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Quick Hits

Saturday is going to be one busy day in Hamtramck.

Let's start with the Detroit City Football Club, which is hosting a "Soktoberfest."

It's an all-day extravaganza, featuring beer, food and 3v3 soccer at Keyworth Stadium, starting at 11 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m.

In the spirit of Oktoberfest, the best local brews from Stroh's Beer, Axle Brewing Co. and Blake's Hard Cider Co. will be flowing in the Keyworth biergarten all day and night.

To register your 3v3 team and for more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/2gkRxFM>.

Over at Pulaski Park, an all-day Fall Harvest will be held, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring cider and donuts, hayrides, petting farm, crafts and pony rides. The event is free.

And in the afternoon, there is a unique design showcase happening along Caniff, just east of I-75 in empty lots and also inside Planet Ant Hall. You can read more about it inside this issue.

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.

"I don't know if that's a technical word."

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Councilmember fights back on allegations of anti-immigrant

By Charles Sercombe

In a move that is rare on city council, a city councilmember almost faced being censured for comments he made.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Councilmember Anam Miah presented a resolution to censure Councilmember Ian Perrotta over what Miah alleged were "bigoted" comments made.

(Editor's note: Ian Perrotta is a copy editor with The Review.)

However, Miah withdrew that resolution just before the meeting. After the meeting he told The Review that he had discussed the issue with Perrotta right before the meeting and that Perrotta "said he understood his mistake and would make a public apology."



Councilmember Ian Perrotta (right) is interviewed by a member of the news media after Tuesday's city council meeting where a resolution to censure him was presented and then pulled back.

Still, the proposal and discussion it stirred up seemed to have the same effect as an actual vote on the matter.

Local media outlets covered the meeting and the public fallout.

Miah slammed Perrotta for blaming immigrants for the city's trash problem in an interview with news radio, WWJ 950 AM.

"Councilman Perrotta's bigoted comments relied

upon and furthered harmful and hurtful stereotypes about European and Western cultural superiority over many of the immigrant cultures represented by

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Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival

CITY LIFE

Sign up here, now for arts fest

By Walter Wasacz

Since 2011, the second Saturday of October has meant a whole lot of art is being displayed or performed in town that day.

The Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival started with a handful of participants, mostly work-

ing artists welcoming visitors into their homes to see what they do with paint, clay, metal and other materials.

Six years later the festival has grown to include artists in four zones across Hamtramck and Banglatown. There is a

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Diversity is key to next CM

By Charles Sercombe

Last week's second public forum on the city manager search effort drew more people than the first one, but the turnout was still small.

However, the dozen or so residents who showed up Thursday were just as engaged as the three who showed up at the public forum held two days prior.

The goal of the discussions, hosted by GovHR, the search firm hired by the city, is to get public input on what qualities the community wants in our next city manager.

The consensus so far is that the next city manager has to be aware of the ethnic diversity of the city, be able to bridge the often contentious political divide among elected officials, and the need to keep the city financially sound.

Hamtramck's relationship with past city managers has not been smooth, and it's been a revolving door for city managers over the past 10 years. The city is also still under the supervision of a state-appointed financial advisory board.

A state-appointed emergency manager was in control for 18 months a few years ago. It was the second time in recent years that the city became financially troubled and required state intervention.

While the city's finances appear to be in

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kickoff brunch at Bumbo's, a pop up bookstore at Bank Suey, music on porches and in backyards – including Hamtramck Disneyland – and a closing dance party at Lo & Behold.

Those are just a few of many expected highlights for an all-day event that begins 11 a.m. on Oct. 14 and runs well into the following morning.

A number of artists have signed up to participate in this year's festival, but there is still time to jump in if you haven't already. Here's how to do it, go to: <http://www.hamtramck-neighborhoodartsfestival.com/> and fill out a simple questionnaire telling the organizers who you are and what you

plan to program.

