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Quick Hits

Firefighters to be honored

By Alan Madlane
This will be of interest to anyone who has a spouse, relative or friend who is a firefighter, or to anyone who simply wants to show them support.

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial was built in 1981 in Emmitsburg, Maryland, about 90 minutes outside of Washington D.C.

The dates of October 8-9 will mark the 41st Annual National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) Memorial Weekend.

This year, they will honor 148 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2021, plus several who died in previous years. This roll call will include, locally, Captain Jeffrey A. Brozich, 57, of the Madison Heights Fire Department, whose name will be inscribed on one of the memorial's bronze plaques.

St. Louis Fire Captain Garon Mosby will emcee a Remembrance Candle service on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Then, Emmy Award-winning journalist Michelle Sigona will emcee the Sunday, Oct. 9, Memorial Service from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the National Fire Academy Campus at 16835 S. Seton Ave. in Emmitsburg.

For more info, go to Firehero.org. Follow social media tags #Firehero, #nffflighthenight2022 and #bellsforfirefighters2022.

Water line replacement project produces unexpected problems

By Charles Sercombe

Blame it on a lack of concrete.

That's the reason why Evaline, between Jos. Campau and Gallagher, had been blocked off.

Noticed we said "had been."

That's because a few days ago part of the street was finally opened to allow traffic to get through.

That portion of the street recently had the old lead water lines to homes replaced, a job that is now done.

But there is a concrete shortage, and that was holding up the reopening of the streets.

"This is an ongoing thing with supply and demand," said Bill Diamond, the Director of Public Services.

But there is a good chance, he said, that the portions of the street that were cut out can be resurfaced by this end of this week or next.

The clock is ticking if the city's contractor cannot get cement. Within the next couple of months, cold weather will prevent the pouring of cement.

So, Diamond said, the "worst case scenario" is that gravel will fill the



The replacement of water lines on a portion of Evaline resulted in a two-month wait for the street to be repaved and opened back up. The street is now partially open, and repaving of the street could be done by the end of this week or next – or maybe not until next year because of a cement shortage.

cutouts on the street, which will then have to be scooped back out later when concrete-pouring season returns in the spring.

The project is part of an overall plan to replace all the lead water lines to homes.

It has been estimated in the past that the cost to replace all the lead lines in the city is about \$55 million – or \$10,500 per household.

Funding, so far, has come from the federal infrastructure bill and other sources, although it's

not clear whether there is funding to replace all of the city's residential lead lines.

In the meantime, residents along Evaline have been complaining about not being able to park.

At Suzy's Bar, just down the street from Jos. Campau, owner Susan Briskey said the two-month street closure has been rough, financially-speaking.

"When most folks see a street blocked off, they go to another place. ... But I went into the hole," she said.

It has been so bad that

her friends held a fundraiser at the bar last Friday.

Despite the setback, Briskey said "Of course the job had to be done."

So why the concern over lead-lined water lines?

Hamtramck has had a history of high lead content in its water, for at least some houses.

High levels of lead in the water greatly affects children and their mental development.

You can have your lead levels checked at home for free by calling the county medical clinic at (313) 871-1926.

AV ballots to be mailed

By Alan Madlane

Absentee ballots for the Nov. 8 election have been mailed out, or soon will be, to those who have so far requested them.

Absentee ballots are also available at all city clerk and township clerk offices.

Not registered?

You can to Michigan.gov/Vote and register there, up through Oct. 24. You can also register in person at the Hamtramck City Clerk's office up to, and even on, election day, and then vote right there immediately after registering.

The Secretary of State is another place that can register you – typically by appointment, however.

Michigan citizens voted overwhelmingly, in 2018, to put a law into our state Constitution providing all registered voters the right to vote absentee without having to provide a reason for doing so.

Confused as to why we are voting on the second Tuesday of November this year?

Elections fall on the first Tuesday that comes after the first Monday of the month. This year, the first Monday of November is on the 7th, and so we actually will be voting on the second Tuesday, Nov. 8.

So come on out – or stay in – and vote; whichever way you do it, just do it.



The school district's recreation department hosted a Fall Festival last Friday, which attracted a couple of hundred people to Pulaski Park.

TOAST of the TOWN

Fall and Hamtramck were in all their glory last weekend

By Charles Sercombe

Last weekend was one of those picture-perfect fall days.

It was sunny with warmish temperatures, clear blue skies and a hint of a chill to come.

