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## Quick Hits

### MLK Day Celebration rescheduled

Winter weather isn't going to stop this year's celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Jan. 15 event had to be scrubbed because of the extreme cold.

But now the Concerned Women of Hamtramck, in conjunction with the Hamtramck Public School District, will try again on Feb. 19.

The details are the same as before.

It goes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on that date, at the Hamtramck Community Center, 11350 Charest St.

This is the 26th year for the celebration. As in prior years, the breakfast will be followed by a talent show put on by students from the district, any age K-12. The showcase's theme this year is, "A Change is Gonna Come."

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students ages 13-18, and ages 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite, but also from the HPSD Administrative Office or from the main offices of each individual school.

The idea behind the event's theme and title this year is to promote better futures for all HPSD students.

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD — Mayor Ghalib says the city has rebounded and will grow

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck's financial picture has made a drastic turnaround in recent years, says Mayor Amer Ghalib.

Recently, Mayor Amer Ghalib spoke at the inauguration ceremony of three city councilmembers, and gave what is basically a state of the city address.

At the event, held a few weeks ago at the Hamtramck Public Library, Ghalib gave a recap of events since he took office two years ago.

Ghalib is the city's first Yemeni-American and Muslim mayor in Hamtramck's over 100-year history of being predominantly a Polish enclave.

He said, prior to taking office, that the financial forecasts for the city were dire, with anticipated deficit spending that would eat up the city's budget and possibly lead to a third state-appointed emergency manager to take control of the city.

That prediction has turned around, he said.



**Hamtramck Mayor Amer Ghalib gave a recap recently at the Hamtramck Public Library of what has happened in the city for the past two years, and also what to look forward to in the coming years.**

"For the past two years, Hamtramck has achieved a lot of success," he said. "There is so much stability in city hall. There's prosperity, economic growth, population growth as well. And for the first time, two consecutive years of a budget surplus – something that was not in the mind of the most optimistic person."

(In the few years leading up to Ghalib taking office, Hamtramck had a budget

surplus but was in deficit spending.)

Ghalib acknowledged that Hamtramck has received \$32 million in various grants since 2023. Some of those grants were in the works before Ghalib took office, and most of them were one-time only.

The mayor said that part of the city's turnaround is based on political stability, something the city has not enjoyed for many years. Gone are the outbursts of

elected officials and the combative stances some previous councilmembers exhibited.

"That used to be the norm in Hamtramck politics in the past," Ghalib said, of Hamtramck's rough and tumble reputation.

"We have created an environment that attracts people from all over the U.S. and also immigrants to this safe environment,"

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## Crime Watch: Incidents of fraud are on the increase

**By Charles Sercombe**

Police Chief Anne Moise says that, during the past year, incidents of retail fraud shot up by a whopping 60 percent.

That was part of her recent yearly overview of what happened with the police department.

Moise did not reveal the number of retail fraud incidents in the city, but the daily crime incident reports issued by the department will typically include one or two such incidents.

It's not every day, but it's a good guess that there have been any-

where from 100 to 200 incidents of retail fraud in the past year. A number of residents reported that they, also, were victims of fraud, which usually are related to online scams.

So, just what is retail fraud?

According to the website Fraud.com, it can consist of several aspects. Let's take a look (and here, we quote them):

**Return fraud**

Return fraud occurs when a customer returns an item for a refund or exchange without a valid reason, often using fake receipts or returning sto-

len merchandise.

**Employee theft**

Employee theft is an internal form of fraud that occurs when employees steal from their employer. This can include stealing cash or merchandise, taking unauthorized discounts, or manipulating sales data.

**Shoplifting**

Shoplifting is a well-known form of retail fraud where customers steal merchandise from a store without paying for it. Shoplifters may use various tactics, such as concealing items, using large bags, or working in

groups to distract store employees.

**Price tag switching**

Price tag switching involves placing a lower-priced tag on a more expensive item to purchase it at a reduced cost.

**Credit card fraud**

Credit card fraud occurs when a customer uses a stolen or counterfeit credit card to make a purchase. This can result in chargebacks and financial loss for the retailer, who may be held responsible for the fraudulent transaction.

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## Presidential primary ballots are out now

**By Charles Sercombe**

You can get a head start on voting in the Feb. 27 presidential primary election.