Organizers say you should then share your event with friends via social media, newsletter, email and word of mouth; also, make your event visible to the public on festival day by placing a poster or hanging balloons from your door, porch or yard. Another option is to draw attention to your art or performance space with sidewalk chalk.

It should be a great festival. I'll be walking throughout the day and night and will report on the experience in the next column.

Walter Wasacz has helped organize the Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival since 2011.

Councilmember fights back on allegations of anti-immigrant comments

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members of this Council and the broader community," the resolution said.

The censure did not call for any further action other than "Councilman Ian Perrotta is admonished to guard against making such biased and impertinent remarks in the future."

Perrotta has vigorously denied he blamed immigrants for the city's trash woes.

He has said on his Facebook page that his comments in an interview with a WWJ news reporter were taken out of context and also the report left out comments that qualified what he had to say.

The report quoted Perrotta saying the city's trash problem "comes from the fact that some of our immigrant population comes from areas where regular trash collection and sanitation is not available, or not a priority."

Perrotta then went on to say:

"The previous iterations of the immigrant population were more Europeans who maybe came from places that had similar methods of sanitation. The current wave of immigrants is

primarily from Yemen and Bangladesh."

After the report aired, Perrotta immediately defended his comments after some accused him of unfairly blaming immigrants.

"The statements I gave to the reporter were highly edited and taken out of context and do not reflect the true intention of what I said," Perrotta said.

He went on to say: "I took pains to qualify my statements and point out that what I was saying was not to disparage any group in any way, and was in fact the same sentiments that were held by many of Hamtramck's youth, several of whom – including Bengalis and Yemenis – presented at a Youth Town Hall meeting about issues that they believed impacted the city."

As for the censure, Perrotta said on his Facebook page that it was Miah's attempt to sway voters in the November election, where Perrotta is seeking reelection.

"... It is obviously a political move designed to take advantage of the WWJ report in an attempt to discredit me in the City Council race in an effort to consolidate power after the upcoming election.

"More egregiously, I believe this is also retaliation against me for speaking out against Councilman Miah earlier this year during the often contentious discussions centered around the city manager. Because there is an incredibly flimsy basis from which he builds his resolution against me, it can be rightfully assumed that this attempt at censure has a deeper and more personal origin. If this is

the case, then Mr. Miah is using his position in a public office to settle a private score, and that is absolutely reprehensible."

Many on Facebook came to Perrotta's defense, including Ibrahim Aljahim, a community organizer and activist, who said:

"Please councilmembers worry about the services of the city and how to help us move forward. Don't waste our taxpayers money on your personal agendas," Aljahim said.

Others, however, scolded Perrotta. Bill Meyer, a local activist, said he listened to the radio interview and didn't think Perrotta was misquoted. Instead, he said Perrotta has a tendency to say "foolish things."

"You've got foot in the mouth disease," Meyer said.

The practice of a public body issuing a censure, according to an ethics guide published by the Michigan Municipal League, is usually reserved for when a public official violates a rule or procedure.

The city council is a member of the MML.

If an official continues to violate the public body's rules, a censure is considered "a last resort step," according to

the guidelines.

It's not clear if the city council has ever issued a censure in the past. But some who remember the interactions of councilmembers in the 1990s say there might have been threats of censures.

Hamtramck politics at that time were often combative, and at times even physical. The ongoing chaos eventually led to the state appointing an emergency manager to take over after the council failed to agree on a budget for two years in a row.

A new city charter followed, which placed control of the city mostly in the hands of a city manager, instead of a shared power between the mayor and the council.

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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 Aug. 15, and all councilmembers were present, including Mayor Karen Majewski who chairs the meeting.

Before the meeting a work session was held. At that meeting Councilmember Saad Almasmari complained that a city contractor, SAFEbuilt, is being paid too much.

The company performs home repair inspections.

In June the company was paid \$28,000. Almasmari said the company should not be paid 70 percent of the inspection fees. The city gets 30 percent of the fee.

Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer said "the good news is that people are pulling permits."

Councilmember Ian Perrotta asked Almasmari if he was basing his statement off any evidence or in comparison to any other city. Almasmari said no. Perrotta then said Almasmari's concern was "arbitrary" and that Almasmari needs to look at the bigger picture.

Angerer pointed out

that the company earns more in the warm weather months because that is when most home improvement projects take place.

Mayor Majewski noted that there was a "great pool of candidates" who applied to be members of the Plan Commission. She said it was hard to make a choice on who she wanted to appoint.

There were two seats open on the Plan Commission, and there were six candidates who applied for the positions.

Melanie Markowicz, the city's Planner, said she will ask the candidates who were not appointed to play a civic role in other ways.

Acting City Manager Angerer said the city needs to tighten up a number of ordinances. For example, she said the city's ordinance that regulates how high grass can grow before a ticket is issued can be enforced only through the growing season, not year-round. She said that in some years, the growing season starts earlier than usual or ends later than expected.

Also the ordinance

needs to give the city the authority to cut someone's grass that is too high and charge them for it.

In another matter, Angerer noted that the city hall boiler went "kaput."

"I don't know if that's a technical word," she joked.

The city will have to seek bids to replace the boiler. She added that the new boiler will be paid for through the district court's building fund, which is collected from a special fee that is added to fines.

Moving on, Angerer said the accounting firm Plant Moran will act as the city finance controller. The company will perform the service for six months for \$63,000. The state of Michigan will cover the cost.

In the meantime, Angerer said she is looking to hire a finance controller.

During the regular meeting, a presentation was made by the Hamtramck Design Showcase. The group is partnering up with a Detroit design group to showcase creative projects on Sept. 30 that will be set up on Caniff.

Some of those projects include interactive exhibits, murals, folk art and other features. Some of it will be located indoors and others outdoors. (More information will be made available in the coming weeks.)

A main showcase will be at 2256 Caniff, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Mayor Majewski praised the project: "It's really innovative to have it on private property."

During public comment, Robert Zwolak congratulated the candidates in the August Primary Election and City Clerk August Gitschlag.

He said, however, that there have been "shenanigans" in voter registration.

"This has to stop," Zwolak said. He offered no other details about his allegation.

Attorney Mark Koroi, who has filed several lawsuits against the city on behalf of other people, said he endorses "fresh faces" in the upcoming election for city council and mayor.

Hall includes a 470 capacity performance space and the attached Ghost Light Bar, and features music, comedy, films, karaoke, and more.

Planet Ant Hall is located at 2320 Caniff St. in Hamtramck.

By MJ Galbraith

Metro news...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modeld-media.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:

Public Spaces Community Places, a state-sponsored placemaking initiative operated by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, has set out to raise funds for a Hamtramck-based project.

The campaign's focus is Planet Ant Hall, a per-

formance and social complex located across the street from the original Planet Ant Theatre.

Planet Ant and MEDC have launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise money to help finish and repair Planet Ant Hall. Should the crowdfunding campaign successfully raise \$35,000 by Nov. 1, the MEDC will kick in an additional \$35,000 as a matching grant.

The campaign is being hosted on the Michigan-based Patronicity crowdfunding platform.

Though Planet Ant Hall opened earlier this year, organizers say that there is still much work to be done.

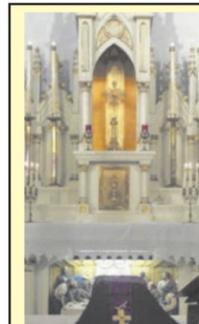
The group plans on using its crowdfunding and matching grant money, a total of \$70,000, toward a new HVAC system, an improved facade, a build out of the back stage area, roof repairs, an upgraded lighting grid, and new technical equip-

ment.

