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Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400

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## HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

# Southend will be home soon to newly settled refugees

By Charles Sercombe

Two years ago, the city had plans to build seven housing units for a program to help settle refugees.

Over that time, the plan has evolved, and an agency that was handling it handed it over to another, and well, a different plan was developed.

One of the sticking points with the original proposal was that the housing units would be built on scattered sites.

Now, the new plan calls for constructing three, two-family housing units together on Faber St. In all, six families will be relocating here.

Construction has already begun.



Three new two-family houses are being built on Faber St. thanks to federal funding. The development will be used to house six refugee families in the coming years.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said it made more sense to keep the families clustered.

"The strategy is, that it is a better way to help

them," she said.

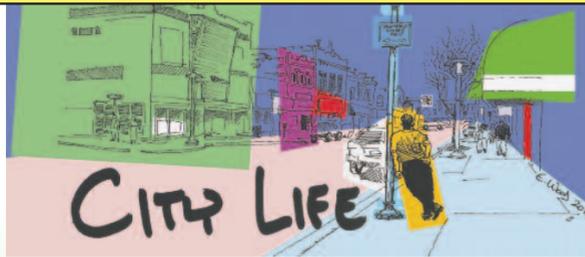
The \$1.2 million project, which has been dubbed "Freedom Village," is being paid for with federal housing dollars. The loca-

tions for the development are 2412-2430 Faber St., which had been all empty lots.

For the city, the develop-  
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City Life columnist Walter Wasacz (far left) recently moderated a discussion on "unlocking the potential of the 24 economy" at a digital media conference held in Detroit.



## Let's think big about city's possible futures

By Walter Wasacz

Last weekend I had the privilege of participating in a digital media conference in Detroit.

The over-arching theme was "access," and there were dozens of panels,

presentations, performances and workshops on communication, urban space, mobility and transportation, race, gender and queer politics, immigration and refugee justice, the im-  
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## Arts festival is coming

By Alan Madlane

For the 9th year running, Hamtramck will have a day-long arts festival to participate in.

The Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival is a thing for literally everyone, resident and visitor alike, to enjoy. Described on their website as "a loosely curated showcase of artists, writers and musicians living in Hamtown and the surrounding neighborhoods," the festival typically takes place on the second Saturday of October, which this year puts it on Oct. 12.

The goal of the festival is "to activate the city's indigenous talent, and create a walkable, neighborhood-scale, art experience on porches, in houses, on sidewalks and in storefronts."

Hamtramck's own Public Pool and Popp's Packing typically lead the charge as two of the most visible proponents of Hamtramck-based art goings-on. But art, as well as music, poetry, performance and more, spring up elsewhere throughout the day too.

Sometimes, guerilla-style.

The website ([hamtramckneighborhoodartsfestival.com](http://hamtramckneighborhoodartsfestival.com), could be shorter, yes) has a calendar that is filling with

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## Let's think big about city's possible futures

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importance of inclusivity and partnerships – concluding with a danceable afterglow at a renovated underground studio space in New Center.

I moderated a discussion on “unlocking the potential of the 24 economy,” a trend gaining steam worldwide.

The “no curfew” expert on our panel was Dimitri Hegemann, the famed

Berlin entrepreneur who helped convert inspirational Detroit dance music energy into what I call “sustainable euphoria” – a positive social tool that played a major role in the German capital’s economic and cultural recovery in the 1990s after decades of war, occupation, political and institutional division.

Through a serendipitous side door entered Detroit techno, which became, in Hegemann’s words, “the soundtrack of reunification,” bringing German youth from east and west together on the dance-floor.

Those “dancefloors” that emerged soon after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 were hardly glamorous places. They were usually located in dank, dark basements and abandoned industrial spaces, barely-salvageable relics from both hot and cold wars of the last century.

Social innovators like Hegemann and his peers, many of whom were active in West Berlin’s alternative rock culture of the 1970s and 1980s – which featured artists like David Bowie, Iggy Pop, My Bloody Valentine, Nick Cave and Einstürzende Neubauten – used the rubble of a collapsed society to begin creating a previously unimagined future.

One piece of that future

was already in place: a 24-hour service economy that put no restriction on alcohol sales.

