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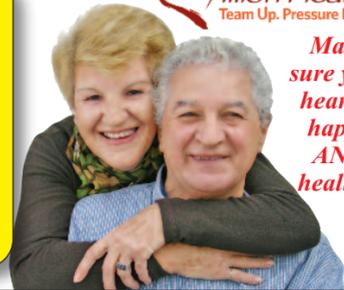
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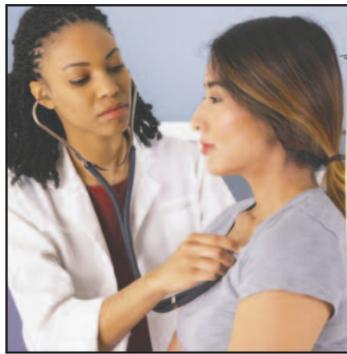
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

## 'Newsmaker of the Year' gave the city a new kick on life

By Charles Sercombe

With our annual Year in Review behind us, it left us to ponder what was the most important story of the year?

We say this every year, but it's so true for this little town: There are simply too many to choose from.

For example, the year 2016 was ushered in with the first-ever Muslim majority city council – a cultural turning point for Hamtramck, which for decades had been a Polish-American enclave.

National and international media outlets swooped into town to report on this major cultural/political changeover. With an influx of folks from Bangladesh, Yemen and Bosnia, most of whom are of the Muslim faith, the city's ethnic make-up is now permanently changed from being eastern-European centric.

This year also started out with the official appointment of Anne Moise as the city's first-ever female police chief. That's a major development considering the department is over 100 years old.

The city's beloved folk art creation, "Hamtramck Disneyland," was saved by possible destruction

thanks to the local arts collective, Hatch, stepping in to lead an online fundraiser to purchase the two houses that support the artwork.

"Hamtramck Disney-

traction. We came awfully, awfully close to name another first-ever as the most important development: A comprehensive plan to start repaving our streets

sewage. But the biggest bomb to drop on Hamtramck is one that we think earned the distinction of "Newsmaker of the Year," and will continue to jumpstart the city's renaissance: the first season of the Detroit City Football Club at Keyworth Stadium.

In a word, the club's establishment here is awesome. Why is that? From the get-go turnout for the games at Keyworth were higher than anticipated. It was initially thought about 4,000-5,000 fans would come out. Instead, 7,000 have been crowding the stadium.

Those fans have spilled out to local bars and restaurants as well – an injection of visitors this city badly needs. If the city could bottle the goodwill this team has come to represent, we'd all be millionaires.

But the best part is the money the club has brought in to upgrade Keyworth Stadium like never before. There have already been huge improvements to the infrastructure and grandstands, and there is much more to come thanks to a

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Above and below: The Detroit City Football Club draws several thousand fans to their games at Keyworth Stadium. The club's decision to relocate to Hamtramck in 2016 has spurred an economic revival in town. Photos by Konrad Maziarz.



land" will now forever be saved and remain a cultural treasure – not to mention a huge tourist attraction.

## Schools earn high marks

By Charles Sercombe

For the second year in a row, the Hamtramck Public School District has earned high marks in getting students into advanced placement courses.

Recently, the Michigan Department of Education announced 23 state school districts were among 433 school districts in the nation and Canada that qualified for advanced placement honor roll status by the College Board's 7th Annual Honor Roll.

What it means is that students in the Hamtramck Public Schools continue to place high in advanced placement (AP) courses.

"Reaching these goals shows that these districts are successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP," said State Superintendent Brian Whiston in a press release.

"In our goal to make Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years, we need to promote greater access to AP opportunities for all students," Whiston said. "Every student should graduate from high school with up to 60 transferable college credits or a recognized industry credential/certificate

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## Quick Hits

In last week's Year in Review we neglected to mention the name of the business that was partly damaged by a fatal traffic accident.

That business was Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home (located at Caniff and Brombach), and we are happy to say that the Wilk family is still going strong. Fortunately, the building was not too badly damaged and their service is still in operation.

The Review apologizes for the omission.

The Wilk family have been key members of the community for many years. Owner Mike Wilk has served in a number of roles in the city, most notably as City Treasurer for several years.

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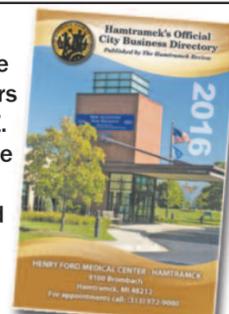
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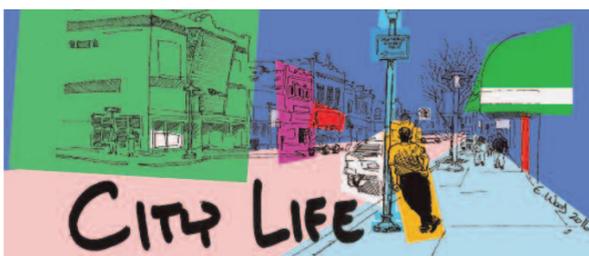
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## 2016: year of growth and activity

By Walter Wasacz

My thoughts turn to walking on an inhospitable early January day, when the wind gusts are blowing and battering the walls and windows of my old house.

