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## Quick Hits

It's time to test your knowledge of completely useless information. The latest edition of Hamtrivia is coming to the Hamtramck Moose Lodge 1670, at 9421 Conant.

The big event will be held Saturday, April 9. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 and light food will be served. There also is a cash bar.

This edition of Hamtrivia is being streamlined a bit to give players more time to rummage through their brains to remember those obscure facts they will need to win the contest.

Fabulous prizes will be awarded. Well, maybe not so fabulous. But everyone is guaranteed to have a good time.

For more information, call (313) 574-9758. All proceeds from the event benefit the Hamtramck Historical Museum.



## Quote of the week ...

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

"It's very upsetting to see some public servants blow this off."

## HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

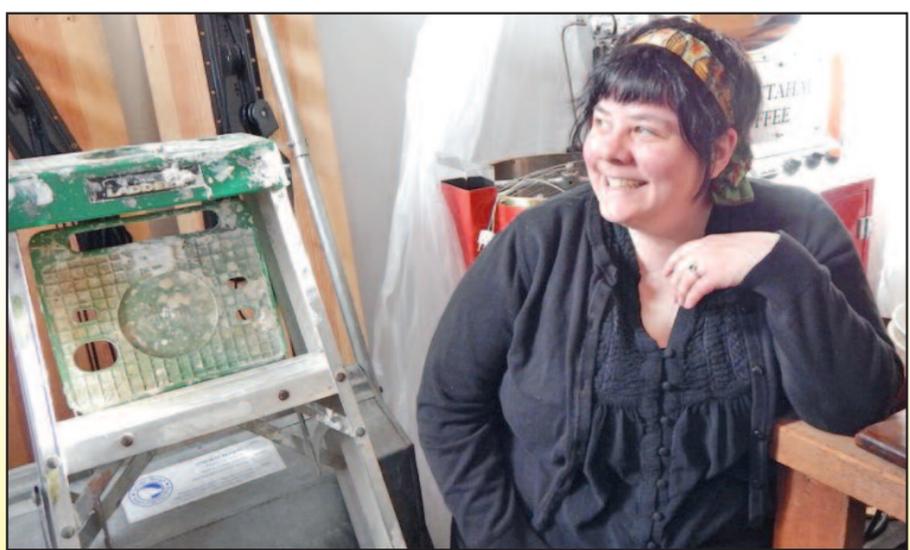
# Diverse Hamtramck economy rolling into a bright future

By Walter Wasacz

To see the Hamtramck of tomorrow isn't difficult.

It's already begun, staring back at you as you stroll through neighborhoods made of modest housing stock that dates from the 1920s and 1930s. On nearly every block of the 2 square mile city duplexes – most filled with immigrant families, many of whom own their own homes – are the predominant residential feature.

The scale of this classic urban grid, where sidewalks can lead you on foot to nearly any destination (food, drink, art, music, fun on one end of the cultural spectrum; schools, churches, mosques, temples on the other), seems ideally suited for American city



Amy Duncan at HenriettaHaus coffee roasters. Photos by Walter Wasacz.

dwellers decreasingly reliant on the car for all transportation needs.

Diversity, affordability, and walkability are also attractive features for young adults looking for a life more real, more tactile than what they experienced growing up in

places with less density. Artists, musicians, students and professionals are all in the mix here, as both producers and consumers of local culture.

Most residential blocks are active and stable, a good combina-

tion for growth. Housing prices are up slightly, as are rental units, though the cost of living here is still far less than in 7.2-square-mile greater downtown Detroit, roughly two miles to the west and slightly farther

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# Missing man found safe but disappearance remains a mystery

By Charles Sercombe

A 20-year-old Hamtramck man who went missing this week is now safe and sound.

Few details are available about what happened to Mossa Salleh Almasmari who went missing on March 29 after he attended a class at Macomb Community College.

Almasmari's disappearance prompted a number of media reports, and a lot of negative speculation about his mysterious disappearance.

On some media sites a number of commentators guessed that because Almasmari is an Arab male he left the country to join a terrorist organization. Others said the FBI or Homeland Security had detained him.

