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## Quick Hits

Looking for something to do this weekend?

Hamtramck will be host to some exciting events. For fans of the Detroit City Football Club, this Friday, July 15, is the last regular season game at Keyworth Stadium, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The soccer club will square off against the Michigan Stars. They will play one more game – just for fun – on Wednesday, July 27 at Keyworth at 7:30 p.m.

If you haven't seen a game yet at Keyworth, check it out. It's an exciting evening for sure.

And on Saturday, head over to Kelly's Bar on Holbrook for what's being billed as "High in July Art Fair."

The fun starts at 1 p.m., and it will feature bands, art, rummage sale and a tasty barbecue – all for a mere \$5.



## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Under Jos. Campau, a view of the city's streetcar past

By Charles Sercombe

Every now and then parts of Jos. Campau are torn up for repairs.

A number of years ago it was for repaving part of the street.

Lately, the sewer line project in the southend has ripped up Campau.

In both cases, a glimpse of the city's past was exposed. Rail lines that once were used by streetcars could be seen in both cases, which reminds us that at one time streetcars were the major source of transportation not only in Hamtramck but the metro area as well.

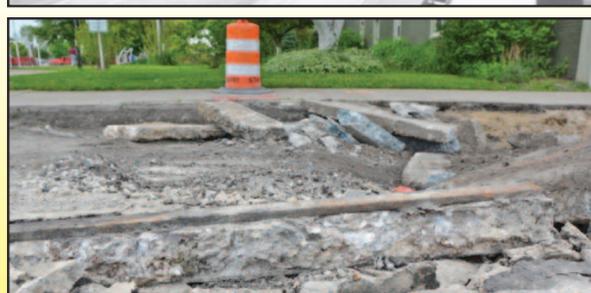
From all reports from back then, it was a fantastic system.

As the story goes, that all went away by the 1950s when cars were made king of the road. Goodbye streetcars, hello autos and, ugh, buses.

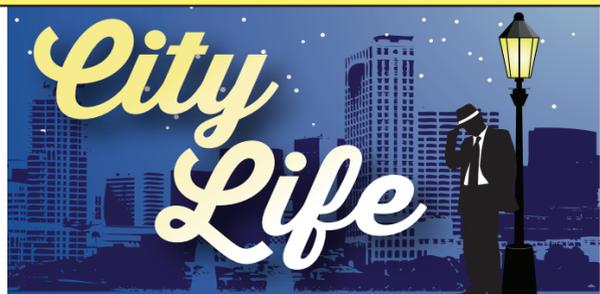
There are many who lament the passing of streetcars, and now Detroit officials are working to bring back a rail line on Woodward. You could say what's old is new again.

We asked local historian Greg Kowalski, who is also the chairman of

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Top: The Baker Streetcar line was once a popular streetcar route in Hamtramck. It ran down Jos. Campau. Above: a rail line was exposed recently when Jos. Campau was dug up for a sewer line project.



By Walter Wasacz

A few nights ago, when I was with a friend on her front porch on Sobieski St., a car flew past going toward Caniff at about 50 miles per hour, maybe even faster.

Earlier today, as I worked in my home office

that faces Gallagher St. I heard the roar of engines outside my west window. When I looked out, I saw what appeared to be a wedding procession heading north toward Caniff.

It was a joyous group, whooping it up. I felt some of that joy too until

I watched several of the cars play hopscotch and pass each other, some gunning it through the stop sign at Evaline St. and speeding against traffic in the southbound lane.

Last month, on the last day of school, a boy coming home from Kosciuszko Middle School was struck by a motorist at the Gallagher-Belmont curve, where I have witnessed accidents and near accidents for decades.

According to Ham-

tramck Public Schools' Superintendent Thomas Niczay, who was with me at the scene of the accident, the injured student was taken to the hospital but is home now, and he is still experiencing headaches.

It could have been much worse, and it will be unless we dedicate an effort to slow traffic down in the city.

No doubt there are other public safety issues that Hamtramck shares with other urban (and sub-

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## A new danger for officers

By Charles Sercombe

Police work has never been easy, but with the recent shootings in Dallas officers now face a new and uncertain danger.

A person with a grudge could open up on unsuspecting officers and do great harm before being subdued.

In Hamtramck, Police Chief Anne Moise said there is indeed increased tension among officers.

The Review asked her to talk about the new environment officers find themselves in.