But I will not, I've decided, walk today. I caught some kind of bug over the holidays. My head is stuffed and my throat is scratchy, so I have opted for a spot in the corner of the couch, a new playlist of winter love songs playing in my ear, some therapeutic teas now and hot soups later to warm both body and soul.

So I reminisce instead of 2016, thinking of some of my favorite long walk adventures and community highlights experienced during the year. I

was not the only one: the good times – and there were a bunch – were shared by many of us.

### Expanding my range

In the last year, I put my walking practice through some interesting new tests. Though I began what I call my “Hamtramck Rules” philosophy of transportation in the 1990s – that is, to get around locally I walk, never getting behind the wheel of a car unless I am leaving the city – I expanded my range significantly last year.

First I started walking as far north as Davison, northwest to the Hamtramck-Detroit-Highland Park city limits at the tracks that run alongside the Col. Hamtramck Housing Projects, and south-

east to the Miller-Dwyer neighborhood.

I also continued some of my favorite long walks to the far northeast side of the city and beyond into Detroit neighborhoods along the Mound and Mt. Elliott corridors.

Last spring I decided I would walk not drive to visit friends that lived in the north Cass Corridor near Wayne State University. I met a friend for coffee at the Detroit Institute of Arts and for drinks at Seva, in the block bordered by Forest, John R, Woodward and Garfield.

My longest walk was to old Chinatown, which is experiencing an economic revival but also under threat of losing a connection to its own historical soul as new money reshapes the neighborhood.

The walk was five miles each way. The distance helped put thoughts into focus for an article about the intersection of past, present and future I wrote for another publication.

Later in the year, I did a similar meditative walking story based on urban hikes in downriver industrial communities River Rouge, Ecorse and Wyandotte, where I did four major walks over a month's time.

I did not walk from Hamtramck to River Rouge, but I would have liked to. It would be a massive undertaking, a one-way trek of over 12 miles, easily a four-hour journey.

Just thinking of how to make that happen, and what a moveable specta-

cle it would be to experience a route through the North End, Milwaukee Junction, Midtown, Downtown, Corktown and Delray gives me a thrill.

Not to mention thoughts of Twin Valley Conference competition between the Cosmos and the Panthers in the 1960s, when I became aware of quality high school basketball.

Later this month, I'll do another walkable discovery story beginning in North Corktown and getting lost somewhere in the vastness of Southwest Detroit, including the Mexicantown neighborhood. I have thoughts to do a walk-write-DJ project in Grand Rapids later this year, but have to still set it up with a friend who publishes an online magazine in that city.

### 2016 community life highlights

The last two editions of The Review captured the year that was in community news stories; I thought I'd add my own review of a year in art, music and fun, three of the city's greatest assets:

Two events that make winter in Hamtramck more than bearable are Paczki Day (and the Paczki Run held the Saturday before Fat Tuesday) and the Hamtramck Music Festival, held the first long weekend of March.

In 2016, Paczki Day was in early February, but thanks to the mild winter we enjoyed last year the weather was near-perfect. This year, it falls on Feb. 28, that's six weeks and five days before Easter, which will be celebrated

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# 'Newsmaker of the Year' gave the city a new kick on life

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successful fundraising drive by the club.

This stadium is no ordinary structure. It was built in the 1930s under the Works Progress Administration – a nationwide effort that put millions of Americans to work during the height of the 1930s Great Depression.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt came there to officially dedicate it. Now that's some pretty impressive history.

None of this restoration and infusion of energy into this community would

have happened without the vision of Hamtramck Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay, the Hamtramck School Board and the district administration.

This project took a couple of years to make it happen, and school officials opened their doors to speed it along.

We owe the district a huge thanks for giving this community a much needed kick in the rear.

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# Second Front Page

## Gwiazda Dance School members welcome a special visitor

By **Nicholas J. Nowakowski**  
Special to The Review

Baseball season in Detroit was a long way off a week before Christmas. But it felt like it was right around the corner for members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers and their families during the group's annual Christmas party. The dancers received a surprise visit from a member of Poland's National Baseball Team, Ray Wojtala (#30).

Founded in Hamtramck in 1960, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers gathered on Dec. 16 at their practice space at P.L.A.V. General Sikorski Post #10 for their annual Christmas Party. There was a potluck, games, carols, and lots of Christmas cheer.

As the evening progressed, the dancers received two special visitors. The first visitor was St. Nicholas (w. Mikolaj). St. Nicholas called up each dancer and gave them each a present.

This year's presents were T-shirts, new for 2017, to support the Polish National Baseball Team.

The dancers can wear these shirts as the Polish National Baseball Team competes in the European Cup Tournament this summer in Miejska Gorka (a village

located between Poznan and Wroclaw), Poland and perhaps to the 2017 Detroit Tigers' Polish American Night at Comerica Park.

The second visitor was Wojtala, who plays first

the Polish National team, Wojtala also plays for the Wroclaw Barons.

Not many people associate baseball with Poland," said Wojtala, "but it's growing in popularity. There are ball-

tala.