That came in 1949, when a U.S. military commander in charge of West Berlin’s American Sector (the city had been divided into east and west after World War II, though the Wall surrounding West Berlin was still to be built 12 years later) made a decision to allow 24-hour bar service to keep drinkers from spending late night hours in the sector controlled by the Soviet Union.

The Russians allowed drinking in bars and cafes until 1 a.m. The French and the British, which controlled the two other sectors, had even earlier closing times.

It was the Americans, Hegemann points out, that showed the initiative – albeit one born out of Cold War rivalry – to open up the night to what he calls “what is possible.”

“It is not about drinking all night or getting drunk,” he says. “It is not even about techno or the club

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## Southend will be home soon to newly settled refugees

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ment not only gets more residents living here, but the new housing also represents more property taxes to be collected.

Two years ago, it was thought that refugees from war-torn Yemen would be coming here. Now, however, the Trump administration has banned any more refugees from that country. That ban has stirred much controversy.

A non-profit group, Samaritas, will select who lives here.

Refugees will only stay

for several months before resettling somewhere else, which will then make room for another batch of new refugees to begin to acclimate to their newly adopted country.

A main reason Hamtramck was selected for this project is because it's a walkable community, where you can easily do your shopping close by and not need transportation.

Other agencies will also help with job training if that is needed.

## This week at the library...

**Toddler Time** - Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. September 12-December 19. Children up to age 5 and their parents and caregivers are invited for stories & songs followed by playtime.

**Talking is Teaching** - Thursday, October 17@ 11:30 a.m. Do you love and care for a child who is a baby, toddler, or preschooler? Join us for this discussion with guest presenter Great Start Wayne.

**Movie Night** - Tuesdays @ 4:00 p.m. September 10 - December 17. Family Friendly Movies. Snacks provided!

**Library Trick or Treat!** - Thursday, October 31, 11:00 a.m. -

6:45 p.m. Come to the Library dressed in your costume for a treat.

**November is Family Literacy Month** - Join us for a kick-off event: Friday, November 1, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. November 6 - November 27.

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**Game Night** - Thursday October 10, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Grades 6 and up.

**Messy Art** - Freestyle craft program. Thursday November 14 @ 5:30 p.m. Grades 6 and up.

**Classic Banjo Concert and Album Tour** - Aaron Jonah Lewis, Friday, November 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

**Computer Tips!!!** - Workshop for Seniors!! Friday, October 11, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

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# Second Front Page

## School Bell

### HHS Homecoming

Hamtramck High School is having its Homecoming Parade on Friday, Oct. 4. We are inviting the elected officials, police, fire and police reserves to be a part of the parade this year.

We are scheduled to begin lining up at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 on the Gallagher side of Hamtramck High School, with the parade scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

The parade will go from Hamtramck High School and end at Keyworth Stadium for our Homecoming football game. We invite everyone to stay and cheer on our Cosmos!

### ECE news

Last week, the Early Childhood Elementary School gym was transformed into a campground.

Staff from Cranbrook Science Museum brought

a sky dome with them. The students learned about stars, and heard stories about the constellations.

Students went "fishing for a book" while pretending to cast a fishing line into a pool full of books and enjoying a mini-fishing game.

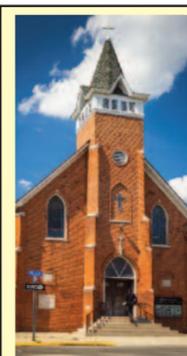
Tents were set up where students, teachers and parents could read together by the light of a flashlight. Stories were shared, including the book "Going on a Bear Hunt" by many of the paraprofessional staff.

Students were guided by Mr. Bohdan Sawka through the bird center, where they voted on their favorite Michigan bird. The camping experience ended by sitting around a pretend campfire, enjoying s'mores with their friends.

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Above and below: Scenes from the ECE "campout" at the school gym.



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## Arts festival is coming

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events to be curious about. They are still actively seeking more residents to open their own porches, storefronts and the like for the day's festivities.

Listed events so far begin at noon, but don't be surprised to see things ultimately get going earlier than that.

The festival also actively champions the area's diverse eateries (some participants also provide refreshments on occasion), and notes that there will be bike rentals to help people get from place to place.