"With the increasing violence against police officers in this country, no one can predict what may happen next," Moise said in an email response.

"The police officer sitting in his car finishing a report, officers sitting in a café having lunch, or dozens of officers standing watch over a planned peaceful demonstration, it appears this can happen anywhere, at any time.

"Even those that planned the demonstration in Dallas stated to the media that this is

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**Vacation Bible School for Children, Parents and Grandparents, "The Golden Rule, and, Respect for Sex and Guns,"**  
Monday, Aug. 15, 1 - 2:30 pm, at the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Apartments Community Center, 595 Chene, Detroit.

**Elmwood Park Community Praise, Family Fair Food Center,**  
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# Under Jos. Campau, a view of the city's streetcar past

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the Hamtramck Historic Committee, to reflect on Hamtramck's era of streetcars. Here's what he had to say:

"We were mainly served by the Baker Streetcar line. Originally, that ran up Jos. Campau from downtown Detroit to about where the viaduct is today. Later, it was extended to run through Hamtramck to about Davison.

"There were connectors all across the metro area. Some people who lived here worked at Henry Ford's Rouge plant and would take the street cars from here to there by using connectors.

"The lines that came here were established in the early 20th century – about 1905. They were a primary form of transportation. They weren't very comfortable but they were cheap and reliable. And they were critical for people to get around.

"Most people didn't have cars until after World War II so they needed the streetcars to go any distance. The system was shut down in about 1955 when the new bus system was installed. I think just about everyone today agrees

that was a mistake. There is still controversy about that. Some people say that the auto makers were responsible because they didn't want that form of public transportation, which competed with motor vehicles.

"I had my doubts about that until I met a former auto exec up in Bloomfield Hills who said he was at a meeting with the city of Detroit back in the 1950s and confirmed that it was true.

"Their loss really didn't hurt commerce locally because we are a very walkable community and the buses did provide a good alternative to bring people in from outside. And cars were becoming far more common in the mid-1950s. But there is a lot of nostalgia associated with the street cars. My mom, who died in 2013 at the age of 90, told me one of her earliest memories was falling asleep in her mother's arms while hearing the clanking sound of the

streetcars in the distance."

Want to see part of Hamtramck's streetcar history? At the city's Historical Museum, located at 9525 Jos. Campau, there is a section of the streetcar track on display. The museum is

open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and by appointment. Call (313) 893-5027.

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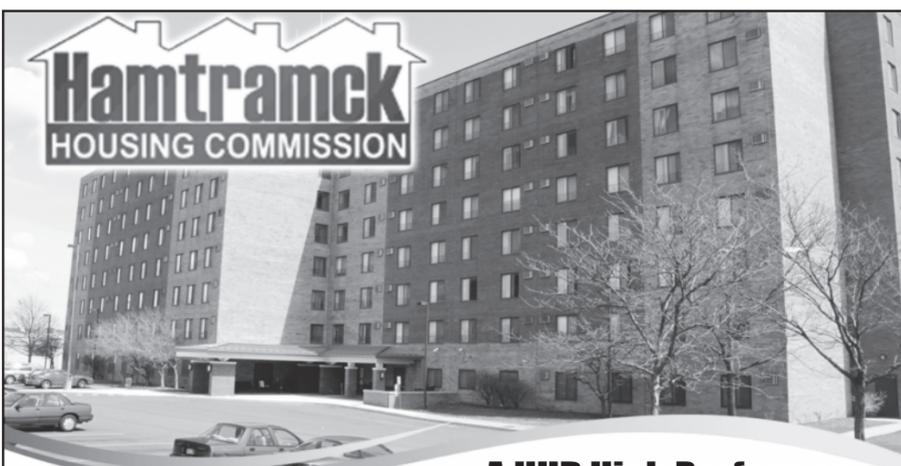
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**Family Feud Family Fun Night** – with Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition, July 28, 5 p.m.

**DETROIT 1967: DO YOU REMEMBER?** – Do you have fond memories

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# Second Front Page

## School Bell

**Congratulations to Mrs. Debbie Caminita,** Payroll and Benefits Coordinator for Hamtramck Public Schools upon earning the certification of Human Resources Specialist.

This certification is under the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) organization. This award reflects a high degree of academic and professional preparation established by the MSBO Board of Directors through their Professional Development Committee. Mrs. Debbie Caminita has been an employee of Hamtramck Public Schools for 27 years.