Almasmari was reported to be found on Wednesday, April 6, but there are no details on where he was found or the circumstances of the incident.

Hamtramck police were notified last week by Almasmari's family that he

had not returned from school. The FBI joined in the investigation.

FBI Public Affair Agent Jill Washburn told The Review that she could not discuss the matter other than to say he "left voluntarily" and was "found safe out of state."

Almasmari was last seen attending class at MCC on March 29. According to various media reports his car was left behind at MCC.

And according to the Arab-American News, Almasmari's social network

sites had been shut down almost a week before he went missing.

Hamtramck City Councilmember Saad Almasmari, a distant cousin of Mossa Almasmari, helped organize a rally at MCC on Tuesday to promote attention on the case and also urge the campus to allow the family to view surveillance tapes.

Saad Almasmari told The Review on Wednesday that there are "no details yet. As long he is alive and well that's all we wanted."

## Boardmember questions police motive

By Charles Sercombe

Newly-appointed School Boardmember Salah Hadwan recently experienced what some might call ethnic profiling.

Hadwan, a Yemeni-American, posted a recent encounter he had with Detroit police and border officers while driving on Jefferson in downtown Detroit.



Hamtramck School Boardmember Salah Hadwan had a recent run-in with Detroit police that left him wondering if he had been profiled.

"I am not one to say or build on the situation that Arabs or Muslims are profiled for no reason but today it hit too close to home for me to really realize how real it is," Hadwan posted in his Facebook page on April 1.

He said he was driving along with a number of other cars to a friend's wedding. On the way, three police patrol cars followed the party for about five miles before pulling over Hadwan.

The reason?

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# Boardmember questions police motive

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Officers claimed a witness saw an Arabic male in a tan Range Rover waving a gun. Hadwan drives a white Range Rover.

Joining the officers were officers with the Border Patrol, and Hadwan was told that a police helicopter had been following him.

When he stopped, he told officers he had a concealed weapons permit and that he had a gun.

That's when things be-

came a little more aggressive, Hadwan said.

"They opened the door and tried to pull me out but the seat belt caught me and they started to point their guns at me as if I'm resisting arrest and I'm telling them my seat belt is on ...," he said.

"They got me out and asked where my gun was and I told them it's on my side they snatched it and we get handcuffed and didn't bother to read us our rights."

At this point, Hadwan said, there were over 20 officers. They proceeded to search his car. He demanded to see a warrant for the investigation but was told by an officer "We don't need it for people like you."

The search continued and Hadwan and a passenger were questioned about whether they were illegal immigrants.

"They continued to search my car and trash it. After finding nothing and having us handcuffed for a good hour they told us they are still waiting for the witness," he said.

The incident then went to another level with the arrival of Detroit Police Chief James Craig.

After about an hour-and-a-half, Hadwan and his passenger were told they were free to go.

The experience left Hadwan wondering:

"Did all that just happen because they kept saying we were Arabs? ... At the end of this I am proud to be an Arab. ... The one thing I will not be sorry for is being a Muslim and an Arab American!"

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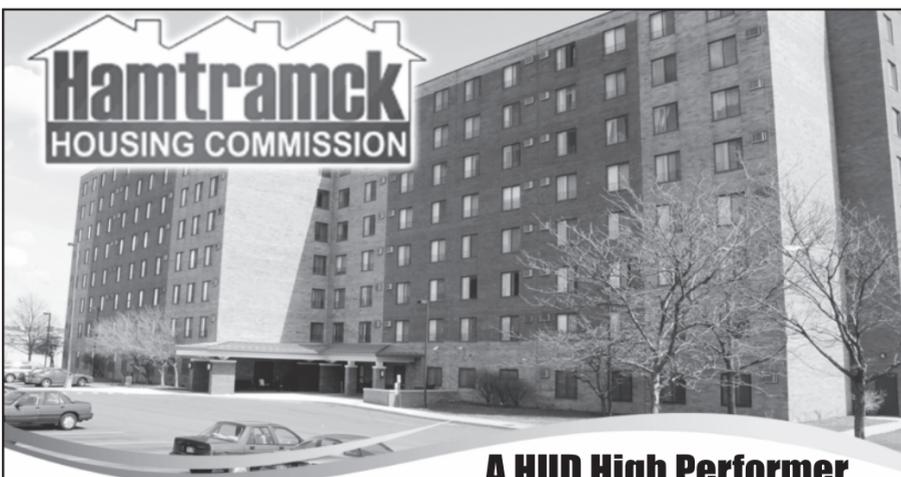
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## City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?  
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on March 29 and all councilmembers were present. Mayor Karen Majewski was absent.

