Senior Plaza

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



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structing officers in the 2200 block of Bernard.

A man reported being assaulted by a man, not known to him, while at Jos. Campau and Roosevelt. He could not provide any description of the attacker. He was treated at the scene by EMS.

At 9:10 a.m., a man was arrested at a grocery store in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau for criminal child neglect/endangerment, after leaving his two-year-old son in his unattended vehicle. Officers impounded three improperly registered vehicles parked in the Town Center mall lot with "For Sale" signs on them.

Onstar contacted the station to report a Pontiac Grand Prix taken in a Detroit carjacking was shown, by GPS, to be traveling near Commor and Grand Haven. Responding officers found another parked Grand Prix with the stolen car's plate now on it, indicating that the stolen vehicle would also now have improper

plate CKU 9583 on it.

### From Tuesday, May 29:

A woman reported her 1999 Dodge Caravan van, license plate BIZ 2876, stolen from in front of a location in the 2900 block of Yemens. She heard the vehicle being started up, and saw the suspect fleeing in the van northbound on Jos. Campau from Yemens.

A man reported his 1998 Jeep Cherokee, license plate CFA 7821, taken from a location in the 2200 block of Belmont, sometime between yesterday at 10:00 p.m. and today at 7:45 a.m.

A man reported his red Craftsman lawnmower stolen from his backyard in the 3000 block of Yemens, sometime between Saturday, May 26 at 8:00 a.m., and Sunday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m.

At 12:20 p.m., a woman living at an undisclosed location stated that three Middle Eastern men came to her home, claiming that they "needed to fix some-

thing inside her house." When she told them she was calling the police, they fled in a black compact car. One suspect was described as being 5'4", and wearing a salmon-pink shirt and beige pants.

A man living in the 3300 block of Caniff reported the rear window of his 2000 Chevrolet Lumina was broken, sometime between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### From Wednesday, May 30:

A woman reported that the father of her unborn child called her, threatening to shoot up her house and blow up her car.

A woman reported the theft of her 2007 Toyota, license plate CCT 0777, from in front of a location in the 3100 block of Caniff sometime between 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

A woman reported that her son had taken her window air conditioner from her home in the 3400 block of Evaline on May 22. The item was located at Video 22 yesterday, where it had been pawned.

A liquor store in the 2600

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# City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the scoop and the highlights – as well as the lowlights – of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

We didn't have space in the last three issues for a recap of the May city council meetings, but this week we do.

Here's a look back at from both meetings.

At the May 8 meeting, all councilmembers were present. The meeting ran for three hours, and the council then went into a closed meeting.

Art and ice cream trucks were the prominent issues of the night.

Yes, you read that right.

First up was Jason Friedmann, the city's Director of Community & Economic Development, who gave a brief overview of a mural project that occurred in four locations last week and this week.

Thanks to funding from the Montana Paint Co., which makes spray paint, several internationally-known graffiti artists were brought to Hamtramck to create public murals.

Friedmann said one reason to welcome graffiti art is that it discourages people from doing illegal graffiti on buildings.

"We need to remove blight and graffiti," Friedmann said.

The first installment was a "Welcome to Hamtramck" mural on a wall on Jos. Campau near Denton St. That project was completed several weeks ago.

Artists also created murals on the back exterior wall of

Keyworth Stadium, the side of a former veterans post hall on Holbrook, on the side of a loft building owned by the city at Jos. Campau and Goodson and another one on the side of a building at Jos. Campau and Dan.

Friedmann said encouraging public art is part of the city's master plan, which he pointed out was presented to the community numerous times.

Having said all that, Friedmann acknowledged that one of the murals has caused controversy.

That is a mural on the city-owned loft building which depicts known graffiti characters carrying a coffin that says "STREET ART" on it. There are some folks in town who think the mural symbolizes the death of Hamtramck.

A petition was submitted earlier in the day to city officials to remove the mural and also to prosecute the artist, although it was not said what the artist should be prosecuted for.