Congratulations to Debbie on her latest achievement!

To register students for Hamtramck Public Schools, application packets are available at



**Debbie Caminita**

3201 Roosevelt, Monday-Friday from 7:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

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Michigan State I.D.), two current proofs of residency (past 30 days) are required: e.g. utility bill, mortgage, rent receipt, etc.

Also, Hamtramck Public School District is accepting non-Hamtramck residents for the 2016-2017 school year. Please be advised of the following School of Choice application deadlines: 1st-8th grades accepted through August 25, 9th grade through August 5, 10th-12th grades through August 12.

**Horizon High School School of Choice** applications are being accepted through August 12. Kindergarten School of Choice applications are being accepted through September 9. No late School of Choice applications will be accepted after these due dates.

### Recreation Department News

Spend the weekend with the Hamtramck Recreation Department. Join us Saturday, July 30 for "It's A Blast in Hamtramck" fireworks event at Keyworth Stadium from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

This year we'll have a mobile zipline, human hamster ball race, euro bungees, and much more.

Then come along on Sunday, July 31 to honor and dedicate the pavilion at Pulaski Park to the beloved Titus Rudolph Walters, former Hamtramck Public School Board President and City Councilmember. The dedication ceremony will begin at 3 p.m.

Compiled by **Janice Gandelman**



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# Here's one sewer line problem you can prepare for

By **Charles Sercombe**

Last week's heavy rain reminded a number of residents why you shouldn't keep valuables in the basement.

The rain caused a number of basements to flood, but it appears not everyone had raw sewage that backed up.

Instead, it appears to be rainwater that flooded most basements.

The city is several weeks away from finishing the installation of a new sewer line in the southend that should greatly reduce the chance of more flooding in the future.

Last week's incident also serves as a good reminder that for a mere \$7 a month, homeowners can cover themselves for another sewer line-related emergency.

The city has partnered with Service Line Warranties of America for a unique protection plan.

So far, there have been a dozen homeowners charged \$4,600 for the repair.

The need for the repair becomes noticeable when the alley pavement behind your house caves in. The likely cause of that depression is a leak in the homeowner's sewer line that caused a washout below the pavement.

"Through this program, homeowners are more likely to report problems without fear of expensive repairs," said City Manager Katrina. "In today's economy, it's important for the City to help homeowners find affordable protection for their own private aging infrastructure."

The insurance program protects against leaks, breaks and clogs due to normal wear and tear, age, ground-shifting and tree root intrusion.

"Homeowners believe that the pipes located on their property will last forever or that the City will repair the line if it breaks," said Powell. "That's simply not the case. Many factors contribute to the life expectancy of a line such as tree root intrusion, ground shifting, weather and age - all factors which are covered through the Service Line Warranties of America warranty program."

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# Longtime court employee ends her career with a celebration



**By Charles Sercombe**

For 36 years Janet Akins was a fixture at Hamtramck 31st District Court.

She held a variety of jobs in the court and saw many employees come and go during that time.

There was one constant, though: She always had a welcoming and sympathetic smile for those who worked in the court as well as for the public.

Her career in the court came to an end last Friday with a retirement party held in the newly renovated Zussman Park, across from City Hall.

Many current and former court and city hall

employees came to celebrate her life's work and retirement. Those attending were mostly a who's who of an older generation of Hamtramck City Hall employees.

Asked many times what she planned to do, Akins had a ready, one-word answer: "Chill."

After 36 years of employment, that sounds just about right.

**Scenes from the retirement party for Hamtramck 31st District Court employee Janet Akins. Right: Former Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Patrick Cahill congratulates Akins. Below right: Former Hamtramck Judge Paul Paruk, who just left his position, poses with Akins.**



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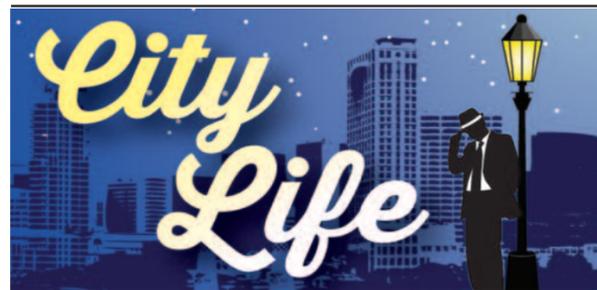


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urban) communities, but excessive speed on the streets tops my list. People, young and old, walk and cycle here daily.