For those who applied for an absentee ballot, they were mailed out last week, said City Clerk Rana Faraj. You can still request an absentee ballot (commonly called AV ballots).

For those who prefer to vote in-person, early voting begins on Feb. 17 through Feb. 25 in city hall, specifically in the city council chambers on the 2nd floor.

In this primary, you must select either a ballot for the Republican or Democratic candidates. That also applies to those who are independent voters. If you don't specify which party ballot you want, you will not be given one.

This primary in Hamtramck could foretell whether Hamtramck will remain the Democratic stronghold that it has been for decades.

Recently, a number of Muslim voters have said they will not vote for President Biden to be re-elected because of his support for Israel and its invasion of Palestine.

Hamtramck's majority population is now those of the Muslim faith.

Those who have been critical of Biden have not said who, if anyone, they would support for president. However, political observers say that not voting for Biden is basically a vote for former President Trump.

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# Mayor Ghalib says the city has rebounded and will grow

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he added.

As for future development, the mayor said the city is “expecting hundreds of millions” to be invested.

And that investment, Ghalib said, means that there will be “thousands of new jobs.”

Ghalib did not explain the nature of these upcoming investments, but, last March, American Axle announced it was considering expanding its manufacturing here to an extent that would total over \$400 million.

Most of the American Axle site is on the Detroit side of the Hamtramck border, but there is a sizeable chunk of land on Hamtramck’s side, which, if the development happens, would mean additional property taxes and income taxes.

Hamtramck’s ongoing infrastructure repairs, he said, will continue.

“We are repairing so much of the underground sewer system, lead (water) lines replacement,” he said.

The mayor said that some of the sewer and water line replacement has required a “slight increase” in water bills for households and businesses.

Street and alley repaving, an ongoing program that preceded Ghalib, will continue, he said.

“You will see so much

construction,” he said.

Part of the city’s restructuring includes bringing more work back in-house to the Public Services Department, which had previously been relying mostly on contracted-out services.

Prior state-appointed emergency managers gutted the Public Works Department and contracted out the services. The city still has a contractor for weekly garbage collection.

Ghalib said the city has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars to purchase trucks and equipment for the department, such as street sweepers and plows for snowplowing.

He noted that, when he initially took office, he

had a “secret” meeting with Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, who followed-up on a proposal that preceded his taking office in which the Hamtramck and Detroit fire departments would be merged.

Ghalib said he asked, point-blank, how much that would save the city financially, and was told it would be anywhere from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Ghalib said that savings wasn’t enough to face “a political battle in the first month of taking office.”

Now, the plan is to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to replace the department’s aging fire trucks.

In city hall, things have changed as well. Ghalib said that there is now a

city hall workforce made up of “people of color, people of different backgrounds.”

Ghalib said that he will continue to treat everyone “neutrally” and without discrimination. However, he said he won’t be neutral when it comes to speaking out against oppression in the world.

“We will stand against oppression and injustice forever,” he said.

In an act of solidarity with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, the city council recently passed a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Israel’s invasion of Palestine, and then also gave Holbrook the honorific name “Palestine Ave.”

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January 26, 2024

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**Chess Club:** Something new just for you. Games held on this Thursdays at 3:30 pm right here in the library. Open to newbies, experienced pros, and all those in between.

**Sidonie-Babrielle Colette:** Scandal, immorality, breaking with convention and widespread appeal. No, it is not the winning strategy of modern politics, but rather the trappings surrounding this author born on January 28, 1873. She made waves in her native France not simply through her writing. In her homeland she was regarded as the foremost female author of her time. Arguable most well known abroad for her novel “Gigi”. There is plenty more to enjoy if you are a fan of period writing. A biography would

prove to be quite the read, as well. If you prefer the screen, however, you will have your pick of film adaptations and biopics to choose from.

**Story Time:** Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 3:45 pm and Wednesday Story Time at 12:00 noon. Presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

**National Spouse Day:** January 26th get together for something special, just the two of you. It will pay dividends in the long term and when they are appreciated, they will appreciate you back

**Game Night:** We are moving to Wednesdays. Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Wednesday at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play. Everyone is invited.

**Thomas Crapper Day:** January 27th is dedicated to the inventor of the toilet. Although Thomas was overly showered with acclaim, he was not, in fact the inventor of the modern toilet. Folks should nevertheless be thankful for the inventiveness of plumbing pro Thomas Crapper.