Before the regular council meeting a work session was held. During that meeting Councilmember Andrea Karpinski questioned a water line washout at Trowbridge and Jos. Campau that has been ongoing.

City Manager Katrina Powell said her administration knows about the situation and is working on it.

Councilmember Abu Musa asked if the city tests for lead in the drinking water. He said he is concerned about the health of children in light of the Flint water crisis.

Powell said the city's water is tested every month.

In a review of the city's budget, Powell noted that the cost for retiree pensions is "really high."

On the police department's overtime traffic patrol program, Councilmember Anam Miah said the program has to be able to bring in enough revenue to sustain it.

Powell noted that the public library's spending is now in line. She also said that for the first time in years the city's Water Department will have a surplus in its budget.

Powell added there have been a number of issues with the city's water meters, with some industrial sites not having any metering. She said she will present a contract in April to replace all of the meters.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari said people are moving out of the city because of water costs.

Councilmember Mohammad Hassan talked about combining the police and fire departments into a public safety department.

"It does work," he said, but then added: "It does not work right away."

Hassan said he brings up the issue just as a "talking point" for now.

Councilmember Miah said that proposal would have to be studied much more.

During the regular meeting Carrie Beth Lasley spoke during the public comment section. She said that some councilmembers have failed to attend work sessions before the regular council meetings.

"It's very upsetting to see some public servants blow this off," she said.

She added that missing work sessions will likely be a part of the reason for a delay in the return of local control. (Hamtramck is still under the financial supervision of the state.)

A resident complained that the city fails to attract businesses. She said the city has no major supermarket and only one chain store, CVS Pharmacy.

She said councilmembers ran for office on the promise to make the city better, but none are living up to that promise.

A man complained that although Hamtramck is

known as a "walkable" city "it's not a safe walk."

He also suggested the city look into businesses here that pay their employees under the table.

A representative of Wayne County Commissioner Martha Scott reminded the public that she is running for re-election this year.

Councilmember Miah said he looks forward to using a recently created blight map of Hamtramck to help with future development of the city.

Councilmember Hassan said that although the city is doing well financially, there is a need to improve economic development.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski encouraged residents to call the city administration with code enforcement complaints.

Councilmember Ian Perrotta noted that the role of a councilman is not a full-time job and that the council relies on professionals to run the city. He added that he thinks the city administration is doing a good job.

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**ESL Class** – Monday, April 11, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**Citizenship Classes** – Tuesday, April 12, 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents can get help in preparing for

their citizenship exam. Classes are free. Registration is required.

**ESL Class** – Wednesday, April 13, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**ESL Class** – Friday, April 15, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

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# Second Front Page

## School Bell



### Hamtramck High School News

Hamtramck High School graphic arts student Fataha Gency won third place and a \$300 scholarship from the Society of Automotive Engineers-Detroit Section 2016 High School Poster Contest.



Hamtramck High School graphic arts student Fataha Gency recently won a poster contest.

The top ten posters will be displayed at the SAE World Congress April 12-14 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

### Kosciuszko Middle School News

The KMS March Art Contest results are in. March's theme was "Choose Kindness, Choose Joy" in honor of Anti-Bullying Month. It was judged on creativity and craftsmanship.



Above and below: The March KMS art contest winners.

This month's 1st place winner was Nuha Ahmed and 2nd place winner was Nadija Basic. They both won a goodie bag of art supplies and snacks.