The safety of the street - which architect Louis Kahn called the "first institution of the city" and "a community room" - has been compromised. According to the national nonprofit organization Project for Public Spaces, streets "have become the primary and near-exclusive domain of cars."

But that dangerous imbalance is changing for the better around the country, and around the

world. It's time for Hamtramck to step up to become a safer, slower city. By getting leaders from the city, schools and community on board we can force some positive change to happen locally.

### What can we do?

An essay published by the Project for Public Places reads: "In short, because of single-minded assumptions that the car was and always would be king in America, for most of the past century cities and communities have been designed to meet mobility needs rather than

human needs like social interaction, physical activity, or a connection to place."

The first step toward changing the speed of our streets is to pay attention to how motor traffic affects our lives - that is, the lives of our children, the elderly, cyclists, people walking for exercise, for fun or to a destination. Everyone who lives in the city and uses its streets can be a part of positive change to slow them down and make them safer.

I walk every day as part of my personal art-meets-journalism practice. I reminisce and recall my boyhood, my adolescence and more recent adult memories of this place, but I am not a writer lost to his thoughts as he walks. I learned long ago to be fully alert to the potential harsh realities of the streets at all times.

Some motorists do not stop at the crosswalks as I walk through them. Even if I have the right of way at a green light, like I did yesterday at Caniff and Gallagher, an anxious driver often will not give me the lawful right of way to cross.

If I'm crossing the intersection of an alley and a sidewalk, where sightlines might be blocked for a driver using the alley (a good example of this is at Yemens St., next to Polonia restaurant), I stop before I cross. I've seen too many cars edge through sidewalks just far enough to nearly hit a pedestrian and cause minor or more serious injury.

Here are some things we can do to start making Hamtramck streets safer for everyone:

- Signage. How many speed limits signs are there in the city? Not many, and surely not

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## IT'S A BLAST FIREWORKS IN HAMTRAMCK

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### It took decades, but repairs to the sewer system are on the way

Last week's heavy rain reminded us once again why the repairs to the city's sewer system are long overdue.

For decades this city has neglected to repair its water and sewer lines or do other things like repaving streets.

Several years ago a group of residents finally said enough and sued the city for repeated basement flooding. And when we say flooding, we mean raw sewage oozing up through the basement drains.

The city settled with the residents and was ordered by a court to start making repairs.

It's unfortunate that it

took a lawsuit to force city officials' hands in the matter. Actually, we shouldn't entirely blame city officials. In the 1950s voters had a chance to OK a special millage to connect our sewer system with a major line running beneath Conant.

They rejected that proposal.

Had that been done, we wouldn't be talking today about basements being flooded.

Last week we reported on a major sewer line project ongoing on Jos. Campau from Goodson to Denton.

The project is costing the city \$3.5 million,

which it is repaying through a special fee on water bills.

City officials say once this project is completed, there should be a significant improvement in preventing flooding.

There are several more steps to go, though, before the entire city is fixed, but when the very next step happens is anyone's guess. Funding for more repairs is being sought, but so far hasn't been found.

Slowly, Hamtramck is making progress, but sometimes it takes a little force from the outside to make it happen.

### Community advocate Beatrice Woods used her connections to help city

By Charles Sercombe

For decades Beatrice Woods and her husband, Howard, were one of Hamtramck's most powerful political couples in Hamtramck.

Mrs. Woods died last Monday, July 11, in her home at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by her husband who died in 1999.

The couple stood out in many ways, but most significantly they were well-connected Republican Party supporters who worked the back channels to help usher in a number of historical developments in Hamtramck.

They were also among the most well-known and influential African-Americans not only in Hamtramck but in the nation.

When the City of Hamtramck fell into financial hard times in the 1970s and faced payless paydays, the Woods went to Washington to ask for financial assistance and got it, said their son, Craig.

"A lot of people didn't know that," he said.

Beatrice Woods was born in 1925 in a doctor's office on Jos. Campau. She lived her entire life here, and had an encyclopedic memory of the people and businesses who passed through the city.

Craig said her mother instilled in him and his



Beatrice Woods was a strong advocate for Hamtramck and regularly attended city council meetings.

siblings the old adage to "work hard, do your best and treat everybody the same."