**Sharon Christa McAuliffe Day:** January 28th is the day dedicated to this first Teacher in Space. NASA dedicated this day in honor of the astronaut who tragically perished along with the rest of the crew aboard the Challenger Space Shuttle in 1986.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Chief Anne Moise: A Hamtramck trailblazer

Recently, Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise announced that she will be retiring at the end of this month.

We wish Chief Moise a well-deserved retirement.

Police work, as most of us know, is not easy work, and being the chief of a department carries additional burdens few would know about.

Anne Moise’s appointment as chief, back in 2015, came at a time when the department was going through some upheaval. She brought a sense of stability to the department.

Her appointment was also long-overdue in the sense that, for decades, since Hamtramck became a city, no female had ever held that position.

Anne Moise will go down in Hamtramck history as a trailblazer.

Under her leadership – and with the help of city administrations, both past and present – the department has become more culturally diverse, and additional resources have been added as well, thanks to various grants.

Chief Moise has also made it a point to be available to the public, with special chat sessions set aside for residents.

More importantly, Moise has kept politics out of the picture during her tenure – which, in Hamtramck, is not an easy accomplishment.

We wish Chief Moise a happy retirement with her family. She can leave the department knowing that she made a difference.

## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Mobile crisis services are on the move

**By DWIHN**

The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is rolling out a dozen mobile crisis units into communities and neighborhoods to help children and adults in crisis.

DWIHNs mobile crisis units are staffed by a master’s level Clinician and Peer Support Specialist who assists the child or adult through the crisis. Anyone in the Wayne County area regardless of insurance status can call the DWIHN Access to Care 24/7 Helpline at 800-241-4949 and get a unit deployed to their location.

“As a behavioral health organization, we are always looking for innovative ways to help people right where they are; this



is just one more way to serve people in their communities,” said DWIHN President/CEO Eric Doeh. “The program is a community-based mobile crisis response team that will go to a person in crisis, regardless of location and get them behavioral healthcare resources they need.”

Phase One of the mobile crisis units were deployed mid-December 2023 with the dispatch of four teams, available Monday through Friday from 7am to 3pm for adults only. The mobile crisis teams will eventually provide around the clock services for both children and adults; as trained mental health professionals will provide de-escalation and crisis intervention services, connecting people with the appropriate behavioral health resources.

“Our hope is to rapidly respond by offering immediate community-based intervention, resources and reduce or prevent the need for care in a more restrictive setting,” said Doeh.

DWIHN is currently hiring for this program as well as many others. Check out the available job positions on <https://www.dwihn.org/>.

## Odds & Ends

**Blowout update...** More details about the return of the Hamtramck Blowout music festival have come to light.

The festival will be held March 1-2, and proceeds from the event will help finance this year’s Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

So that confirms that the Labor Day Festival will indeed return this year – something that had been up in the air.

The Blowout will once again be spread out among the city’s bars, halls and venues of one sort or another.

Typically, the festival attracts thousands of music fans.

Bands and performers are encouraged to register by going online to [hamtramckblowout.com](http://hamtramckblowout.com).

Tickets for the two-day festival are a mere \$20. Now that’s a deal.

**Condolences...** Hamtramck resident Mark Rigstad recently died. We don’t have any details about funeral arrangements.

Two years ago Rigstad submitted a very thoughtful guest editorial on the issue of displaying pride flags. At the time, there was quite a controversy about the mayor and city council banning the display of pride flags on city property, as had been permitted in the past.

Rigstad had many friends here in town.

Some of the comments about him left on social media include:

“Class act. This is so, so sad.”

“I’m so saddened by this news. He was a great human and will be sorely missed. My heart goes out to his family and friends.”

“He was such a wonderful human. I’m just shattered.”

“Great guy. Met over pints in Hamtramck in the mid 00s and I always looked forward to seeing The Professor whenever I got the opportunity. Super smart, compassionate and civic minded, loved the neighborhood and supported it. Rest in peace.”

He was an Associate Professor and Interim Chair of Philosophy Director of the Center for Ethics at Oakland University.

**Book power...** Local center for all things Polish, the Piast Institute, has opened a free “Little Library” at the Hamtramck Housing Commission (12025 Dequindre at Commor, next to 1-75).