Wojtala's visit was well received by both the dancers and the school's director, Jessica Wendt.

"It was so amazing of Ray to come by and spend time with the kids



Members of the Gwiazda Dance School pose with Polish baseball player Ray Wojtala at their recent Christmas celebration.

and third base for the Polish National Baseball Team.

Wojtala came to the party to thank the students for their support. He chatted with the dancers, took photos (including selfies) and signed baseballs for all of the dancers.

Wojtala, whose parents are from Poland, was born and raised in Allen Park, Michigan. He moved to Poland four years ago and was back in Michigan to spend the holidays with his family. In addition to playing for

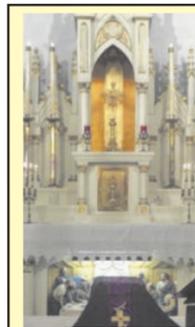
parks being built throughout the country now. In fact we are building a new stadium now for the upcoming summer."

The Polish National team receives some funds from the Polish Sports Ministry; however, they still rely on fundraising through T-shirt and jersey sales to cover additional expenses.

"The money raised [from the T-shirt sales] goes 100 percent to the team for new jerseys and equipment such as bats and helmets," said Woj-

and parents. I couldn't thank him enough for coming down to our party and giving his time. It was the perfect Christmas party," said Wendt.

Additional information about the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers can be found on Facebook. The group will soon place an additional order for Polish National Baseball Team T-shirts. If you're interested in getting your own, you can contact Jessica Wendt at panijessica@hotmail.com.



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## Metro news

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modelmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years.

With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

In 2014, the engineering team at General Motors' Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly plant realized that stormwater discharge fees were eating up a whopping 14 percent of the plant's utility bill.

Two years and 20,000 dump-truck loads later, the plant is recycling its own stormwater at an annual savings of over \$2 million.

The plant, which produces the Chevrolet Volt, achieved that turnaround by digging a massive stormwater retention pond, adding to two retention ponds that were already on site to increase

the site's retention capacity to 47 million gallons of water. Todd Clippard, the plant's paint shop manager and former manufacturing engineering manager, spearheaded the stormwater retention project.

"We really looked at the trend of stormwater discharge fees being charged by the city of Detroit, and it was an almost exponential growth," Clippard says. "There were year-over-year increases for several years, and it ended up equating to \$193,000 a month. Whether it rained or not, it was such a significant part of our overall utility cost."

GM hammered out a deal with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) to obtain drainage credits for either redirecting water that it would normally send to DWSD, or for retaining stormwater until

DWSD's system has the chance to revert to dry-weather mode after a storm. DWSD deputy director and chief engineer Palencia Mobley says those kinds of credits were developed recently as part of a much larger overhaul at DWSD. The department has also retooled its billing system and is working on a city ordinance encouraging property owners to manage their own stormwater.

Stormwater reuse in the plant's cooling towers saves the plant \$140,000 annually.

But that's only the first stop for stormwater once it hits the plant. After further purification, the water is used in the plant's sludge system, which breaks down sludge from painting cars, and the phosphate system used to prepare and treat metal used in vehicles.

By Patrick Dunn

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# Schools earn high marks

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through access to quality dual enrollment, early middle colleges, and/or career/technical education. AP credits are one avenue to get there."

Inclusion in the 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three years of AP data, from 2014 to 2016, looking across 37 AP exams, including world language and culture. Districts had to meet the following criteria:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;

- Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by black/African American, Hispanic/

Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students; and

- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2016 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2014 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 or higher.

Hamtramck Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay said everyone in the district played a role in the students' achievement.

"I'm most proud of the students that took Hamtramck High's Advanced Placement classes. They did the work and deserve credit for this statewide

Honor Roll status recognition," Niczay said.

"Three years of data were used. Many of the students are currently successful university/college students. Of course, their teachers, parents, administrators and support staff played a large role in their success. However, the bottom line is the students did the work and earned the recognition. The Advanced Placement students have made the entire School District of the City of Hamtramck extremely proud."

This academic achievement comes at a time when the school district has also become financially stable, unlike many other districts in the state.

# New market caters to international food lovers

By Charles Sercombe

It didn't take long for someone to fill the void of the Polish Market closing.

On the morning of New Year's Eve, the owner of Fresh Market held a grand opening at the former location of Polish Market.

There is one key difference though between the two: Fresh Market, located at Jos. Campau and Belmont, is now catering to international food lovers, especially those who like Middle Eastern cuisine.

The market also reflects the ever-growing presence of the Yemeni-American community.

Co-owner Radwan Husain said he received considerable help in opening his store from the Yemeni-American Chamber of Commerce, which is located in Dearborn.



Mayor Karen Majewski poses with Yemeni-American community leaders at the recent grand opening of Fresh Market, which took over the location of the former Polish Market.

The store features freshly baked bread every day, a huge selection of produce, fresh olives, nuts, a mind-boggling selection of fruit drinks, canned and dry foods and halal meats and chicken.

"I wanted to help the community and bring in more business," Husain

said about why he decided to get into the market business.

