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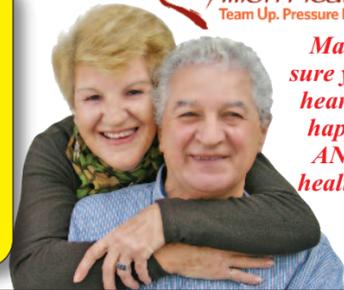
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Get ready for Hamtramck's annual celebration of Labor Day

By Charles Sercombe

In just one week Hamtramck will be party central for the Detroit area. That is, of course, if you like a party with good food, local art, local music and one of the best parades – if not the best – in the area.



Summer is quickly coming to a close, and there is no better way to celebrate our last few weeks of warm weather than by attending next weekend's annual Hamtramck Labor Day Festival. The weekend offers a variety of activities, including a "canoe" race on Monday at noon.

This all happens next weekend (Sept. 2-4) – yes, next weekend. That's when the 38th Hamtramck Labor Day Festival will take place. For those of you who hooked up those many years ago and started a family, yes, your "kid" would be approaching middle age. That's a joke, folks. Because that never, ever happens.

This year offers a brand new spanking addition: Helicopter rides. Yes, indeed, you can enjoy a five-minute ride for a mere \$20. The rides start on Jos. Cam-

pau near Carpenter and you will get to fly over the festival ground and back.

"You'll get a bird's eye view," said festival co-chairman Shannon Lowell.

Also included in the

holiday weekend is the annual Polish Day Parade, on Labor Day, Sept. 4, starting at 1:30 p.m. Over the weekend about 80,000 visitors are expected to attend. The festival is free to attend, but you're on your

own in finding parking. The festival runs noon to 10 p.m. each day. Next week The Review will come out with its annual festival guide. Be sure to pick one up at the festival.



Quick Hits

That engine rumble you hear this Saturday (Aug. 26) will be the sweet sound of the best car show of the year.

The Hamtramck Hustle returns to Kelly's Bar on Saturday afternoon, and it's a rare chance to see some of the coolest "rat rods" around. The event is sponsored by the Dead Last Car Club.

There are some crazy good custom cars and motorcycles here, and all of it is free to view.

Inside Kelly's, there will be food and DJs. Bands will also be setting up in the bar's backyard area.

Stop by and take a look at when Detroit produced some of the best car designs. Kelly's is located on Holbrook, across from the Kowalski Sausage plant.



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.

"You'll get a bird's eye view."

Questions raised over ex-city manager's 'purchase' of a laptop



Former City Manager Katrina Powell is seeking to purchase her work laptop, but the city is saying, sorry, no sale.

By Charles Sercombe

On the way out the door of city hall, former City Manager Katrina Powell took something with her.

A city-issued laptop computer.

She left a check to purchase it for \$1,200, and claimed to have city permission to do so. She said Mayor Karen Majewski signed off on

the deal. Powell said that City Attorney John Clark also authorized the purchase.

But according to Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer that's not accurate. She said Clark insists there is no deal for her to purchase it, and that the city does not want to sell it.

The issue came to

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School purchase delayed

By Charles Sercombe

The expansion of school buildings for the public school district is on hold.

According to a press release issued Thursday by Superintendent Tom Niczay, there is a snag in the sale of a former charter school building located on Hanley.

The district had expected to have students going there at the start of the new school season, which is Sept. 5.

The cause of the delay, according to the press release, is that "certain terms and conditions in the purchase agreement between the seller, Harper Global Enterprises, LLC and the school district could not be fulfilled and, therefore, the district cannot purchase and open the building for the start of the school year."

In the press release, Niczay said the deal is not dead.

"We are continuing to discuss the acquisition of the building and what is necessary for its occupancy by the district but at this time it will not be available for school use by the start of the upcoming school year."

The district previously said it was purchasing the building for \$3 million.

The building had been used by American International Studies, which had about 300 students, some of whom had transferred to the public school district. Further details were not available at press time on Thursday.

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Questions raised over ex-city manager's 'purchase' of a laptop

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light at last Tuesday's regular meeting of the state-appointed Receivership Transition Advisory Board. The board has final authority over all city financial decisions.

Powell, whose last day of employment with the city was June 30, was not on the agenda for the meeting, but she spoke during the public comment portion. She read a prepared statement outlining why the purchase is allowed.

She ultimately asked the RTAB to step in and allow the purchase to go through. Powell also told the RTAB that the city's IT contractor had archived all of the files – including emails – on the laptop and had then “scrubbed” it of all stored information.

