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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Hamtramck preferred Bernie, but state voters went for Biden

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck voters overwhelmingly supported Democratic Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders.

Unfortunately for Hamtramck voters, statewide voters chose Joe Biden by a wide margin.

Voters statewide had to choose whether to vote for the Democratic Primary, or the Republican one – or none at all, and instead to just vote on whatever millages their community was proposing.

Michigan was one of only a few states that had a Republican primary. Many Republican Party leaders in other states decided not to host primary elections, in deference to President Trump.



Hamtramck voters sided with Democratic Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders more than three-to-one in Tuesday's primary election. Voters in the state, however, went with Joe Biden.

(Political parties can set their own rules when it comes to voting in primaries.)

Trump won handily, even garnering 180 votes here

in Hamtramck.

Hamtramck had just one millage proposal – which was, whether to continue the Detroit Institute of Arts millage for another 10

years.

On this issue, Hamtramck voters were in step with the tri-county voters who decided in favor of the

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Quick Hits

Public schools to close for one day

The following message by Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed was shared on social media:

The Hamtramck Public School District is closing school on Friday, March 13, to ensure that we can adequately prepare for the unknown surrounding COVID-19, and to have a contingency planning day for at-home learning.

Our goal is to provide staff an opportunity to prepare for a possible long-term district closure. School will resume on Monday, March 16 – unless otherwise stated.

Recognizing that two presumptive positive cases of Coronavirus is in our state, our district is moving forward with providing all staff with a day of Professional Development.

The custodial staff will do a deep cleaning of all our buildings tomorrow. Students are not to report to their school(s) tomorrow, Friday, March 13.



The Detroit City Football Club scored a huge win recently when it was able to pay off renovation costs to Keyworth Stadium early.

Football club scores a victory in paying off repair bills early

By Alan Madlane

The Detroit City Football Club (also known as "Le Rouge") is flexing their muscle in a different way than on the pitch.

They're doing it with their balance sheet.

The club has paid off its final payments on shared revenue that was agreed to be set aside toward the

cost of renovations on Keyworth Stadium.

The stadium is where the club plays its home games.

But the most impressive thing? The payments finish off the club's obligation – two years early.

It speaks to the success and popularity of the

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Woman charged in homicide

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck police released the name of the person charged with the stabbing death of a man on March 2.

Lateshia Young, 26, of Hamtramck, was arraigned on charges of homicide-open murder, assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

Police have still not released the name of the person who died.

According to police and other sources, the incident happened in the Col. Hamtramck Housing projects in the 12000 block of Selfridge St.

Young and two men were outside of her apartment when an argument broke out at about 6 p.m.

Sources said Young began swinging a kitchen knife, and may have accidentally stabbed her brother in the neck, resulting in him bleeding to death.

The other man was also injured, and was later also arrested in connection with the "investigation." He was eventually released from custody pending further investigation.

His wounds were described as "non-life threatening."

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President of the United States (Vote for 1) DEM

Precincts Reported: 0 of 7 (0.00%)

Hamtramck Results

		Total	
Times Cast		3,328 / 0	N/A
Candidate	Party	Total	
Michael Bennet	DEM	9	0.27%
Joe Biden	DEM	726	21.89%
Michael R. Bloomberg	DEM	80	2.41%
Cory Booker	DEM	4	0.12%
Pete Buttigieg	DEM	4	0.12%
Julián Castro	DEM	4	0.12%
John Delaney	DEM	4	0.12%
Tulsi Gabbard	DEM	11	0.33%
Amy Klobuchar	DEM	6	0.18%
Bernie Sanders	DEM	2,407	72.59%
Joe Sestak	DEM	3	0.09%
Tom Steyer	DEM	3	0.09%
Elizabeth Warren	DEM	30	0.90%
Marianne Williamson	DEM	8	0.24%
Andrew Yang	DEM	2	0.06%
Uncommitted	DEM	13	0.39%
Total Votes		3,316	
		Total	
Unresolved Write-In		2	

