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Quick Hits

St. Florian Soup Fest this Sunday

By Charles Sercombe

If it's fall, it must be soup season. Well, if you are like us, every season is a good time for soup.

So, once again, the St. Florian Parish will host its Polish Soup Festival on Sunday, Oct. 23, starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m.

Now that will be a lot of slurping.

Here's what the parish has to say about its festival:

"A tradition since 2012, this event offers a wide variety of Polish soups as well as dinners, desserts and Polish Beer for sale. For entertainment, the Kielbasa Kings Polka Band will play, and there will be Polish dance groups performing too.

"We thank all our volunteers who help plan and work at the festival. And a special thanks to our sponsors that include Polonia Restaurant, Polish Village Cafe and Bozek Markets. Admission is free, and all are welcomed."



**TUESDAY
NOV. 8**

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD — With the return of water shutoffs, homeowners are paying up

By Charles Sercombe

For about two years, during the height of the covid pandemic, the state forbade communities from shutting off water service because of non-payment.

Those days have been over for awhile now, and Hamtramck was poised to turn off water to about 500 households.

But since word got around that shutoffs were coming, Interim City Manager Max Garbarino said that most of those homeowners have ponied up what they owe.

Now, he said, there are just over 100 households holding out.

There's still a helping hand available for those struggling to meet water bills.

Wayne County is offering a program called WRAP (Water Residential Assistance Program) that helps financially-stressed households.

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Homeowners have been heeding the city's warning to pay up on their water bills or face their service being shutoff. If you are having trouble paying you water bills, there is a helping hand.

gives you a \$25-per-billing-cycle credit, up to a total of \$1,500 per year total assistance. There are further benefits as well.

Call (313) 386-WRAP (9727) for more info, or to enroll.

In other updates, Garbarino said the city's Community and Economic Department is moving "full speed ahead" in selling city lots.

A number have already been auctioned off. The purchase of a lot costs \$10,000 and then you

must develop it into a housing unit, either for the owner to live in or to rent out.

Ever think about law enforcement as a career?

Garbarino said there is still an urgent need for police department dispatchers, reserve officers and regular officers.

You can checkout the job positions on the city's website under the "Information Center" tab.

He said that, for those who become a reserve officer and remain on the job for at least one year,

the city will pay to enroll reserves in a police academy to qualify them to become regular officers.

In labor contract news, city hall employees in the local AFSCME union now have a three-year contract that gives them 6 percent salary increases for each of the three years.

Garbarino said that city hall employees "are the most important asset" of the city.

All of the city's four unions now have current contracts.

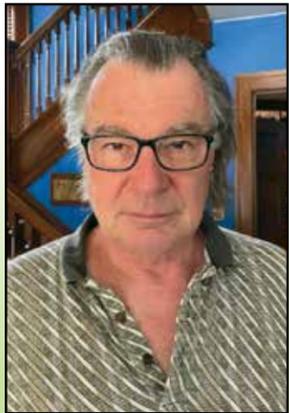
Hamtramckan is an eye-witness to the Ukrainian refugee crisis

By Alan Madlane

There are those who talk about taking bold action.

Then there are those who actually see a bad situation, and then throw themselves into it, to try to fix it.

Hamtramck resident Stephen Pobutsky is one of the latter: a man who saw what was happening in Ukraine, who knew he had some of the neces-



Stephen Pobutsky

sary tools to be able to help Ukrainians caught up in all the misery happening there.

He set his American life aside to fly to Poland, near the Ukrainian border, and offer what help he could.

He has returned to Hamtramck, and he shared his experiences.

The Review: Can you give us a very brief biog-

raphy of yourself up until this year?

Stephen Pobutsky: I lived in Hamtramck for 30 years, and worked for the public schools a total of 10 years (teaching ESL). I've taught at Wayne State University (Linguistics) since 1995.

When I first moved here, in 1978 or 1979, I had to get a parking permit for my neighborhood,

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There is still time to vote AV

By Charles Sercombe

The clock is ticking on what is shaping up to be a possible cliffhanger election on Nov. 8.

As of Friday, Oct. 21, there are just about two weeks until the Nov. 8 General Election.

This election is known as the "midterms" where the country decides who will be in charge of Congress: the Republicans or Democrats.

