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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

## Road repairs continue to expand, including on Conant

By Charles Sercombe

The year 2020 is going to be remembered for a lot of things, but in Hamtramck one of the welcome developments has been road repairs.

First up, the Holbrook repaving project is continuing, from Jos. Campau to Lumpkin. This is the second half of the project, which also included last year's repaving of Holbrook from Jos. Campau to Conant.

Although we don't have details on this, Carpenter has new asphalt pavement, from Dequindre to Conant. Carpenter had been one of the worst potholed streets in the city.

The City of Detroit handled that project. Also repaved recently was Jos. Campau, from Carpenter to Davison.

You can now add Conant to the list.

The county-owned road had been repaved east



This past summer was the season of road repaving in and around Hamtramck. Next year's plan includes repaving Conant Ave.

of Carpenter recently, but that project stopped at the Hamtramck border.

After years of complaining, the county will now continue with that project, and repave Conant from Carpenter to Holbrook.

To move the project along, Dr. Khaled Al-Mas-mari, a Hamtramck chiropractor, wrote to county

officials, urging them to move the project along.

In his letter to the county, he said, in part:

"Wayne County must address the hazardous conditions of our most dangerous roadways. The roads in Conant street have been neglected for too long and are in horrendous condition.

"Cracks in the road, potholes, poor lighting conditions, and poor water drainage are apparent throughout the street. Residents complain that water gathers at the side of these roads, causing the curbs and driveways to crack, crumble and deteriorate.

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### Quick Hits

#### State salutes Robinson's legacy

By Alan Madlane

Isaac Robinson may be gone, but he is certainly not forgotten.

The State Rep. for Michigan's 4th district, which includes all of Hamtramck, succumbed to COVID back on March 29, at the age of only 44.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, the House passed HR 316, a bi-partisan resolution honoring Robinson. His father, Roger Robinson, and his staff member Dawn Tucker-Davis were in attendance.

It was a double dose of Robinson, in fact, as his bill HB 5120, part of a set of bills easing conviction burdens, was set to be enrolled as well. His bill specifically set a path for the relief of thousands of minor marijuana offenses.

Before he took office in January of last year, Robinson had spent the prior decade or so working in various capacities on behalf of organized labor.

While in office, he served on several House committees, specifically Commerce and Tourism, Regulatory Reform, and Tax Policy. His passions were the environment, civil and worker rights, community safety, auto insurance reform, crimi-

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## Election slated to be historic

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is on course for having a record voter turnout on Nov. 3.

And it appears that will be the same scenario for the entire state of Michigan – and, by the looks of it, nationally as well.

Communities around the state are reporting record requests for absentee ballots – which will obviously cut down on those voting in person on election day.

But even in-person voting is expected to be high, according to political observers.

Hamtramck City Clerk August Gitschlag said that he has issued 4,842 absentee ballots (AV) so far, and added that over 804 have been returned.

But that return number "will grow significantly today, and every day," Gitschlag said. "They come back about 100-plus a day."

The current voter interest already exceeds the August Primary Election turnout, where there were 4,626 voters who participated – which includes both those voting by AV and in-person.

Statewide, there have been more than 2.6 million AV ballots issued. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson is urging voters to closely follow directions, and to return their ballots as early as possible to ensure that all ballots will be counted.

"Voters with ballots should fill them out, sign the back of the envelope, and submit them through the mail or by hand-delivering them to their clerk's office or ballot drop box

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## Firefighters urge voters to reject charter ballot proposals

By Charles Sercombe

This week, we invited firefighter Andrew Oleksiak, who is the president of the Hamtramck firefighter union, to talk about his opposition to the city charter ballot proposals asking voters whether to eliminate the police and fire departments from the city charter.

Last week, Scott Klein, a former city official, explained his support for the

proposals.

### The Review: Why are you opposed to the charter revision proposals?

Andrew Oleksiak: First I would like to dispel some gross misinformation that is being spread around. The fire department does not have 36+ employees. We have 26 in fire suppression, a Fire Marshal, and a Fire Chief.

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Hamtramck firefighters warn voters not to support two city charter proposals that will be on the Nov. 3 ballot.

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## Quick Hits

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nal justice including expungement, education, health care, and counselor licensing.

House Democratic Leader Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills) noted his "contagious enthusiasm," and called him "a compassionate man, a devoted

public servant and a fierce friend," while Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit) pointed out that Robinson "never let his position or politics come before his community."

## Get Out & Vote Nov. 3

# Road repairs continue to expand, including on Conant

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"Years of neglect left these streets in very hazardous conditions, causing properties to flood, motor vehicle damage, and physical injuries. There is also a lack of garbage cans which causes an increase in the litter along the roads, on

the streets, and on sidewalks.

"This has invited insects, rats, and unpleasant odors that bring health hazards to the community.