Hamtramck preferred Bernie, but state voters went for Biden

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issue. Voters here supporting the millage renewal numbered 2,368, and those opposed came in at 549. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson told media outlets that, because of the high volume of people voting by absentee ballot, statewide results would not be finalized until Wednesday afternoon. Hamtramck also had a high volume of absentee voters – over 700. Although election totals were delayed, media outlets projected Democratic candidate Joe Biden as the winner only minutes after polls closed at 8 p.m. Voter turnout at the polls here in Hamtramck appeared sluggish in the morning and during the afternoon, but then voters suddenly came out in droves starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday's weather was not the greatest: cloudy and coldish in the morning, but then by the afternoon, the sun had come out, and temperatures warmed. In all, 3,548 Hamtramck voters participated in the election. From what we could gather in Hamtramck before polls closed, after interviewing scores of voters, it was apparent that Bernie Sanders would carry Hamtramck. He was the only candidate to have an office in town, and he had his campaign workers out and about in the city all day, and for the past two weeks. Abu Talha, 16 years old, was one of those Sanders' campaign workers. He stopped by The Review office around 6 p.m. with a flyer that said "Muslims for Bernie."

Talha, a Bengali-American, had been canvassing the city with two teenage friends since 8 a.m. He said he supports Sanders because he proposes free college education. "Also, if my mom is sick," he said, "she gets free health care."

The runner up to Sanders, curiously, wasn't Biden – at least in our informal survey. Believe it or not, several voters said they had no idea who they were going to vote for as they were going into polling stations. Some simply said: "The Democrat." When pressed to clarify whether that was Biden or Sanders, they looked confused. (For the record, there was a third active Democratic candidate, Tulsi Gabbard.)

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Registered Voters: 3,548 of 0 (N/A)
Ballots Cast: 3,548

Wayne County Art Institute Millage (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 0 of 7 (0.00%)

Hamtramck Results

		Total	
Times Cast		3,548 / 0	N/A
Candidate	Party	Total	
Yes		2,368	81.18%
No		549	18.82%
Total Votes		2,917	
		Total	
Unresolved Write-In		0	

President of the United States (Vote for 1) REP

Precincts Reported: 0 of 7 (0.00%)

Hamtramck Results

		Total	
Times Cast		196 / 0	N/A
Candidate	Party	Total	
Mark Sanford	REP	7	3.57%
Donald J. Trump	REP	180	91.84%
Joe Walsh	REP	5	2.55%
Bill Weld	REP	2	1.02%
Uncommitted	REP	2	1.02%
Total Votes		196	
		Total	
Unresolved Write-In		0	

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School Bell

From Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed

Thank you to all of the members of the community who are seeking to better understand what the Bond Proposal 2020 entails.

We recognize that you have every right to ask questions, and we are planning to have a variety of community informational meetings to share information with you.

Please join us on March 17 at the Hamtramck Public Library. We will have two sessions: the first will be from 1-2 p.m., and the second will be from 3-4 p.m.

We appreciate you, and look forward to seeing you next week!

Our Community, Our Students, Our Future

Hamtramck High School News:

Hamtramck High School had 34 students partake in the DECA State competition, where thousands of students from all over Michigan compete to go to Nationals.

Our entire chapter was awarded with the "Give Me Five Award" for continued growth as a chapter. We were also recognized as a school that raised over \$1,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, making the Hamtramck DECA chapter the seventh highest fundraising school out of all the DECA chapters in the state.

We are also excited to announce that we had four students move on to the national competition in Nashville, Tennessee, and eight students were recognized as finalists.

Rudra Barua, Sharmin Begum, and Omor Jabbar made it to nationals with their Chapter Award, which is a 100-page binder that outlines all that DECA accomplished this year.

They also had to present



Above and below: The Hamtramck High School DECA team recently competed in a state competition.



Below: Students at the Early Childhood Elementary School recently celebrated Reading Month.



it to judges. Haroon Ngj also moved on to nationals with his presentation on financial consulting.

James Zotkaj was recognized as a finalist for his marketing event, as was Mohsen Hussain for his business management event.

MD Hamja, Sam Saleh, and Akram Alzendani were also recognized as finalists at the state competition for their financial literacy presentation.

Finally, Waale Mohamed was also recognized as a finalist for his financial consulting presentation. We appreciate everyone's support!

Congratulations to these students and their DECA advisors, Rula Bilbeisi, David Erickson and George Hloros.

Early Childhood Elementary School News:

Students kicked off Reading Month with the celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2.

The words of Dr. Seuss echoed in the hallways, as teachers and students read classics such as

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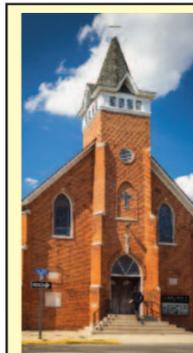
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bard, but she had failed to win any state prior to Michigan's primary. There were also several other Democratic candidates still on the ballot, but they had all withdrawn from the race after the ballots were printed.)