Hamtramck voters will be a part of that decision.

Conventional wisdom has it that whichever political party is in power at this point in the presidential term, the other side will prevail. But political pundits say this is no ordinary election year, and that anything could happen.

Various polls say many of the races in the country are tight. One thing is for sure, this election will determine how accurate pollsters have been.

Besides that, there are three state ballot proposals that have stirred up debate.

Proposal 22-1 would "amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limits to 12 total years in legislature."

Proposal 22-2 would "amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections."

Proposal 22-3 would "amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established

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Hamtramck is an eye-witness to the Ukrainian refugee crisis Cont. from front page

and the guy at the city of- fice said, "Pobutsky, that looks like a 'Halychná' name, to which I responded, "What's Halychná?" and he replied, "You know, Halychná - I'm from there."

I now know that's Western Ukraine, with its medieval capital Halych, where I have relatives (with whom contact was strictly limited by the Soviet regime). "Halychná" would be "Galicia" in Polish.

The Review: How did your family, friends and relatives feel about you going to Poland? Did you hear from any current or former students before you left - had you told them during the school year that you were going?

Pobutsky: My family was supportive, especially my son, Alex (whom many may know as Martin). My sister told me, "Promise me you won't go into

Ukraine; they're at war," but I wouldn't promise. And I did venture there (to Halychná).

I have family roots in Hamtramck. My grandfather (same name) was pastor of the old Immaculate Conception Church on Grayling St. back in the 1920s. My aunt, Olga, was born in (the building that) is now City Hall.

The Ukrainian Archives and Museum in Hamtramck (of which I am now a Board Member) provid-

ed an initial contact; Dr. Andriy Dzul (also a Board Member) had worked as a volunteer through St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe.

The Catholic Church in Poland had set up various refugee centers in Przemysl, Poland, and since I speak Ukrainian and Russian, I thought I could be of help as an interpreter. I will be giving a talk at the Ukrainian Archives and Museum, in November, in conjunction with others,

on this topic.

The Review: Was there any one thing specifically that prompted your interest in the Ukrainian refugee situation in Poland? What, if any, prior connection did/do you have to it all?

Pobutsky: The war, obviously. I was appalled and outraged; still am. The brutality and the lies. Unprovoked missile attacks, the destruction of Mariupol. It's state terrorism. And the world must stand

up against it, without question.

I have a Ukrainian friend who was teaching English in a college in Irpin, near Kyiv. I visited her there once, years ago. Places where we had walked together, college buildings, are now piles of rubble. I had to help, somehow.

The Review: Tell us about your initial time there, and reaction to the situation and to the
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There is still time to vote AV

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right."

(You can read the entire ballot proposals in this issue.)

There is also one Hamtramck election race involving three seats on the Hamtramck School Board. There are four candidates running, including current boardmember Mortadha Ali-Mudhaffar Obaid.

Obaid is running unopposed for a partial term position.

The other three candidates, which include a write-in candidate, are vying for two full-term seats. Some voters have already got a head start on filling out their ballots.

According to Hamtramck City Clerk Rana Faraj, over 1,700 absentee ballots (known as AV, or absentee voting) have been mailed to those who requested one, and nearly 300 have been returned.

For those who haven't filled out an AV ballot yet, it is suggested you wait no longer than Oct. 25 to mail it back in order to avoid postal delays. After that, it is recommended to hand in your ballot at the city clerk's office.

AV ballots must be returned before polls close on Nov. 8. You can still apply and vote by absentee ballot.

So far statewide, 1.7 million people have been mailed absentee ballots, and over 400,000 have been returned.

You can check the status of your AV ballot request, or turned in ballot, online at Michigan.gov/

vote or by calling the city clerk.

Online voter registration is available through Oct. 24 at michigan.gov/vote, however, Michiganders can still register to vote in person at their local clerk's office through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, Nov. 8, for in-person voting.

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Polar Express: There is something to get excited about for the next month. Experience the history of the Pere Marquette 1225 steam locomotive (the basis for the train in the Polar Express) on Tuesday, November 8th at 6 pm

Spooky Extravaganza: After a half day at school on Friday, October 21, kids can stop by the library at 3:30 pm for an afternoon crafts and games extravaganza with a spooky theme. It is a special expanded session of our weekly Game Night which usually takes place on Fridays at 4 pm.