"We are asking the County to do their diligent duty and do what needs to be done to protect our families and save our businesses."

Residents will have to wait until next spring for the repaving of Conant to begin, said Hamtramck City Manager Kathy Angerer.

And there is possibly even more good news about street repaving for Hamtramck.

Recently, the city council allocated \$500,000 to continue its alley repaving project, and also to repave the city parking lot on Caniff and McDougall.

City Manager Angerer submitted cost estimates for repaving the worst sections of alleys and the parking lot.

Unfortunately, the estimates came over budget by about more than \$154,000.

But the total costs won't be known until bids are submitted.

Here is the list of repairs being recommended:

### SUMMARY OF 4 ALLEYS

1. Alley West of Conant \$ 60,390.00
2. Alley West of Conant \$ 60,390.00
3. Alley West of Conant \$ 58,870.00
4. Alley West of Joseph Campau 1 - Belmont to

Yemans	\$ 58,870.00
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$ 238,520.00
ENGINEERING AND DESIGN	\$ 32,000.00
CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION AND TESTING (30 DAYS AT \$528/DAY)	\$ 15,840.00
CONSTRUCTION TESTING (1.5%)	\$ 3,577.80
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION (2%)	\$ 4,770.40
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 294,708.20

SUMMARY OF 2 ADDITIONAL ALLEYS	
5. Alley West of Conant	\$ 56,600.00
6. Alley East of Joseph Campau 2 - Belmont to Yemans	\$ 55,840.00
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$ 112,440.00
ENGINEERING AND DESIGN	\$ 16,000.00
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SERVATION AND TESTING (30 DAYS AT \$528/DAY)	\$ 15,840.00
CONSTRUCTION TESTING (1.5%)	\$ 1,686.60
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION (2%)	\$ 2,248.80
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 148,215.40

SUMMARY OF PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT	
McDougal and Caniff Parking Lot	\$ 177,210.00
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$ 177,210.00
ENGINEERING AND DESIGN	\$ 12,000.00
CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION AND TESTING (30 DAYS AT \$528/DAY)	\$ 15,840.00
CONSTRUCTION TESTING (1.5%)	\$ 2,658.15
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION (2%)	\$ 3,544.20
TOTAL PARKING LOT	\$ 211,252.35

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The last day to register in any manner other than in person with the local Clerk is **OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**.

After this date anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the Hamtramck Clerk's Office, located at 3401 Evaline St. at the following times:

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August R. Gitschlag  
Hamtramck City Clerk

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Very soon, perhaps too soon, the weather will turn colder. There's nothing better than a warm kitchen filled with delicious smells to chase away the chill. To that end, the library would like to reprint this recipe from a book compiled by our hardworking partners, the Friends of the Library: Hamtramck's Library of Recipes. Our selection today, just in time for the squash harvest is Spaghetti Squash with Mushrooms

#### Spaghetti Squash with Mushrooms

By Louise Chronowski

- 1 (2 lb.) spaghetti squash
- 4 slices bacon
- 1/2 lb. mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 2 c. (8 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese
- Thinly sliced green onions

Place whole spaghetti squash in shallow baking pan. Pierce in several places with fork. Bake in 350° oven for about 1 hour. Meanwhile, in a wide frying pan, cook bacon until crisp. Lift out, drain, crumble and set aside. Reserve drippings in pan. Add mushrooms to pan and cook, stirring, until lightly browned (about 5 minutes). Remove a few of the mushrooms and reserve for garnish. Cut squash in half lengthwise. Scoop out and discard seeds. With fork, pull strands of pulp from shell and add to mushrooms in pan; mix in cheese and bacon. Spread squash mixture in a shallow 2-quart baking dish; garnish with reserved mushrooms. Bake, uncovered, in 350° oven just until cheese is melted and squash is hot (15 to 20 minutes). Sprinkle with green onions. Makes 6 servings.

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# Second Front Page



## School Bell

### From the Superintendent:

Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed posted this recent Facebook message for the district:

On Friday (Oct. 2), the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the Governor does not have the authority to declare a state of emergency in relation to COVID-19 and called into question many of the Gov-

ernor's executive orders related to the pandemic.

We, along with our neighboring school districts throughout Wayne County, are reviewing the Court's decision and how it will impact schools. As we do, the safety of our school community will continue to be our first priority.

At this time, the Hamtramck Public School Return to School Plan

approved by the Board of Education remains in effect. We know that the safety protocols we have put in place-including cleaning protocols, social distancing, hand washing and requiring masks for all students, staff and visitors-have been critical in keeping students and staff safe, and we will continue to implement them moving forward.

We will keep you updated as we learn more about the Supreme Court's ruling and its implications for schools across Michigan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at:

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## Election slated to be historic

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as soon as possible," voting system is time-tested and secure, and "Michigan's absentee voters can be confident

that all absentee ballots received by the deadline and with a matching signature will be counted."