On hand for the grand opening were Mayor Karen Majewski and Mayor Pro Tem Anam Miah, along with Yemeni community members and even the Hamtramck soccer club, the Warriors.

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## School Bell

### Kosciuszko Middle School News

Students in Mrs. Tanner's Supplemental Math class are using SuccessMaker to improve their math skills.

It is a program that students use daily for at least 20 minutes. They are also doing other activities such as problem-solving, finding patterns, and multiplication bingo.

Students in this class are at least two years behind grade-level, according

to their NWEA scores. The goal is to help these students improve their math skills, so they can be successful in math and work at their grade level.

Seventh Grade Advanced Language Arts students are participating in NANOWRIMO, a national writing program. Students had the entire month of November to write their hearts out. Each of the students had a goal of 10,000 words in their book.

In December, students had the opportunity to read through their work, edit, and refine it. There are many wonderful fiction stories and even an autobiography being written by these motivated 7th graders.

### Early Childhood Elementary School News

Early Childhood Elementary students have been very busy in the last few weeks. On December 2 and December 5 the Mobile Dentists came to check students' teeth who signed up for a checkup. Hearing screenings from the Wayne County Health Department were also performed checking all the

students' auditory health. Students participated in a Writing Fun Workshop after school. A parent forum meeting was held addressing the strengths and "wishes" the parents want for the school.

On December 14 a live reindeer came to visit from South Lyon despite the cold weather. The reindeer didn't mind at all as he greeted the students in the entrance of the school. On December 20 the students performed a musical show under the guidance of music teachers, Mr. Maxwell Spayde and Mr. Matthew Rautio. Music from around the world was performed and the students practiced the songs over the weeks in music class. Even Mrs. Seppala's preschool class performed a musical song.

The school has had wonderful surprises as well. A former Hamtramck resident, Patricia Huggler, who now resides in Tecumseh, sent a box full of hand knitted hats for the students. Also, a donation was made to the school from Advent Lutheran Church in New York City to purchase new headphones for the com-

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## Hamtramck Recreation Department

# WINTER SPORTS



### Basketball

Saturday, January 21, 2017 - Saturday, April 8, 2017  
Location: Community Center Game Day: Saturdays  
Time: 2:30 p.m. Fee: \$10/R \$20/NR by Dec 27  
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**NO GAME FEBRUARY 18**



### Tennis

Saturday, January 21, 2017 - Saturday, February 11, 2017  
Location: Community Center Days: Saturdays  
Time: 1:15 p.m./Ages 4-6 Fee: \$10/R \$20/NR  
2:00 p.m./Ages 7-12 Ages: 4 and Up  
3:00 p.m./Ages 13+ **NO PRACTICE FEBRUARY 18**



### Soccer

Saturday, January 21, 2017 - Saturday, March 11, 2017  
Location: Community Center Days: Saturdays  
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fee: \$10/R \$20/NR  
Ages: 5 - 18 **NO PRACTICE FEBRUARY 18**



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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### New year promises to deliver more economic good news

Without a doubt, the year 2016 kicked the collective rear of just about everybody.

We lost too many talented people in the world, and the presidential election ground everyone down. There is still an air of exhaustion and plenty of leftover hostility from the election.

Hamtramckans can always take refuge in the knowledge that we as a people have suffered hard times before and we persevere.

Looking back in the year we have had plenty of firsts and historical moments. You can read more about that in the Newsmaker of the Year

story on the front page.

What comes across to us looking back on the stories of 2016 during the past two weeks is how incredibly busy we are as a small town.

But the best thing we are taking away from last year is that we are on a roll in expanding our economic base. We have experienced a number of new business openings and some key cultural shifts.

One of the most important developments, as we reported in the Newsmaker story, is the establishment of the Detroit City Football Club here at Keyworth Stadium. Our hat goes off to the folks

at the Hamtramck Public School District for partnering with the club.

We think the club will be a magnet for other development. There are about 7,000 fans who come out to see their games, and it's inevitable that some of them are going to look around and decide Hamtramck is a good place to do business.

Hamtramck, we predict, is about to experience a major turnaround. Once again we are excited about covering what's to come.

Hang on, it's going to be an exciting ride in 2017.

Cheers.

## Odds & Ends

**Got talent?...** Organizers of the annual Martin Luther King on MLK Day Prayer Breakfast are seeking public school students to enter their talent show.

The annual theme of the special event is "Hamtramck's Got Talent," and features some pretty talented students.

If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, act out a dramatic scene or whatever, now is your turn to shine. To apply for the talent show, call Ms. Madelyn Porter at (313) 573-0782.

The event is sponsored by The Concerned Women of Hamtramck, and this will be the 20th Annual Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast will take place at the Hamtramck Commu-

nity Center, 11350 Charest, on Monday, Jan. 16, 9-11 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

For tickets, call (313) 573-0782.



Students are need for this year's "Hamtramck's Got Talent" held during the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast. This year's event is on Jan. 16.

## School Bell

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puter lab. The church adopted the school after a written proposal was made by first grade teacher, Ms. Janice Rakoczy. We are looking forward to the new equipment.

### All Schools

Monday, January 9 - School resumes.