Halloween at the Library: As if he story time was not enough, Monday, October 31 we will be also celebrating Halloween at the library. Participants will get snacks and sweets (whole supplies last) whether they come in costumes or not. The fun time will start at 3:00 pm and run till 5:00 pm closing time.

Story Time: Expect to see some new faces at our afternoon story time. We will be welcoming members of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers as guest readers. We extend to them a Big Thank You and invite all the chil-

dren to join us in the library on Mondays at 4:00 pm.

Adoptive Yoga and Thai Chi: Good news for those awaiting our group practice exercise sessions. Adoptive Yoga returning Tuesdays at 3 pm (starting October 4th) and Thai Chi resumes Fridays at 10 am (starting October 14th). These programs are Senior friendly. Comfortable footwear and clothing recommended. Presented by the RIM Foundation.

Dementia: Another event on the horizon is an upcoming talk about dementia. Representatives from Bickford Home Care will share resources and strategies for caregivers and their families. Dealing with the new reality of a loved one changed by dementia can seem overwhelming. However, making use of the info provided here will help you discover that there is an answer. Please join us Tuesday, October 18th at 6 pm.

Game Night: Drop in on a Friday Game Night, starting at 4 pm (open to all ages)

Let's Read Together Challenge: Did you hear about the Let's Read Together Challenge? The Michigan learning Channel is asking teachers and parents of all readers from preschool to 12th grade to have their kids complete 1000 minutes of reading by November 30th, tracked on a log sheet. That sounds like a whole lot. However, there are prizes to be won. Visit www.michiganlearning.org/resource/letsread/ for full details

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Second Front Page

Get a head start on what the state ballots proposals say

By Charles Sercombe

Michigan voters have three state ballot proposals to consider in the Nov. 8 election.

Here is the ballot language for all:

Proposal 22-1

A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations.
- Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.
- Replace current term limits for state rep-

resentatives and state senators with a 12-year total limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.

Should this proposal be adopted?

- YES
- NO

Proposal 22-2

A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
- Require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day;
- Provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
- Provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections;
- Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
- Provide that only elec-

tion officials may conduct post-election audits;

- Require nine days of early in-person voting;
- Allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed;
- Require canvass boards certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

Should this proposal be adopted?

- YES
- NO

Proposal 22-3

A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

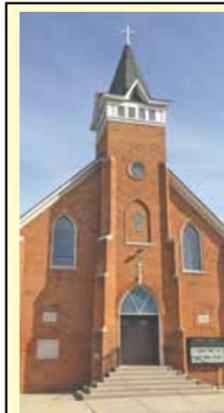
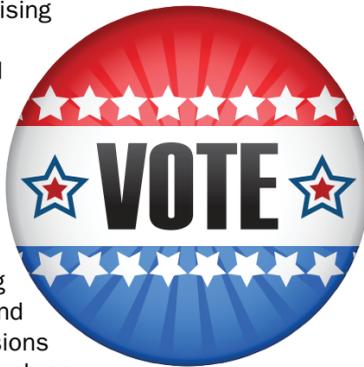
- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as

prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;

- Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;
- Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;
- Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.

Should this proposal be adopted?

- YES
- NO



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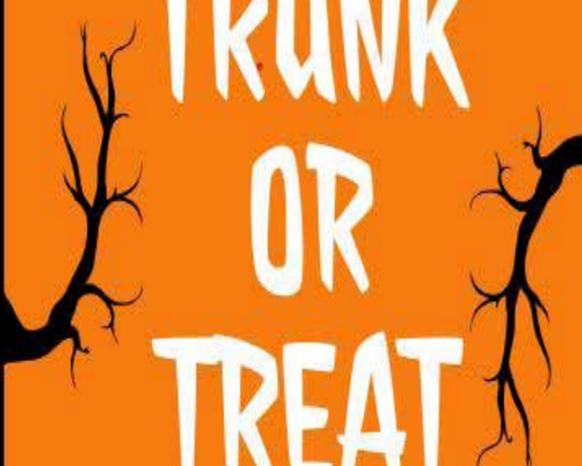


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Checking in

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Covid: Something wicked coming this way, a sub-variant

By Charles Sercombe

It's happened.