For those supporting Sanders, the consensus was that they liked his ideas and proposals:

"I like Medicare for all," said Desmond Carter.

Max Leonard paused for a moment before explaining his support for Sanders.

"He speaks common sense," was the best reason he could immediately think of. And then conceded: "He wasn't my first choice."

Sayed Rahman had several thoughts about

Sanders.

"I like his policies, and his record for the past 30 years," he said. "If you want to beat Trump, he's the one."

As for Biden, he might want to sharpen his message if he wants to get support from voters like Rahman in November.

"I don't see any plan from him (Biden)," Rahman said. "He is as-is."

Asked if he would vote for Biden in November if he won the Democratic nomination, Rahman said: "Biden and Trump are the same."

One of the few Biden supporters we met up with, Georgina Wade, also credited his long experience in government, and the fact he was a vice president under President Obama.

"The country's in a mess. We need someone who knows what they're doing," Wade said.

She was also one of the few voices – at least who we heard from – who was against the DIA millage. Her reason was one that was common among those who were opposed.

"The last time, they said they wouldn't need another one (millage) anymore," Wade said. "You don't get a second chance."

Remember folks, Hamtramck election results were not available at the time this story was posted, so results here were still up in the air.

No matter what the results are, can we all agree to retire the phrase "Bernie Bros"?

Football club scores a victory in paying off repair bills early

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club in the Hamtramck and surrounding Detroit areas.

The stadium seats almost 8,000 spectators, an impressive number. Even after moving up in the ranks into the third-tier National Independent Soccer Association (NISA), the stadium is still the second-largest by capacity, behind only Chattanooga's massive 20,000-plus home.

The club played its first four seasons at the much-smaller Cass Technical High School athletic field.

Renovations on Keyworth included work on the locker rooms and bathrooms, as well as the re-opening of a long-closed section of bleachers and the improving of the stadium's lighting.

Keyworth was originally

built in 1936. After 80 years, it deserved a make-over.

And thanks to the DCFC's way with fans, it got it.

Now, the job's paid up too.

Woman charged in homicide

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Police declined to provide information on the nature of the relationships between those involved.

Young's bond was set at \$1 million. Young faces life in prison if convicted of the charges.



School Bell

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"Green Eggs and Ham," "Cat in the Hat," as well as his later work, "What Pet Should I Get?" Students created hats and artwork, and completed creative

books to them.

There was a great turnout for parent teacher conferences. Teachers, students and parents were able to discuss student

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Hamtramck Public Schools Music and Art Showcase:

The Hamtramck Public Schools Music and Art departments invite you to the annual "All-District Art Showcase" on Thursday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m.

The event is free, and will take place in the Hamtramck Community Center. Artwork from our talented students will be on display, and ensembles from all HPS schools will be performing.

Please come out to support our students for all of the hard work they have put in to make this a fantastic show!

Upcoming Events:

- March 27 – Half day for Horizon High School, Final exams.
- March 27 – End of 3rd quarter.
- April 2 – Report card #3 distributed.
- April 6-13 – No school for students and staff, Spring Break.

Recreation Department

The recreation department will have its annual Bunny Breakfast and Egg Scramble at the Community Center Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. Also new this year is the Flashlight Teen Egg Hunt from 1 to 3 p.m. Visit the Facebook page for more details!

For information about recreation activities, give us a call at (313) 892-2635. Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information: www.Facebook.com/HamtramckRecreationDepartment

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ECE students received free books during a special reading program.

writing projects about the books they read.

Another fun thing the students did was dress as their favorite book character.

Students dressed as "Pete the Cat," "Pinkalicious," "Hero Dad/Hero Mom," "Princess Jasmine from Aladdin" and "The Cat in the Hat."

Even a couple of teachers dressed up as the "Grouchy Ladybug" by Eric Carle and "Esteban the Magnificent" from "The Days the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt.

We look forward to the coming weeks, which will feature guest readers coming to read to the classes, including Allyson Martinek from radio station WNIC 100.3 FM, and round-robin reading, where students visit other teachers to read

strengths, and review skills still needing some improvement.

Students who attended conferences were able to pick a new book, and were thrilled to bring them to school the next day to read in class.