"The Festival is open to everyone," said Faina Lerman, a former event organizer, a co-founder of Pops Packing and a working artist herself.

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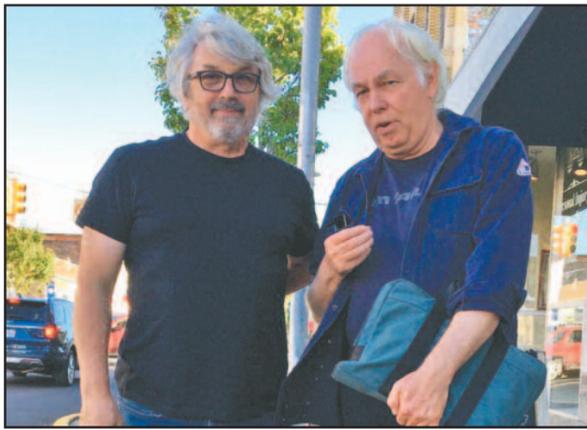
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## Let's think big about city's possible futures Continued from page 2

experience. No, it's about the freedom to try anything, that something is happening at every hour, that there is always the potential to do more."

"Potential" and "freedom to try anything and do more" are the key words and phrases of a world-

wide night economy and creative industries initiative that my nonprofit group, the Detroit-Berlin Connection – which I co-founded with Hegemann in 2013 – is advocating at the conference just finished (organized by the Berlin-based digital media



**Oloman Café & Gallery owner Zlatan Sadikovic (left) and Dimitri Hegemann, a Berlin entrepreneur, pose outside the café, which is located at 10215 Jos. Campau.**

accelerator re:publica) and others yet to come (we will be talking about the influence of Detroit creativity on the modern night in Berlin and Dortmund, Germany, later this fall).

What impact can all these lofty discussions have on Hamtramck?

Plenty. Hamtramck (viewed from afar as a vibrant, multicultural district of Detroit, rich in creative spirit and talent, more than as a separate municipal entity) is well known to our partners and friends in Berlin, Barcelona, Amsterdam

and other cities with expansive night economies.

They are attracted by the scale of our commercial avenues and residential streets, easy accessibility both within its 2-square miles and to nearby neighborhoods like the North End, Milwaukee and New Center (three connected areas of Detroit where all of the conference activities took place).

There are food, drink and lodging options within this dense urban community – arguably its single greatest asset – and it's walkable and reachable by bicycle day and night.

So, what more can Hamtramck do to join this worldwide movement for which it already seems perfectly suited?

- First join the conversation. We can learn a lot by having dialogue with urban thought leaders, cultural disruptors and producers doing it at a high level in Berlin and elsewhere. Closer to home, build networks with Detroit planners and economic developers now reshaping connective neighborhoods literally at our doorstep.

- Begin building tangible, visible, hands-on relationships with entities – government bodies, foundations and other institutions and organizations – that have the resources to enable committed partnerships can help create pathways to Hamtramck's future.

- Take advantage of every opportunity to make Hamtramck more attractive, safe and livable. The recent Holbrook reconstruction project could have included bike lanes to allow cyclists protected access on east-west routes in the city. Phase two of the Holbrook road project is scheduled to begin next spring – with no plans to add lanes for cycling, which would also help calm traffic by creating a shareable road. In addition to the Joe Louis Greenway, scheduled for construction in 2020, more bike lanes should be considered for Lumpkin, Brombach/Mackay, Gallagher, Conant and Buffalo (north-south); and Caniff and Carpenter (east-west). Let's all commit to putting healthy pressure on government and community leaders to not overlook what's possible. Slower, safer streets accessible to all must be a top priority in the city's future.

- Commit to better economic development practice, including attracting and retaining businesses that will work in a rich, diverse community like Hamtramck. We have models of success: Oloman Café & Gallery, Bon Bon Bon, Bank Suey, Bumbo's, Planet Ant, Ghost Light, Al Haramain, Aladdin Sweets

and Cafe, Balkan House, Yemen Cafe – and those are just a few that have gotten regular or recent positive press.

There are many others, though it is more a fractured collection of organic independents than a result of any intentional planning strategy.