That frightening covid sub-variant that health experts warned us about is here in the U.S.

This variant BQ.1.1, which is related to another one that is ravaging Asia, is in the states and Europe. This sub-variant is known to be more resistant to the Covid-19 vaccine and earlier booster shots. Not only that, it spreads quickly.

But there is some good news. The current vax booster by Moderna and Pfizer appears to be somewhat effective in fighting off the virus, or at least making the symptoms less severe.

There is now an urgent plea by health officials for people to get this newest booster. Only about 15 million people, out of a pool of over 200 million eligible folks, have received the new booster.

In Hamtramck, it's unknown if the sub-variant has shown up. According to Wayne County health officials, the weekly rate of infections is about the same.

As of Monday, there 22 new cases in Hamtramck reported from the week before.

That brings the total

number of cases here, during the past two-plus years, up to 5,612. The number of deaths, which had shot up in recent weeks, remains at 79 for the same time period.

So, can we expect covid to keep mutating, and possibly be here for a long time?

Yes, say health officials, and to combat it we will likely have to continue getting booster shots one or more times each year.

In Hamtramck, you can get the latest covid booster at Hamtramck City Hall on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Bivalent booster is recommended for those 12 years and up, and if at least two months have passed since your last booster or vaccination. No appointment is required.

Once again, here's a recap of covid symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
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The final date to enter into a payment plan will be **March 14, 2022**, and the last day to pay your forfeited taxes will be **March 31, 2022**.

For more information email WCTOPaymentPlans@waynecounty.com or call (313) 224-5990.



Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Are we to trust how city officials search for a CM?

Last week, the city council decided to search on their own for a new city manager.

A few months ago, the council had initially decided to hire a search firm, but councilmembers now say the cost is too expensive, and that they are the best judge to decide who to hire.

Well, we wish we had full confidence in their ability to conduct a search, but the search process for a deputy city manager makes us wonder.

In the deputy city manager search, the city received only two applications, but guess what?

According to the mayor, he was only aware

of one application, and that application was submitted by a candidate he knew.

That candidate, a Harvard graduate, has an impressive educational background but zero experience in public administration. The city had posted a minimal requirement calling for at least five years in municipal government, as well as at least a bachelor's degree with course work in public administration.

A master's degree in a related field was even more desirable.

Guess who had all of that?

The second applicant is actually a current

public administrator for the Village of Bingham Farms. His application wasn't even considered, nor was he interviewed.

Both applicants submitted their applications within days of each other and, six weeks later, the other candidate with no municipal experience was hired.

How did one applicant not even get noticed?

Will this be the way the search for a city manager will be handled?

Like we said, the whole affair does not inspire confidence in our elected officials. Perhaps it's best to have a professional search firm handle this matter after all.

Odds & Ends

Celebration... The local Muslim community will hold a celebration in honor of Prophet Muhammad this Sunday, Oct. 23, with a procession starting at Masjid Al-Ihsan (2721 Holbrook) at 2:15 p.m.

Festivities will conclude at Gates of Columbus Hall (9632 Conant) at 3:15 p.m.

The event is known as "Mawlid" and, according to Wikipedia, it is "recognized as a national holiday in most of the Muslim-majority countries of the world."

'Tis the season ... Flu season is upon a virus-weary Michigan once again.

As with every fall, medical prediction models are put together to assess the upcoming flu season.

And they're figuring this to be a bad one.

They base it off those countries in the Southern Hemisphere, who get their cold-and-flu season during their fall/winter - which is, of course, our spring/summer.

For a point of comparison as to what we may be up against, Australia just logged over 300 deaths blamed on the flu. Their deaths in 2021? Zero.

People aren't masking up like they were before, and we're starting to see more communicable virus-based diseases hitting folks, such as colds, respiratory infections, and yes, the flu.

The Michigan State Medical Society is urging people to get vaccinated for flu. To this point, fewer than half of U.S. adults have gotten, or said they plan to get, the vaccine.

The virus tends to hit young children (with their still-underdeveloped immune systems), as well as the elderly, hardest.

So line up and present arms, Hamtramck, and stay as healthy as possible.

Reminder... Hamtramck's centennial got a real sweet poster to commemorate it.

