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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Finally, Hamtramck closes an ugly chapter in its history

By Charles Sercombe

Last week, a historic moment took place in both Hamtramck and federal court.

The city's long-running housing discrimination lawsuit was finally settled, with a stroke of a pen, by U.S. Magistrate Elizabeth A. Stafford when she issued an order of dismissal, thus ending a lawsuit that began in 1968. The lawsuit has the possible distinction of being the longest-running federal lawsuit ever.

The lawsuit was the result of city officials, in the 1960s, razing neighborhoods where a majority of the residents were African-Americans.

That action was done under the guise of a nation-wide, federally-funded program called "Urban Renewal." The program was meant to remove blight in the inner cities and improve community life.

When the residents wised up to the fact that they were being racial-



Attorneys associated with the decades-long Hamtramck housing discrimination lawsuit pose with U.S. Magistrate Elizabeth A. Stafford after Stafford officially put an end to the lawsuit.

ly targeted, they filed a lawsuit in federal court.

A Detroit federal judge, Damon Keith, an African-American civil rights champion, called the action by city officials "Negro Removal," in an obvious play-on-words reference to the Urban Renewal program.

Keith oversaw the case for decades, but died before he could see it to its completion. All of the

original plaintiffs in the class-action lawsuit are also long-deceased.

Sarah Sims Garrett was one of those people who were wronged, and, as the story goes, she volunteered to have her name used for a class action lawsuit filed against the city.

Garrett was among those who died long before the lawsuit was finally settled.

Keith once conceded that the case was a matter of "justice delayed is justice denied."

However, a number of the plaintiffs' descendants were eligible to purchase the new housing thanks to subsidies.

In honor of Garrett, the city created a park in her name, located on the southbound service drive of I-75, just north of Ca-

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State Rep. Aiyash bows out; two councilmembers seeking a county seat

By Charles Sercombe

In an unexpected move, State Rep. Abraham Aiyash (D-Hamtramck) has dropped out of this year's election.

Aiyash withdrew from the election last Friday, the last day to do so. He was seeking a third term.

He did not respond to email questions from The Review on why he withdrew, or about his plans on what he will do outside the legislature — or, whether he is gearing up for a run for a state senate seat.

Aiyash, however, told the Detroit News that he is



Abraham Aiyash

pursuing "... more opportunities to serve our communities in different ways."

However, it was pointed out that Aiyash is likely angling to run for state senator in 2026, and that in order to serve two full terms, if elected, he had to quit his seat as a state representative.

Aiyash serves the 9th District, which includes Hamtramck. He is the first Yemeni-American to be elected to that position. Aiyash also served as Majority Floor Leader, which was another first for an Arab-American.

Aiyash distinguished himself as a champion for expanding LGBTQ civil rights, a position that did not sit well with many in the Muslim community here who are socially conservative.

He also stood out as one of the few Michigan Democrats to urge voters to be "uncommitted" in the recent state Democratic Presidential primary, as a way to protest President Biden's support of Israel in its invasion of Gaza, which has now resulted in the deaths of 30,000-plus Pa-Arab-American.

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Quick Hits

It's all things strawberry this weekend

By Charles Sercombe

It's going to be a strawberry kind of weekend at St. Florian Parish this weekend.

That's when the annual St. Florian Strawberry Festival returns once again to welcome back warm weather and reunite old friends and neighbors.

As usual, the festival kicks off with firefighters' parade Saturday afternoon (May 4), starting at Caniff and Brombach at 3:30 p.m. The march ends at St. Florian where Mass will follow.

For those not in the know, St. Florian is the patron saint of firefighters.

After the Mass, it's time for the festival to begin. (The festival closes at 10 p.m.) During the weekend, there will be homemade Polish meals served up hot, with of course strawberry pies and an assortment of Polish pastries.

Of course there will be cold beer on hand.

Saturday and Sunday also features Polish dance ensembles and live music.

As usual, Hamtramck's favorite party band, The

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niff.