According to Planet Ant Executive Director Darren Shelton, "Planet Ant Theatre was founded 25 years ago on the core principles of artistic freedom and experimentation, and the belief that these principles are fundamental to the spirit of community, creative fulfillment, and success. The completion of Ant Hall will accelerate the pursuit of this mission by expanding our space and resources and thus, our overall impact."

The original Planet Ant, which is still open today, debuted across the street in 1993. Originally a coffee shop, the storefront became a small black box theater in 1996, and has been putting on scripted and improv productions ever since. Among its famous alums include Keegan-Michael Key, co-creator of Comedy Central's "Key and Peele."

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Get Out on the Hamtown!

Councilmember's past debt casts doubt on his election

By Charles Sercombe

A Hamtramck resident is seeking the removal of Councilmember Anam Miah.

Carrie Beth Lasley says Miah, who is Mayoral Pro Tem, should never have been allowed to run for election in 2015 because a house he owned in Detroit was foreclosed for non-payment of taxes.

That made him a "defaulter," Lasley said.

The city charter says this about being a defaulter:

"No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who is a defaulter to the City or to any board, or office, or department thereof, or to any school district, county, or other municipal corporation of the State, now or heretofore existing. All votes for the election or appointment of any such defaulter shall be void."

Lasley submitted documents to back up her assertion at Tuesday's monthly meeting of the state-appointed Receivership Transition Advisory Board.

The RTAB, however, only oversees city financial matters.

Lasley even wants to take the matter a step further and have all votes Miah participated



Councilmember Anam Miah lost a house he owned in 2015 for unpaid taxes. A Hamtramck resident said that according to the city charter he is a defaulter and his election that year should be voided.

in after the election to be "re-tallied" and any resolution he sponsored to be "re-legislated."

Miah declined to comment on the matter.

Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer said the city attorney is reviewing the issue, and declined to comment further.

According to the Wayne County Treasurer records that Lasley submitted, Miah was co-owner of a house at 5664 Harold. In March of 2015 the county foreclosed on the property.

The Detroit Land Bank Authority later became the owner of the property.

The issue of city officials being in default is not new.

The Review has shown in recent years that other councilmembers

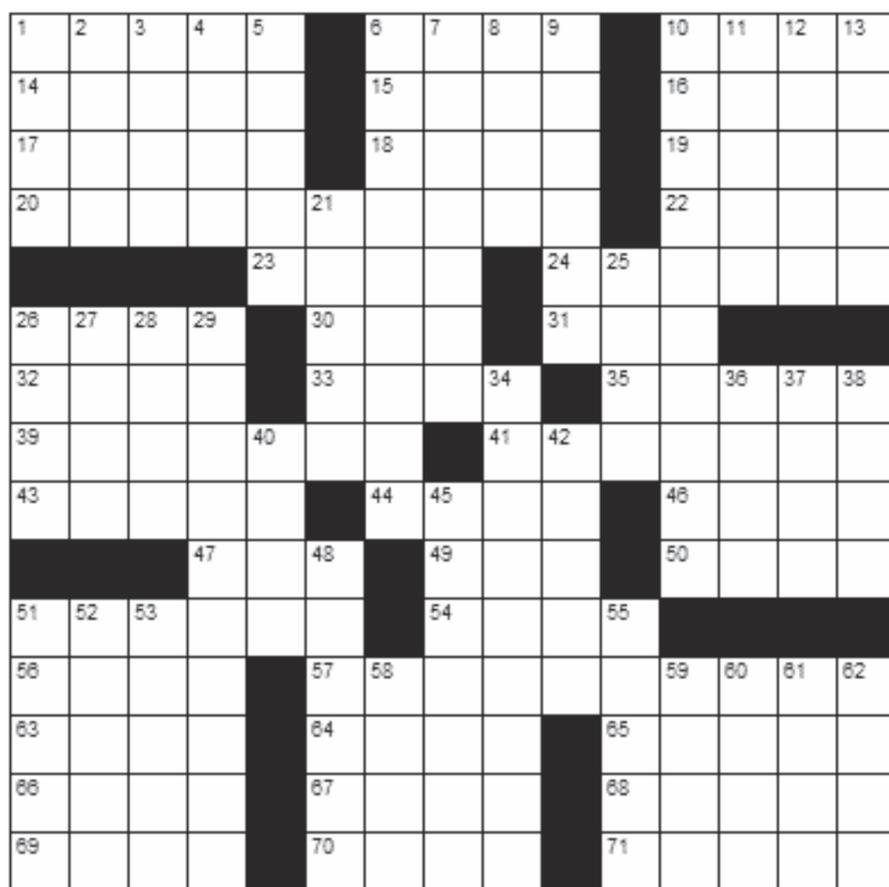
have fallen behind in property taxes and water bills.