As featured on the Hamtramck Arts & Culture Commission's (HACC) Facebook page, the inspired and inspiring art work is by local artist Dave Toennies, who owns Ton Yes Designs (tonyes-designs.com).

Toennies has also previously designed the Ham-

tramck Centennial Logo, as well as the city's Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) streetlight banners.

The centennial poster, mostly in red, white and blue with some mustard yellow and sea green around the edges, prominently features the dates 1922 and 2022, as well as what looks like an American flag that is actually composed partially of factory smoke stacks.

Items on the posters' edges include a row of homes along the bottom of the image, as well as a guitar headstock, soccer ball, old automobile, streetcar, and the Kowalski hot dog sign, plus more.

The bottom banner, in blue with white lettering, says of the city: "Celebrating a century of diversity, industry, progress, & history," while sporting the afore-mentioned centennial logo.

HACC promises to have "collectible, limited-edition prints of this poster available soon."

Ambulance service... There has been much discussion lately, especially on Hamtramck-related Facebook pages, about the city's service.

As you can guess, a number of folks are not pleased. The complaint is, people are waiting and waiting for an ambulance when they call one.

Interim City Manager Max Garbarino said there is sometimes only one ambulance on duty, but there are two in service during "peak hours."

The city has a contract with a private ambulance company.

There is now a call to bring back ambulance service through the Fire Department, as the city once did several years ago.

That also has its pros and cons.

You can expect to see this issue to become a community focal point.

Drug takeback... The Piast Institute and the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC) are hoping that you will help keep the city free of bad drugs.

To that end, they will be serving as the local site for "National Take Back Day," which will be Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The title of the day references the fact that people are encouraged to rid themselves of their unused and expired prescription drugs, by bringing them to the Piast Institute building (located at 11633 Jos. Campau Ave., between Pulaski and Whalen) for proper disposal.

It's one part of "Red Ribbon Week," which this year actually runs from Oct. 23 - Oct. 31. The title is a reference to the practice of wearing tribute ribbons begun by some citizens of Calexico, California, after the 1985 slaying of homeowner DEA Special Agent Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena by drug traffickers.

So the week is all about getting people to stop using drugs, including stopping the abuse of prescription ones such as those they are collecting on Oct. 29.

"Red Ribbon Week encourages our entire community to adopt healthy, drug-free lifestyles," states HDFCC Director Lara Girdwood.

Hamtramck school teachers of grades 4-6 are being given materials and resources for their classrooms that include informative sheets and flyers, a classroom poster, and ideas for related activities for their students.

For more info on this or other health-related programs such as quitting excess drinking, smoking or vaping, check their website at piastinstitute.org or the HDFCC's Facebook page.

And consider wearing a red ribbon in support.

City budget question... A Hamtramck-related Facebook page was all agog over an increase in the mayor and city council budget, which went from over \$46,000 to over \$81,000.

Facebook being Facebook, and Hamtramck being Hamtramck, wondering minds couldn't help to leap toward snap judgments and criticism.

As it turns out, that increase represents the salary of Community Caretaker, a position that was created by city council over a year ago.

The duties of the job, held by Max Gilginas, calls for organizing community cleanups.

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Hamtramckan is an eye-witness to the Ukrainian refugee crisis Cont. from page 2

things you witnessed? Where you landed and then were stationed, etc.?

Pobutsky: I had first traveled as a student to Krakow, Poland, back in 1982. I received a scholarship to study in summer language classes at the Jagiellonian University through Wayne State University.

I flew there in July, and, although it's changed considerably, it's still a charming and vibrant city. From there, I traveled by train (which is excellent, by the way; why can't we have decent rail service here?) to Przemysl, which is located in the southeastern region of Poland (another charming city), bordering Ukraine.

There, I stayed in various refugee centers – kind of dormitories –and hotels. That area is not being visited by Polish tourists with the war rag-

ing across the border, so the church has set up refugee centers throughout that region.

By the way, I was pleasantly surprised that I could still speak some Polish, and was able to get by rather well.

The Review: What duties did you undertake while you were working there in Poland with the Ukrainian situation?

Pobutsky: Essentially, I was working as a translator. I worked with doctors who were stationed at the refugee center, and was part of a small roving team of volunteers headed by an oral surgeon from upper Michigan, Dr. Osetek.