We look forward to experiencing the many creative lessons upcoming during Reading Month!

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In Our Opinion

Tough financial times call for tough decisions

As we reported last week, 60 percent of the city's \$16 million yearly budget goes toward providing police and fire services.

It's typical for most communities to spend the lion's share of their budget on public safety.

But the city administration delivered grim financial news last week. Over the next five years, unless something is done to prevent it, the city will be running a multi-million dollar budget deficit.

Its \$5 million budget surplus will evaporate quickly, and unless spending goes unchecked, the city will spiral right back into state receivership.

How is the city going to avoid this crisis?

There is an expecta-

tion that new parking meters, which will soon be installed, will bring in additional revenue, and also the sale of city-owned lots will bring in a windfall.

There is also a beefed up economic development team that will work toward pumping up economic development, which in turn will produce tax revenue.

Apparently, a good portion of the city's savings will come from defunding the fire department.

At a city council meeting last week, we learned that contract negotiations with the firefighters' union had broken down, and talks are heading toward arbitration.

To say that firefighters are upset with the city

administration is an understatement.

They appear to be furious.

Generally, in years past, arbitration has not gone well for the city administration, no matter who is in charge.

But times have changed, and union jobs are getting squeezed. Also, the city has an agreement with Detroit and Highland Park, where their fire departments assist with our fires, and Hamtramck assists with fires close by in those cities.

In other words, Hamtramck will continue to have fire service.

We don't know how this financial challenge will work out, but it's obvious that something has to give in order for the city to survive.

Get your ticket to ride Detroit-Ann Arbor bus service

By Charles Sercombe

Need a quick, inexpensive ride to Ann Arbor and back?

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA), and the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (TheRide), recently announced a pilot express bus service between Detroit and Ann Arbor, which will begin on March 16.

The program is being called D2A2.

The service will run hourly Monday through Friday from 5:45 a.m. to 11 p.m., and there will be limited service on the weekends.

Saturday and Sunday service does not run hourly; It starts at 11 a.m., and the last ride home from Ann Arbor is 11 p.m.

The cost for a one-way fare is \$8, but only \$6 if booked in advance.

Seniors and the disabled can hitch a ride for \$4.

You can also purchase a book of 10 fares for \$50, which breaks down to \$5 a ride.

"Hourly service between the two cities is very exciting to us, and to the residents of Ann Arbor and Detroit," Matt Carpenter, CEO of TheRide said. "This service is unique to Southeast Michigan, and

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Odds & Ends

Celebration... The Hamtramck Historical Museum is getting in touch with their feminine side for Women's Month.

"The Women of Hamtramck" is their upcoming presentation, which will occur on Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

There will also be an optional dinner beforehand, at 6 p.m., also at the museum, 9525 Jos. Campau.

Featured will be the stories of such interesting women as Jean Hoxie, who once upon a time

trained international tennis champions-to-be at Hamtramck Veterans Memorial Park; and Mary Zuk, an unabashed communist who nevertheless got herself elected to Hamtramck's Common Council.

There will be the story, they promise, of a "sickly little Polish dancer" who grew up to be a film and TV star; a story of the incredible accomplishments of four local teen girls; and many more from all walks of life: sports, entertainment, politics,

education, and police work.

This special event falls under the museum's "Hungry for History" series. The cost is a mere \$3, or \$18 including the meal.

Register by Monday, March 23 at www.hamtramckhistory.org (follow the link), or email hamtramckhistory@gmail.com, or call (313) 893-5027 or (248) 770-8389.

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Spend History Day with Hamtramck students

By Greg Kowalski

Hamtramck Public School students are going to get a taste of history.

For the first time, public school students are taking part in the National History Day competition, with the assistance of the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

You can see what they have accomplished at a special presentation, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau.

History Day is similar to the concept of a science fair, where students select a subject based on a theme and they do a special project on the subject, creating a board exhibit, written paper, video documentary, or website, or doing a performance.

This year's theme is "Breaking Barriers in History," focusing on individuals, organizations or events that overcame a barrier.

But what makes this competition so special is that all the subjects being highlighted by the Hamtramck students are directly Hamtramck-related.

The students' projects are judged locally in February; then move on to the District level, judged March 7 at the Detroit Historical Museum; then the State competition,

judged April 25 at Central Michigan University; and finally on to the National level, to be judged June 14-18 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

For months, the students have been working on their projects, researching the subjects they have chosen to feature, determining which format to present it in, and doing the physical work of creating the project.