There is still plenty of time to apply for an AV ballot. The quickest way is to go directly to Hamtramck's City Clerk's Office. You can actually vote right after you apply, and drop off your ballot in city hall at the same time.

For those who would like to pick up some extra cash, Hamtramck still needs election workers.

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# Firefighters urge voters to reject charter ballot proposals Cont. from front page

Last week's interview with ex-councilman and Novi resident Scott Klein was really interesting. Almost all of the information provided was either false or pure speculation.

He has never been an advocate for community safety or the police or fire departments.

If he believes so strongly in these charter amendments, then why didn't he pursue them when he was on the charter commission in 2002?

I hear him, and the other people pushing these amendments, spewing numbers for Detroit taking over fire services, and how

they are going to cut pension costs, and I just shake my head. It's complete speculation and made-up information. These people involved couldn't be further off the pulse.

I have heard an incredible amount of false information about the number of fires and calls we have. I've provided the run data in an easy-to-read format, along with the run report breakdowns that we send to the state of Michigan and the federal government, to every member on city council.

Yet, I continue to hear false numbers based on what someone "said" or

"told them."

In 2017, we responded to 861 calls. 520 of those calls were in Hamtramck. 166 of those calls were for actual fires that required extinguishment. 92 were false alarms.

In 2018 we responded to 1013 calls. 544 of those calls were in Hamtramck.

191 of those calls were actual fires that the fire department was involved in extinguishing. 89 were false alarms.

In 2019, we responded to 979 calls. 555 of those calls were in Hamtramck. 169 of those calls were fires requiring extinguish-

ment. 132 were false alarms.

Remember that the fire department responds to a variety of calls, including power lines down, motor vehicle accidents, people requiring removal from being trapped or stuck in things, car fires, house fires, garage fires, grass fires, carbon monoxide calls, fire alarms, gas leaks, etc.

It's also important to point out, many of the calls to Detroit or Highland Park are nothing more than false alarms, or small incidents where the first arriving fire truck handles and calls off the rest of

the companies that are on the way. Usually about 150-200 are working fires.

**The Review: These charter proposals are being presented as a way to save money. Do you think there are ways to save the city money in providing police and fire services?**

Oleksiak: First off, these charter revisions will not allow the city to save any money. Labor contracts supersede city charter. Firefighters and Police Officers in Michigan are not allowed to go on strike.

In exchange, we have PA. 312, also known as binding arbitration. If there's a labor dispute, a judge makes the decision, based on the municipality's ability to pay, comparable departments and communities, industry norms and standards, etc.

Anyone who is saying these charter changes would allow them to control things like salaries and benefits, they are either lying or don't have a clue what they are talking about.

This is about removing any guaranteed oversight over both the police and fire department. The main reason is so that the current city administration can try to create a Public Safety Department.

As of this week, Councilman Hassan is on video at the Islamic center of Hamtramck, telling people that the council has already hired the man for the job (Max Garbarino).

Hassan during the video says, "our fire department

in Warren" (which is a pretty good indication he doesn't in fact live here), is also telling people we will just have a part-time fire department.

Highland Park tried that as well. They have since moved away from that system, and have gone back to the same model that Hamtramck and other communities use.

Again, this isn't an issue that the charter has anything to do with. This would be decided in court by a judge because of our labor contracts.

Southeast Michigan is facing a shortage of firefighters already. Departments that pay firefighters six figure salaries with amazing benefit packages are having difficulty filling positions. Fire academies are cancelling classes due to low enrollment. So I'm not sure his idea is rooted in any logic.

I'll be the first to admit that the pension payments to MERS (the organization that administers our pension fund) is seriously hampering our city's ability to be flexible on providing better services and benefits to current employees.

But people already on pension cannot legally have their plans changed unless we go through federal bankruptcy. Since 2013, the pensions have all been changed.

Those "big pension" numbers you see floating around on social media are certainly not anything our current employees will ever be seeing.

Our pensions have

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## ABSENTEE BALLOT REMINDERS

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**Drop boxes are available outside and inside City Hall for your convenience.**

**We encourage you to return ballots in October, ahead of the November 3rd election date.**

August R. Gitschlag

Hamtramck City Clerk



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**ভোট দেওয়ার জন্য:** প্রতিটি পছন্দের বিপরীতে ডিম্বাকৃতি পুরোপুরি অঙ্ককার করুন।

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## Letter

### School district seeking volunteer for parent council

The Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA) requires each state to develop and maintain a Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

The PAC is a County/District level parent driven advisory group that provides input on system-level challenges in special education and related services. Each District within W-RESA is eligible to nominate a parent of a student with special needs to serve on the Wayne RESA Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

Membership in this group is typically established through recruitment or nomination at the local district level through Board of Education action. Interested individuals

need to possess special training or background in Special Education to serve as a member of the PAC.