Despite that evidence the city declined to take action. It was said that the city charter is unclear on who starts the process of removing an official who is a defaulter.

Those revelations about elected officials falling behind on their bills to the city and other government entities prompted a new procedure in city hall.

In recent elections, the city clerk now informs candidates to first make sure they are not potential defaulters. If overdue bills are not taken care of, the city clerk will now not include the candidate on the ballot.

Crossword



ACROSS

1. Kind of lily
6. Send forth
10. Sounds of disapproval
14. Another time
15. Zero
16. Again
17. Bog hemp
18. Anagram of "Wort"
19. Connecting point
20. Product of your creative thinking
22. Roman robe
23. School session
24. Harvester
26. Feces
30. Ear of corn
31. Sweet potato
32. Wings
33. Two-toed sloth
35. Spirits
39. Ignite
41. Instinctive
43. Language of ancient Rome
44. Mats of grass
46. Roman emperor
47. Go up and down
49. Former North African ruler

DOWN

50. Give and ____
51. Materialize
54. Mining finds
56. Don
57. Illogical
63. Diva's solo
64. A swinging barrier
65. Ostentatious
66. A man's skirt
67. Astringent
68. Passageway
69. If not
70. Not more
71. Loamy deposit

21. Part of the large intestine
25. Where the sun rises
26. A dog wags one
27. Forearm bone
28. Flat float
29. Careful
34. Armpits
36. Urine component
37. Frolic
38. Blackthorn
40. Dwarf buffalo
42. Heretofore (2 words)
45. Smelly
48. Pertaining to a bride
51. Conscious
52. Risk
53. Buckets
55. Rope fiber
58. Part in a play
59. Buckeye State
60. Schnozzola
61. Hole-making tools
62. Caustics

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In Our Opinion

Searching for ideal city manager candidates has its limitations

One of the things we heard more than once in the two public forums held regarding the search for a new city manager was: It is preferred the next city manager be a person of color or someone reflecting one of the ethnic communities here.

While we also encourage that sentiment, the problem is: The pool of city managers doesn't have a whole lot of diversity. Most city managers tend to be white.

We also occasionally hear from folks that they would like a more

ethnically diverse police department. Again, the problem is, the pool of candidates tends to be limited.

What we ideally settle for is who will make the best fit in our community. And who is also the best and brightest.

Hamtramck has a bad reputation of being a politically contentious community and financially challenged.

It's a tough sell for many people considering one is never sure whether they will have a job from year-to-year if

elected officials decide

to go another direction.

What most potential candidates want in a job is a sense of security. Hamtramck does not have that track record.

That's a shame because we firmly believe that if you can rise to the many challenges this city presents, you can name your ticket to a better job.

We encourage those searching for city manager candidates to cast their net wide and far. It would be terrific to see a diverse pool of candidates.

Hamtramck's creative talent will be part of design showcase

By Charles Sercombe

An explosion of art, music and design will take over Hamtramck on Saturday (Sept. 30) afternoon.

For the first time ever, Hamtramck has teamed up with the Detroit Design Festival to present local designers, artists, musicians and others in the creative fields.