He came out of retirement to help along, with his wife, Beverly. Many refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine (mostly women and children) had not had dental check-ups before

their hasty departures, and some had begun to have dental problems. So, we moved around to various (beautiful) locations in the mountainous southeasternmost corner of Poland, treating (mostly) children, many of whom received U.S. dollar bills from the “Zubna Feya” (tooth fairy in Ukrainian).

I also helped with transportation. I, and another volunteer, drove a refugee family (a woman and five children) across Poland, Germany, and into France to a resettlement center. I didn't have time even for a café au lait – we just turned around and drove back.

The Review: Did you have a plan in place for exactly how long you would stay, or when you felt OK leaving Poland to return here to Michigan?

Pobutsky: My plan was

to stay and work in Poland. I did venture into Ukraine for a little over a week (to Halychyná!), and visited my relatives. I had to take cover twice in Lviv (West Ukraine) when the air raid sirens went off.

My cousin has a shelter set up in the basement of his apartment building in Halych. I had to pass roadside checkpoints with antivehicle crossbars in the road, and there are captured “Ruzian” tanks on display in the center of Lviv.

At the pedestrian crossing into Ukraine, near Przemysl, I decided to speak in English to the Passport Control Guard; when she asked “Where are you going” and I told her, “Lviv, Halych, Ivano-Frankivsk” these customs officers asked, “If you've come here to Ukraine, then how come you aren't speaking Ukrainian?” which helped to dispel some of my nervousness.

The Review: What is your assessment of the situation overall – were you able to communicate with any of the refugees from Ukraine, and if so, what did they talk to you about?

Pobutsky: Of course, I was able to communicate with them. But there is one negative aspect, a linguistic one. Whenever I

encountered any refugee for whom I was to translate, I would ask, “Do you want me to translate Russian or Ukrainian?” and many would reply, “Ukrainian, we're Ukrainians” but then they would begin speaking in Russian.

There exists a kind of dialect, known as “Surzhyk” or “chaff” that is neither good Russian nor Ukrainian, but a kind of mixture, and that is what many people especially from the East speak.

They did relate their experiences, some harrowing. One family told how they had to escape their home in a Black Sea resort town with Russian artillery and opposing Ukrainian fire arcing overhead, dodging bomb and missile fragments in the road. The mother's teenage son (who rather stoically endured having his tooth pulled) had (along with his pals) painted “Shatorsk (their town) is Ukraine!” on a fence in clear view of the “Ruzian” forces one night.

We rescued, and ended up housing, a blind couple who just turned up at the Przemysly train station (quite intelligent people, who spoke excellent Ukrainian). There, I also encountered a guy from New Jersey, with no connection to Poland or

Ukraine, who, when the war started, just quit his job and headed to Poland.

The Review: Do you feel like you might want, or need, to return at any point? What would make you change your mind, yes or no?

Pobutsky: Undoubtedly, I would return.

I'm already inquiring into other possibilities to help. Anyone interested in contributing or helping may contact the organization Stand With Ukraine. Also, Immaculate Conception Church in Hamtramck has a fund to help refugees and the war effort.

Additionally, people have been donating military supplies through a warehouse space in Hamtramck.

The Review: Are you glad that you went? Are you pleased personally with what you were able to help accomplish over there?

Pobutsky: Yes, of course, but I wish I could do more. My personal contributions seem so small, and the devastation is so vast. It will take a huge effort to rebuild Ukraine; of course “Ruzia” should pay for war reparations after the Ukrainian Victory, but so

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বিজ্ঞপ্তি সাধারণ নির্বাচন

মঙ্গলবার, ৮ নভেম্বর, ২০২২

এর যোগ্য নির্বাচকদের কাছে হ্যামট্র্যাক শহর - ওয়েন কাউন্টি, মিশিগান

এতদ্বারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি দেওয়া হল যে প্রাথমিক নির্বাচন হ্যামট্র্যাক সিটিতে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে, ওয়েন কাউন্টি, মিশিগান রাজ্য মঙ্গলবার, ৮ নভেম্বর, ২০২২, সকাল সাতটা (৭) টা থেকে রাত আটটা (৮) টা পর্যন্ত (স্থানীয় সময়) যে সময়ে নিম্নলিখিত অফিসগুলির জন্য প্রার্থী তালিকাভুক্ত নিচে ভোট দেওয়া হবে।