It was the perfect backdrop for two events, both family-friendly, as the say-

ing goes.

First up: On Friday late afternoon, the Hamtramck School District's Recreational Department hosted a Fall Festival. This was a chance for city kids to get in touch with country life: pony rides, hands-on petting of chickens, rab-

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bits, and goats; pumpkin sale, donuts, crafts and even wall climbing – all at the school district's Pulas-ki Park.

As you would expect, the country-life starved kids went right toward the animals. Toast knows ponies from way back, and these are the easiest-going of horses out there (although nothing against full-sized horses, which are pretty majestic creatures).

Now, over to Sunday, and the weather is still sunny and warm, but with a bit of a stiff wind putting a chill in the air.

Toast was at Hamtramck's very own historic baseball stadium, located in the back of Veterans Park. It was the annual Ike Blessitt fundraiser baseball game.

Ike is a former Detroit Tiger, and he invited fellow Tiger Juan Berenguer to host the game. It was kind of a mini-baseball fantasy game where anyone could join in to play – for a token cost.

Sunday was extra special for Ike, who played for the Tigers in 1972, because it was his 73rd birthday.

And yes, there was birthday cake shared too.

Yes, summer is over, but baseball still continues in these waning weeks of the pro season.

Hamtramck's baseball stadium is no ordinary stadium. No, indeed.

This was the homefield of the Detroit Stars, who were part of the Negro baseball league back in the 1920s and '30s when African-Americans were not allowed to play in baseball's major leagues.

We've come a long way since then.

The stadium was built exclusively for the Ne-



Above: Pony rides were popular at the Fall Festival. Below: Former Detroit Tigers Ike Blessitt (wearing a Tiger jacket) held his annual baseball game on Sunday, which was also his 73rd birthday.



gro league and, for many years, after that league dissolved, it just sat there slowly deteriorating until local historians discovered its unique importance.

How important?

The stadium is one of only a handful that survive to this day that exclusively served the Negro league.

In other words, we have a national historical jewel here.

Better yet, there has been an influx of federal and grant money that has helped restore the stadium grounds and grandstand. A big thanks goes out to the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium for its huge contribution in doing research into the historic context of the stadium.

That information was a catalyst to renovating the stadium – which is still an

ongoing project.

It is an amazing experience to sit in the grandstands and look at the restored grounds – which has been maintained by the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew.

At the game, in fact, were the two daughters of Detroit Stars' legend Norman "Turkey" Stearnes.

Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown and Joyce Stearnes Thompson gave a soulful rendition of the national anthem to kick off the game.

All in all, Sunday was a great baseball day.

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and at other events throughout the city.

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This week at the Library . . .

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 children to join us on Mondays at 4:00 pm.

Crafts and Game Combo: Friday October 21st looks to be another half day for many of our public school students. Take advantage of this fact by joining us for a special crafts & game combo. Starting at 3:30 pm, we will get together to make a spooky, collaborative art piece. Then, we will jump into some party games that will get you howling. It is just one of our weekly Friday Game Nights (which usually begins a 4 pm - but with bonus content).

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.

Family History Project: The Library of Michigan will host a ZOOM demo of how to navigate the MyHeritage collection of historical documents, images, and public records. Event begins at 6:30 pm on October 6th. Please visit www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/public/programs-for-the-public and scroll down to find

the link to register.

Decluttering Project: If that task you have been putting off is making you feel intimidated, worry not! We are enlisting the help of professional home organizer, Emilie Rivard, to set you on the path to less mess. Stop by at 6 pm on Wednesday, October 12th, for a presentation you will not want to miss. Information shared will be also available in Bangla.

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)

ESL Classes in the Library: For the 2022-23 school year, the ESL classes organized by Horizon School, will be held in the library four days a week (Monday to Thursday). There will be two sessions with the first starting at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am

Great Fire of Chicago: According to legend, it started (October 8, 1871) when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in her barn on DeKoven Street. Over 300 persons were killed and 90,000 were left homeless.

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Covid: The disease continues its deadly course

By Charles Sercombe

Covid continued to claim lives in Hamtramck.

Over the past two weeks, three additional residents died from COVID-19, bringing the total number for the past two years, when the pandemic started, to 79, according to Wayne County health officials.

And for the second week in a row, Hamtramck had 20 new COVID-19 cases as of this past Monday.

The total number of covid cases in Hamtramck now stands at 5,568.