"The students are very excited about History Day, and are looking forward to

showing off their hard work," said history teacher George Hloros, who coordinates History Day for Hamtramck High School.

Also helping with the project is David Hales of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, who has been providing guidance, as well as coordinating History Day in Wayne County.

But the focus on March 17 at the Hamtramck Historical Museum will be on the students – their creativity and skill in inter-

preting local historical figures, organizations and events that have helped break barriers.

This especially will be an evening for parents especially to take pride in the accomplishments of these young historians.

Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge. All are welcome.

For information, contact David Hales at HalesD@resa.net. Or email hamtramckhistory@gmail.com, or call (313) 893-5027 or (248) 770-8389.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers March 3-9.

was available for this date.

Tuesday, March 3

- A person reported a theft that occurred in the 9500 block of Gallagher St.
- A Lehman St. resident was arrested for domestic violence.
- A resident of Burton reported identity theft. They said that someone who keeps getting pulled over by police officers is using their identity.
- A Detroit resident was arrested in the 12100 block of Conant Ave. for being disorderly.
- A Detroit resident was arrested in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave. for illegally carrying a concealed gun.

Thursday, March 5

- An assault was reported at a school on Burger St.
- A resident reported that their car was stolen while parked in the 12100 block of Jos. Campau Ave. Officers later spotted the vehicle at Jos. Campau and Davison and arrested the driver.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 11300 block of Charest St.
- A resident was arrested at Carpenter and Charest during an investigation. The resident was wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

Wednesday, March 4

- No incident report

Friday, March 6

- At a little after midnight, a Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license, and for having open intoxicants.

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The lore of Hamtramck ...

Hamtramck has a long history of colorful characters

By Greg Kowalski

Someone – never mind who – has said that Hamtramck has a lot of character – and characters.

This is historically accurate. As far as you look back in Hamtramck's past you will find an assortment of... unusually interesting persons.

Some, like Leo Rau, deliberately assumed an amusing persona. Leo wore a top hat and sported a Van Dyke beard and mustache in a time when only magicians and movie villains cultivated such facial hair.

Rau owned the House of Rau bar, which reflected his colorful character. It was decorated with all kinds of objects hanging from the ceiling, including buckets and guns. But he was pretty conservative compared to some of the others who have called Hamtramck home.

Back in the 1970s, there was a guy who lived in a big cardboard box on an empty lot on Jos. Campau. Somewhere, somehow, he found a huge plastic palm tree which he propped against his cardboard box/home, and there it stood for one whole winter in the snow as a unique Hamtramck landmark.

But looking back even further, we find the fascinating tale of Ms. Vernia Morrison, age 24, who became obsessed with the idea of going over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

Ms. Morrison, of Hamtramck, even wrote to Niagara Falls Mayor M.W. Thompson asking how she could get a permit to

take the plunge. This was in July of 1920, and she wanted to do the stunt that summer.

"Will please tell me who I write to, in order to get a permit to go over the falls in a barrel," she wrote.

"I was there the Fourth of July, and it struck me to try going over them. I am a young woman 24 years old, and I think it would be a pretty daring stunt. I am crazy to try it. Do you think the people of Niagara Falls would be interested enough to take up a collection for anyone going over? Please give me all the information you can."

She even offered to donate part of the funds donated to her to institutions that were taking care of wounded veterans of the recently fought "Great War."

Perhaps Ms. Morrison was not aware that Charles G. Stephens of England had just lost his life in a similar attempt to conquer the falls.

In any case, Mayor Thompson advised her that she had an idea, but it wasn't a good one. We heard nothing further from Ms. Morrison, so she either changed her mind, or else her attempt wasn't successful.

You can find more curious facts about Hamtramck at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, or by appointment. Call (248)770-8389. Email hamtramckhistory@gmail.com.



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- A resident of Flat Rock reported that their black 2009 Mazda CX-7 was stolen in the 5100 block of Edwin St. The car has a Michigan license plate of DZD-7345.

- A Detroit resident was arrested at a business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau Ave. for retail fraud.

- A resident in the 2600 block of Edwin St. reported a garage break-in.

- A resident from Warren found a debit card at PNC Bank, and turned it over to officers. The card was later returned to its owner.

- A Detroit resident was arrested in the 2100 block of Caniff Ave. for being disorderly and for trespassing.

Saturday, March 7

- At 3:15 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.