If you are interested, please contact the Director of Student Services, Mr. Menhem Aouad by phone at (313) 892-2037, or by email at: maouad@hamtramckschools.org.

Thank you for your interest and dedication to our students. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or comments you may have regarding your interest in the PAC.

**Menhem Aouad  
Director of Student  
Services, Hamtramck  
Public Schools**

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Charter proposals offer plenty to think about

Hamtramck voters are faced with a possible seismic shift in how the city provides police and fire services.

There are two ballot proposals this Nov. 3 that ask voters to eliminate both the police and fire departments from the city charter.

If voters OK that, it would then be up to the city council to determine how to provide those services.

Last week, we presented an argument by a former city official who is advocating for the passage of these proposals.

In this issue, we present you with a counter-

argument explaining why the proposals should be shot down.

We are not advocating one way or the other, but we do urge voters to seriously consider these proposals.

If the proposals are passed, the effect could be far-reaching.

For those who support the proposals, they say it's about finding ways to save the city money. Hamtramck is currently in deficit spending, and unless something drastic happens, the city is heading toward another financial crisis.

And that could mean that, for the third time in

20 years, the state would be forced to step in and appoint an emergency manager. It's probably a fair assumption that, this time around, the EM will make some serious structural changes – something that the two previous emergency managers did not address.

For those who are against the proposals, they say it's too big of a step to make without a concrete alternative plan to consider. They also say the savings are minimal at best.

There is a lot at stake with these proposals – consider them wisely.

## Odds & Ends

**Breaking news...** The recall election targeting Councilmember Ian Perrotta is one step closer to happening.

On Thursday – the day The Review went to press – the Wayne County Election Commission OK'd ballot language to recall Perrotta.

The recall effort is being spearheaded by Councilmember Mohammed Hassan.

Hassan now has to gather over 1,300 voter signatures to get an actual election to take place, which, if he is successful, would likely happen in February.

We'll have more on this in next week's issue.

**Details, details...** Chances are you heard about the living estate sale involving a portion of Detroit Tigers pitching legend (and the 2019 Grand Marshal of the Polish Day Parade) Denny McLain's memorabilia collection, held recently at his Wixom home.

There were all manner of items available; in particular, plenty of signed photos, baseball cards, and bats, as well as a trove of other, more random, items.

One group of photos,

perhaps lost in the shuffle, was of note for those who like their memorabilia, er... edgy?

It was a black and white team photo, roughly the size of a legal sheet of paper turned on its side. The photo was of the 1968 championship Tigers team, and including coaches and auxiliary personnel.

The photo also sported a hand-written name across the chest of each person in the photo.

But. Another small detail emerged upon closer inspection.

Scanning along the players in the back, there is Denny and, standing next to him, relief ace John Hiller, also a fan favorite in his

day.

Taking a closer look, one can see a curious hand gesture that they appeared to be making.

It could be that they're using an alternate finger to signal that they're number one. It could be that they're offering digital landing spots for small songbirds that might happen by. Why, it might even be some sort of arcane salute to an old esoteric organization or fraternity. Who can say?

What we can say – having not only seen, but purchased, one of these beauties – is that it's totally hilarious that the photos have ever seen the light of day.

You Go Get 'Em, Denny.



**The historic 1968 Detroit Tigers pose for a team photo. Notice any unusual hand gestures in the back row?**

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## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Voting strategies for the 2020 election

By Anita and Gary Saganski

When facing a hard situation, sometimes a simple listing of the most important things to know is really helpful and allows us to make choices we are confident about.

To cast your vote safely AND to cast your vote so it will be counted, you have three options to choose from.

TRADITIONAL VOTING IN PERSON AT YOUR POLLING STATION ON NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020. Please know that all election officials, local and state-wide are committed to strict observance of COVID-19 Precautions at Polling Places. Social distancing will be respected; however wearing a mask will be an individual's choice.

Dr. Fauci of the CDC believes voting in person is a safe choice if both wearing a mask and social distancing are in place. He likens it to being in line at a grocery store or the bank. The question of course becomes how many people will choose to wear a mask and how long will the lines be on November 3. If you feel that being in a public space for longer than 15 minutes with social distancing but no mask requirement puts you at great risk, then choose the next strategy.

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON with an Absentee Ballot at the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office through November 2.

You can drop off your completed Absentee Ballot Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clerk's Office. You also

have the choice of using one of two SECURE BALLOT DROP BOXES. One is next to the Clerk's Office Window and one is outside of City Hall near Zussman Park (available for drop off 24/7)

Both boxes are emptied daily! BUT YOU CAN ONLY USE A HAMTRAMCK SECURE BALLOT DROP BOX IF YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN HAMTRAMCK!