For example, instead of the banquet hall being considered for the block between Evaline and Yemans, why not go outside the box and think bigger – like encouraging investors to create a boutique hotel, a 24-hour enterprise with restaurants and bars, and shops that reflect the unique character of the community, open and welcoming to all from around the world?

There can be a bicycle kiosk in the back, sharing the car parking lot, which could be developed into a multi-floored structure with more shops facing in each direction (Evaline and Yemans) with a green space on top, perhaps another cafe or bistro with panoramic views of the city.

The hotel would have a meeting space where social innovators from Berlin or Dubai could conference, where Hamtramck's children and adults could see what's possible in our big world made smaller and more accessible by new ideas and accelerating technology.

Let's dream up some more possible futures together.

Why not?

*Walter Wasacz is a writer and consultant who was born, lives and works in Hamtramck.*

### Bring Bob Back



**To the Hamtramck Community, I am asking you the following request to rehire me as your Councilman in this current November 5th city election. As your former City Clerk, Councilman and co-author of our current City Charter, I am qualified and prepared for the responsibilities of Hamtramck City Council.**

#### My priorities are steps to initiate the following:

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- ✓ Increase police, police presence to protect our community as well as our police.
- ✓ Restore the city Economic Development Department to retain and encourage new businesses.
- ✓ Importantly, also maintain oversight of city responsibilities and fiscal prudence.
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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Have trust in the court system and due process

A high-profile resident of our community has recently been accused of a very serious crime.

Upon hearing the news last week, many folks have expressed shock and even anger.

It's important to remember this, however: Anyone accused of a crime in this country is considered innocent until proven guilty.

For many, this is a hard concept to fully accept. The thinking goes

that, if the cops have enough evidence to bring about a charge, one must therefore be guilty.

Trust us, after decades of covering the courts, we have seen a number of people end up being found not guilty.

Still, the court of public opinion is another thing – one that many people can't live down.

Our advice: Trust the court system and due

process.

The incident also raises a question about the hiring practices of charter schools and whether potential employees are being properly vetted, and have the proper educational backgrounds as well as any licensing that is required.

Too many of these charter schools do things on the cheap just so they can make an easy buck.

## Odds & Ends

**Breaking news...** As we were going to press Thursday, the Arab American News had an update on accused sexual assault suspect Ibrahim Aljahim, 37, of Hamtramck.

He was ordered by Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Alexis Krot to wear an electronic tether during a probable cause hearing held on Oct. 3.

(The Review was unable to attend the hearing because it was preparing to go to press.)

Aljahim, a well-known community activist who is politically connected with local, state and national politicians, is accused of

two counts of first-degree sexual assault on an 18-year-old male special education student at Oakland International Academy, located at Florian St.

He has pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Aljahim, a Yemeni-American, was a community liaison officer at the school. He has since been fired by the school.

According to the Arab American News, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said Aljahim posed a flight risk, and requested an increase in his bond, but Krot declined the request.

Aljahim previously posted a \$1,000 bond,

and was told not to have any contact with the alleged victim or any witnesses.

(He was arraigned in Romulus on a Sunday when the Hamtramck District Court is closed. The Romulus court said Aljahim only had to post 10 percent of a \$10,000 bond.)

The prosecutor questioned whether Aljahim is a US citizen. His attorney said that he is. That answer appeared to satisfy Judge Krot. The prosecutor also reportedly said that there might be two or three more victims or witnesses, all under the age of 16.

A preliminary examination is still scheduled for Oct. 10 in Hamtramck 31st District Court.

**Happy hour...** Stop by Detroit Wheelhouse today, Friday, Oct. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m., for its monthly "First Friday Happy Hour."

Wheelhouse, for those unfamiliar, is Hamtramck's only bike shop, which also has loads of accessories. Check out their sales while visiting because there are some good deals – especially for bike lights.

There will be free snacks, beverages, tunes and good company. Plus, any proceeds from sales will go to support the good folks at The Hero Foundation, which helps assist families with the cost to fight cancer.

Wheelhouse is located at 9401 Jos. Campau.



## School Bell

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### Enrollment Information

Hamtramck residents may enroll their children in Hamtramck Public Schools at the HPS Business Office, 3201 Roosevelt.