The results are in for KMS Student Council's Door Decorating Contest for March. March's theme was "Acts of Kindness" in honor of Anti Bullying Month. It was judged on creativity, collaboration, craftsmanship and originality. The winning Academic Support class was Mr. Semsedini's class. They did a great job!



Dickinson West Elementary School and Kosciuszko Middle School Library News  
Dickinson West and

Kosciuszko Middle School will be celebrating National Library Week April 10-16. Exciting activities in the library are planned for students including "I love my library because..." contest.

Prizes will include books, bookmarks and other surprises. A popcorn party will also be awarded to the class with no lost or overdue books.

### Dickinson East Elementary School News

Thursday, April 14, Kindergarten Round-Up, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Please bring the following to save your child's spot: Original birth certificate, up-to-date immunization record, Parent ID, 2 proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage etc.).

### Holbrook Elementary School News

On March 22, Holbrook Elementary had a fun-filled evening with students and their families during Family Game Night. This was the third year Learning Gizmos came to Holbrook with multiple different learn-

ing games to play, such as math games, science games, critical thinking games and other literacy games.

The first 50 families that participated in the event received a \$15 coupon to buy games provided by Learning Gizmos. Each family walked out with multiple different games to continue learning and having fun at home.

"I really like coming to Family Game Night!" said Aiman Maazab. "It is really nice that we get to play games and then take them home to play with my family. It is a lot of fun!"

Tuesday, April 12 - Kindergarten Round-Up, 3:30-5 p.m. Please join us if you have a child of kindergarten age. Please bring the following to save your child's spot: Original birth certificate, up-to-date immunization record, Parent ID, 2 proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage etc.).

Wednesday, April 13 - P.T.S.A. (Parent Teacher School Association) Meeting at 1:30 p.m. All

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# Diverse Hamtramck economy rolling into a bright future

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south of Hamtramck's city limits.

What's missing is what's coming: an integrated social and cultural cityscape powered by an effervescent local economy, fed from within and from without, with business activity on two distinct main streets, Jos. Campau and Conant.

Add to that Caniff, an avenue mixed with retail, restaurants and residences, effectively becoming a bridge connecting the two primary commercial districts.

## Fundamentals of community entrepreneurship

The merchant class leading this commercial resurgence will come as no surprise to those who have been playing close attention to the Hamtramck economic story. It's been immigrant entrepreneurs practicing the fundamentals of business: sell a product to people you know will buy it because they need it. Then begin to expand the base.

Bangladeshi-American business people began investing in Hamtramck in the late 1980s. The first shop was called Bengal Spices, on Caniff near Lumpkin. The same family later bought an old Polish Hall (once part of the Polish Roman Catholic Union or PRCU organizational network) and opened Taj Mahal, Hamtramck's first South Asian restaurant, in the early 1990s.

When European-American business ownership began running out of steam in the last quarter of the 20th century, Can-

iff and Conant were left in shabby states of decline. It was largely Bangladeshi immigrant business investment that turned those two streets around – Conant in particular, where today approximately 35-40 business from that community are active.

In 2008, Gov. Granholm designated Conant as Bangladesh



Neighborhood Bangladeshi-owned corner shop, at Klinger and Commor streets.

Avenue. Today, efforts are underway to put more juice into branding strategies. A group known as BAPAC (Bangladeshi American Public Affairs Committee) is using BanglaTown – also used by the artist community in the neighborhood north of Carpenter – to describe a district along the Conant corridor on either side of the Hamtramck-Detroit border with Davison at its northern edge.

Kamal Rahman of BAPAC says he talked with artists/neighborhood activists Mitch Cope and Gina Reichert of Power House Productions about the name. He says all agreed it was a good fit for everyone.

"We believe the people who live here and the business community are part of one community. We all work together to

make this a better place for all," Rahman says.

"We like to think BanglaTown is the downtown for the Bangladeshi people in (southeast Michigan). This is our Greektown, our Mexicantown. We want our business community to grow, for more people to come visit and shop here."

On the south end of Hamtramck, in the city's

oldest neighborhood once marked by blight and neglect, word is that the Yemeni-American community is building a case for its own branded district. The Yemen Cafe just moved into a new, bigger space in a building adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park. Sheeba, another restaurant, is in a storefront on the north side of the same building.