(Editor's note: What, for creating bad art? If that were the case, our prisons would be overflowing.)

Friedmann said that interpreting the mural as a symbol of Hamtramck's death is a "huge stretch."

Friedmann said a counter petition was also submitted, with this one being in support of the mural.

Councilmember Abdul Al-

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**Dear Reader:**  
In order not to appear narcissitic, I wish to inform you that I truly believe the Lord Jesus and The Holy Ghost work through my hands. For this that I write I will give God all the praise and glory. I however stand ready to defend this writing against any and all who might speak out against it.

Signed,  
William L. Zeunen

### Action and Words to Live By

I know you heard me, But were you listening  
Or were you waiting, For my mouth to close  
So yours could open  
Now that I have your attention

Let me say:

If I were a preacher  
What kind of preacher would I be?  
I'll be the fire and brimstone preacher,  
That's the kind of preacher I would be.  
I would tell you the difference between right and wrong.

Then ask you to listen to the two voices in your head.

The one telling you to do wrong (temptation)  
And the one telling you to do right (salvation)  
Spoken to you by your guardian angel assigned by God to watch over you.

Footnote: Temptation is not a sin,  
but to succumb to temptation is!

**The Stand**  
I'll stand.  
With arms high and heart abandoned.  
In awe of the one who gave it all  
I'll Stand.  
My soul, Lord to you  
I surrender  
All I am is yours.

### Sinner's Prayer

I believe that Jesus is the son of God.  
I believe he died for me on Calvary's tree  
Bearing my sins for me.  
I believe that he rose from the dead  
And is alive right now.  
Dear Lord Jesus, Come into my life now  
Come into my heart now.  
I believe in my heart.  
Therefore I say with my mouth  
That Jesus Christ is  
My personal Lord and Savior,  
and I am Right Now  
"BORN AGAIN". There is a place waiting  
for you in Heaven!

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And ask you to bless those that:  
Provided the food, Prepared the food  
Served the food, were nourished  
by the food.  
And, last but not least, those  
that cleaned up.

**Before you ask God for anything  
Thank God for everything  
Jesus is the reason for the season.  
We come to worship.  
We leave to serve.**

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### CRIME LOG

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block of Holmes reported the theft of a case of Little Debbie Donuts by several juveniles at 1:56 p.m.

• A resident of the 2200 block of Alice reported the theft of four blue office chairs from his yard, sometime today between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

• A 2001 Daewoo station wagon was impounded from a location off of Talbot and held for safekeeping, after a woman living on Caniff reported that the party she had legally purchased the car from on May 3 illegally took the vehicle back on today's date.

In addition, police made the following other arrests: four for domestic violence (as well as taking one other report of same, and additionally a report of one other case involving juveniles); nine during traffic stops, including three for presenting fraudulent insurance, two for driving on suspended licenses, one for same plus possessing narcotics paraphernalia, one for drunk driving and leaving the scene of an injury accident, and one for fleeing police; four for outstanding warrants, including one from Warren, and another involving extra charges for cocaine and marijuana possession; one for soliciting and possessing narcotics paraphernalia; one for open intoxicants; one for a probation violation.

They also recovered one vehicle stolen in Warren and received a report of one recovered that had been stolen here; took two reports of harassment; committed two persons; handled a DOA case; took a report of a PPO violation; checked out two reports of buildings or homes with open doors; and rescued a stray dog.

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Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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# Review: Opinion Page

## Setting up our schools for failure seems to be the plan

You seriously have to wonder if state officials are setting up local school districts for failure.

According to Hamtramck Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay, all schools have to pass certain performance tests, and that those who finish in the bottom 5 percent are subject to a number of actions, from being taken over by a state-appointed manager to abolishing the district, and then absorbing students into another district.

Hamtramck has one school, Holbrook Elementary, that could face action.

There is a flaw in this system, as one Hamtramck teacher pointed out in a recent school board meeting.

Even if the schools pass this year, at some point everyone will be on the bottom 5 percent. In other words, someone has to be on the bottom of each testing round even though they passed the year before.