NOTE: If you do not have an Absentee Ballot or are not a registered voter, in one visit, you can register, apply for an absentee ballot, receive it, VOTE and hand in your ballot.

We are encouraging everyone to seriously consider this option as it gives each of us knowledge that our vote has been delivered; it minimizes time in a public building and it greatly decreases the number of voters standing in line on Nov. 3. Again, please know that all election officials, local and state-wide are committed to strict observance of COVID-19 precautions.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL with an Absentee Ballot This choice means being very aware of timing!

With the workplace challenges being faced by US Postal Workers, it is wise to assume that it may take 14 days or more for your ballot to arrive at the City Clerk's Office. At present, a Michigan Judge has ruled that mailed ballots postmarked by Nov. 2 must be counted if they arrive within two weeks following the election.

However, this ruling is being aggressively challenged by the Michigan

GOP. It may be wise to make sure YOUR BALLOT ARRIVES BY 8 p.m. ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 3, TO BE COUNTED SECURE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT TODAY!

MAIL YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

For those of us old enough to remember the 2000 Presidential Election, and those of us who see daily flagrant efforts to suppress the vote, we must also pay attention to simple things in casting our ballots!

- Put your Absentee Ballot in its privacy sleeve.

- Sign your name on the outer envelope.

- Make sure there is a stamp if you are mailing your Absentee Ballot.

Lastly, we make an appeal to the many young and generous-hearted people in our city to become ELECTION WORKERS. You will be the MVP's of Democracy in November!

Historically, this job has been done by Senior Citizens but Because of Covid-19, spending 12 hours in a public space is a risk for these dedicated persons.

In addition, The overwhelming number of Ballots to count in a short amount of time will need increased numbers of people working before/during and after Election Day. Applications are accepted from age 16 on up. Go ONLINE to the MICHIGAN VOTER INFORMATION CENTER to apply!

(Anita and Gary Saganski are Hamtramck residents.)

### An update on the school district's challenges in new year

By Jaleelah Ahmed Superintendent of the Hamtramck Public Schools

With the first few weeks of school now behind us, we all have begun to find our routines and best practices.

I have been impressed and energized by the way our students, families, teachers and staff have responded to this unique situation. It's important to remember that learning every day is essential to our students, so I encourage our families to make sure their child is attending their classes and completing assignments.

Each day there are many wonderful examples of creativity, innovation and determination from the HPS community and it is truly inspiring.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29 we had a district deployment of the Chromebooks. With the distribution of these devices, we will truly have one-to-one technology across the district.

To further support remote learning, we will be opening a technology center at Hamtramck High School.

The Technology Center will be open daily from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. by appointment only.

The Technology Center is available of parents and students via phone: (313) 305-6976, or Email: technologydepartment@hamtramck.k12.mi.us.

As you and your children move through the semester, remember that the HPS Parent Engagement Team is here to help and support you in a variety of ways. If you or your child are facing challenges, please reach out to seek support.

We have partnered with area social service agencies, health clinics and mental health facilities that are ready to assist our families.

Additionally, our seven-day breakfast and lunch program are continuing. Distribution will take place daily at various sites

throughout the community, with weekend meals available on Friday. Please visit www.hamtramckschools.com for more information.

You may have recently seen news coverage of the state's school aid budget. While the budget falls short of where it needs to be, we were relieved to see that there will be no cuts to school funding this year. We are still working to determine the impact of the funding and we will remain focused on the long-term success of our students.

As our partners in your child's education, we will continue to keep you apprised of funding matters related to the district.

Attendance is important every day of the school year. Students are more likely to succeed in their academics when they attend school consistently. Count Day is approaching on Oct. 7, so it is essential that all students are counted.

In effort to continue to

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# Firefighters urge voters to reject charter ballot proposals cont. from page 4

changed dramatically. We get less on our multiplier, pay more into the plans, and only get paid out on base pay only. You could make a million dollars in overtime and it doesn't increase your pension any more.

For instance, the fire department budget for 2020 is around \$3.7 million. Of that, \$1,290,000 (34%) automatically goes to MERS. That's a fixed number. We can't really do anything about that. \$1,857,880 (49%) is going to the salaries of 28 employees.

The third largest expense in the budget is healthcare: that is \$259,000 (7%). Only 2% of the budget, or 86,000, is budgeted for overtime. So, there you have 92% of your budget accounted for.

The only way you can really save money is by laying off firefighters, otherwise known as reducing services. Even our Fire Chief Dan Hagen has been reduced to part time, and had his salary cut in half, in the midst of a global pandemic by the city. So there's not even an argument to say that we have "administrative waste."

Even laying off firefighters doesn't bring about a huge savings. Based on court documents filed by the city for a recent arbitration, laying off two firefighters would only save \$90,831 a year, not for each, but both positions.