Arab-American investors originally from Yemen also have key footprints on Caniff in Al-Haramain market, Royal Kabob restaurant and Delite Cafe.

## What's popping now

Signals have been appearing for some time that Hamtramck is primed and ready for new business – especially of the outside-the-box, nontraditional vari-

ety.

Some of those already dot the commercial landscape, like Mikel Smith's Detroit Threads, Jeff Garbus's Record Graveyard and Richie Wohfiel's Lo & Behold – all players on the local underground music scene.

Speaking of music, the recent Hamtramck Music Festival attracted 4,300 attendees, 1,300 more than in 2015. The Hamtramck DDA broke down the numbers to show that each festival-goer spent approximately \$40 while in Hamtramck (events took place in 24 locations over three days), contributing \$172,000 to the local economy. Strategies are already being discussed on how benefits to the business communities can be increased in 2017.

A new bar, Trixie's, opened by twin brothers Andrew and Ian Perotta, hosted bands during the festival, then had its official opening two weeks



Corner space under development for Wheelhouse Detroit, Hamtramck location.

later. The business is on Carpenter, at the northernmost edge of the city, in a neighborhood artists have dubbed the Northwest Territories.

Other bars executing good ideas to attract more customers include

Kelly's, which has done taco, burger and fish fry food pop ups; Baker Streetcar Bar, where Summer Radke does creative bar food fare on Sunday evenings; and Bumbo's, where Brian and Tia Fletcher Krawczyk offer Polish food fused with other cuisines every Wednesday night.

Also recently opened is Bank Suey, a project that offers low-cost space for community-driven events and activities. The building – once home to a community bank, later a bar and most recently a Chinese food carry out – has quickly asserted itself by illuminating the night at the intersection of Jos. Campau and Caniff. Editor's note: Bank Suey is run by Model D publisher Alissa Shelton and her family.

Another Shelton, Alissa's brother Darren, is working with Planet Ant on redeveloping the former BHA Hall on Caniff (this is the same property that once housed

the PRCU until the early 1990s) for live theater performance, a restaurant and bar.

## What's coming

There are several other business projects now in progress, a few far

enough along to potentially open this spring.

• Zlatan and Indira Sadikovic, who left Sarajevo in the 1990s during the Bosnian war, are converting the former Belmont Bar into a coffee bar, photo studio and gallery. The couple also bought the building directly to the north of the Belmont and are renovating it into a loft space above for themselves, with a still-to-be-decided commercial space on ground floor.

• More coffee (with full Class C liquor license) is coming to the southend of Jos. Campau. HenriettaHaus, formerly of Ferndale's Rust Belt Market, is expected to open later this year in the former Kopytko Meats storefront near the corner of Andrus St. Business owner Amy Duncan and partner Jeremy Duncan also live in the building, which was built in 1919.

• Living Zen Organics, the cafe at the Detroit Zen Center, is expanding into the garden on the north side of the building at Mitchell and Casmere streets. It will include a teahouse with Korean recipes that stretch back over 2,000 years.

• It'll soon be "showtime" for an alternative rock 'n' roll clothing store, moving from its original Midtown location to Jos. Campau near Evaline St. An official announcement is expected soon by the owner, who purchased the building that once contained New York Fashions.

• Bon Bon Bon is moving uptown from its tight quarters on Evaline St. west of Jos. Campau to a building on Jos. Campau north of Caniff. Owner Alexandra Clark is also renovating the second floor as a living space.

• A larger Jos. Campau location will house the Ukrainian Archives and Museum, across the street from the Hamtramck Historical Museum near Norwalk St.

• In a building on Jos. Campau between Edwin and Norwalk streets that once housed a flower shop, then a film studio and more recently a yoga studio, sound engineer Adam Cox is opening Hamtramck Sound Studios.