At a ceremony dedicating the park, last July, Vera Burk – an African-American woman who was chair of the Grand Haven-Dyar-Dequindre Corporation, one of the two corporations set up to mediate a settlement with the city – said the road to settling the lawsuit “was a struggle.”

“I love my Hamtramck, but it was a struggle,” she added.

The city eventually entered into a settlement agreement in which it promised to build 150 senior housing units as well as 200 other housing units. That proved easier said than done.

Simply put, there was no funding to build the housing units, and so the matter dragged on for a number of years until the federal government stepped in and began offering financial assistance. The state and Wayne County also contributed to the funding for housing.

The last three housing units were finally constructed during the past year.

Hamtramck City Manager Max Garbarino issued the following statement:

“The plaintiffs filed this case years before many of us in city government were born. While it has been an honor to see long-delayed justice final-

ly delivered, I am humbled to be just one of many city leaders that took the steps necessary to correct an injustice that never should have occurred. “I’d especially like to thank my predecessor, Kathleen Angerer, and Mayors Gary Zych, Tom Jankowski, Karen Majewski and Amer Ghalib, all of whom demonstrated the compassionate leadership necessary to complete this project.

“It is my fervent hope that these houses bring peace and comfort to the plaintiffs. As we bring this chapter in the city’s history to a close, we are determined to make Hamtramck even more welcoming and inclusive.”

Former Mayor Karen Majewski, who served as mayor for 18 years, also welcomed the news that the lawsuit has finally been settled.

“Congratulations to the plaintiff families who waited so many decades for justice to be served in Sarah Sims Garrett et al. vs. City of Hamtramck case,” Majewski said.

“And thank you to the many advocates, activists, attorneys, public officials, and public agencies who never gave up on finding a just and workable solution to an increasingly complex quagmire of financial, practical, and legal issues.

“Many of the people who were committed to seeing this case through have moved on from their positions, and many – most notably many of the original plaintiffs and the Honorable Justice Damon Keith – have passed from this world.

“Their work is visible in the 200 homes that have been built and renovated in Hamtramck, in the plaintiff families that are a vital part of the fabric of our community, and in the city’s demonstrable commitment to confronting our nation’s most difficult but essential issues as we continue to move toward a future marked by racial justice, equity, and fairness to all.”

Mayor Amer Ghalib, who is in his first term

as mayor, also noted the historic moment of the lawsuit’s conclusion.

“It’s historic and I’m honored that the dismissal of this case happened during my leadership. Last year we built the last three houses and this year we celebrate the dismissal of the case,” Ghalib told The Review.

“The city will be saving up to \$30,000 of just attorneys’ fees. We closed a dark chapter of our city’s history and we will make sure nothing similar to that happens again.”

Former City Attorney James Allen also played a pivotal role in drawing the lawsuit to close.

Magistrate Stafford called him “A real champion of justice.”

Allen said, of the moment: “Many people were called to the bar for an opportunity to work on a case like this. I am grateful the universe put me in that position.”

Allen also credited assistance by attorney Harry Kalogerakos in the case. Both worked on the matter for 20 years.