The inaugural Hamtramck Design Showcase will take place outdoors on Caniff starting just east of I-75 and also indoors at Planet

Ant Hall at 2329 Caniff. The event runs from 2 to 7 p.m.

Outdoor exhibits will take place on adjacent lots along Caniff. Admission is free. The event is family friendly.

Hamtramck Design Showcase is presented by Appart, Inc., Community Robotics of Metro Detroit, Hamtramck Historical Museum and Planet Ant.

The Detroit Design Festival, now in its 7th year, is programmed by the Detroit Creative Cor-

ridor Center (DC3). They are an economic development organization that seeks to strengthen the local creative economy and connect people to it. DC3 was formed in 2010 by Business Leaders for Michigan and the College for Creative Studies.

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Reunion... St. Florian grads from the Class of 1979 are getting together this Sunday, Oct. 1, at Baker Street-car Bar located at 9817

Jos. Campau. Gathering time starts at 6 p.m. until closing. So, spread the word and meet up with old friends.

Get Out on the Hamtown!

Diversity is key to next CM

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good shape now, there is a looming crisis coming with meeting the rising costs of pensions.

Carl Petzold stressed that the city needs to stabilize the police department, which has seen many police officers leave after a short stay to work with better paying departments.

"Right now it's a dire situation," Petzold said.

Bill Meyer, a retired Wayne State University music instructor, said city hall needs to better reflect the community's ethnic community. He said that as of now, the government is a "white power structure."

For those who couldn't make the public forums, there is an online survey that can be filled out. You can find it at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BPTGJF7>

The search is expected to take three months before a pool of candidates is presented to the city

council for a review.

In the meantime, the city is under the control of Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer, who has garnered the support of some who want her to be

appointed the permanent city manager.

However, that appointment would not meet the minimum requirements laid out in the city charter.

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.

FRIDAY, Sept. 29, 7 p.m. – Interfaith Revival International Beginning Ministries, 2335 Grayling, daily revival at 11 a.m., Bishop Barnes.

FRIDAY, Sept. 29, 5-9 p.m. – The Hamtramck Women of the Moose Chapter 2095 is hosting a benefit dinner to support Detroit Dog Rescue, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10, prize raffles, pet supplies and cash donations welcome, 9421 Conant, 313-871-9115. Dinner includes two stuffed cabbage or peppers, mashed potatoes, green beans and desert.

THURSDAY, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m. – the Hamtramck Community Initiative presents a viewing of the documentary "Immigrants for Sale," at the Hamtramck Public Library. After the movie, a conversation will be held.

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

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If you have any questions, please call 872-9270 ext. 2036.

Early Childhood Elementary School

The staff at Early Childhood Elementary School would like to thank a

group of fine ladies who took it upon themselves to pack 25 backpacks to donate to our students.

In addition, they donated books, crayons, paper, markers, mini-erasers and much more. The backpacks were raffled off to those who attended Curriculum Night last Thursday.

A big thank you to Lori Nagy and her friends for coordinating this. The students loved the bags.

The kindergarten, first and second grade students will be going to Westview Orchards on Friday, September 29. The students will go for a hayride, pick a pumpkin, drink cider and eat donuts. The students are looking forward to this trip.

Hamtramck High School

Thursday, October 12 - Half day for HHS and Horizon High School. Parent teacher conferences 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7

p.m.

Monday, October 16 - Picture Day.

Thursday, October 19 - Staff vs. Student basketball game. The game will be held in the Community Center after school from 3:45-5 p.m. Admission to the game is \$3 and all proceeds will go to the Senior class. There will also be concessions sold during the game as well.

All Schools

Wednesday, October 4 - Fall student count day.

Friday, October 6 - End of Progress Report Period #1.

Thursday, October 12 - Progress Report #1 distributed.

Athletic Events

Friday, September 29 - HHS Varsity Football vs. University Prep at 7 p.m. Home.

Tuesday, October 3 - HHS Boys' Soccer vs. Taylor Prep at 4:30 p.m.