You will need to bring with you: an original birth document (raised seal birth certificate, passport, green card, visa), an up-to-date immunization record, a final 2018-2019 report card/transcript, parental identification, two current proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage statement, formal signed lease, pay stub, etc.) and proof of income (required only for preschool applications).

### Upcoming Events:

- October 10 – Progress Report #1 Distributed
- October 10 – Half day for Hamtramck High School and Horizon High School. Parent teacher conferences 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

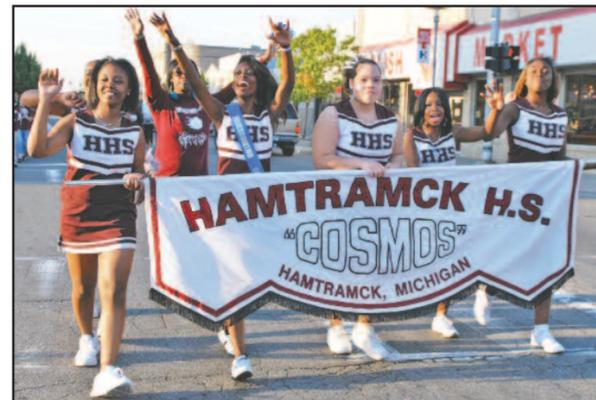
### Recreation Department News

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Compiled by Janice Gandelman

Above and below: More scenes from the ECE campout. Bottom: Hamtramck High School will hold its yearly Homecoming Parade this Friday down Jos. Campau, starting at 6 p.m.



## Reader feedback... Sexual assault suspect and city hall's new façade

By Charles Sercombe

Our website continues to attract readers' comments.

For those who may have overlooked the comment sections on our website (hamtramckreview.com), or for those who do not have internet access, here's a round-up of the latest comments.

As you would expect, the recent arrest of a well-known community activist, Ibrahim Aljahim, for sexually assaulting an 18-year-old male enrolled in a special education program at Oakland International Academy attracted a number of comments.

(Aljahim, 37 of Hamtramck, has been charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault.)

"Anonymous" (folks, try to be brave enough to use your name while commenting) warns about possible witness intimidation.

"I would worry about the victim and his family being put under tremendous threat and pressure not to cooperate. That's how these influential criminals get away with murders. Authorities should pay close attention."

Another reader, who goes by the moniker "Tea Party Patriot," commented

about what other news outlets reported.

"According to a Click on Detroit article, police reviewed security camera footage showing Aljahim leaving the (school) building with the student. The article also details witness statements made to police."

"One questions how so much investigative information has been divulged by authorities to the media, when the Hamtramck Police Department is supposed to have internal rules preventing release of such information?"

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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 Sept. 10, and all councilmembers were present.

Mayor Karen Majewski called for a moment of silence in commemoration of the 9/11 attack on the country. Police officers and firefighters, who were in attendance, were asked to stand to be recognized.

Almost 3,000 people died in several separate terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

After the commemoration, the council thanked Hamtramck Labor Day Festival organizers Shannon Lowell and Konrad Maziarz for their hard work. The council also thanked the dozens of volunteers who helped out.

A lengthy presentation was held regarding a market study of the city's land and housing, and how the city could use this data to promote economic development.

Sharon Woods of LandUse USA talked for about 45 minutes on the study's findings.

The full report is over 300 pages long, and is available for public review. A shorter version is also available.

City Manager Kathy Angerer praised the report, and said it will be an important tool for the city to use.

"This is one piece of our economic development plan," she said.

Angerer added that this

was not a "stuffy study that will sit on the shelf."

One of the key points of the study is that the city should encourage owners of empty lots to build rental dwellings, since there is a high demand for them.

Woods said that ideally, there should be 10 new housing units built each year for the next five years.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a homeowner said he should get first right to purchase an empty lot next to his house.

Also during public comment, Robert Zwolak, who is a council candidate, said there is a litter problem in the city. He

said residential streets should be swept weekly.

He also said the city administration needs to establish an economic development department to help spur further development.

During the action part of the agenda, the council agreed to a site plan at 2412-2430 Faber St. Three housing units will be built there, each of which will be a two-family duplex.