• The Detroit City Football Club is locating its business offices in a space on Yemans St., in the same building as Amicci's Pizza. The club launched a \$750,000 campaign to renovate Hamtramck's Keyworth Stadium for the upcoming season. The team playing at the stadium

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## In Our Opinion

### Economic development points to a growing business renaissance

This week we present another story from Review writer Walter Wasacz about Hamtramck's evolving economic journey.

We are calling this a journey because we have been fooled in the past about economic developments. We have seen plenty of moments when it appeared Hamtramck was experiencing a major development phase.

As it often turned out, however, it seems for every two steps forward the city takes, it is quickly followed by one huge step backwards.

Having said that, it ap-

pears the latest trends in economic development happening here are rock solid and point toward more positive development.

There are a number of reasons for this belief, as pointed out in Wasacz's deep dive into what's happening here.

One major influence has been the gentrification of Midtown Detroit, which has pushed out a number of retailers and residents. Looking for inexpensive but quality housing, a number of these former Detroiters are moving here. The same can be said for some business folks.

There has also been an incubation of first-time entrepreneurs who have been drawn here by the relatively cheaper rents and amazing ethnic diversity.

Without a doubt Hamtramck is changing, and changing for the better.

We are excited about the city's future, and we believe this uptick is here for good.

Look for more stories on Hamtramck's economic renaissance in future issues. In the meantime, go out there and support our retailers and the growing music and arts scene.

## Odds & Ends

**Cleaning up...** It's that time of the year again to show your Hamtramck pride.

The Hamtramck Beautification Commission is holding its annual Spring Clean Sweep on Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Here's what the commission has to say:

"Winter is finally over! Let's clean the last memories of it off of our fair city!

"We'll gladly take your help for as long as you're available. Tools, trash bags and refreshments will be provided. Meet up locations to be determined. Please check our Facebook page for addi-

tional details.

"Want to volunteer or have any questions? Please contact the Hamtramck Beautification Commission at hamtramckbeautification@gmail.com or call (313) 312-4045. "Help keep our city beautiful!"

**Protest...** There is a lot of concern here about a proposed hazardous waste plant to be located just outside of Hamtramck. The name of the plant is "US Ecology" – which is a not so clever attempt to fool the public into thinking this will be environmentally friendly.

That couldn't be further

from the truth.

Opponents of the plant say this operation will deal with highly contaminated items, a "stew of chemicals" they say that will be dumped into the ground and emitted into the air.

The state's Department of Environmental Quality is said to be ready to approve this plant.

With that in mind, a protest will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. at 2120 Russell. There will then be a demonstration walk to Eastern Market. Come on out and let your voice be heard.

## Diverse Hamtramck economy rolling into a bright future

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built in the late 1930s will likely bring another huge economic boost to the city when the season begins this spring.

In another building recently purchased by Amicci's owner John Grossi, Better Life Bags – a community-minded business that hires women with various employment barriers to make leather and fabric handbags – has relocated after being in the space soon to be occupied by Detroit City FC.

Sharing that same building at the corner of Jos. Campau and Florian St. is Wheelhouse Detroit, the bicycle shop on Detroit's East Riverfront. If all goes as planned the business will open in May.

Kelli Kavanaugh of Wheelhouse says she chose Hamtramck because of "the traditional Main Street character of Jos. Campau and the overall friendliness of city government." She also says that the new



Bank Suey at night, intersection of Jos. Campau and Caniff.

location "expands the footprint of my business out of the 7.2-square-mile area of greater downtown Detroit." Kavanaugh is also director for the non-profit Tour Detroit organization, which sponsors the annual Paczki Run in Hamtramck each winter.

Another reason for Wheelhouse opening in Hamtramck?

The Inner Circle Greenway, a 26-mile non-motorized trail is coming up this way from the Dequindre Cut, before it zigs over to St. Aubin, then zags over to Jos. Campau via Hamtramck

Drive. Riders on the Greenway will glide along right past Wheelhouse, with protected lanes proposed for the wider section of Jos. Campau north of Caniff. That's big news for the local economy, made bigger by the fact that one of the region's top advocates for bicycle transportation is putting a stake down in a corner of the city.

Welcome, Kelli. Welcome, everyone. Say hello to the future.