There was a ribbon cutting ceremony last night to christen the space.

The library takes donations in honor of their former senior researcher Francine Foote. Ms. Foote, the sister of late institute co-founder Dr. Thaddeus C. Radzilowski, began as a volunteer at the Piast in 2014, and was promoted to senior researcher two years later.

“Francine worked for over 30 years in Education, and was previously employed by the departments of Ferndale Adult and Community Education,” said co-founder and current institute director Virginia Skrzyniarz.

“Her ties to Hamtramck combined with the love of books and children made this Little Library project so meaningful,” added Skrzyniarz.

**Here they come...** This spring there is going to be something special emerging.

For the first time in 221 years, there will be two broods of cicadas busily making noise, with males making buzzing sounds to attract females.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week’s Crime Log covers Jan. 16-22.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

• At about 4 a.m., officers investigating a complaint about loud music in the 2400 block of Danforth arrested a woman for drunk driving.  
• Officers investigated a suspicious situation on Moran.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

• Officers investigated a suspicious incident on Falcon.  
• A domestic assault was reported on Dyar.

Thursday, Jan. 18

• At about 1 a.m., a complaint was made about noise in the 3200 block of Yemans.  
• An incident of harassment was reported in the 5100 block of Yemans.  
• A resident on Cha-rest reported that their vehicle was stolen.  
• During an investigation, a Caniff resident was arrested.  
• A suspect was arrested for domestic assault on Whalen.  
• Officers investigated a report about trespassing on Fleming.

Friday, Jan. 19

• At almost 4 a.m., an auto theft was reported in the 3800 block of Evaline.  
• A vehicle theft was reported in the 11300 block of Klinger.  
• Customer trouble was reported at a business on Holbrook.  
• A domestic assault was reported in the area of Yemans and Buffalo.  
• A hit-and-run accident was reported at St. Aubin and Caniff.  
• Officers, responding to a call about customer trouble at a business in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau, arrested a Detroit male for malicious

Saturday, Jan. 20

• At 4:30 a.m., a complaint was made about noise in the 2000 block of Trowbridge.  
• An auto theft was reported in the 3100 block of Jacob.  
• A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of Neibel.  
• An assault was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff.  
• An auto was stolen in the 2600 block of Casmere.

Sunday, Jan. 21

• At almost 6 a.m., a domestic dispute was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.  
• An assault was reported in the 2300 block of Faber.  
• Family trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Faber.  
• An assault was reported in the 12100 block of Dequindre.

Monday, Jan. 22

• Property damage was reported in the 5100 block of Yemans.  
• A person reported receiving harassing communications while on Jos. Campau.

destruction of property, and for being disorderly.  
• An incident of retail fraud was reported at a business in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.  
• A theft from a vehicle as reported in the 2200 block of Evaline.  
• A report was made about two suspicious males checking out vehicles in the 11700 block of Sobieski.  
• A hit-and-run accident happened at Holbrook and St. Aubin.  
• Officers, responding to a call about an auto accident at Holbrook and Brombach, arrested a male for drunk driving, and for leaving the scene of an accident.

NOTICE OF  
REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
CITY OF HAMTRAMCK - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Hamtramck on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 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, February 12, 2024.

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.  
Additionally: Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Early Voting:

Saturday, February 17, 2024 – Sunday, February 25, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck MI 48212

Election Day:

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 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://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the electors will be voting on the following:

Candidates for Republican or Democratic Nominations for President of the United States of America

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

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إشعار التسجيل للانتخابات التمهيدية الرئاسيه

٢٠٢٤, الثلاثاء ٢٧ فبراير

إلى ناخبي هامترامك ميتشجن المؤهلين :

بموجب هذا الاعشار ، سيتم إجراء انتخابات تمهيدية رئاسيه في مدينة هامترامك يوم الثلاثاء ٢٧ فبراير, ٢٠٢٤, من الساعة ٧:٠٠ صباحًا حتى الساعة ٨:٠٠ مساءً.