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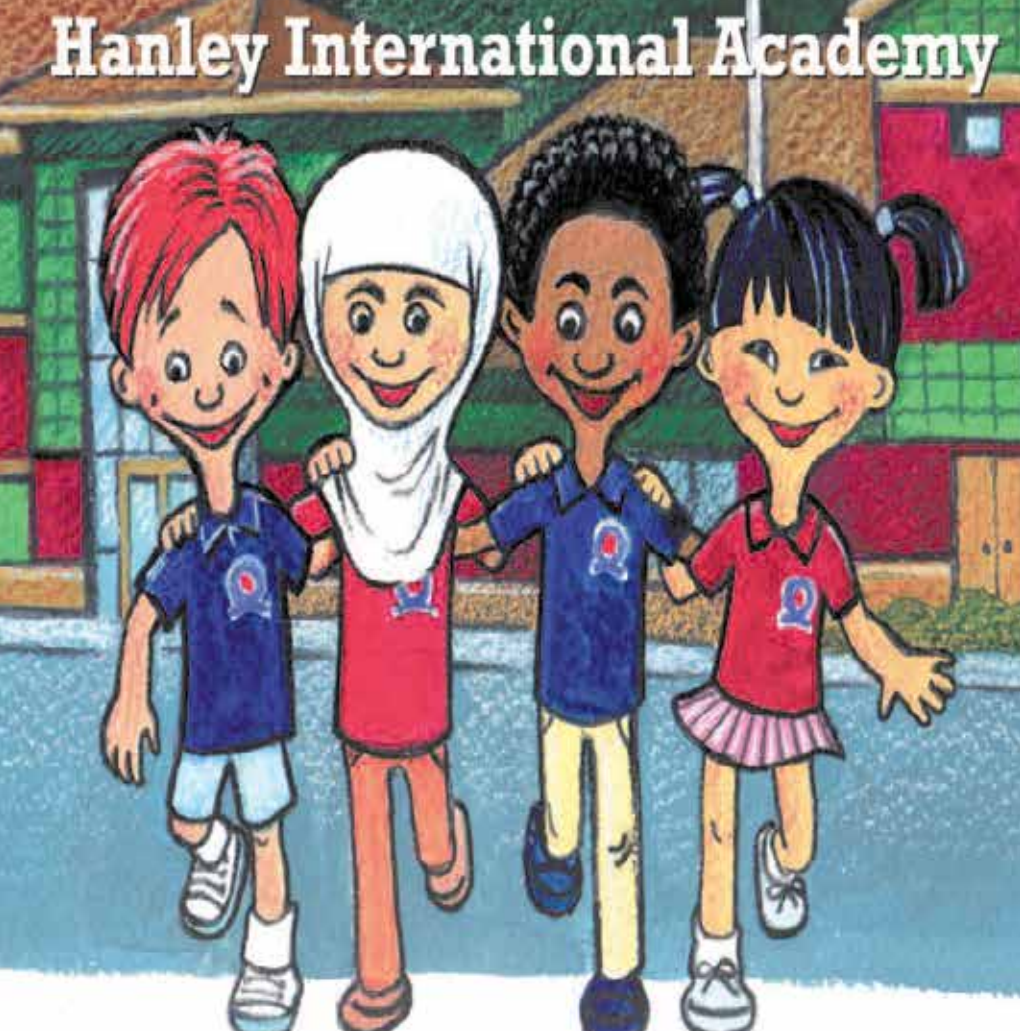
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This week at the Library . . .

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Big Library Read is making a comeback. There is a new title to talk about “Wild New World” by Dan Flores. Chronicling the widespread changes to ecology following humanity’s entry into Americas, borrow a digital audiobook or ebook copy of this award-winning new release at www.biglibraryread.com and be a part of the chats when they go live May 9-23rd.

Rabindranath Tagore: This prolific creator was born on May 7, 1861. Poetry, stage pieces, philosophy, songs and more are among works of this influential Bengali intellectual. He was the first non-European lyricist to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Library Garden Volunteers: Calling all volunteers with green thumbs. Plan for this year’s community garden are on the way. The new project coordinator is looking for some helping hands. If you are looking for a patch of land to work your magic, sign up for a plot or two. Stop by the front desk and register.

Nellie Bly: This fascinating author was born on May 5, 1864 as Elizabeth Jane Cochran. Reporting on the suppression of the Mexican populace and their struggles with a strangled press, uncovering abuses within U.S. psychiatric institutions. Making Jules Verne’s “Around the World in Eighty Days” a reality and much more are her accomplishments. Her name is forever entwined with investigative journal-

ism that reaches beyond the borders.

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. The programs are presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

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.

Exercise in the Library: Adaptive Yoga is back on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm and Tai Chi on Fridays at 10 am. These beginner friendly, weekly exercise sessions are sponsored by the RIM Foundation. Please wear comfy shoes and stretchy clothing for maximum enjoyment.