*This story appears courtesy of Model D. See more at www.modeldmedia.com*

## Soccer club recognized for undefeated season

The Mousumee Sports Club soccer team has some serious bragging rights.

The club won the Detroit Police Athletics League championship for the U14 group last October. Recently, the Detroit City Council recognized the team during the regular city council meeting.

The team was organized and coached by AKM Rahman, a former member of the Bangladesh National team.

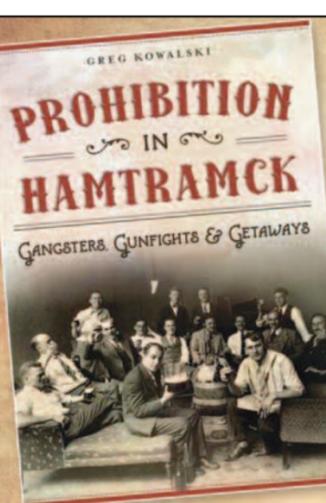
Mousumee Sports Club has members from Hamtramck and nearby Detroit neighborhoods. The kids had no prior experience in an organized

league.

Once they formed as a team they went on to one victory after another. The team was undefeated throughout the season and won the championship by defeating Oakland International Academy (OIA), another local team.



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## Coming events

**SATURDAY, April 9, 2-4 p.m.** – Holy Cross Soup Kitchen, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. All are welcome.

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

**WEDNESDAY, April 13, 11 a.m.** – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will meet at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, entrance on Harold, fenced-in parking.

**WEDNESDAY, April 20, 7 p.m.** – The Hamtramck Midtown Block Club will meet in St. Florian's Convent, 2626 Florian; please use the side entrance. Join us and invite your neighbors and friends as we discuss our project, safety concerns and upcoming events around town. Guest speakers are regularly featured, along with light refreshments. Thank you in advance for showing your support by attending our meetings, usually held the third Wednesday of the month.



## School Bell

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parents are invited to attend this meeting.

- Tuesday, April 19 – P. O.G.S (Parents of Great Students) 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

- Thursday, April 21 – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Please plan to attend our conferences.

- Friday, April 22 – Earth Day, several activities are planned for Earth Day. Updates will be forthcoming (Hints: Get your bikes/shoes ready for a Scavenger Hunt and find old books).



Fataha Gency's winning poster earned her a \$300 scholarship from the Society of Automotive Engineers-Detroit Section.

### All Schools

- Tuesday, April 12 – Only 10th grade (PSAT test) and 11th grade (SAT test) report to Hamtramck High School and Horizon High School. No

school for 9th and 12th grade.

- Wednesday, April 13 – Only 9th grade (PSAT) and 11th grade (WorkKeys test) report to Hamtramck High School

and Horizon High School. No school for 10th and 12th grade.

- Wednesday, April 13 – End of 3rd quarter.

- Thursday, April 21 – Half day for all stu-

dents. Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Report card #3 distributed.

**Compiled by  
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### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 29-April 4.

#### Tuesday, March 29

- At a little after midnight a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on three Hamtramck warrants stemming from recent robberies.
- At about 10 a.m. a man was robbed of \$250 while in the 2900 block of Evaline. The suspect was described as a 40-year-old man who was heavy-set.
- A man was arrested for domestic violence while in the 11400 block of Dequindre.
- A doctor from a medical clinic on Carpenter reported someone is forging his name on prescriptions.
- A Prescott resident reported a house break-in.
- A Casmere juvenile reported being assaulted by a teenage boy. The suspect was found and arrested.

#### Wednesday, March 30

- A business owner in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau found a bicycle he believed to be stolen and turned it over to the police department. The bike was returned to its

owner.

- At 9:30 p.m. a resident was walking eastbound on Caniff near the Jos. Campau bus stop when three men exited a bus and assaulted him.
- A resident reported being assaulted by a person he knows while in the 2400 block of Hewitt.
- At 6:30 a.m. a break-in was reported in the 2900 block of Caniff.
- At 8:30 a.m. a Jacob resident reported his son had not returned home from Macomb Community College from the day before.
- An Andrus resident reported three juveniles damaged his car while it was parked in front of his residence.
- An Edwin resident was arrested after a traffic stop for carrying a concealed weapon without having a permit and driving without a license.