In our view, this is an attack on union teachers, and

an attempt to privatize schools via the charter school system.

Just a few decades ago our country's educational system was the best in the world – the cornerstone of our democracy.

It seems to us that politicians – and even educators – have been hell bent on dismantling public education.

We need to boost education, not continue to defund it and raise hurdles that will set up schools for failure.

## Letters • Letters

### An open letter to the city

Dear Code Enforcement Officer Radtke:

Thank you for reminding me about the weeds in the alley behind my garage.

I had actually noticed recently how badly they looked and meant to pull them but kept forgetting. The only time I would see them is as I'm pulling in or out of my garage.

Having a full-time job and being the sole caregiver to my ailing 87-year-old father is quite time-consuming in itself but we have always prided ourselves on keeping our property neat and clean.

Which brings me to another issue.

When will the overflowing and/or open garbage receptacles violations be addressed? The open receptacles not only stink (and will stink worse as the weather gets warmer), but they also attract rats and other vermin.

I believe this is a serious issue in our city. Perhaps I have been addressing my requests to the wrong individual/department. I hope you can find a resolution to this problem which has been

prevalent for years and before the weather gets hot.

I have pulled the weeds behind my garage. Please let me know if I have done so to your satisfaction. I would hate to be in violation of any of the City's ordinances.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

**Christine Komisarz  
Hamtramck**

### For very little money you can help reduce feral cats

On the evening of May 23, I attended a presentation at Hamtramck City Hall sponsored by Kittyfixers and All About Animals.

We viewed a documentary about the well-proven method of trap-neuter-return, which is very effective in controlling the feral cat population by preventing reproduction.

It also de-stresses and contributes to a healthy, controlled feline presence in the city. Sterilized cats tend to be more stable, quiet and roam less, and if fed by a knowledgeable caretaker, they are less of a nuisance and can be beneficial in decreasing the

rodent population in urban locals.

The program offers the rental of traps (at no cost when returned), and All About Animals in Warren offers discount sterilization and financial programs as needed.

The cats are tattooed and one ear is clipped to identify sterilized ferals. They are also given a rabies vaccination.

Our own Hamtramck Cat Assistance Team (H-CAT) was represented at this training session.

This program works. We hope to get the All About Animals mobile unit to visit Hamtramck where your cats and dogs can be spayed or neutered right here in the city on site at a very reasonable fee.

Also, All About Animals is offering to neuter male cats for \$15 during June. Their phone number is (586) 879-1745, or go online at: [alaboutanimalsrescue.org](http://alaboutanimalsrescue.org).

I believe that all God's creatures are valuable and a little love and less cruelty can make a difference.

**Ilene Andrus  
Hamtramck**

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All proposals must be submitted no later than noon on June 29, 2012. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Hanley Harper Group and be clearly marked: Food Service Vended Meal Proposal.

## Odds & Ends

**Yer out!** ... Mayor Karen Majewski has been warming up her pitching arm for the past couple of weeks.

That's because tonight (June 1), she gets to throw out the honorary "first pitch" at Comerica Park in celebration of Polish-American Night.

Majewski said it's been some years since she's thrown a ball, at least like this, but she loved playing baseball when she was a young girl.

"I was serious about baseball," she said.

But, alas, back then, we won't say how long, there were no leagues for girls, and her baseball days were cut short.

Hmmmm. We didn't mean to throw a figurative curve ball here, because, after all, she gets go out to the field and throw a baseball!

**Too blue?** ... We received one call last week about some "jokes" we offered in our column, Toast of the Town, for the roast of Councilmember Cathie Gordon, which was held last Saturday at Gordon's bar, the New Dodge Lounge.

Let's just say the caller thought the jokes were way out of place for a family newspaper.

Well, Toast has been sent to his room without supper,

and he says he's awfully sorry for displaying such bad taste.