If 10 firefighters were laid off, reducing our field staff from 26 to 16, our ability to provide any reasonable service would be decimated. Something that extreme would only save approximately \$600,000. However, overtime would increase, so it's likely to be far less than that.

It should be noted that Detroit and Highland Park will not be coming to help if we have firefighters laid off, public safety officers, or part time firefighters.

Sound like a scare tactic? Unfortunately, it's not.

Real firefighters know this is a safety issue, and won't put their own members in danger because of it. Detroit and Highland Park are paying very close attention to what's going on here, and aren't going to be willing to come here to do our jobs.

Just like we did to Highland Park in the early 2000's when they cut their department and hired part timers. We stopped going there.

Remember what happened when Polish Market burned when we had guys

laid off? Detroit showed up and stood there with their arms crossed and told our chief they weren't getting involved in a labor dispute.

Lastly, the Public Safety platform hasn't been proven to save any money. In most cases, it's actually been proven to be more costly. So much so, that the state firefighters' union was successful in getting Gov. Snyder's administration to cancel all extra funding for cities converting to a public safety department.

Subsequently, his administration's Emergency Managers stopped creating Public Safety Departments. There's an increased cost to train police officers as firefighters, increased overtime, and when an officer gets injured, you don't lose just a police officer, you lose a police officer and firefighter.

If the plan is to lay off, for instance, six firefighters, then turn around and hire six police or PSO officers (who are both more costly than firefighters), how does that save money?

**The Review: Do you think these proposals are basically focused more on fire services than police services?**

Oleksiak: They absolutely are.

The people pushing this proposal have openly said they want to eliminate the fire department and go to a Public Safety Department. In that model, more police are hired and firefighters are laid off. Then police officers are cross-trained to play dress-up as firefighters, but their primary role remains as police officers.

My concern is that removing the language for both departments leaves each department individually up for a lack of oversight that they currently have as per the charter.

The council could just decide to implement policy on issues they may not fully understand. Furthermore, every time the council changes, the policies and oversight can change.

**The Review: The city is currently in deficit spending, and without finding significant savings in the budget, Hamtramck could find itself in another financial emergency, and have to have a state-appointed emergency financial manager take over – which would be the third time in the city's history. Do you have any suggestions on how the city can save money in the budget?**

Oleksiak: Of course, there are ways to increase revenue and reduce spending. The city should start by eliminating unnecessary positions.

For starters, eliminate the newly appointed director of safety and community services, Max Garbarino. Nothing personal to Max, but it's a position the city has never had before, and it should be something department heads and the city's legal team can handle. With his salary and benefit package, that would save approximately \$115,000 a year.

The city shouldn't be spending \$225,000 on paving a parking lot for commercial businesses on Caniff.

The police department overtime budget needs to be put in check. Based on recent court documents from the city, in calendar year 2019, the police department spent \$457,718 in overtime.

\$129,443 of that was traffic overtime.

In contrast, the fire department spent \$125,000 in overtime in that same period. For the 2019-20 fiscal year, the fire department only spent approximately \$60,000 in overtime for the whole department.

There should be a cost recovery ordinance put in place for domestic violence and drunk driving court cases, that allows us to capture more money from the state. We currently receive none for

those types of offenses.

The city budget is fluctuating on a daily basis. The budget projections are based on many things, such as the jail closing, GM retooling, and state revenue sharing.

The governor just announced that state revenue sharing wouldn't be reduced as the city was planning. Is that message being openly conveyed to the public? No, it is not. Part of the "deficit spending" is created by fake expenses that haven't happened yet.

The city supplied the courts with a five-year budget projection. Part of that included \$1,000,000 in fire equipment in 2022; equipment we don't need right now, and which was not requested by anybody from the fire department.

Another area was the "buildings and grounds" projection. That department went from \$907,190 in 2020 to \$1.3 million in 2021 and \$1.6 million in 2022.

Now ask yourself, why? Are these things we "need," or "want," to have?

The City isn't saying anything about the CARES Act that was passed by the state either. That grant will cover three months of payroll this year, which would provide around \$1,000,000 in added revenue.

**The Review: Would you be open to having a city commission explore alter-**

**native ways to provide police and fire services?**

Oleksiak: I'm open to anyone exploring options. In reality though, I think we've explored our options numerous times already. It seems like people just keep trying to reinvent the wheel.

**The Review: What would you say to those who advocate having Detroit take over fire services (provided that Detroit assigns firefighters at the current fire station)? Would that save the city money?**

Oleksiak: I'd say that it's already been explored, and it's been proven to not really be a viable option. If the fire department is outsourced, the pension fund for the Hamtramck Firefighters becomes "closed."

The City of Hamtramck would have to pay MERS about \$30 million.