Acting City Manager Angerer told the RTAB the city does not want to sell the laptop, on the advice of the city attorney.

There was also one other snag. Deborah Roberts, the chairman of the RTAB, said there was a requirement made by the former

emergency manager that the city come up with a policy on disposing city-owned assets, such as laptop computers.

Angerer told the RTAB that as far as she knows, no such policy exists.

The city was under the control of a state-appointed emergency manager for 18 months before Powell was hired. Powell was city manager for two-and-a-half years. Her employment contract was not extended by a bare majority of the city council.

It was not immediately known why Powell never addressed creating a policy on disposing city assets.

The RTAB declined to get involved in Powell's request to purchase the laptop, saying it's a matter for the city to decide.

After the meeting Powell was handed back her check for \$1,200. Pow-

ell then turned to city Treasurer Joy Gargano and told her to deposit it. Acting City Manager Angerer interceded and told Powell to not involve Gargano.

As of Thursday, the day The Review went to press, Powell had not yet returned the laptop.

The city is refusing to deposit her check.

Angerer told The Review that she is talking with City Attorney Clark about what steps to take if Powell refuses to

return the laptop.

It's not clear why Powell is going to such lengths to purchase the laptop. As city manager she earned over \$100,000 a year, and she also is an owner of a vehicle lease company in Florida, where she came from.

The laptop matter could next go to city council to allow the purchase. But if the council authorizes the purchase, it would still have to be OK'd by the RTAB.

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The lore of Hamtramck ...

Hamtramck's first museum

By Greg Kowalski

We are very proud that the Hamtramck Historical Museum is celebrating its fourth anniversary this Labor Day, but it is interesting to note that this is not the first museum ever to be in Hamtramck.

Many will remember the Ukrainian American Museum and Library on Charest Street that operated there for many years, and now the new Ukrainian Museum is opening up on Jos. Campau.

But some long-time residents will remember the first museum to open in Hamtramck. It isn't clear exactly when it began, but the museum was in full operation in 1935. It was originally called the Visual Education Museum and was housed in Pulaski School. It occupied three classrooms and by 1937 expanded to cover 4,500 square feet of floor space.

The museum had a director, a clerk and a part-time delivery man who brought exhibits to each school daily. He delivered "material sent out upon

request to teachers and pupils (including) real objects and museum specimens, lantern slides, still-films, filmstrips, mounted pictures, posters, 16mm motion pictures, nature study and industrial exhibits, Indian collections, exhibits dealing with applied arts, biological exhibits (including birds and animals of Michigan) habitat groups and dioramas," the 1935 Public Schools Annual Report stated.

A key portion of the exhibits were dioramas, miniature scenes of a dairy farm, a grain farm, a coal mine, a Japanese landscape, the Stone Age, the Bronze Age in England, the Iron Age of the Norsemen and more.

Large cabinets contained nature scenes featuring wildlife in realistic settings. While the cabinets were far too big to move, much of the museum material was designed to be carried to the classrooms to enhance the lessons being taught. And it was flexible.

"As the curriculum

changes from year to year, the visual aid program must change accordingly," the 1937 annual report stated. In fact, the name of the museum was changed at that point to be the Visual and Auditory Education Museum to reflect that much more emphasis was being placed on showing slides and films of historical and natural history topics.

"Certainly a child can supplement his reading matter and find greater interest in it when stimulated by realistic visual material," the 1937 report noted.

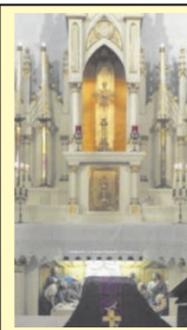
This was done when Hamtramck was recognized as one of, if not the most, progressive school districts in the nation. The museum was just a sampling of the many innovative programs initiated in the Hamtramck Public Schools under the direction of legendary Superintendent Maurice Keyworth.

The museum alone shows how perceptive he was in understanding that a key to education was to

engage the students in the process. The core of education is not memorization, it is to instill in the student the desire to learn.

Sadly, Pulaski School is gone, demolished years ago. Whatever happened to the material from the museum is not known. It might still be packed away in some dark recess of one of the remaining schools. But we have preserved its story, and its significance is as fresh as ever.

You can learn more about Maurice Keyworth and the Hamtramck Public Schools at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9252 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call (313) 574-9758.



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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:

It's August, and our warm summer days are numbered. Before they're over, why not look beyond the pool and take a refreshing dip in one of the many natural bodies of water you can enjoy in metro Detroit? There's something especially calming about swimming in a pool that nature made—it's good for you, and you might deepen your appreciation of the Great Lakes state's many lakes and rivers.