There have been mixed reports on whether covid cases are going down for

good, or whether there will be another covid variant. There are now reports of variants appearing overseas that are resistant to vaccines.

In the meantime, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still recommends getting vaccinated, as well as getting the current boosters.

Here is what the CDC has to say:

The introduction of the new boosters has caused some changes in vaccine recommendations, which are based on your age, the vaccine you first received, and time since your last dose:

- People ages 6 months

through 4 years should get all COVID-19 primary series doses.

- People ages 5 years and older should get all primary series doses, and the booster dose recommended for them by CDC.

- People ages 5 to 11 years are currently recommended to get the original (monovalent) booster.
- People ages 12 years and older are recommended to receive the updated Pfizer or Moderna bivalent booster.

- This includes people who have received all primary series doses and people who have previously received one or more original boosters.

- At this time, people ages 12 to 17 years can only receive the updated Pfizer bivalent booster.

- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have different recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines.

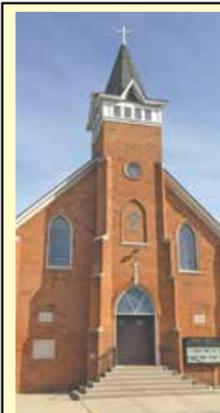
As for covid symptoms, in case you forgot, the CDC say they may appear

2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Also, the CDC says to be on the look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
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Coming Events

SATURDAY, Oct. 8, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out Only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

SATURDAY, Oct. 15, 4-6 p.m. – Drive-thru/Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. \$12 Adult; \$6 Child 12 & under. Menu: Pork Chop, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Sauerkraut, Mashed potatoes/gravy, Dessert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church.

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Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival returns

By Charles Sercombe and Alan Madlane

Hamtramck is going to be pretty arty this weekend.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, to be specific.

That's when the 12th annual Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival and the ongoing "our city series" will take place.

The Neighborhood Arts Festival happens all day, and it's spread throughout various locations in town, which even includes houses, porches, galleries, art studios and just about anywhere else you could imagine.

This festival is another way to encourage folks to ditch your car and, instead, walk or ride your bike.

So far, weather reports say, Saturday will be partly cloudy with temps in the 50s – a pretty typical fall day in Michigan.

Some of the highlights include:

- A jug band performance at Hamtramck Disneyland (6-7 p.m.)

- Hamtramck's art collaborative, Hatch, will host 16 Detroit area artists

and their works.

- Grab a bite to eat at 9398 Mitchell (just past Bumbo's) and enjoy sculpture and live funk music

- Henna body art – a Southeast Asian folk art – will be offered at 10225 Jos. Campau

- Popps Packing on Carpenter will feature the works of Faina Lerman

- The Ukrainian American Archives & Museum (9630 Jos. Campau) will feature the artwork of R. Baranyk

You can find a list of what's happening, along with a map of locations, on Saturday at Oloman Café (10215 Jos. Campau), or go online to hamtramckneighborhoodartsfestival.com

Also, on Saturday, at 7 p.m., the "our city series" will be outside of Henrietta Haus (8609 Jos. Campau), where there will be a music performance by the band The Brown Thrasher. This will be followed up by a program of short film works by locals.

Like all events on Saturday, this is free. Refreshments will also be provided.



Principal Month

We are so fortunate to have a dynamic team of principals pushing Hamtramck Public Schools towards next generation learning for all students.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City council made the right decision on abatement

We realize it was no easy task deciding whether to grant a tax break to another company that promised the moon to the city.

Hamtramck has been burned by such promises before.

But the decision to grant a tax abatement to the company that plans to redevelop the former Missant site was the right choice.

This tax break is different than others in the past.

Instead of asking for a 50-percent property tax cut, the company sought to freeze the current tax

payment for 10 years. After that period, the break expires, and the city can then assess the new property value.

Considering that a few decrepit buildings are going to be razed and a new one constructed, the value will certainly go up.

The site currently generates \$60,000 in property taxes per year.

If the council had rejected the offer, the city would then continue to receive the same amount with no hope of the site being developed.

It's been sitting pretty much vacant and blighted for decades.

What is disconcerting is how the city council arrived at its decision. The council appeared to be evenly divided on the issue, 3-3, and votes on the issue were delayed and put off for several weeks.

That was not a good message to send to would-be developers.

We've said this before, but the job of being on city council requires making tough decisions from time-to-time.