The City of Detroit has already given Hamtramck a bid for fire protection. With the amount that Detroit wanted to charge, and the amount the City of Hamtramck would owe to the pension fund, there is no real cost savings.

Plus, once you outsource the fire department, you're at their mercy for future pricing. Not to mention, the plan I saw didn't include any fire prevention initiatives, arson investigation, fire inspections, etc., which are all things our department currently handles.

The notion that we make more money than Detroit Firefighters is also false.

The base salary range for Hamtramck Firefighters (firefighter positions), depending on their seniority, is \$42,867-\$62,763, and for Detroit it's \$41,003-\$59,417.

When it comes to salary, Hamtramck is slightly favorable, but the full benefits still have to be factored in.

Detroit provides all of its firefighters with full family health coverage, and Hamtramck only provides that benefit for its senior-most 16 firefighters.

The remainder only get single-person healthcare. Our firefighters have to pay 100% of the difference for family healthcare.

That alone makes a Detroit firefighter more costly. Detroit also gives its firefighters a better pension plan. Detroit firefighters routinely work a lot of overtime as well.

Hamtramck does not.

So in the end, Detroit is actually more expensive than our current system in Hamtramck. Which is why, when the state-appointed emergency financial manager was here last time, outsourcing wasn't something that was done.

**The Review: Some are concerned about the automatic aid agreement with Detroit and Highland Park. It appears Hamtramck makes more runs to those cities than here. Continued on page 8**

## City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing City Council

### \*CORRECTION\*

The City of Hamtramck City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom and streaming live on the city's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CityofHamtramck/>) due to the inability to gather in person because of COVID-19 concerns. The public is invited to virtually attend and comment or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Address written comments to Alex Iseri, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212. Information about how to log on to the Zoom meeting can be found at [Hamtramck.us](http://Hamtramck.us) or by calling Alex Iseri at (313) 800-5233 ext. 316.

The subject of the hearing is:

- Approval for a new Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption certificate for J.A.S. Investments LLC, 8800 Conant

Please note: This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.71 a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the Meeting to Individuals with disabilities at the Meeting or Public Hearing upon 10 day notice to the City Clerk's Office. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Hamtramck City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x. 342.



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**SATURDAY, Oct. 17, 4-6 p.m.** – Drive-thru/Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Cash only: \$10 Adult/\$5 Child 12 & under. Menu: Porkchop, Kielbasa, Pierogj/sour cream, Sauerkraut, Mashed potatoes/gravy, Dessert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church. Masks to be worn for pick-up.

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## By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 29-Oct. 5

### Tuesday, Sept. 29

• At a little after 1 a.m., a resident of Harrison Twp. was arrested for various traffic offences.

• At about 4:30 a.m., a juvenile from Detroit was arrested in the area of Yemans and Gallagher for burglary, for violating the city's curfew and for obstruction.

• A loose dog was found on Mitchell St., and was taken to the Humane Society.

• A Detroit resident was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a medical evaluation due to severe intoxication.

### Wednesday, Sept. 30

• At almost midnight, two Detroit residents were arrested for being wanted on felony and misdemeanor warrants.

• At about 1 a.m., a Detroit resident was ticketed for being disorderly.

• At about 2 a.m., a resident in the 12000 block of Dyar St. reported that her property had been ma-

liciously damaged.

• An agent for a Conant Ave. business reported an incident of fraud.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 9500 block of Charest St.

• A Detroit resident was arrested during a traffic stop for driving without a license and for possessing dangerous drugs.

• A juvenile was arrested for reckless driving and malicious destruction of city-owned property. The parents of the juvenile were ticketed for parental responsibility.

• A resident reported that, while in the area of Holbrook and Lumpkin, an unknown person pointed a gun at them.

### Thursday, Oct. 1

• At 4 a.m., a resident and a Detroit resident reported being assaulted by a Detroit resident who broke into a residence in the 12000 block of Selfridge St.

### Friday, Oct. 2

• A resident was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

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• At about 3 a.m., a resident of Garden City was arrested at Jos. Campau and Roosevelt for being disorderly and for assault.

• At a little after 3 a.m., a suspicious incident was reported in the 11300 block of McDougall St.

• At 3:30 a.m., a prisoner damaged a cell in the police station.

• A resident in the 12000 block of Sobieski St. reported a theft.

• A Detroit resident was arrested for domestic assault.

#### Saturday, Oct. 3

• A suspect attempted to steal a vehicle in the 12000 block of Dequindre St.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

• A Detroit resident was arrested for being disorderly.

• A resident reported being the victim of identity theft.

• A Prescott St. resident reported being the victim of fraud.

#### Sunday, Oct. 4

• At almost 12:30 a.m., a resident from Dearborn

was found unresponsive in their car at Caniff and Fleming. The person was suffering from a drug overdose.

• At 4:15 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license, and for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 11600 block of Lumpkin St.