Compiled by Janice Gandelman



### Holbrook Elementary School News

Thursday, January 12 - Parent Organization and Parent Forum meeting at 2 p.m.

Top: Knitted hats were donated to students at the Early Childhood Elementary School. Students there also got to meet a reindeer.

## Warrior Soccer Club battles to overcome many on and off the field challenges

Recently the Hamtramck Warriors Soccer Club won a league tournament and celebrated at an awards ceremony last Saturday.

We asked Hamtramck School Boardmember Salah Hadwan, who has been active with the club, to give us some background on the club and its history.

Here is what Hadwan had to report.

The club is a non-profit corporation started in 2014. We are located in Hamtramck. The club was formed by a lifelong Hamtramck Resident Hesham Arobye, who has played the sport since he was a child.

Currently, Hesham serves as the coach and I serve as the Vice President/Manager for the Warriors. The City of Hamtramck is well known for its diversity. It's also known for the community's love for soccer. Since the city has many opportunities for 18-plus aged players to join multiple leagues, we noticed there was not an opportunity for the community youth to be a part of an actual soccer team.

In 2014 Coach Arobye approached the Michigan Youth Soccer League president with a proposal about the possibility of starting a new club for Hamtramck's youth. The MYSL president agreed and the Hamtramck Warriors Youth Soccer Club was born.

Since 2014 we have grown from one team, which was the U16 (kids aged 14-16), into three teams U13, U15, and U17 (formerly known as the U16).

Currently we are able to allow kids from ages 9-17 to be a part of a team. In 2015 our U15 and the U12 (which is now the U13) won state champs. A lot of people were shocked because this was a new team who joined the league and had almost no funding.

We have full teams but being from a city that is considered "underprivileged" it has been a challenge keeping the league alive. Ninety percent of the players come from low-income families who can't afford any of the league fees. A majority of them are coming from war-torn countries and have very little.

We have been barely maintaining the teams but even with the little amount

of funds we get from local sponsors we make the best of it, and we teach our youth that it's not about having everything that they see other teams have, but

conditioning for the children.

The club works with anyone in the community who wants to keep kids off the streets and involved in the



Above and below: Scenes from a recent awards ceremony for the Hamtramck Soccer Club, the Warriors.



it's about building character and trust in each other that makes them champions even when no one believed in them.

Hamtramck Warriors Soccer Club is a non-profit club and operates exclusively for soccer sport and educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

The club is organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of teaching the techniques and rules of soccer to children of our community and surrounding neighboring areas. The club's mission is to help youth develop soccer skills, to expand their parent's knowledge and involvement in the sport, to instill the essential elements of sportsmanship and fair play among the children, coaches, parents, and community, and to provide fundamental physical

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We started with one team in 2014 and expanded into three teams to allow many more community kids to become part of a team. Currently, we have about 60 players. In our second year (2015) the U15 won the state Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) championships. They also won one Rec tournament and the indoor league championship. Our U12 (now changed to U13 per MYSL rules) won state champs in the MYSL U12 league during our first year in competition. The U12 also won one Rec league championship during our first year.

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## Obituaries

### CAMPBELL



Helen Lois Campbell, (nee Yonts), 69, died January 1, 2017.

Mrs. Campbell was the dear wife of Richard; mother of Louis (Susan), Anita Emili, Erick Perdue, Jennifer Tymoszek, Carol, the late Leah Lowery; sister of Chester Yonts Jr., Dalis (Thomas) Eads, Wilma (Charles) Kraft, Cheryl Trexler, Timmy Tate, Zenia Robertson, the late Margaret (Julius) Lowery, Deliah Crump, Linda (Donald) Smith, Steven Yonts. Mrs. Campbell is also survived by fifteen grandchildren; five great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Chester Yonts and Dalis Blair.

Visitation was Wednesday, and the funeral was Thursday, January 5, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck. In-

terment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit, MI.

### JOZWIK



Robert J. Jozwik, 68, died December 31, 2016.

Mr. Jozwik was the son of the late Alfred and Sylvia; brother of the late James; father of Jennifer (Brian), Jessica (Charles), Jeremy (Frida). Mr. Jozwik is also survived by grandchildren, Carter, Halei, Payton, Reese; ex-wife, Linda.

Visitation is Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI.



## Warrior Soccer Club battles to overcome many on and off the field challenges

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We had a hard time getting transportation for the players to games so we purchased an old school bus and as a team we gutted it inside out and rebuilt it to help with the transportation situation. We did this with the generosity of Hamtramck SOUP (who donated \$700) and what we personally could contribute. We currently need help with maintaining the bus to keep transportation for the players running.

In 2016 we almost were not able to participate in any of the MYSL leagues due to funding and many players not having proper attire to play. We were able to overcome that by finding ways to raise funds to help pay for very basic equipment and league fees.

We started a GoFundMe page as well as went to many local businesses to ask for support. Our U17 team won the State Premier League Championship and made it to round 16 of the State CUP

for the first time.

Our U13 claimed 2nd Place in the MYSL League, and qualified for the State Premier as well as the State Cup tournaments. Our U15 came in 3rd place in the MYSL League.