Lakeside Park

Great Lakes, great times, indeed! On the shore of Lake Huron in Port Huron, Lakeside Park's sandy beaches are a prime spot for swimming and beach volleyball. On weekends, boaters anchor offshore to swim there. The park also contains playground facilities and picnic areas. City residents can pay \$5 for unlimited entrance for a year; St. Clair County Residents can pay \$35 for the year or \$5 for the day, and out-of-county residents pay a \$15 daily entrance fee per vehicle.

Belle Isle Park

You can swim in the Detroit River, with a view of the Detroit skyline, from Belle Isle's beach. The island, which sits right on the river in between the United States and Canada, became Michigan's 102nd state park in 2014 as part of a lease agreement with the City of Detroit. The 982-acre park houses many other attractions as well, including a Great Lakes museum and a conservatory. Belle Isle and other Michigan state parks require the Recreation Passport (\$11 for Michigan vehicles and \$5 for Michigan motorcycles) to enter with a vehicle.

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area

At Waterford's Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, you can swim and explore 3,745 acres. The park contain marshes, ponds, heavy forests, and old farm fields, which support a wide variety of animals. The recreation area also has trails designated for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. As a state park area, it requires the Recreation Passport for vehicle entry.

Halfmoon Lake Beach

If you really want to feel like you're escaping, head to Halfmoon Lake Beach, which is part of the vast, 11,000-acre Pinckney Recreation Area. There's also a boat launch, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and playground at the beach. Pinckney Recre-

ation Area is known for its extensive trails—more than 40 miles of them—and chain of fishing lakes. The park also contains remote campsites, in case you want to combine lake swimming with an overnight trip. The Recreation Passport is required.

Lakeshore Park

Take a dip in Walled Lake, the city of Novi's largest lake, at Lakeshore Park. The park offers picnic areas, play structures, and well-maintained mountain bike and walking trails. Pavilion Shore Park is a short walk from the Lakeshore Park entrance,

and it offers lake-front seating. There's a \$5 fee for nonresidents of Novi, or \$30 for an annual pass.

Walter & Mary Burke Park

On Anchor Bay north of Lake St. Clair, the beach at Walter & Mary Burke Park is a beautiful area for swimming and for watching the sun set over the lake. A boardwalk with benches offers post-swim lake-watching opportunities. The park also contains play structures, bocce ball courts, fishing docks, transient boat docks, and a non-motorized boat launch.

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Late SOC applications cannot be accepted. School of Choice Applicants may be denied based on the student's attendance and/or discipline record.

First day of school

It's back to school time, students. The first day of the 2017-18 school year is the day after Labor Day, on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Welcome back and good luck.

Compiled by
Janice Gandelman

Suspected reckless driver caught during crackdown of speeders

By Charles Sercombe

Police persistence

The driver of a black Dodge Challenger who has been menacing the neighborhood around Pulaski Park was caught by officers last Wednesday.

Neighbors near the park have been complaining about reckless drivers in the area, and are concerned that sooner or later they will strike a child.

Drivers have been recorded speeding down Norwalk and burning their tires at the intersection of Lumpkin. The driver of the black Challenger was also recorded speeding in the area.

Last week an officer worked overtime on traffic patrol in the area in the hopes of catching reckless drivers.

Officers caught the suspect during routine patrol in the city. Police released few details of the incident and did not release the driver's name.

Police Chief Anne Moise emailed this response to The Review:

"On Wednesday, officers stopped a black

Dodge. This vehicle was identified in the previous reckless driving case. The driver, a Detroit resident, was issued some traffic violations (not related to reckless driving at this time). He and his passengers were released at the scene.

"At that time, he was not able to be identified as the driver in previous reckless driving complaints. That investigation is still ongoing. The vehicle, which was not registered to the driver, was impounded and later turned over to the registered owner."

City officials are contacting state police to assign extra patrols here to help out the police department. The department has been hampered with officers leaving to take better paying jobs with other cities.

That has contributed to a manpower shortage. About four years ago a state-appointed emergency manager cut 10 positions in the department and slashed salaries and benefits, which prompted officers to leave.

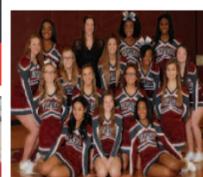
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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Beefing up public safety is long overdue

Last week it was reported that young male drivers are speeding and driving recklessly in the neighborhood around Pulaski Park.

It's also well known that this is a problem throughout the city. The solution is aggressive traffic enforcement, except there is one problem: We don't have enough officers in our police department.