• Officers noticed that a front window of a building in the 9500 block of Jos. Campau Ave. had been damaged. The building owner was notified.

#### Monday, Oct. 5

• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Gallagher and Holbrook.

• A resident reported an assault.

• A resident in the 3000 block of Roosevelt St. reported a break-in.

• A resident was arrested in the 12000 block of Dyar St. for assault.

• Two residents were arrested for being disorderly and fighting, and two Detroit residents were arrested for carrying concealed weapons without a permit.

## An update on the school district's challenges in new year

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improve instruction and tend to the needs of our students we are seeking your input. Please complete the surveys below in the language you feel most comfortable:

District-Wide Parent Surveys:

English: <https://forms.gle/pXTxhEEuw7BB7VE9A>

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We have started the

year strong despite the challenges we are facing. Education is a journey that we are on together, and we have been successful so far this year.

We appreciate the patience and support you have shown us and are here to assist as you work to make every day count for your students.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Hamtramck Public Schools.

## Firefighter urged voters to reject charter ballot proposals

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**Is that a fair bargain? Should Hamtramck get out of that agreement, or adjust it in some manner?**

Oleksiak: I don't want to spend too much time on this question, because it's not really at all pertinent to the ballot initiative.

I work and live in the City of Hamtramck, and I don't have any concerns about the plan. My property is more protected under this system, which brings more firefighters to a fire in Hamtramck than we used to get, and which costs the city basically nothing to participate.

Our insurance rates have also lowered because of the added assistance we get.

Our access to, and likelihood of receiving, high-value grants is greatly increased; training opportunities increase at no cost to the city, Detroit occasionally handles maintenance on our equipment free of charge, we pay

nothing for maintenance and upkeep on communication equipment like radios and dispatch, they conduct our medical testing for users and their air packs every year for free, etc.

The SEMCOG study that the city had done in 2019 clearly stated that the auto aid agreement was highly beneficial to the City of Hamtramck, and clarified how, even though the numbers look lopsided, they really aren't, given the actual exchange of resources.

We typically send one fire truck to Detroit with 3-4 firefighters. When they come here, they come with four firetrucks with 3-4 people on them, and we can get more by the press of a button.

Automatic aid is used in practically every community in the United States. We aren't involved in some one-of-a-kind agreement.

### Advertisement for Bid

#### BID TITLE: DICKINSON EAST ELEMENTARY BOILER REPLACEMENT

Hamtramck Public Schools will receive single prime sealed bids to furnish all labor and materials and perform all work necessary and incidental for the Dickinson East Elementary Boiler Replacement in accordance with published instructions, specifications, drawings and other contract documents.

Sealed bids must be received no later than, Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 10:00am. Bids received after this date and time will not be accepted or considered. The following options are available for submitting Bids:

1. Bids may be submitted via any mail service or carrier or dropped off in person to PARTNERS in Architecture, 65 Market Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

2. Bids may be submitted electronically by email to Rich Wawrzynski at [Rwawrzynski@hamtramckshools.org](mailto:Rwawrzynski@hamtramckshools.org)

**Bids will be opened and read aloud by use of a virtual meeting shortly after receipt of bids. A link to the virtual meeting will be forwarded to plan-holders prior to bid day.**

*An optional **Pre-Bid Meeting and Walkthrough** for all contractors interested in submitting a bid will be held at Dickinson East Elementary School, located at 3385 Norwalk, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9:30am. Attendees should gather near the main entrance and will be expected to wear masks and follow State recommended COVID safety guidelines.*

Bidders **MUST** use the bid form(s) in the specification package. **RETURN TWO COMPLETE COPIES OF EACH BID SUBMITTAL.** Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled with the bid title, date and time due.

All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship(s) that exist between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement. All bids must also be submitted with a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance regarding Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012 – Iran Economic Sanctions Act.

Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bid bond payable to Hamtramck Public Schools, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. Bids submitted shall fully comply in all respects to these instructions, published specifications, drawings, and other contract documents. Bid price shall include all costs associated with this project.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any formalities in regard thereto. In addition, the Board reserves the right to evaluate bids on any basis determined by the Board to be in the best interest of the Board and to consider alternate bids if the low bidder(s) do not meet the specifications or are otherwise determined to be unqualified.

The Architect will provide the documents to prospective bidders, electronically free of charge or in hard copy format at \$40.00 per set. Checks shall be made payable to: PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC. Bid documents will be available on or about October 12th, 2020. Interested contractors should request documents via email @ [JHoulihan@partnersinarch.com](mailto:JHoulihan@partnersinarch.com). Questions may be directed to PARTNERS in Architecture PLC, 65 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (Phone: 586-469-3600), attn Pam Elderkin ([pelderkin@partnersinarch.com](mailto:pelderkin@partnersinarch.com)).

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