يرجى ملاحظة أنه يمكن لأي ناخب مؤهل في مدينة هامترامك غير مسجل ، التسجيل للتصويت في مكتب كاتب مدينة هامترامك ؛ مكتب كاتب المقاطعه ؛ أي مكتب أو فرع للسيكرتري اوف ستايت ، أو وكالة حكوميه أخرى معينه تقبل التسجيل. يمكن الحصول على استمارات التسجيل على [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) وإرسالها بالبريد إلى كاتب مدينة هامترامك. ويمكن للناخبين المسجلين تحديث تسجيلهم على [www.expressSOS.com](http://www.expressSOS.com) .

آخر يوم للتسجيل بأي طريقه أخرى غير التسجيل الشخصي مع كاتب مدينة هامترامك هو الاثنين ١٢ فبراير, ٢٠٢٤.

بعد هذا التاريخ ، يجوز لأي شخص مؤهل كناخب التسجيل للتصويت شخصيًا مع إثبات الإقامة (168.492 MCL) في مكتب كاتب مدينة هامترامك ، الكائن في MI3401 ، Hamtramck ، Evaline 48212 في الأوقات التالية :

ساعات العمل العاديه: من الاثنين إلى الجمعه ، من ٨:٠٠ صباحًا إلى ٤:٠٠ مساءً.

بالأضافه الى السبت ٢٤ فبراير, ٢٠٢٤ من ٨:٠٠ صباحًا حتى ٤:٠٠ مساءً

التصويت المبكر :السبت, ١٧ فبراير, ٢٠٢٤- الاحد ٢٥ فبراير, ٢٠٢٤ من الساعة ٨:٠٠ صباحا الى ٤:٠٠ مساء في مكتب مجلس المدينه الواقع في الدور الثاني في مبنى بلدية المدينه على العنوان 3401Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212

يوم الانتخابات: الثلاثاء ٢٧ فبراير ٢٠٢٤ من الساعة ٧:٠٠ صباحا الى الساعة ٨:٠٠ مساء

سيتم إجراء الانتخابات في جميع دوائر التصويت ١-٧ في جميع المواقع العاديه أو عن طريق البريد على <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication>

يرجى ملاحظة أن ناخبي مدينة هامترامك سيصوتون لانتخاب المرشحين للمكاتب التاليه كما هو موضح ومدرج أدناه :

المرشحون للترشيحات من الحزب الجمهوري أو الحزب الديمقراطي لرئاسة الولايات المتحده الأمريكيه

يمكن الحصول على النص الكامل للأقتراع والمقترحات من مكتب كاتب مدينة هامترامك على العنوان 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

<https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index> ويمكن الحصول على عينة ورقة الاقتراع من

إذا كنت من ذوي الاحتياجات الخاصه وتحتاج الى تسهيلات او مساعده يرجى التواصل مع مكتب كاتب مدينة هامترامك على الرقم : 313-800-5233 Ext 821

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মঙ্গলবার, ফেব্রুয়ারি 27, 2024

এতদ্বারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি দেওয়া হল যে, 27 ফেব্রুয়ারি, 2024, মঙ্গলবার সকাল 7:00 টা থেকে 8:00 টা পর্যন্ত হ্যামট্র্যাক শহরে একটি রাষ্ট্রপতির প্রাথমিক নির্বাচন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

দয়া করে লক্ষ্য করুন যে হ্যামট্র্যাক সিটির যেকোন যোগ্য নির্বাচক যিনি ইতিমধ্যে নিবন্ধিত নন, হ্যামট্র্যাক সিটি ক্লার্কের অফিসে ভোট দেওয়ার জন্য নিবন্ধন করতে পারেন; কাউন্টি ক্লার্কের অফিস; রাষ্ট্রীয় শাখা অফিসের একজন সচিব, বা অন্য মনোনীত রাষ্ট্রীয় সংস্থা। রেজিস্ট্রেশন ফর্মগুলি [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote)-এ পাওয়া যাবে এবং হ্যামট্র্যাক সিটি ক্লার্ককে মেল করা যেতে পারে। ইতিমধ্যেই নিবন্ধিত ভোটাররা [www.expressSOS.com](http://www.expressSOS.com)-এ তাদের নিবন্ধন আপডেট করতে পারেন।

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এই তারিখের পরে, যে কেউ একজন নির্বাচক হিসাবে যোগ্যতা অর্জন করেন তিনি নিম্নলিখিত সময়ে 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212-এ অবস্থিত Hamtramck City Clerk's Office-এ বসবাসের প্রমাণ (MCL 168.492) সহ ব্যক্তিগতভাবে ভোট দেওয়ার জন্য নিবন্ধন করতে পারেন:

নিয়মিত অফিস সময়: সোমবার থেকে শুক্রবার, সকাল 8:00 টা থেকে বিকাল 4:00 পর্যন্ত।

অতিরিক্তভাবে: শনিবার, ফেব্রুয়ারি 24, 2024, সকাল 8:00 টা থেকে বিকাল 4:00 পর্যন্ত।

প্রারম্ভিক ভোটদান: শনিবার, ফেব্রুয়ারি 17, 2024 - রবিবার, 25 ফেব্রুয়ারি, 2024, সকাল 8:00 টা থেকে বিকাল 4:00 পর্যন্ত। সিটি হলের দ্বিতীয় তলায় অবস্থিত সিটি কাউন্সিল চেম্বারে, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212

নির্বাচনের দিন: মঙ্গলবার, ফেব্রুয়ারি 27, 2024, সকাল 7:00 টা থেকে 8:00 টা পর্যন্ত।

নির্বাচনটি 1-7 পর্যন্ত সমস্ত ভোটদান কেন্দ্রে সমস্ত নিয়মিত লোকেশনে বা <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication>-এ ডাকযোগে পরিচালিত হবে

অনুগ্রহ করে লক্ষ্য করুন যে নির্বাচকরা নিম্নলিখিত নিম্নলিখিত অফিসের প্রার্থীদের ভোট দেবেন:

মার্কিন যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের রাষ্ট্রপতির জন্য রিপাবলিকান বা ডেমোক্র্যাটিক মনোনয়নের প্রার্থী

Presidential primary ballots are out now

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the city clerk’s office at (313) 800-5233, extension 821.

In other election-related news, it looks like a proposal to have voters decide on whether to eliminate property taxes in Michigan is gaining momentum.

The state board of canvassers is close to approving language for a petition that would require at least 446,198 valid voter signatures in order to get a ballot proposal in front of voters.

If voters approve the state constitutional amendment, the state would then require shifting more of the state sales tax to municipalities.

The amendment would

also restrict how much the state and local communities could raise other taxes.

There has been some support for eliminating property taxes here in Hamtramck.

Former city council candidate, and former Hamtramck Board of Education member, Nasr Hus-sain, has been outspoken in his support of eliminating the tax.

If voters do eventually approve the amendment, it would be a devastating blow to Hamtramck’s budget revenue. The city’s largest revenue collection is from property taxes.

Last year, property taxes generated \$7.6 million for the city.

Crime Watch:

Incidents of fraud are on the increase

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Gift card fraud

With the growth of e-commerce comes an increase in online fraud and scams. These can include fake websites, phishing emails, and fraudulent transactions. Retailers must remain vigilant, and take appropriate measures to safeguard their online presence and customer data. unauthorised use, duplication, or sale of gift cards. This can be achieved through hacking into a retailer's gift card database or creating counterfeit gift cards, ultimately leading to financial losses for the retailer.

Online fraud and e-commerce scams

So what can a business owner do to prevent fraud?

Fraud.com recommends these steps:

Securing your online storefront

Ensuring that your e-commerce platform is secure and up-to-date can help protect customer data and reduce the risk of fraud.

Implementing fraud detection tools

Various fraud detection tools can help businesses identify and prevent fraudulent transactions. Examples include ad-

dress verification systems (AVS), card verification value (CVV) checks, and fraud data analysis.

Validating customer information

Validating customer information, such as billing and shipping addresses and phone numbers, can help businesses ensure that transactions are legitimate and thereby reduce the risk of charge-backs.

Real-time monitoring and analysis

One of the most effective strategies for preventing online retail fraud is to implement real-time monitoring and analysis of customer transactions.

Strong identity verification and authentication methods

Another key strategy for preventing online retail fraud is to implement strong identity verification and authentication methods, such as two-factor authentication or biometric authentication.

Fraud detection and prevention software

Many online retailers are now using fraud detection and prevention software to help identify and prevent fraudulent transactions.

Coming Events

SATURDAY, Feb. 10, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

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### STEM competition

Hamtramck High School student on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) team are making their mark.

HHS is one of six schools

in the state to reach state finalists in the 14th annual Samsung Solve for Tomorrow STEM competition.