Home.

Tuesday, October 3 - KMS Girls' Volleyball vs. Eaton Academy 4:45 p.m. Home.

Tuesday, October 3 - HHS Girls' Volleyball vs. Detroit Community at 5:30 p.m. Home.

Wednesday, October 4 - HHS Co-ed Cross Country MMAC #3 at 4:30 Away at Heritage Park in Taylor.

Tuesday, October 5 - HHS Boys' Soccer vs. University Prep at 4:30 p.m. Away.

Thursday, October 5 - KMS Girls' Volleyball vs. Ecorse at 4:30 p.m. Away.

Thursday, October 5 - HHS Girls' Volleyball vs. Ecorse at 5:30 p.m. Away.

Friday, October 6 - HHS Varsity Football vs. Detroit Community at 7 p.m. Home. Homecoming Game.

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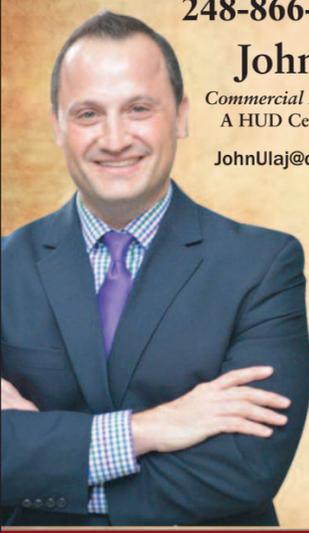
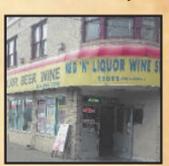


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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 19-25.

Tuesday, September 19

• At a little after a midnight officers responded to a panhandler harassing customers at a business in the 11300 block of Conant.

• At about 2 a.m. a resident in the 2000 block of Belmont reported hearing a loud noise. When the resident got up and went out to his garage, he observed a suspect wearing all black kick in his garage door and then flee down the alley.

• A Detroit resident reported she was assaulted by her ex-husband while on Gallagher near Norwalk.

• A Holbrook business reported a larceny.

• A Lehman resident reported her neighbor stole a package off of her porch.

Wednesday, September 20

• A resident in the 3400 block of Edwin reported someone broke into his car and stole his wallet and other items.

• A resident in the 11300 block of Fleming reported that two people she knows stole thousands of dollars' worth of tools while they were house-sitting for her while she was in a hospital.

• A Detroit resident was cited for trespassing at a business in the 3100 block of Carpenter.

• A Detroit resident reported his vehicle was stolen while it was parked in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau.

Thursday, September 21

• At a little after midnight a resident in the

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12000 block of Oklahoma was arrested for being disorderly.

• A Carpenter resident reported he was threatened by a person brandishing a box cutter.

• A Whalen resident reported someone broke a window at his residence.

Friday, September 22

• At about 3:30 a.m. officers responded to a residence on Florian in regards to an unresponsive male. As it turned out, the man had died.

• A Neibel resident reported the theft of his car.

• A Detroit resident reported being assaulted by three men while at a Conant business.

Saturday, September 23

• Two people were arrested after a traffic stop. The driver had a suspended license and the passenger was wanted on a warrant.

• At almost 3 a.m. a driver was arrested after a traffic stop for possessing open intoxicants and marijuana.

• At about 1:30 a.m. police attempted to stop the driver of a Dodge Charger but the driver sped away.

• A Royal Oak resident reported her car was stolen from the 2600 block of Carpenter.

Sunday, September 24

• At 1:30 a.m. a driver was arrested after a traf-

fic stop for being highly intoxicated.

• At 4:30 a.m. two residents were arrested in the area of Dyar-Caniff for assaulting each other.

• A business in the 3500 block of Caniff reported a break-in and the theft of money.

• A resident reported damage to their house.

• A business in the 12000 block of Conant reported a break-in.

• A resident in the 11300 block of Moran reported that at about 4:30 a.m. three suspects broke into their house and brandished a gun.