That's because as fast as the city hires and trains them, officers go and get better paying jobs with other departments.

The root of the problem stems from when a state-appointed emergency manager slashed 10 positions from the department and reduced salaries and benefits by 25 percent.

On top of that, the city cannot exceed its overtime budget when officers call in sick, meaning at times there is a dangerously low number of officers patrolling the city.

The city is now boasting a \$5 million budget surplus. That amount is going to be verified by financial auditors to make sure it's legitimate. If the city truly has that much cash tucked away, we need to start spending it on public safety.

In the meantime, police officers are working with an expired employment contract. The city was forced to wait to begin contract negotiations until a study of the department was completed.

That study has been completed, although a great deal of the findings has been blacked out for public view. Even the officers' union received a redacted version of the report.

Apparently, or so we are told, this is because it contains sensitive information that could hamper officers in their duties if it became public knowledge.

In other words, it con-

tains damaging information that could help the bad guys plan their crimes and get away with them. The fact that the report has found so many compromising facets of the department is pretty worrisome.

But the good news is that with the report completed we can move forward in negotiating a contract that is fair to officers and won't break the city's budget.

One thing you can do to help is be the department's eyes and ears. If you see reckless drivers or other criminal activity, don't hesitate to call 911.

Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer said she is also asking the state police to step up their patrols in the city – like they promised to do several months ago. Let's hold the state accountable to that pledge and get our tax dollars' worth.

HAMTRAMCK HIGH SCHOOL and KOSCIUSZKO MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL 2017 ATHLETIC EVENTS

Day	Date	School	Sport	Opponent	Time	H/A
Week of 8/28 – 9/2						
Friday	9/1	HHS	Varsity Football	Pontiac	7:00	H
Week of 9/4 – 9/9						
Tuesday	9/5	HHS	Boys Soccer	Taylor Prep	4:30	A
Thursday	9/7	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Trillium Academy	5:00	A
Friday	9/8	HHS	Varsity Football	Voyageur	7:00	H
Week of 9/11 – 9/16						
Tuesday	9/12	HHS	Boys Soccer	River Rouge	4:30	H
Tuesday	9/12	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Henry Ford Acad.	5:30	A
Thursday	9/14	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Det. Community	5:30	A
Friday	9/15	HHS	Varsity Football	River Rouge	7:00	H
Week of 9/18 – 9/23						
Tuesday	9/19	HHS	Boys Soccer	Univ Prep	4:30	H
Tuesday	9/19	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Ecorse	4:30	H
Tuesday	9/19	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Ecorse	5:30	H
Wednesday	9/20	HHS	Co-ed Cross Country	MMAC #1	4:30	A
Thursday	9/21	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Melvindale ABT	4:30	H
Thursday	9/21	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Melvindale ABT	5:30	H
Friday	9/22	HHS	Varsity Football	Ecorse	7:00	A
Week of 9/25 – 9/30						
Tuesday	9/26	HHS	Boys Soccer	Harper Woods	4:30	A
Tuesday	9/26	KMS	Girls Volleyball	UPSM	4:30	A
Tuesday	9/26	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	UPSM	5:30	A
Wednesday	9/27	HHS	Co-ed Cross Country	MMAC #2	4:30	A
Thursday	9/28	HHS	Boys Soccer	River Rouge	4:30	A
Thursday	9/28	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Henry Ford Acad.	4:30	H
Thursday	9/28	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Henry Ford Acad.	5:30	H
Friday	9/29	HHS	Varsity Football	Univ Prep	7:00	H
Week of 10/2 – 10/7						
Tuesday	10/3	HHS	Boys Soccer	Taylor Prep	4:30	H
Tuesday	10/3	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Eaton Academy	4:45	H
Tuesday	10/3	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Det. Community	5:30	H
Wednesday	10/4	HHS	Co-ed Cross Country	MMAC #3	4:30	A
Thursday	10/5	HHS	Boys Soccer	Univ Prep	4:30	A
Thursday	10/5	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Ecorse	4:30	A
Thursday	10/5	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Ecorse	5:30	A
Friday	10/6	HHS	Varsity Football	Det. Community	7:00	H
HOMECOMING GAME						
Week of 10/9 – 10/14						
Tuesday	10/10	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Melvindale ABT	4:30	A
Tuesday	10/10	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Melvindale ABT	5:30	A
Wednesday	10/11	HHS	Co-ed Cross Country	MMAC #4	4:30	A
Thursday	10/12	HHS	Boys Soccer	Harper Woods	4:30	H
Thursday	10/12	KMS	Girls Volleyball	UPSM	4:30	H
Thursday	10/12	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	UPSM	5:30	H
Friday	10/13	HHS	Varsity Football	Harper Woods	7:00	H
Week of 10/16 – 10/21						
Tuesday	10/17	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Henry Ford Acad.	4:30	A
Tuesday	10/17	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Taylor Prep	5:30	H
Thursday	10/19	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Eaton Academy	4:30	A
Friday	10/20	HHS	Varsity Football	Dbn. Hts. Crestwood	7:00	A

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Obituaries

LACH



Conrad J. Lach, 61, died July 31, 2017.