The MYSL League consists of 10 teams per age group. We found a location to open an actual office and currently are in the process of having a grand opening. We started the club for the community and the children's love of the sport.

We refuse to exclude kids interested in having the opportunity to play for any of our three teams because of their financial status. We also make sure that not only do our players succeed on the field, but off the field as well.

We require each of our players to have passing grades and good behavior in the classrooms. Even if we are not directly affiliated with any of the schools, we want to teach

the players the value of an education, and if they love playing soccer as a part of a championship team they have to prove they can do so while maintaining their academics as well.

We also give each player a contract that states that they understand their school grades and behavior will come before their chance to practice and play in any games.

They are allowed to ask for help if they are struggling with academics and each player's parents are able to contact us directly with any questions, comments or concerns that they may have regardless if it has to deal with soccer or not – they know they have extra support to help their children become successful.

On December 31, 2016 we held the 3rd Annual Winter League Tournament for our teams. The players were not told that it was really an award ceremony for their outstanding year.

Along with coach Hesham a few of our sponsors joined us and helped with the presentation of the awards.

We would love to thank all of the sponsors for this year including: The Hamtramck Review, Anwar Mechanic Shop, Athletic Sports Complex, Hamtramck Good Price, Royal Kabob, Alqamar Pizza and Sav-More Pharmacy. We would especially like to thank John Ulaj, the Publisher of The Hamtramck Review, Khalil Al-Refai, Ameen Alhalemi, and Anthony Spica owner of the Athletic Sports Complex for taking time on New Year's Eve to help in bringing joy to the youths' dedication and hard work by presenting trophies to the players.

We hope to have more support for the years ahead and wanted to thank you all for making it possible to keep the organization running.

## Coming events

**SATURDAY, Jan. 14, 9-3 p.m.** – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

**THURSDAY, March 16, 11 a.m.** – The Hamtramck Committee of the NAACP will host a "Unity March" to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, starting at the Hamtramck Community Center and ending at Zussman Park. For more information call, (313) 523-7837.

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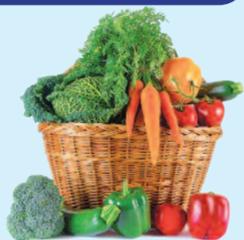


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**By Charles Sercombe**  
This week's Crime Log covers Dec. 27-Jan. 2.

**Tuesday, December 27**  
• A Grand Haven resident reported that someone broke the window on her door.

**Wednesday, December 28**  
• At about 12:30 a.m. a resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license (a second offense) and being wanted on a local warrant.

• Lathrup Village police arrested two Detroit residents for being wanted on Hamtramck warrants.

• A Warren resident said that two men broke into his car while it was parked in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau and stole his gun.

• An Edwin resident reported someone broke into his car and stole his wallet, which contained his ID and credit cards.

• A Casmere resident reported the theft of her prescription from her mailbox.

• An agent from Chemical Bank reported someone attempted to cash a fraudulent check.

**Thursday, December 29**

• At 12:30 a.m. officers responded to a domestic violence incident in the 12000 block of Gallagher.

• A resident in the 2200 block of Danforth reported a break-in.

• At about 11 a.m. a man reported the theft of the GPS system from his car while it was parked in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau.

• A Selfridge resident reported someone damaged windows of her apartment.

• An Ann Arbor resident reported the theft of his license plate from his car while it was parked at the Hamtramck Public Library.

• Three women were arrested during an investigation on Casmere.

**Friday, December 30**

• A Harper Woods resident reported the theft of her 2006 Chevy Impala.

• At almost 2 a.m. a hit-and-run accident was reported that involved three cars being struck.

• A resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

• A resident reported someone made about

\$600 in charges to her lost credit card.

**Saturday, December 31**  
• No incident report was available for this date.

**Sunday, January 1**  
• No incident report was available for this date.

**Monday, January 2**  
• At about 9:45 p.m. about 15 teenagers were seen leaving an apartment in the 12000 block of Grand Haven. The apartment had just been vacated by a prior tenant.

• A resident in the 3800 block of Yemans reported a break-in and the theft of a 42-inch television, laptop and jewelry.

• A break-in was reported in the 3000 block of Caniff as well as the theft of several items.

• A woman reported that while sleeping in a business in the 11300 block of Conant, someone stole her wallet from her purse.

• A resident reported her ex-boyfriend made threatening text messages and phone calls.