The project is in conjunction with the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, and it won't cost the city any money. The housing project is part of a program to settle refugees.

The council also agreed

to accept a DTE \$2,000 grant to plant trees in the new Sarah Garrett Memorial Park, which is located on Dequindre, just south of Caniff and on the west side of the I-75 divide.

Councilmember Anam Miah asked what the city plans to do about planting trees citywide.

City Manager Angerer said the city has no money in the budget for that, but she is seeking grants.

In another matter, the council approved a zoning variance at 9025 Conant, which will be turned into a "driver skills test lot" for a driving school business located next to the lot.

## Obituaries

### KREMPA



Alex Krempa, 94, died October 1, 2019.

Mr. Krempa was the beloved husband of Dorothy; father of Christine (late John) Walasek, Thomas (Susan), John (Julie) and Donald (Laura). Mr. Krempa is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Alex was the youngest of his 11 siblings and predeceased by them. Alex was honorably discharged from the United States Army 2nd Infantry Division and was a squad

leader with three Bronze Battle Stars.

Mr. Krempa will lie in state Saturday, October 5, at 9 a.m., at Saint Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212, until time of the funeral Mass at 10. Private burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly MI. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.



## Quick Hits

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structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Importance of fire prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children.

Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

### Be a hero ...

A hero is someone who takes small, but important actions to keep

themselves and those around them safe from fire. When it comes to fire safety, maybe you're already a hero in your household or community.

If not, maybe you're feeling inspired to become one. It's easy to take that first step - make your home escape plan!

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**By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 24-30.

### Tuesday, Sept. 24

- At almost 1 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for drunk driving.

- A resident from Warren reported that her gun was stolen while she was on Jos. Campau.

- A McDougall St. resident reported that a package was stolen from his porch.

- An agent for a Jos. Campau business reported an incident of fraud.

- A resident from Pleasant Ridge reported being robbed while at Carpenter and Jos. Campau.

- An agent for a business in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau reported a theft.

- A hit-and-run accident happened at Jacob and Gallagher.

- A St. Aubin St. resident reported a theft.

### Wednesday, Sept. 25

- At 2:30 a.m., a resident from Ypsilanti was arrested after a traffic stop

for driving without a license, having an improper license plate, possessing narcotics equipment, and for being wanted on various warrants.

- A suspicious circumstance was reported in the area of Conant and Caniff.

- An assault was reported in the 2700 block of Caniff.

- A resident reported that, while in the area of Conant and Yemans, a white male walked up and punched them in the face for no reason, and then ran away.

- A Caniff resident reported an incident of fraud.

### Thursday, Sept. 26

- At 2:30 a.m., a resident was arrested for possessing an open intoxicant after causing a disturbance in the area of Grand Haven and Circle Dr.

- A suspicious situation was reported in the 2600 block of Caniff.

- A domestic violence incident occurred in the 2600 block of Holbrook. The suspect fled before of

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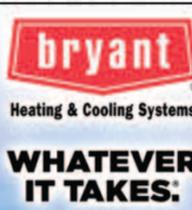


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Officers arrived.

- A male fled from officers after causing a disturbance at a business in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau.

- A Detroit resident was arrested at Conant and Harold for driving without a license, and driving past a school bus with red flashing lights on as it picked up students. It was noted that the driver has 16 previous convictions for driving without a license.

- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Klinger St.

**Friday, Sept. 27**

- At 3:40 a.m., a resident in the 2900 block of Goodson St. reported that suspects damaged the side of her residence.

- A suspect was arrested at a business in the 12000 block of Conant for attempting to pass a bad check.

- A person reported the

theft of their 2008 black Honda Odyssey while it was parked in the 11600 block of St. Aubin St.

- A resident reported the theft of their 2019 Ford Explorer.

- A red bicycle was found in the area of Yemans and Falcon.

- A resident in the 12000 block of Lumpkin St. reported that someone smashed out a window at their home.

**Saturday, Sept. 28**

- At a little after midnight, a Detroit resident reported that they were assaulted in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau.

- A hit-and-run accident happened at Evaline and Mitchell.

- Officers responded to

a fight in the area of Grand Haven and Commor.