NERF Games: Experience the NERF energy boost on Wednesday, May 15th at 5 pm with team based NERF blaster madness. We move the furniture out of the way, set up obstacles for cover, and let the foam darts fly. A summertime favorite, get an early taste now and be sure to come back when we do it all again during our Summer Reading Program.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City council acts in mysterious ways

A couple of items caught our attention at the last city council meeting.

For one thing, we're baffled over why the council feels it's important to eliminate a special charge for those who own a vacant lot and then allow it to remain vacant year after year.

This has always confused us: Why do people do nothing with their empty lot year after year?

What are they waiting for?

If you don't have the money to build something on it – like, preferably, a housing unit – then sell it to someone who has the means.

The city recently adopted a fee schedule for those who sit on empty properties, as a way to

motivate people to develop them. These fees were not huge money-makers for the city, but they did act as a reminder for those who do nothing with their empty lots.

There is a shortage of housing in Hamtramck, as well as in the greater metro area. People are looking for houses to purchase or rent.

So, why did the council take away this fee? Does someone on council own empty lots? Or, maybe, their friends are complaining?

We're left to speculate, because we haven't been told the reasoning – no one has yet explained the need to undo these fees.

In another mysterious matter, one councilmember insists that the city

should not issue code violations at night. If it were up to this member, code violations would only be issued during the day.

Again, why?

What's the taboo here? The city has staggered its code enforcers to work all through the day and evening. That way they can catch people doing home improvements without first getting needed permits.

Is it because a friend of this councilmember got caught?

Here's a word of advice to the council: Let the administration operate the way it wants to, and get out of the way. Stop micro-managing – for the good of the city you were elected to serve.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

After a long career, former city attorney is retiring

Hamtramck-based attorney Nicholas Frontczak is retiring.

We've been lucky to know him for many years now, and he's been a true friend to Hamtramck.

At one time his family operated a funeral home here in town. Nick, as many of us know him by, has always been a stand-up fellow, and loyal to his hometown.

He's worn a number of hats, professionally-speaking, over the years, and now he's ready to enjoy his retirement.

Nick, it's been a pleasure knowing you, and we are deeply appreciative of what you have given to the community all these long years.

We'll let Nick take over and talk about his past. We wish you the best Nick: by **S. Nicholas Frontczak Attorney at Law**

"After 54 years of practicing law, I am retiring and I would like to thank the people of Hamtramck and surrounding Detroit area for their patronage.

"My first legal employment was with the firm of Paruk and Miller. Since then I have had a varied career:

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• It was a privilege to live and serve such a diverse community.

Thank you.

S. Nicholas Frontczak Attorney at Law

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Odds & Ends

Bank deposit... There was a lot of buzz this week on social media when a car crashed into Huntington Bank at Jos. Campau and Holbrook on Wednesday morning.

To set the record straight about what happened, we asked Deputy Police Chief Andrew Mileski what exactly took place.

He said that a car travelling westbound on Holbrook and turning eastbound on Jos. Campau failed to yield to a car coming right them, going northbound.

That resulted in the driver turning onto Jos. Campau to cause a crash, and cause the innocent driver to crash into the bank building. A number of tickets were issued, and there were minor injuries reported.

No alcohol or drugs were suspected to be involved.

So there you have it.

Food is good... After 14 years of waiting for the vision to be realized, the much-anticipated opening of Detroit's Black-led and community-owned cooperative grocery store has finally happened.

The Detroit People's Food Co-op, or DPFC, aims to be more than just a grocery store; it wishes to be a beacon of hope and resilience for the people of Detroit. And it is, in true co-op fashion, "owned" by a whole lot of folks.

On May 1, it opened to the public.

"Come see the result of Detroit's diverse community coming together to envision and create a much needed solution for everyone," said Lanay Gilbert-Williams, board president of the DPFC.

"There is no (other) business in Detroit that has over 2,500 owners from various neighborhoods across the city and state."

Founded on cooperative principles, the DPFC aims to provide affordable, locally sourced, and culturally relevant food options to residents, while fostering economic growth and empowerment within the North End and beyond.

Anyone who lives in Michigan can shop here.