Beatrice Woods was a regular attendee of city council meetings for much of her life and wouldn't hesitate to call out city officials if she felt they were not giving their best effort.

Besides having a deep love and interest of the city, the couple traveled extensively throughout the country and the world.

Her friend, Susan Dunn, said she "lived a wonderful long life."

"Leaving Hamtramck was never an option for her. Her son, Craig, who'd retired to go live in Florida, couldn't get her to come there with him and his wife.

"Her daughter, Darlene, and Craig, would call me asking me to help convince her to move. I said I couldn't because I understood why she stayed.

Her home was where the love was.

"Every room was her memories of her family and the life they lived. Her babies came through the front door. Her husband, Howard, was carried out those doors after passing away in their bed."

Beatrice Woods was also preceded in death by her daughter, Marlene, and son, Gary.

Besides, Craig, she is survived by daughter, Darlene Pruitt, and grandchildren, Cheryl, Lisa, Jamila, Craig, Dawn and Jason.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 16, 11 a.m., at Macedonia Baptist Church, 14221 Southfield, in Detroit.

Viewing and visitation will be July 15, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at James H. Cole Home for Funerals, 2624 W. Grand Blvd, in Detroit.

Interment will be at Metropolitan Memorial Gardens.

## Odds & Ends

**Soup's on...** If you want to get a chance to win some money to get your community project off the ground, hurry up.

Hamtramck Soup is accepting proposals until July 17 for the public to hear later on July 24.

Applications are online at: [www.detroitssoup.com/hamtramck](http://www.detroitssoup.com/hamtramck)

How this works is anyone can join the dinner on July 24 for a \$5 admission and listen to the presenters. After the presentations are made those in attendance vote to pick the winning project.

The winner takes the proceeds from the night

to help fund their project.

It's a great way to meet fellow residents and make new friends.

The July 24 get-together is at PLAV Post 10, 11824 Jos. Campau. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., dinner is served up at 5 and presentations are made at 6.

**Scam alert...** A Review reader and other residents reported that there are people going door-to-door in the city claiming that they are in the business of repairing the foundations of houses.

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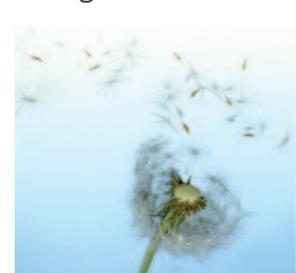
pairs at a "reduced rate."

First of all, you can't make an assessment of a foundation just by looking at it from outside. But don't invite these folks in to take a closer look.

Secondly, City Clerk August Gitschlag says door-to-door solicitors are required to get a permit from his office to conduct business in the city.

Guess what? No one has asked for such a permit. That means these folks are doing this illegally. If they come to your door, call the police immediately at 911.

of flowers or donations, G'Ma's wishes were for you to watch a Detroit Tiger baseball game with your family and root for the Tigers!



## Obituaries

### JURCZYK

Marian Jurczyk (nee Gajewski), 98, died July 10, 2016.

Mrs. Jurczyk passed away peacefully at home. Mrs. Jurczyk was the beloved wife of the late "Sig". Mrs. Jurczyk is survived by her children, Raymond (Janet) and Barbara Lewandowski; eight

grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; many nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be held Friday, July 15, at 10 a.m., at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck, MI. In lieu

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### A new danger for officers

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not what they are about. They wanted to get their message across in a peaceful way. As citizens they have a right to do so.

"As a nation we need to support the law enforcement community as they deal with the aftermath and uncertainty of what may happen next.

"As part of the law enforcement community we need to understand and support those that

choose to protest PEACEFULLY to voice their opinions even when we are the ones they are protesting.

"But we as a nation cannot condone the violent behavior and the ambush and execution of our police officers. It's time for the nation to come together and say #ALLLIVESMATTER."

Moise added that although the Dallas incident presents new,

uncertain challenges, officers have been trained to face danger.

"Our officers are constantly aware of the threats they face every day," she said. "It's part of the oath they took, and it's who they are. They are reminded to always stay vigilant. It is important to remember not to be complacent and that nothing about law enforcement is never routine."