Each State Finalist will win a package of \$2,500 in technology and classroom school supplies.

Here's what the orga-

nizers of the competition have to say:

"Samsung Solve for Tomorrow is a nationwide competition designed to empower students in grades 6-12 to leverage the power of STEM to create innovative solutions addressing critical issues in their local communities.

"The competition engages U.S. Gen Z students to catalyze change by applying Problem-based Learn-

ing (PBL) principles, environmental stewardship, and entrepreneurship to address some of society's most pressing challenges.

"It also promotes active, hands-on learning, making STEM more tangible and showcasing its real-world applications.

"To view the full list of State Finalists, please visit [Samsung.com/Solve](https://www.samsung.com/solve). Notably, 50% of the State Finalists in the Samsung

Solve for Tomorrow competition are Title 1 schools, underscoring the program's commitment to inclusivity and equal opportunity.

"Reflecting Gen Z's collective dedication to tackling pressing global challenges, 45% of the projects directly address issues related to the climate crisis, such as extreme weather like wildfires, hurricanes, and heat; microplastic pollution; air and water quality; the pollinator collapse; e-waste (electronic waste) risks; and light pollution.

"What's more, this cohort of students are actively developing innovative solutions for a spectrum of other pressing societal

issues, including accessibility, mental health matters like student anxiety and loneliness, food insecurity, cybersecurity, and aid for the unhoused and migrants.

"Showcasing a forward-looking approach to problem-solving, 25% of the student STEM-based solutions embrace the use of emerging technologies, such as AI, 3D printing, and robotics.

"Moreover, a number of the entries exhibit promising elements of entrepreneurship, highlighting the students' innovative thinking and potential for building impactful solutions that endure beyond the competition."

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

#### PROPOSED WATER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

The City of Hamtramck will hold a public hearing for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWRP) loan for the City of Hamtramck lead service line replacement and water system improvements program. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Drinking Water System Improvements and to receive comments from interested parties. The hearing will be held during the Hamtramck City Council starting at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**. Interested residents may attend the meeting at the City of Hamtramck City Hall.

Topic: City of Hamtramck City Council - Public Hearing  
Time: **Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**  
Location: Hamtramck City Hall, Council Chambers, 3401 Evaline St. Hamtramck, MI 48212

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide lead service line replacement as required by the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) in June 2018 requiring all cities in Michigan to replace all lead water service lines. The water service lines must be replaced from the City-owned water mains within the street to 18 inches inside individual houses. The water projects will involve water main replacement through pipe bursting of the existing water main in eighteen (18) locations to upgrade the main in areas and not to disturb large sections of road, this work includes upgrading valves and hydrants in these areas. The estimated cost of all the projects is approximately \$18,595,620.00. The estimated cost to users for the proposed project will be \$16.05 per month.

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed projects will be available for inspection by the general public at the Office of the City Clerk, 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, Michigan starting **Tuesday January 23, 2024, 2023**. Written comments received before the public hearing will close on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 4:00 pm** and will be reviewed for incorporation into the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to the City of Hamtramck's Clerk's Office located at 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, Michigan.

Rana Faraj  
City Clerk

### EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Wayne County's **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)** makes funding available to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utility bills.

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1

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2

Experiencing Housing instability

3

Household income at or below 80% of area median income

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## Property tax payment plans are available now!

#### Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA)

This payment plan reduces the interest rate from 18% to 6% for eligible taxpayers. To sign up, you must own and live in your home, and have a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) and ID that proves residency.

#### Stipulated Payment Agreement (SPA)

Available to everybody, this plan allows a taxpayer to pay taxes pursuant to a payment schedule. The plan will avoid foreclosure provided that payments are submitted per the agreed upon schedule.

#### Distressed Owner Occupant Extension (DOOE)

This program is not available to everyone. If you own and live in the property, and are suffering financial hardship you may qualify for this program. Proof of ownership, occupancy, and hardship are required.

#### Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA)

Only for those who have first applied for their local municipality's Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE) and received an approval. Once notified by your local Assessor's office and deemed eligible, our office will mail you a notification letter with your Reduced Amount Due. You will have the option of paying a lump sum (additional 10% off) or enrolling into a PAYSPA.

**Many of these plans are  
available online at  
[treasurer.waynecounty.com](https://treasurer.waynecounty.com)!**