**Town Hall meeting** ... Yes, there will be one, on June 28 at People's Community Services, located at 8625 Jos. Campau. The meeting was called by Councilmember Robert Zwolak, and the topic of the meeting will be wide-ranging, but mostly about the city's financial situation.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m., and if the last one that was held is any guide, there will likely be a sizeable turnout.

**World premiere** ... This one slipped under the wire here at the office, so we're going straight to a press release sent to us by "Cynicalman" creator Matt Fezell.

He recently produced a movie based on his cartoon series. The movie will be shown next Wednesday (June 6) at the Hamtramck Public Library. Here's what Matt had to say about the project:

"The Amazing Cynicalman stars Jim Mackey as Cynicalman. ... It was shot on digital video in Hamtramck between April and August, 2010 with a local cast and crew and the help of a Warren-based production company, No Fun Films.

"Its soundtrack features

music by local bands Supermassive, The Badways, Fur, The Black List and Stephanie Loveless.

The comic strip is about the day-to-day doings of Cynicalman, 'America's Laid-Off Superhero,' who is constantly looking for work, ducking mad scientists and searching for the elusive second cup of coffee at the local hangout, Le Café.

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"Much of the exterior action takes place in Pope Park at the corner of Belmont and Joseph Campau where our heroes find themselves surrounded by an army of zombies in the climactic scene."

Hey, if there's free popcorn, we'll be there!

**Condolences** ... As we went to press, we heard that the daughter of longtime community activist Beatrice Woods died.

Marlene Collins had been living in Florida. There were no further details available about her death or funeral arrangements.



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# City Hall Insider ...

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Algazali questioned whether the artists had the necessary city permits. Friedmann said that, as the city's zoning enforcer, it was his decision to approve it.

Algazali also noted that "people who see this art every day live in Hamtramck."

That was apparently in response to an earlier comment that the murals will attract visitors.

Councilmember Cathie Gordon said she has no problem with the art, but she thinks the council should have been informed before the works were created so the council could give its input.

"You've got to work together," she said. "You can't have a handful of people making decisions."

Friedmann said he understands the concern, but said that art made by committee is often not really art.

*(Editor's note: It's bad art.)*

So ... moving on, there were several ice cream truck owners in attendance who were there to show support for an amendment on the table to make the city's zoning law less restrictive where ice cream trucks can be parked.

(Councilmember Algazali submitted the proposed amendment.)

Saad Almasmary said he was speaking for the truck owners, and said that many have been in business for 20 to 30 years.

"We're good-standing citizens," he said.

He said truck owners have, in recent years, been "harrassed, chased and ticketed."

Almasmary said the truck owners are simply trying to make a living and feed their families.

"There are no jobs out there," he said.

Susan Dunn of Hewitt St. said the ice cream truck

owners run generators at night to keep their products frozen, but that produces foul odors and noise.

She said the odor is so bad, she can't open her windows.

*(Editor's note: Dunn was later told to leave the meeting for making a personal attack on a councilmember. On the way out she said out loud about the mayor: "Stupid bitch.")*

Another person said that the noise keeps her kids up at night.

A truck owner said that he has been operating for 20 years, and questioned where people like Dunn have been before now.

Nasr Hussain, who is a member of the Hamtramck School Board, said that the city's zoning ordinance unfairly singles out ice cream trucks but allows cab owners to park in residential streets.

As for the ice cream truck ordinance amendment, it would allow truck owners to park their vehicles in their backyards as long as there is a concrete slab to park on.

In further discussion, the council agreed that the law should allow anyone with a peddler's license to park their vehicle in the backyard.

After a lengthy discussion, the council agreed to take the first step in amending the law. Mayor Karen Majew-

ski cautioned those in the audience supporting the amendment that a public hearing and a second reading of the amendment must take place. She said the amendment could change by that time.

Councilmember Zwolak

proposed informing residents through their water bills that they should not store valuable items in their basements because the city has experienced basement floods in the past.

*(Editor's note: the city's*

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## Other Voices: Guest Editorial Exactly what do you geek?