- A hit-and-run accident happened at Casmere and Jos. Campau.

- A resident reported that their car was stolen in the 9400 block of Gallagher St.

**Sunday, Sept. 29**

- A Botsford St. resident was arrested during an investigation.

- At 5:30 p.m., a resident was shot at Circle Dr. and Selfridge.

- A resident was robbed while in the 11600 block of Charest St.

- A resident reported being assaulted with a phone cord by the mother of his child.

**Monday, Sept. 30**

- At 12:30 a.m., a resident was arrested in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. for domestic assault.

- At a little after 3 a.m.,

a suspect broke out a window of a business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau and stole multiple items.

- A man reported that someone broke into his car, which was parked in the 3000 block of Carpenter St., and stole his gun.

- A worker reported that someone damaged his work vehicle while it was parked in the 8000 block of Conant.

- A resident in the 9000 block of Brombach St. reported seeing a white male, about 50 years old and with a gray beard, steal an Amazon package off of his front porch.

- A hit-and-run accident happened at Conant and Harold. Although the driver fled the scene, officers caught up with the driver, who was then issued a ticket.

## Reader feedback... Sexual assault suspect and city hall's new façade

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Dennis Nowak praised Hamtramck investigators, while raising a number of issues:

"The Hamtramck Police should be congratulated for their fine work on this case. This is another example of how valuable they are in protecting the public.

"There are still many questions that need to be answered – especially the actions of the staff at the Oakland International Academy.

"There are media reports that parents of students at the academy were not notified via letter until a week after becoming aware of this incident, despite the fact that the suspect that was arrested had already been bailed out of custody days earlier.

"How does a staff member leave with a student without any other staff member noticing? What exactly does a 'community liaison officer' do at that academy?"

"The criminal suspect – even after being charged – is continuing to post on his Facebook page, and even was seen at a recent Bernie Sanders event a few days ago."

Switching gears, we recently published a photo-story on the summer activities at Pulaski Park. "Emma" has little love for the park. (We cleaned up her comment to make it more readable.)

"Pulaski Park is a boring park. It's hot, and there are a lot of fights. The only good thing about this park is there are events, but they run for a really short amount of time, like one hour or two. I hate that park. It's an ass park."

Finally, the proposed re-

design of the front of city hall and renaming of the building in honor of the late mayor as the Robert Kozaren Municipal Building raised some eyebrows over the estimated cost for the project of \$200,000.

Nasr Hussain, a frequent commentator, doesn't think it's worth it.

"It would be very informative if the city calculated how much money was spent on the current building during the past 10 years and how much will be spent in the future.

"Probably enough to build a new building with much better facilities and accommodations.

"Penny-wise, dollar-foolish."

Hussain also questioned why the former mayor is being given this honor, since he had a fed-

eral conviction for not paying income taxes, Hussain also questioned the actions of some of his supporters during one controversial election.

"His minions harassed immigrant voters. Why would such person be honored?"

(A few involved in that election were convicted of harassing some voters, most of whom were Bangladeshi or Yemeni.)

Another frequent commenter, Fatema Hossain, has a novel suggestion on how to honor the former mayor.

"Why not just have a mural artist create a mural of Robert Kozaren for \$20,000 as it did with the Yemeni mural?"

"The city would save \$180,000."

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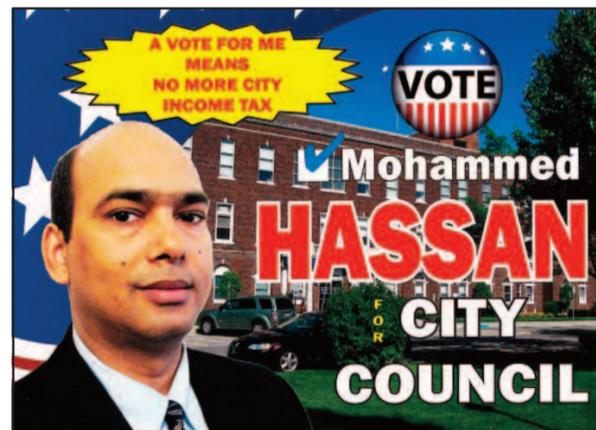
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