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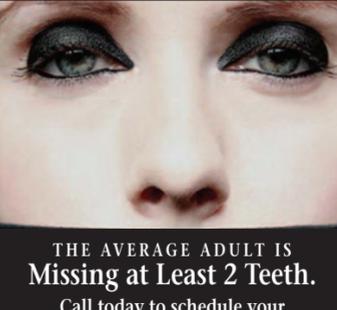
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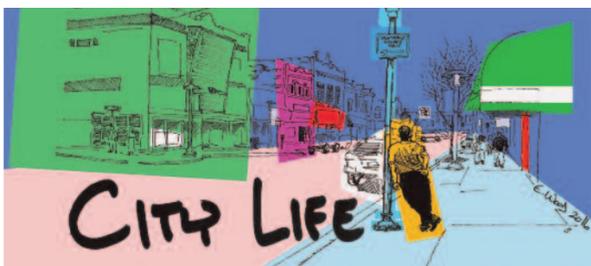
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this year on April 16. The Hamtramck Music Festival, which began in 2014 to supplant the Metro Times Blowout (unofficially branded the "Hamtramck Blowout"), arguably had its best lineup of artists and big crowds to match for its 2016 version. The weather also cooperated for last year's festival, which will rock up the city March 2-5 this year. Come spring, Detroit City Football Club began its soccer season at Keyworth Stadium, drawing crowds of up to 7,000 people. Many of the fans "adopted" local bars for pre- and post-match socializing. Hamtramck art galleries had exceptional shows

throughout the year. One of the best was an automated sound installation, "Slendrotron," by the Detroit-based Apetechnology group. There were other great art exhibitions at 9338 Jos. Campau, Popps Packing and Hatch Art, which scored a big win for the community by raising \$50,000 (earning a \$50,000 match from the State of Michigan) to preserve local art treasure "Hamtramck Disneyland." The folk-art piece on Klinger was left in limbo after artist Dmytro Szylyk died last May and his heir put the property up for sale. In late fall, Oloman Cafe, a photo gallery and coffee bar, opened in the

former Belmont Bar space on Jos. Campau. Also late in 2016, Planet Ant Hall debuted across the street from the original theater on Caniff. Two bars, Seven Brothers (moved from its location on Jos. Campau near Zinow) and Ghost Light, are in the building, originally belonging to the Polish Roman Catholic Union (PRCU), later known as BHA Hall. Earlier in the year, Bank Suey opened at the corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff, offering pop-up space for lectures, concerts, conferences and other events. All three have added to already active community life in the city. Three festivals capped the year in late summer and early fall. The Bangladeshi Festival drew an estimated 3,000-5,000 people to its Conant staging area. The annual Labor Day festival, begun in 1980 as a way to lick the wounds

of the year before, was one of the best in my recent memory. There was more merchandising, more and better art options, a good variety of contemporary music, fabulous weather, and a

rockin' rockabilly after-party at Lo & Behold. The last big party of the year, held in over 50 locations, was the Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Fest. The "parties" were in artists' studios, on front

porches and backyards, in coffee shops and bars, with a closing event at Trixie's, also a new addition to the community's social scene in 2016.

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**HONOR ROLL**  
 Ashton Johnson
- FIRST GRADE**  
**MRS. MCGREGOR'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Alhasan Mashrah  
 Bashayr Saleh  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Shuroq Al Namer  
 Alhasan Mashrah  
 Khadeegah Mosleh  
 Farhanul Rajin  
**MRS. WATSON'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Mohammed Abrar  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Maria Almasmari  
 Shima Almasmari  
 Ameena Alnahari  
 Davion Bell  
 Oliver Hopper  
 Amir Mohammed  
 Omar Mokran  
 Ghadeer Said  
**MS. GNEIWEK'S CLASS**  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Laiba Ahmed  
 Malak Alhalmy  
 Ibtihal Balwi  
 Ariq Chowdhury

- Harmony DeBrossard  
 Ahmed Kassim  
 King McDonald  
 Jasmine Sumpster
- SECOND GRADE**  
**MRS. CERULLI'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Christian Miller  
 Khaled Hassan  
 Syeda Tarannum  
 Salah Al-Ward  
 Khadejah Alghim  
 Sarah Aldahan  
 Amber Hines  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Treazure Barker  
 Ronald Lindsey  
 Salma Nagi  
 Reem Fadel  
 Hezam Aljamali  
**MRS. BIBBEE'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Reem Samet  
 Ishika Chowdhury  
 Medina Sinanovic  
 Mohammed Al-murisi  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Edris Arrfay  
 Brooklyn Harris  
 Fatima Hassan  
 Julius Olinger  
 Amal Albadaany  
**MS. BAUER'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Mohamed Pady  
 Solaf Said  
 Elias Arrfay  
 Jamal Alwageh  
 Rafea Alzamzami  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Adriana Moytl  
 Nama Almasmari  
 Rimas Ali  
 Andre Neal  
 Aaliyah Dixon  
 Lalya Al-huthaifi  
 Zaire Anderson  
 Ameir Hanspard  
 James Jackson
- THIRD GRADE**  
**MRS. KANDT'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Abraham Naksho  
 Ella Thabet  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Hamdan Alaghabari  
 Ali Almasmari