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- রাষ্ট্র/মন্ত্রী সচিব
- আইনজীবী সাধারণ
- কংগ্রেসে প্রতিনিধি ১৩ তম জেলা
- রাজ্য সিনেটর ৩য় জেলা
- রাজ্য আইনসভায় প্রতিনিধি ৯ ম জেলা
- রাজ্য শিক্ষা পরিষদের সদস্য
- মিশিগান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শাসক/রিজেন্ট
- মিশিগান স্টেট ইউনিভার্সিটির অডিটর/ট্রাস্টি
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- জেলার বা বিভাগের কার্যনির্বাহী
- শেরিফ আংশিক মেয়াদ শেষ ১২/৩১/২০২৪
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- সুপ্রিম কোর্টের বিচারপতি
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অতিরিক্তভাবে, নির্বাচকরা নিম্নলিখিত ৪টি প্রস্তাবে ভোট দেবেন:

- প্রস্তাব ২২-১

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- প্রস্তাব ২২-৩

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- ওয়াইন কাউন্টির জনো পরিবহন ব্যবস্থা মিলেজ

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হ্যামট্র্যাক পিসেন্ট স্থান

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পিসেন্ট # ২ কমিউনিটি সেন্টার ১১৪১০ চেরেট

পিসেন্ট # ৩ কমিউনিটি সেন্টার ১১৪১০ চেরেট

পিসেন্ট # ৪ কমিউনিটি সেন্টার ১১৪১০ চেরেট

পিসেন্ট # ৫ সিনিয়র প্লাজা ২৬২০ হলব্রুক

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রানা ফারাজ (হ্যামট্র্যাক সিটি ক্লার্ক)

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

To the Qualified Electors of the CITY OF HAMTRAMCK - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the GENERAL ELECTION will be held in the City of Hamtramck, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, from seven (7) o'clock in the morning until eight (8) o'clock at night (local time) at which time candidates for the following offices listed below will be voted upon.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
Representative in Congress 13th District
State Senator 3rd District
Representative in State Legislature 9th District
Member of the State Board of Education
Regent of the University of Michigan
Trustee of Michigan State University
Governor of Wayne State University
County Executive
Sheriff Partial Term Ending 12/31/2024
County Commissioner 3rd District
Justice of Supreme Court
Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position
Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2027
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position Partial Term Ending 01/01/2027
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit New Judgeship 6 Year Term
Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position
Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent Position
Board Member Hamtramck Public School District
Board Member Hamtramck Public School District Partial Term Ending 12/31/2026

ADDITIONALLY, electors will vote on the following 4 proposals:

- Proposal 22-1**
A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature
- Proposal 22-2**
A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections
- Proposal 22-3**
A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right
- Wayne County Public Transportation Millage**

Full text of the ballot and proposal may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212. A sample ballot may be viewed at <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index>

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Oct. 11-17.

Tuesday, Oct. 11
• A fight was reported in the 2400 block of Florian. When officers arrived, those involved had left.

• Officers attempted to pull over a white Kia, but the driver sped away.

• A complaint about an animal was made in the 3900 block of Prescott.

• A complaint was made about a disorderly group of people on Grand Haven.

• A complaint was made about a reckless driver on Hanley.

Wednesday, Oct. 12
• A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

• Officers attempted a traffic stop of a black Chrysler 300, but the driver sped away.

• A complaint was made about a suspicious male on a bicycle who attempted to get into a vehicle on Roosevelt.

• A vehicle was stolen at a business on Conant.

• A suspect was arrested for being wanted on a felony warrant, out of Ohio, for narcotics. The suspect was jailed while waiting for extradition.

• A hit-and-run accident was reported on Lumpkin.

• Officers investigating a suspicious situation arrested a suspect for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

• A complaint was made

about a disorderly person on Jos. Campau.

• Gunshots were reported on Conant, but officers investigating the scene found no shell casings.

• A disorderly group of people was reported on Roosevelt.

• A large fight was reported on Roosevelt, but officers found no one fighting.

Thursday, Oct. 13
• Officers attempted to pull over a silver Jeep Commander, but the driver sped off.