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**WEDNESDAY, July 20, 7 p.m.** – The Hamtramck Midtown Block Club will meet in St. Florian's Convent; please use the side entrance. Naheda Khan will be the guest speaker. A recent Wayne State graduate, Ms. Khan is a Bangladeshi-American who has lived in Hamtramck for 20 years. She has worked as an intern for Hamtramck Community & Economic Development Director Kathy Angerer and Rev. Sharon Buttry. Ms. Khan has a strong background in social work with a particular interest in research with the immigration population. She is a strong advocate for social justice and in finding new ways to strengthen low-income communities. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors. Light refreshments will be served. Thank you for your support. Michelle Odrobina, president/secretary.

**SATURDAY, August 13, 9-3 p.m.** – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

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### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers July 5-11.

#### Tuesday, July 5

- At 3 a.m. officers recovered a car reported stolen out of Detroit at Dorothy and Conant.
- A resident reported a window was broken at a business in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau.
- A resident reported being a victim of a phone scam.
- A break-in was reported at a business in the 12000 block of Conant.
- A Bloomfield resident reported his cellphone was stolen while at a business in the 8600 block of Jos. Campau.
- A Casmere resident reported a break-in but nothing missing.

#### Wednesday, July 6

- At 9 a.m. two people were arrested in the 12000 block of Klinger for possessing an open intoxicant in public.
- At about 11 p.m. a man was arrested for assaulting his wife.
- A woman reported someone stole an item from her car while it was parked in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau.
- A resident in the 2300 block of Burger reported the theft of his circular saw.
- A Trowbridge resident

reported a break-in and theft of assorted items.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for attempting to hit a Grand Haven resident with her car.
- A Lumpkin resident reported the theft of her iPhone from her backyard.

#### Thursday, July 7

- A man was arrested in the 11600 block of Mitchell for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- Two juvenile boys ran away from a juvenile facility on Hanley. The boys returned several hours later.
- At 3 a.m. a number of residents in the 2200 block of Poland reported a driver struck multiple vehicles and then fled. Officers later found the driver and arrested him.
- A person reported fraudulent activity on their debit card.
- A Klinger resident reported the theft of his 2004 Pontiac from in front of his residence.
- Officers checked out a suspicious package in the east Jos. Campau alley. The area was later cleared and secured.
- A resident in the 12000 block of Lumpkin reported a break-in.
- A Mitchell resident was reported missing.
- Another Mitchell resident reported being assaulted and robbed of her cellphone by a suspect.

A Lumpkin resident reported someone entered her residence and moved items around. Nothing was reported missing. There were no signs of a forced entry.

#### Friday, July 8

- Two residents were arrested in the 3300 block of Holbrook for domestic violence and assault.
- A Rochester resident was arrested after a traffic stop for possessing and selling narcotics.
- A resident in the 3800 block of Miller was arrested for arson after setting his family's house on fire.
- At almost 10:30 p.m. a juvenile on his bike was hit and injured by a car in the area of Holbrook and Gallagher.
- At about 1:30 a.m. a Detroit resident reported that while driving in the area of Caniff and Conant a manhole cover blew up beneath his vehicle and damaged it.
- An agent for a business in the 11900 block of Jos. Campau reported receiving several harassing phone calls.
- A resident reported fraudulent activity on her debit card.
- An agent for a business in the 2200 block of Holbrook reported an assault.

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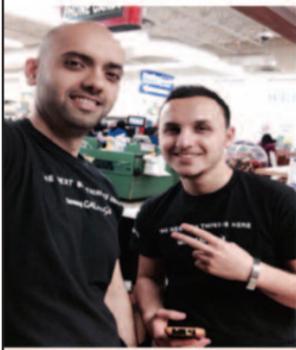
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• A resident in the 2600 block of Neibel reported a break-in.

• A resident reported damage to her 2003 Nissan while it was parked in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.

Saturday, July 9

• At 2 p.m. a man was arrested at Yemens and Jos. Campau for indecent exposure.

• Two women were arrested in the 12000 block of Grand Haven when officers found out one was

wanted on a Hamtramck warrant and the other one attempted to prevent officers from making the arrest.

• A break-in was reported in the 2300 block of Botsford.

Sunday, July 10

• Officers took a domestic violence call reported at a household in the 2700 block of Florian. The suspect in the matter was later located and arrested.

• Two women stole two boxes of diapers from a

store in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau and fled.

Monday, July 11

• At 10 p.m. a man in the 2300 block of Poland was arrested after he slammed a friend into a glass door, which resulted in multiple cuts to the victim.