Running away from controversy is no way to conduct business in Hamtramck.

Odds & Ends

Au naturel... Looking for something to do this weekend?

Why not check out the newly reopened Belle Isle Nature Center where it sits on five acres on the island's northeastern shore?

Closed right at the beginning of the covid pandemic, in March of 2020, the facility has undergone a \$2.5 million renovation, with all-new exhibits and habitats that focus on urban wildlife.

The center aims to offer a unique combination of educational, environmental and natural experiences that "help connect people with urban nature."

Highlights include: a "pollinator" area, where visitors can experience life like a bumblebee; an expanded habitat for mud-puppies (an odd species of salamander that is one of the few that makes audible noise); and even a replica Detroit sewer tunnel, with a presumed focus on the animal life therein.

The Belle Isle Nature Center is free to visit, and open virtually every day of the year, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For a full schedule of events at the center, go to belleislenaturecenter.detroitzoo.org.

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Yes, soup for you... 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."

Crime update ... For those who follow our Crime Log column you may have noticed the number of reckless driver reports in the past few weeks.

One day this past week there was a report of about 30 cars driving recklessly in the area of Holbrook and St. Aubin.

Now that's just brazen and dangerous.

Unfortunately, officers attempted to pull over one driver in that chaos, but, as usual, the driver sped away. The department's policy is to go easy on car chases because they are inherently dangerous, and can result in injury or

worse. In other words, it's not worth the risk.

But there have been a few incidents of drivers getting arrested – one apparently involving a teen who was released to one of their parents.

There are not many details provided in the department's daily incident reports, so we don't know who the driver is and their age, but it appeared to be a teen.

Reckless drivers have been a huge concern among residents in recent years, and the police department has been tasked with cracking down on such drivers.

But officers' witnessing reckless drivers is pretty much hit or miss.

That's why it's important to call the department as soon as you witness someone driving recklessly, and get as much information about the location and type of vehicle, and where they are heading.

Don't, however, attempt to chase down the drivers.

Volunteers needed...

Lynn Blasey is hosting a spring bulb planting this Friday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m.

Here's what she has to say about the event:

"I'm hosting a volunteer day Friday at 10am. We'll meet at Pope Park for a quick intro and demo, and then I'll send teams to the planter boxes to plant 1,250 assorted spring bulbs in pre-marked spots.

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Be sure to have a plan in case of a home fire

By Matthew Wyszczelski
Hamtramck Fire Chief

October is Fire Prevention Month and to kick things off the National Fire Protection Agency and the Hamtramck Fire Department will be teaming up to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week from October 9 to October 15.

This year's theme is: "Fire won't wait, plan your escape."

Modern homes burn faster than ever, according to the NFPA, you may have as little as two min-

utes from the time the smoke alarm sounds to escape from a house fire. Therefore, it is important to have working smoke alarms and have an escape plan.

It's important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.

Have a plan for every-

one in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!

The Hamtramck Fire Department recommends these key home fire escape planning tips:

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

To kick off Fire Prevention week, The Hamtramck Fire Department is hosting an Open house on Sunday October 9 from noon until 3 p.m. at the fire station located at 2625 Caniff.

There will be activities, refreshments, and demonstrations of fire-fighting equipment.

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part three: sights & sounds

This third event, **Sights and Sounds**, which takes place during the **Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival**, begins with a musical performance by Hamtramck's **The Brown Thresher**. Immediately following is a program of short films with work made by Hamtramck residents mixed with films chosen for the local stories they represent. We've also asked some neighbors to share their own experiences inspired by the films.

Saturday, October 8th / 7:00pm
Outside at Henrietta Haus
8609 Joseph Campau Ave.



October 9, 2022

HAMTRAMCK FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, October 9, 2022, to kick off Fire Prevention week, the Hamtramck Fire Department will be hosting an Open House at the station from Noon until 3 PM. We invite you to attend and learn about fire prevention and see what the Fire Department is all about. There will be refreshments and activities for the kids. We will also be doing demonstrations using fire extinguishers, hose lines, extrication equipment and setting up our ladder truck. We hope to see you there!



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"I'm asking volunteers to bring their own hand shovels to dig the holes.

"A huge thanks to GM Cares for donating the bulbs, and sending volunteers to come help us get them in the ground!"