• Officers investigated two suspicious vehicles, one at Mackay and Zinow, and the other at Neibel and Fleming.

• A Kia vehicle was stolen in the 3100 block of Trowbridge.

• A theft was reported at a Conant business.

• Disorderly juveniles were reported on Holbrook.

• Officers attempted to pull over a tan BMW, but the driver sped off.

• A domestic disturbance was reported on Casmere.

Friday, Oct. 14
• A family disturbance was reported in the 2600 block of Casmere.

• Two thefts from autos were reported in the 11700 block of Sobieski.

• A complaint was made about a male, in the 2600 block of Holmes, who was knocking on doors. After

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contacting the male, officers determined that no crime had taken place.

- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 10300 block of Conant.

- A business on Conant reported a theft.

- A vehicle theft was reported in the 11700 block of Gallagher.

- A resident reported a sexual assault.

- A complaint about a juvenile, in the 12000 block of Grand Haven, was made.

Saturday, Oct. 15

- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau.

- A Norwalk St. resident was arrested for domestic violence.

- A Yemans St. resident reported an assault.

- A Nagel St. resident reported that they were threatened.

- A complaint was made about a disorderly man in the area of Conant and Doremus.

Sunday, Oct. 16

- Officers responding to a call about someone driving their car on train tracks in the area of Caniff and Grand Haven arrested a woman for drunk driving. During the investigation, officers observed a male driving by and arrested him for drunk driving as well.

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3300 block of Comstock.

- A theft was reported in the 2900 block of Evaline.

- A person in the 3800 block of Norwalk reported being harassed.

- A shoplifter was reported at a business in the

9300 block of Jos. Campau.

Monday, Oct. 17

- A woman in the 12000 block of Grand Haven reported that her children were shot at while at Carpenter and St. Aubin. Officers could not find any shell casings.

- Officers investigating a report at Conant and Comor involving a gun determined that the incident occurred in Detroit.

- Officers responded to a call about a child, in the 2200 block of Poland, who was not breathing. Upon officers' arrival, the child was breathing. The child was taken to Children's Hospital for further evaluation.

- A report was made about suspects, in the 2900 block of Jacob, who were selling narcotics. When officers arrived, the suspects were gone.

- A hit-and-run accident happened on Conant.

Hamtramck is an eye-witness to the Ukrainian refugee crisis

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much is needed.

The Review: Any last thoughts we haven't covered here?

Pobutsky: It became clear to me, as it has been true since this conflict arose in 2013 (and when the war actually began, with the illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014), that Ukraine wants to be a part of Europe (the geographical center of the continent is in Halychyná) and the European Union.

Ukrainians work in Poland, Germany, France, and can see a better standard of living, decent wages, excellent infrastructure, so of course they want that for themselves.

What does "Ruzzia" offer? An arrogant kleptocracy, run by absurdly rich oligarchs, corruption on an epic scale across eight time zones, extermination of the Ukrainian culture and language? Gulags?

Ukraine has a democratically-elected president (Zelensky won by a landslide on an anti-corruption platform). Since independence, they've

had five presidents, that's what "Putler" (Putin) cannot tolerate. He wants to be surrounded by stooges and other dictators like in Belarus, Kazakhstan.

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David was born and raised in Detroit-Hamtramck, graduated from Pershing High School (Go Doughboys!), and obtained an associate degree from Oakland Com-

munity College. During his life he first worked as a cross-country purveyor of rare coins and would go on to have a successful career in banking and finance with Detroit Bank and Trust, Comerica, National Bank of Detroit, and Bank One.

He was an avid collector of vintage toys, such as Marx Playsets and 3 3/4 inch G.I. Joes, and a fan of all things Star Wars. Above all else David was a devoted, loving, and selfless husband and father. From horsey rides and holding hands to weather updates and terminal gates, you knew you could count on him to be there, and he always was. It is in this regard that his passing, the loss

of our constant, is felt most deeply. Yet we are comforted by the knowledge that death is simply a door we all must walk through someday and that when we do David (Dad) will be waiting on the other side. "May the House in its Beauty shelter us both."

Visitation is Monday, October 24, at 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at which time there will be a funeral service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile), Sterling Heights, Michigan. Please share memories with our family at our online guestbook at www.wujek-calcaterra.com

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