• A domestic violence report was taken in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

• Officers recovered a loose dog at a business in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau. The owner of the

dog took possession of it.

• Officers received a fax by a person in a local hospital who reported being assaulted in the city.

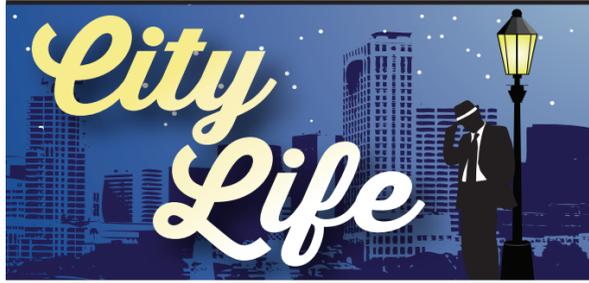
• A resident reported someone broke into her car parked in the 3400 block of Caniff and stole her purse.

• A resident in the 12000 block of Klinger reported a break-in.

• A city employee reported receiving a suspicious letter.

• A St. Aubin resident was arrested for assaulting a roommate in their house.

• A Conant business owner reported the theft of a catalytic converter from a car belonging to his employee.



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enough. There is a 25 MPH limit sign on Conant (pictured), another on Holbrook, one on Mackay. There might be others but there are none on Gallagher, where speeding is a daily concern. I'm not sure if there is a record of when the signs were put up, but my guess is the last time some attention was given to motor speed signage here was in the 1960s and 1970s. A stop sign at Belmont and Gallagher is long, long overdo. Cars speed around that curve every day and night. Does another child have to be struck before we wake up to the fact that this is likely Hamtramck's most threatening and potentially deadly residential intersection? While we are at it, let's also put "No Passing" signs up and paint a double line, the universal symbol for motorists to stay on one side of the road, down the center of Gallagher.

• Maybe 25 MPH works for arterial and commercial roads like Conant, Jos. Campau, Holbrook and Caniff, but why not reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH on all other residential streets? According to the journal Next City, that's what cities in Scotland have done. In particular, Edinburgh has reduced speed limits to 20 MPH on 80 percent of its streets. Other cities in Scotland, including Glasgow – an industrial hub often compared to Detroit – are following suit. The changes are revealing.

Traffic accidents are down as motorists' attitudes about bicyclists and pedestrians seem to improve. It makes sense. When the speed gap is closed between motorists and non-motorists, the car becomes less dominant, the streets more democratic.

• Let's talk about returning one-way streets back to their original two-way designs. That speeding motorist on Sobieski

would have a clear disincentive to go as fast if there was traffic coming from the other direction. All the north-south residential streets between Caniff and Carpenter — Moran, Klinger, Sobieski, Gallagher, Charest, McDougall and Mitchell — were two-way up and until the 1970s. North of Carpenter, in Detroit, the same streets remain two-way. One-way streets have only one purpose: to move traffic more quickly, often out of the community. That's exactly the opposite of what we want. We want people to stay here, to live, to shop, to enjoy city life, not flee it. That's an old urban model, long ago discredited.

• Engage city and school officials. I have begun to do that, sharing my comments and concerns with them. The next step is to move it to the resolution and policy-changing stage. We must begin a campaign based around safety for all of us. There is positive collateral benefit for business and the local economy as well. Stay tuned for more on this effort in the weeks and months ahead.

Walter Wasacz owns a car but does not drive it in Hamtramck. He walks to local destinations and for pleasure every day. Send all comments about City Life in care of him at the Hamtramck Review.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on August 3, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., to consider and afford the opportunity for input to be recorded on the appeal for a modification under Zoning Ordinance 497 on the premises described below. Any variation or modification granted would have no bearing on private restrictions. The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearing or to make written comments on or before the date of the hearing. Written comments should be made to the attention of Kathy Angerer, Community and Economic Development Director, ATT'N: Zoning Board of Appeals, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

- PUBLIC HEARING – Hammad Khan, 11338 Lumpkin Article III. Administration – Section 2, Permits and Approvals Item 2.02.1 Article V. Residential Zones – Section 1, Structure and Site Requirements Item 1.06(a)
- PUBLIC HEARING – Elmedina Gozic, 3476 Evaline Article V. Residential Zones – Section 1, Structure and Site Requirements Item 1.06(a)

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