Art opening... Hamtramck resident Anne Harrington Hughes is having an art opening reception this Saturday, Oct. 8, 6-10

p.m. at the Detroit Contemporary Gallery, located at 487 W. Alexandrine in Detroit.

Her exhibition is called "No Small Thing."

The gallery provides this background on Hughes:

"Hughes has taught college courses in painting, drawing, basic design and color theory. In 1998, she joined the painting and drawing department

at Wayne State University and the Foundations department at College for Creative Studies. Hughes was born in Holland, Michigan in 1967.

"She received her Bachelors in studio art from Hope College, Holland, Michigan in 1989. Hughes moved to Detroit in 1995 where she completed an MFA in 1998 at Wayne State University. In 2010, she and her husband Steve Hughes became co-founders of Public Pool, an art space in Hamtramck. ..."



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One of the last neighborhood bars survives despite setbacks

By Alan Madlane

There are always hard luck tales.

And sometimes, they happen to good people. People who don't want pity – but man, they wouldn't mind things to go their way once in a blue moon.

Suzu Briskey is the owner of Suzu's Bar on Evaline St., along with her husband. Theirs is a long and often sorrowful saga, and yet the bar – said by them to be the smallest in Michigan – keeps on going.

But it's certainly been against all odds.

Especially lately.

Suzu and her father bought the building in 1990. At that point, it had been sitting for nine years, after having spent life as a couple of other bars. They got it open about a year later, in '91, but not without a lot of investments and sweat.

The liquor license had gotten sold, and therefore separated from the building itself. The inside was originally so bad that Briskey got sick to near-death from trying to clean out the old, non-functional coolers.

Even those have now



Susan Briskey and her husband Jim Calsada have suffered several setbacks at their Bar, Suzu's, on Evaline, but are now back open for business.

been replaced. It wasn't cheap.

Still, the bar was, finally, chugging along nicely, having developed a fairly devoted batch of regular customers.

Then came the pandemic.

The problem was, even though the state allowed incremental re-opening of all the state's bars eventually, first at 25 percent, then 50 percent capacity, it wasn't worth reopening at those numbers.

"When your bar only has a fire marshal's capacity of 20 to begin with, you aren't likely to reopen just to serve five or ten people," Briskey joked, a bit wistfully.

If that was the only issue, it might have all been livable, even though Briskey and her husband were living off their savings at that point. Suzu's mom passed. Her husband had three surgeries.

"The doctors told him not to even lift a gallon of milk, at that time," Briskey remembers.

Then came the Hamtramck flood of June of last year.

Pretty much everything in the basement was lost to the sewer backup. More expensive cleanup had to follow.

Suzu said that FEMA monies were rejected, since they were only loans

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মঙ্গলবার, নভেম্বর ৮, ২০২২ -এ অনুষ্ঠিতব্য সাধারণ নির্বাচনের জন্য নিবন্ধনের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

হ্যামট্র্যামেক, মিশিগানের যোগ্য ভোটারদের কাছে:

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অনুগ্রহ করে লক্ষ্য করুন যে হ্যামট্র্যামেক সিটি থেকে যোগ্য নির্বাচক যিনি ইতিমধ্যে নিবন্ধিত নন, হ্যামট্র্যামেক সিটি ক্লার্কের অফিসে ভোট দেওয়ার জন্য নিবন্ধন করতে পারেন; কাউন্টি ক্লার্কের অফিস; স্টেট শাখা সচিব অফিসে, বা অন্য মনোনীত রাষ্ট্রীয় সংস্থা। রেজিস্ট্রেশন ফর্মগুলি www.mi.gov/vote-এ পাওয়া যাবে এবং হ্যামট্র্যামেক সিটি ক্লার্কের কাছে মেল করা যেতে পারে। ইতিমধ্যেই নিবন্ধিত ভোটাররা www.expressSOS.com-এ তাদের নিবন্ধন আপডেট করতে পারেন।

হ্যামট্র্যামেক সিটি ক্লার্কের সাথে ব্যক্তিগতভাবে ব্যতীত অন্য যে কোনও উপায়ে নিবন্ধন করার শেষ দিন সোমবার, অক্টোবর ২৪, ২০২২।

এই তারিখের পরে, যে কেউ একজন নির্বাচক হিসাবে যোগ্যতা অর্জন করেন তিনি নিম্নলিখিত সময়ে ৩৪০১ এভালাইন, হ্যামট্র্যামেক মিশিগান ৪৮২১২-এ অবস্থিত হ্যামট্র্যামেক সিটি ক্লার্ক অফিসে -এ বসবাসের প্রমাণ (এম সি এল ১৬৮.৪৯২) সহ ব্যক্তিগতভাবে ভোট দেওয়ার জন্য নিবন্ধন করতে পারেন:

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3. প্রস্তাব ২২-৩

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রানা ফারাজ (হ্যামট্র্যামেক সিটি ক্লার্ক)

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Hamtramck on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 8, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Hamtramck who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Hamtramck City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the Hamtramck City Clerk is Monday, October 24, 2022.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office, located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212 at the following times:

Regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts 1-7 in all regular locations or by mail at <https://mivc.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication>

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Hamtramck electors will be voting to elect candidates for following offices as presented and listed below:

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://mivc.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index>

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 27-Oct. 3.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

- A person in the 12000 block of Moran reported that they were receiving harassing communications.

- Following a traffic stop, two males were arrested for having open intoxicants, for obstruction, and for being wanted on a felony warrant for assault with a dangerous weapon.

- A theft from an automobile was reported on Florian.

- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Jos. Campau.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

- A male was arrested after a traffic stop for reckless driving.

- A theft from an auto was reported on Lumpkin, but officers determined the incident happened in Detroit.

- A suspect was arrested, at a Conant business, for retail fraud and for obstruction.

Thursday, Sept. 29

- Officers attempted a traffic stop, but the driver sped away.

- A report was made about an attempted auto theft of a Dodge Charger in the 9700 block of Dequindre.

- An attempted break-in was reported on Grand Haven.

- A loose dog was reported on St. Aubin.

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- A fight was reported on Selfridge, resulting in one juvenile being arrested.

Friday, Sept. 30

- A report was made, in the 12000 block of Dyar, of an infant who was not breathing. Officers drove the baby to a hospital.

- A Conant resident was arrested for domestic violence.

- A large fight was reported on Selfridge.

Saturday, Oct. 1

- Officers, responding to a fight in the 2700 block of Yemans, determined that no fight had taken place.

- Officers responding to a fight in the 2200 block of Holbrook arrested a male for domestic violence.

Sunday, Oct. 2

- Officers observed about 30 vehicles driving recklessly in the area of Holbrook and St. Aubin. Officers attempted to stop a black jeep but the driver sped away.

- A resident reported that, while their vehicle was parked on Burger, its license plate was stolen.

Monday, Oct. 3

- An incident of illegal dumping was reported in the 2600 block of Zinow.

- A suspicious situation was reported in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau.

- Family trouble was reported in the 3400 block of Doremus.



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One of the last neighborhood bars survives despite setbacks

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that would ultimately have to be repaid.

Finally, they reopened. "We were closed for two years and three months, altogether, until this past May 1," Briskey said.

But Lady Bad Luck wasn't done yet.

Next came the construction, itself an aftermath of (and hopefully, an eventual solution to) the flooding, with sidewalks right in front of the bar all torn out and a massive hole in the front yard.

"Our regulars would walk down, but they'd

have to be careful leaving or they'd walk out the front door and right into a six-foot-deep hole," laughed Briskey.

Then, the parking lot across the street was turned into a for-pay lot. Then, the street was torn up for repaving. A fundraiser last Friday "was a huge success," Briskey said.

She added a "big thank you" to Shannon Powers and St. Lads alumni for hosting and organizing the fundraiser.

Hamtramck people

don't give up the ship, or go down without a fight.

Next Friday, Oct. 14, Suzy is throwing herself a birthday party. She didn't say what age, and we sure as heck didn't ask. It's going to go from 6 p.m. until midnight. Suzy promises karaoke and some celebs.

We should all stop by and have a drink or two. To Suzy and her husband. And the bar.

The little bar that's stood tall to the test of time.

The little bar that could use a little luck.

Obituaries

MALATESTA



Ethel Lilian Marie Malatesta (March 7, 1937, to September 10, 2022). She was the loving daughter of Marie and Hugo Malatesta; dedicated sister of Jim and Barbara Malatesta; auntie of Scott Malatesta, Sean Malatesta and Dak

Pudlo (RIP); sister-in-law of Mikki Malatesta.

Ethel lived in Hamtramck her entire life and loved her family, neighbors, and her dogs. Her Memorial service will be Saturday, October 15, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, 3851 Prescott Avenue, Hamtramck, MI 48212.



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