- Nagi Almasmari  
 Omar Almasmari  
 Joseph Cicao  
 Ava Drake  
 Aryam Fadel  
 Laya Grady  
 Wafaa Jobeh  
 Preston Lobeck  
 Larry Lutchter  
 Aiyannah Newkirk  
**MS. THOMAS' CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Adina Al-Murisi  
 Valerie Blair  
 Mariyam Ismael  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Walled Abbas  
 Ghaida Al-Jamali  
 Rashed Alhayani  
 Linda Allmreisi  
 Treyvon Caudle  
 Muhannad Farea  
 Darionna Mims  
 Nuseibah Obeid  
 Juel Robinson  
 Raghad Saleh  
 Tyrone Scott  
**MRS. ORYHN'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Brooklyn Harris  
 Malak Musleh  
 Ibrahim Paric  
 Zechariah Powell  
 Dawoud Alghazali  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Salwa Al-Hariri  
 Nouradein Al-Ziyadi  
 Ibrahim Alagi  
 Zakariea Alkhadhri  
 Christopher Bragg  
 Jordan Brown  
 Carter Camacho  
 Ghaida Mohamed  
 Ibtisaam Muhammad  
 Jayden Reece  
 Dominique Thomas
- FOURTH GRADE**  
**MRS. MARTEL'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Rifat Chowdhury  
 Syeda Tabassum  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Ayah Allaw  
 Haneen Almasmari  
 Autumn Brown  
 Malek Mehtar  
 Ruqaya Qara  
 Joanna Alnamer  
**MS. PONIATOWSKI'S**

- CLASS HONOR ROLL**  
 Nadeen Algaadi  
 Ahmed Alhaiga  
 Bria Harris  
 Jamea Robinson  
 Zack Thabet  
**MS. LEE'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Doaa Thabet  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Layla West  
 Abdulrahman Wasel  
 Ilda Livadic  
 Spirit Miller-Davis  
 Mohammed Haidar
- FIFTH GRADE**  
**MR. BOWDISH'S CLASS**  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Amiyah Jobeh  
 Akia Eashi  
 Sara Sulijmani  
**MS. PARRISH'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Metaiah Burns  
 Jalona Wingo  
 Zhanyla Coley  
 Tahsin Tafannum  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Ravy Badi  
 Sondos Aldouais  
 Abdulrahman Alghazali  
 Manal Hassan  
 Fuoad Hussein  
 Aziza Mojamel  
 Somone Morris  
 Eman Saiban  
**MS. LOOMIS' CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Malak Omar  
 Jude Dine  
 Imraan Abdul-Malik  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Mlak Alharbi  
 Amani Ali  
 Sharif Al-Kainaeai  
 Gieda Obeid
- SIXTH GRADE**  
**MRS. BLAQUIERE'S CLASS**  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Ishaq Abdullah  
 Anwar Al-Gaadi  
 Hannah Almasmari  
 Rana Almasmari  
 Ranna Alomari  
 Azaal Balwi

- Paris Hill  
 Danaika Littlejohn  
 Asron Martin  
 Wiktoria Matusinski  
 Camare' O'Neal  
 Jamya Robinson  
 Kennedy Taylor  
 Hamza Thabet  
 Ameer Thomas  
 Chalyse Vance  
**MRS. PALIMINO'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Nabil Gaber  
 Amiya Oglesby  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Nazin Nazha  
 Ashjan Saleh  
 Basmh Alnagar  
 Madison Wetoske  
**MS. RAKOWSKI'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Haitham Naksho  
 Tirzah Dine  
 Chance Wilder  
 Zumra Sinanovic  
 Mohamed Almasmari  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Salwa Ali  
 Josephine Benguche  
 Mohamed Nusair  
 Moatasem Fadhel  
 Hannan Hussein  
 Joshua Miller  
 Aida Atic  
 Jordan Handy  
 Siraad Belcher  
 Bassam Deumah
- SEVENTH GRADE**  
**MRS. FOWKE**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Shahd Al-Gahim  
 Marwa Alduais  
 Nadin Naji  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Hakeem Ali  
 Leslie Gregory  
 Tharren Hill  
 Nakiya Mims  
 Khaled Naji  
**MS. GRAY'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Maryem Nasher  
 Suhaib Obahi  
 Victoria Slaba  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Nabet Alghazali

- Leena Alhariri  
 Olivia Krzak  
 Baleigh McGee  
 Yasmin Morshed  
 Jalen Turner
- SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE**  
**MRS. BROWN-HINTON**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Tajia Islam  
 Nada Almasamari  
 Rabia Ahmed  
 Ajla Paric  
 Adela Sinonovic  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Amel Al-Huthaifi  
 Saad Nusair  
 Abdullah Mashrah  
 Tania Moses  
 Skylar Griffin  
 Olivia Starbala  
 Kalen King  
 Destiny Dalkert  
 Yasmeen Alhanuma  
 Kobe King  
 Tashanae Caudle  
 Mohamed Rahman
- EIGHTH GRADE**  
**MS. ANDERSON'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Abdulrahman Hassan  
 Laila Nagi  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Deena Alshubi  
 Alia Alward  
 Schyler Babicz  
 Gloria Benguche  
 Bobby McGee  
 Omar Nashal  
 Ghaida Saleh  
 Asmaa Zamzami  
**MS. MANIFOLD'S CLASS**  
**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
 Treyvon Clay  
 Destiny Dalkert  
 Kalen King  
 Ghadir Saleh  
 James Zotkaj  
**HONOR ROLL**  
 Anod Alameri  
 Shaime Ali  
 Nala Cochran  
 Dalal Fadel  
 Intisar Mashrah  
 Fatou MBacke