- Officers noticed an open door at a Caniff Ave. business. The door was secured.

- An agent for Corinthian Baptist Church reported that their work truck had been stolen from the church parking lot.

Sunday, March 8

- A Trowbridge St. resident reported the theft of her vehicle.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license.

Monday, March 9

- At 4:30 a.m., a man was arrested in the 2600 block of Holmes St. for obstructing officers.

- Officers took a report from a person at Charest and Caniff regarding an incident of harassment.



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City of Hamtramck Notice of Ordinance Amendments

Public Hearings were held at the Regular City Council Meeting on March 3, 2020 at 7pm in the Second Floor City Council Chambers for the purpose of hearing public comments on changes to the following Ordinances. The changes were all adopted by Council. Summaries are as follows. Full text of each ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office.

1. Article XII amended to procedure where site plans will go straight from administrative review to council review and approval/denial.

2. Amend section III 4.06.01 to say "The Commission shall meet annually in the first quarter of the calendar year for the purpose of electing officers and adopting rules for transaction of business." This would replace "January" with "the first quarter of the calendar year."

3. Remove the stipulation in section III 4.06.01 that states "The commission shall not hold less than one regular meeting in each month." This would allow the cancellation of meetings when there are no agenda items.

4. Amend section III 5.06.01 to say "The Board shall meet annually in the first quarter of the calendar year for the purpose of electing officers and establishing rules and procedures under this Ordinance and applicable state laws for transaction of business." This would replace "January" with "the first quarter of the calendar year."

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Hamtramck City Clerk

Vote *Yes* on May 5th for the school BOND proposal

Hamtramck Public Schools Bond Proposal Election on May 5, 2020 Our Children, Our Community, Our Future

Hamtramck, MI- The Hamtramck Public School District would like to thank the community for their support of the Sinking Fund of 2014. Through that initiative, the district is proud of the new roofs that have refreshed our aging buildings, various site improvements including new playscapes, new boiler, and new parking lot replacements at both Holbrook and Tau Beta Elementary Schools. Dickinson East Elementary School, originally built in 1917, received new classrooms and the gym floor was replaced. Kosciuszko Middle School had a student restroom remodeled, a new boiler and new student lockers. These much needed improvements were made possible by the sinking fund. The District's missing piece is capital improvement funding. In order to maintain and proactively preserve and upgrade the learning conditions in our buildings, we need our community to assist us in the next step. We need to move forward to create invigorating learning environments for the students throughout the district.

The answer could be in the proposed "Bond 2020" which will allow the community to rally together and take the first step towards improving their schools. By voting on May 5, 2020, residents can be the voice of the children and fill that missing piece, ensuring success for all Hamtramck students.

The Bond 2020 needs to be approved by a public vote and will be a dedicated source of funds set aside for eliminating the used portables at Dickinson West, renovating the restrooms, providing a cooling systems, improving the safety and security, and expanding the space at the community center. The funds are generated by taxes paid by property owners at a specific millage or percentage rate of individual property values. This proposed bond is 7 mills or \$7 per \$1,000 dollars of a property's taxable value. For an average home with a taxable value of \$25,000 the tax increase would be about \$175. The bond funding is strictly dedicated to the bond projects approved by the Michigan State Treasurer. The projects **must** be completed within 3 years.

Hamtramck Public Schools has a strong focus on the future, the buildings are rich with history and a legacy of the past, but desperately need a little TLC. Holbrook Elementary dates back to 1896 and is possibly the oldest functioning elementary school building in Michigan. The High School dates to 1935. All buildings in the district have suffered from the recent recession and declining revenues; they are now the immediate priority. The overall goal is to preserve district facilities using the most economical approach possible.

Hamtramck is a strong, diverse and welcoming city. We are proud of the achievements of our students and acknowledge they need to be in safe, secure, comfortable and inviting learning environments. Last year, Hamtramck and Horizon High School students earned collective scholarships, TIPM and FAFSA of about \$7.1 million, shining a light of success on the community. How can you do your part to support these continued achievements?

On May 5th, the Hamtramck Community will be asked to vote for a 7 mill Bond Proposal in order to make the capital improvements throughout the district as well as construct a new school building. School buildings and infrastructure improvements could help raise property values and increase future revenues and most importantly, improve learning and teaching conditions for students and staff.

For more information please contact Mrs. Jaleelah Ahmed, Superintendent



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