• A resident in the 11400 block of Mitchell reported the theft of his car license plate.

Monday, September 25

• A resident was arrested for breaking and entering in the 9300 Block of McDougall

• A resident reported a theft from his car while it was parked in the area of Belmont and Jos. Campau.

• A business in the 2600 block of Carpenter was cited for violating the city's noise ordinance.

• A resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

• A Warren resident was arrested at a business in the 12100 block of Conant for cashing a stolen check. The business reported three Detroit residents also did the same thing.

Hamtramck gets national recognition for being a 'foodie' town

By Alan Madeleine
The Review Special
Writer

Hamtramck, you keep on surprising us.

Once hailed as a rising star of a town by music reporting giant Rolling Stone, Hamtramck's hot star seemed to fade after that, or at least, the din grew a little quieter.

Or did it?

Not according to website RewardExpert's new article, "2017's Best American Foodie Towns."

RewardExpert bills itself as a website that primarily tries to help frequent fliers get the most out of their rewards. That focus has clearly broadened into other areas of concern to the traveler.

One of those is, naturally, food: the feeding of one's self. And it is here, says the website, that Hamtown shines among its Midwestern competition in the smaller dining markets.

Here's how RewardExpert did it: Operating under the assumption that major cities would always have at least some good eateries, they turned their focus to cities with populations under 100,000.

Then, they considered nine key measurable factors (although they didn't delve into these) to come up with their selections. Hamtramck placed second in the broadly cast Midwest region, behind only fellow Michigan metropolis Tra-



Polish Village Café and Polonia restaurants were singled out by a food-oriented website for their exceptional cuisine.

verse City.

It was the Polish cuisine that stood out most for them, and the Polish Village Café and Polonia got individual mention.

Seventeen cities were pitted against one another in the region, and while it wasn't a large sample size, it was a wide-ranging one, with places from Wisconsin to Missouri to a portion of North Carolina analyzed.

Overall, of the 102 total number of towns ranked, Hamtramck came in at 36. Traverse City was 16th. The top three were Asheville, North Carolina; Burlington, Vermont; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina (somewhat confusingly, these two NC locales were in the "South Atlantic" region, whereas three other places in the same state ended up in the Midwest).

The top 10 was rounded out by cities in California, New Mexico, Hawaii, Florida, Maine and Massachusetts.

"Food travel has become increasingly popular," notes Reward Experts co-founder and current CEO Roman Shteyn. "Many travelers

go to far-flung and big, urban destinations to experience culinary delights. But travelers don't really have to go very far to try something new."

It was said in the article that the Polish Village Café is to be the focus of an upcoming episode of the Travel Channel's show Food Paradise, which airs on Sundays at 8 p.m., as well as other days and times. The air date of the episode wasn't readily discerned from their homepage, and may not even yet be scheduled, but Polish Village Café's website teases that the episode will be "about kielbasa."

Polish Village Cafe has also previously been featured on The Food Network's show Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives (let's presume they fell into the first category!), and Polonia's menu mentions a prior visit by noted chef and critic Anthony Bourdain several years back, in conjunction with his own Travel Channel show at the time.

It seems that, no matter which way you slice it, Hamtramck still stacks up.

Obituaries

PIETRZAK

Stanley Pietrzak, 98, died September 22, 2017.

Mr. Pietrzak was the son of the late John and Mary. He was preceded in death by brothers, Leo (1991), Henry (1994).

The funeral Mass was Thursday at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church with interment at Mr. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

STEFANCZYK

Richard Stefanczyk, 87, died August 14, 2017.

Private services were held with interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

SCHREIBER

William G. Schreiber "The Colonel", 94, died September 26, 2017.

Mr. Schreiber was the son of the late August and Sophie. He was the beloved father of William Jr., Mark, Mary Ann; dear friend of Connie and his ex-wife Mary Ann.

Mr. Schreiber served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946.

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