By Brad Alan Neff

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*(Mr. Neff is the School Librarian for the Hamtramck Public School District.)*

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## City of Hamtramck Town Hall Meeting

The City of Hamtramck is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2012, starting at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at People's Community Services, 8625 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI.

City staff will be presenting an overview of the City's financial situation, steps being taken to address the issues, and the reasoning for the course of action we are undertaking.

As part of this presentation, the City Council is asking for your input.

Please join us and let us know your thoughts.

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's office at (313) 876-7700, 48 hours before the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

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## City Hall Insider ...

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sewer lines are outdated and are prone to backing up when a heavy rain occurs.)

A question arose as to whether this notice will come back to harm the city if future flooding lawsuits are filed because the notice might be viewed as an admission of fault.

City Attorney Allen said the city has already admitted to fault in previous flooding lawsuits.

The council agreed to send out the notice.

A lengthy discussion was held on a proposal by Councilmember Gordon to require council approval for some purchases that are \$1,500 or more.

Mayor Majewski questioned the legality of the proposal, saying the city's purchasing ordinances says the council only votes on purchases that are \$10,000 or more.

City Attorney Allen said the proposal is "problematic."

Councilmember Jankowski

said that even though the council may be prohibited from voting on smaller purchases, the administration should adhere to the council's intent.

"That would be the smart thing to do," he said.

Acting City Manager Erik Tungate said he would be able to comply with the council's wishes.

Councilmember Zwolak suggested a fundraiser to fix the city's 18 flagpoles along Jos. Campau. He wants the public to "adopt" a pole to help pay for the repairs, which is estimated to cost \$9,500.

Zwolak said some flagpoles need up to \$600 worth of repairs. He said he is adopting a pole, which will cost \$99 to repair.

The council agreed to support the fundraiser.

John Hypnarowicz, the owner of Hippo's bar on Conant, said that once again no one has informed him of the upcoming Bangladesh Festi-

val on Conant. He said this year he is throwing a "Hippo Festival" the same weekend of the Bangladesh Festival.

"I don't know how it will coincide," he said.

Hypnarowicz said the Bangladesh Festival cuts into his business because parking space is taken away for his customers.

"I've got bills to pay, too," he said.

Hypnarowicz added: "The city has done nothing for me."

OK, now let's cut to the council meeting on May 23. All councilmembers were present, and the meeting ran nearly four hours.

Mickey Pokoj continued in his effort to have an artist's mural removed from the side of a city-owned building on Jos. Campau and Goodson. He noted that the mural recently attracted graffiti.

He said he previously submitted a petition with the names of 48 people who oppose the mural, and he said he will come back with a petition with 400 signatures.

"I will be a thorn on someone's side until that is removed," Pokoj said.

Beatrice Woods said she is against taxes, and questioned what the city is doing with its money. She also said she submitted a 17-page letter to the governor's office.

Phyllis Thomas said that although there new houses being built in Hamtramck, there is still a lot of blight. She the city should provide a service for people from "other countries" and inform of code requirements.

She also said the city needs to go to Congress and get federal funding.

Bill Meyer questioned why councilmembers won't allow themselves to respond to the public's questions.

"We need communication exchange," Meyer said.

As for the controversial mural, Meyer said it is "insensitive" to the community.

He noted that in Mexican Town, there are public murals depicting people and

flowers.

"It makes people happy," he said.

In a review of city bills, Councilmember Cathie Gordon said she has received calls from a contractor, Platinum, who is demanding payment on several bills.

Acting City Manager Tungate said he is aware of the bills, and said they are not being paid because they do

not comply with city policy.

He said he has talked with the owner of the company, and he plans to go over the bills with him.

Police Chief Max Garbarino received permission to partner with the Federal Marshal Service Violent Offender Task Force.

Garbarino said joining the task force will allow his department to tap into federal

resources, and bring in sweeps for offenders here in town.

The proposed 2012-2013 city budget was passed without discussion. Councilmembers Algazali and Hassan, however, voted against it. They did not explain their objection.

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