#### Thursday, March 31

- Officers responded to an alarm from a business in the 10300 block of Jos. Campau. Officers discovered the business had been broke into, and the owner was notified.
- A Taylor resident reported that a cargo shipment he was expecting was rerouted to a Ham-

tramck address without his permission.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on multiple warrants.

#### Friday, April 1

- A resident in the 5100 block of Belmont reported someone damaged their car.
- At almost 1 a.m. officers responded to complaints from those living in the 5000 block of Belmont after three men were seen breaking out windows at three houses. One hour later another resident in that block reported a window had been broken out.
- A St. Aubin resident was assaulted by three men.

#### Saturday, April 2

- Three Detroit adults, one Detroit juvenile and one Hamtramck juvenile were arrested after a traffic stop for various offenses, including: carrying a concealed weapon, possessing narcotics and an open intoxicant, having a fraudulent license plate tab and an improper license plate.
- At almost 2:30 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested by Troy police for being wanted on a Ham-

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By Greg Kowalski

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“On the 11th instant, departed this life, John F. Hamtramck, Esq. Colonel of the 1st regiment of United States Infantry, Commandant of Detroit and its dependencies. This officer entered into the American service at its earliest period of hazard and danger, and served during the whole revolutionary war with such distinguished merit, as to receive the personal approbation of his illustrious chief, General Washington.

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trimmed with rich silver lace, supported by six officers, was borne by four sergeants, proceeded by the inhabitants, and attendants, chanting Funeral service, the garrison physicians following, arrived on the grand parade at 9 o'clock A.M. and was received by the military, which presented arms, an officer carrying the field standard, half furled, and bound with crape saluting: the first artillery firing minute guns: The troops with inverted order, with arms reversed, took up the line of march towards the Roman Church, followed by the commanding officer, and other officers of duty, dressed with scarfs, attended by a large concourse of the inhabitants chiefly in mourning.

“On arriving in front of the church, the line halted, opened to the right and left, faced inwards and rested upon their arms: the bier advancing slowly through the church, which was dressed in mourning, Grand Mass was then performed for the deceased, who was of the Roman faith; incense was burned at the altar; the funeral ceremony was chaunted, the Priest pronounced from the pul-

pit a funeral discourse, and hymns and solemn music closed the service.

“The bier was then received from the Church by the line with presented arms, standard saluting, the drums and fifes performing a dead march. The line took up its march to the place of internment: on arriving at the cemetery, the music paused, and the bier entered, the priest and clergy chaunted the funeral rites to the grave, in which the body was deposited, and the burial service was said over it: after which the line marched up obliquely to the right and left, and facing inwards, came to a shoulder and fired three volleys over the grave.

“Minute guns were discharged during the whole ceremony.”

You can learn more about Col. Hamtramck's life — and death — at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call (313) 893-5027.

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tramck warrant. The resident had failed to pay income taxes to the city. (Hamtramck has an income tax for those who work in the city but don't live here as well as for those who do live in Hamtramck.)

• At 2:30 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for child endangerment, drunk driving and driving without a license. The driver had a blood-alcohol level three times above the legal limit. A child in the car was placed with Children's Protective Services.

• A woman was found in the 8800 block of Jos. Campau suffering from a narcotics overdose.

• A Bloomfield Hills resident was arrested for attempted theft at 3901 Christopher.

**Sunday, April 3**

• A person was ticketed for being disorderly while in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

• A person was arrested by the White Lake Police Department for being wanted on a Hamtramck felony warrant.

• A resident in the 11600 block of Klinger reported a domestic violence incident.

**Monday, April 4**

• A woman reported that she accidentally left

her purse behind in a restaurant in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau. She said it was gone when she went back to get it.

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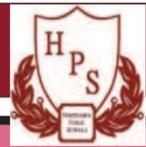
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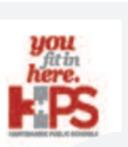
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