Mr. Lach is survived by two brothers, his sister, and several nieces and nephews. Conrad was a parishioner of St. John Paul II, and beloved mem-

ber of the Church of the Resurrection. The funeral Mass will be held at St. John Paul II on August 26, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.



Coming events

WEDNESDAYS, 7 p.m., every second Wednesday of the month – The 3C7 and Midtown Block meets at 2339 Caniff PCS Senior Day Center. This block club includes all residents and businesses west of Jos. Campau and north of Holbrook.

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



By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 15-21.

Tuesday, August 15

- A resident in the 2600 block of Trowbridge reported a person they know broke out their car window at 4:30 a.m.

- A White Lake Twp. resident reported the theft of his Boxing Ring Bounce House that he had erected in Veterans Park for an Eid celebration.

- A suspicious situation was reported at Keyworth Stadium.

- A Highland Park resident was arrested for retail fraud, possession of narcotics and being wanted on warrants in Highland Park and in Miami, Florida.

- The owner of a stolen car reported he recovered it at Livernois and the I-96 service drive.

- A resident in the 9300 block of Mitchell reported someone entered his car and ransacked it. A spare key was taken.

- A Norwalk resident reported someone left a bicycle on their lawn for several hours and did not return. Officers took the bike for safekeeping.

Wednesday, August 16

- At 10:15 p.m. officers responded to a fight at Conant and Caniff. A stun gun was found and confiscated.

- Officers responded to a call about a suspicious object left on a resident's car in the 11000 block of Sobieski.

- A Moran resident reported someone cut a hole in their swimming pool.

- A Hazel Park resident reported someone stole a trailer containing musical equipment. The

trailer was parked on Casmere near Nagel.

- A Lansing resident reported someone broke into his car while it was parked in the 3000 block of Holbrook and stole several items.

- A resident in the 12100 block of Dequindre reported someone stole a tire from his car and lug nuts from both rear tires.

- A resident in the 12000 block of Charest reported seeing a teen male steal his son's bike from their front porch. The parent chased the suspect but lost sight of him at Gallagher and Casmere.

- A resident in the 2200 block of Norwalk reported someone he knows assaulted him and fled in a gold GMC pick-up truck.

- An agent for a Romulus business reported they were defrauded

\$23,000 by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

- A resident reported receiving threats over the telephone.

Thursday, August 17

- At about 2:30 a.m. a Warren resident was arrested after a traffic stop for drunk driving and being wanted on Hamtramck warrants.

- A Jos. Campau business reported someone destroyed flowers planted in front of the business.

- A Grand Haven resident reported a knife was thrown at her from an unknown direction.

Friday, August 18

- No incident report was available for this date.

Saturday, August 19

- A juvenile reported being assaulted on Oliver by another juvenile.

- A resident turned in a wallet he found.

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- At about 2:30 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for reckless driving.
- A Commor resident was assaulted by her boyfriend.
- A Dequindre resident reported being assaulted by her child's father.
- A resident reported a glass door and two windows at a building he was converting into a residence were broken.
- A resident in the 3800 block of Belmont reported a break-in and his cellphone was damaged.
- A woman's purse was found on Conant and turned over to officers.

- his passport had been stolen out of the mail.
- Five teen males attempted to steal cellphones from a display case at a business in the 9200 block of Conant.
- An agent for Hanley House reported two youths ran away from the facility.
- A driver was arrested after a traffic stop for possessing narcotics and being wanted on multiple traffic offenses.

Monday, August 21

- An Oak Park resident reported the theft of their keys in the 12000 block of St. Aubin.
- Officers took a report of an assault from a victim recovering at a local hospital who was assaulted on Trowbridge between Ellery and Bufalo.
- A resident reported receiving harassing communications.

Sunday, August 20

- An attempted car theft was reported in the 2900 block of Yemens.
- A Belmont St resident reported damage to their vehicle.
- A resident reported

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