Located in the North End neighborhood of Detroit, one mile north of the New Center area on the southeast corner of Woodward and Euclid, the co-op offers a wide range of products and fresh produce, sourced from local farmers and producers whenever possible.

"Our customers are members of our community, who we are honored to welcome into our thoughtfully friendly and inclusive environment that is centered on fresh locally grown produce from Detroit farmers," said Akil Talley, general manager of the

DPFC.

"We are excited to officially open our doors to our well-stocked grocery store, and offer the best prepared foods department in the state of Michigan."

The second floor of the Detroit Food Commons is managed by the Detroit Black Community Food Sovereignty Network, and will serve as a hub for educational workshops, community events, and initiatives aimed at promoting health and wellness.

There are four commercial kitchens and a hall there that are available for rent.

"Part of a larger vision for Black food sovereignty and economic empowerment in Detroit, DPFC partners with local businesses, urban farms, and community organizations to support these initiatives, in hopes of creating a more resilient and sustainable food system that benefits all residents of the city," the release elaborates.

"...I would like to see our city come through the doors, and instantly feel like the Detroit People's Food Co-op is theirs, and represents them," said Talley.

Business hours will be everyday, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

They can be reached at (833) 373-2313, or at: media@detroitpeoplesfoodcoop.com

Dancers to go on the hoof... We're guessing that, pound for pound, Hamtramck is the dancin'est town in the whole of southeast Michigan, historically speaking.

So, it should come as little surprise, then, that one of the city's more recently recognizable troupes, the PRCUA (Polish Roman Catholic Union of America) Gwiazda Dancers, proudly announce their acceptance to the Festival Days in Ohrid and to the International Festival "Struga Fest."

Both are to be held in the Republic of North Macedonia.

The dancers will travel to Macedonia to participate in these two back-to-back festivals, which be held from July 18-24.

Gwiazda's acceptance

into the festivals marks their first international performances since their appearance at the 10th World International Children's Folk Festival in Iwnicz-Zdroj, Poland in 2018.

Organized by the MIOFF Festival Organization and the European Association of Folklore Festivals respectively, these festivals bring together dance ensembles from around Europe and the world with an idea of preserving national and cultural heritage.

While participating in these Festivals, Gwiazda will also appear in several parades, give several performances, and have an opportunity to experience the sites and culture in and around Ohrid and Struga.

"To say that Gwiazda is excited is an understatement," said Jessica Urban, Gwiazda's director. "We are so excited to provide this opportunity for our dancers to perform and celebrate their Polish and American heritage at these international recognized festivals in Macedonia.

"This would not be possible without the support of the entire community of Hamtramck and beyond, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America," she continued, "as well as the commitment of the parents and the dancers to hours of practicing and exceptional fundraising."

The PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers are thrilled to represent the United States, the State of Michigan, the City of Hamtramck, and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America at the Festival this summer.

"Thanks and congratulations to the dancers, the parents and families, our choreographer, Basia Nowakowski, and all the officers of the group," said Urban.

"It could not be done without you!"

Derby day... This Saturday is not only the St. Florian Strawberry Festival, it's also time for the annual Kentucky Derby, which will be celebrating its 150th running.

The race will be broadcast by NBC starting in the late afternoon, with race time at 6:57 p.m.

Quick Hits

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Polish Muslims will play starting at 6:30 p.m. and running to 9:30.

Sunday's entertainment features the Kielbasa Kings Polka Band, starting at 2 p.m. to 6. On Sunday, the festival starts earlier at 11:30 a.m. and goes to

7 p.m.

Sunday also features a raffle drawing with \$2,250 in prizes.

While there, be sure to take part in a tour of the parish church, which is truly a sight to behold. Tours will be on Sunday at 2, 3, 4 and 6 p.m.

Admission is free, and the Parish is located on Florian St.

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The process is called redistricting, and it means deciding what areas and which groups with common interests will be represented by the people we elect to office. At public hearings during the month of May, metro Detroiters have a chance to raise their voice to suggest how to make election district boundaries fair and reasonable by identifying their Community of Interest.

A Community of Interest can be a neighborhood from a historical perspective, share similar cultural characteristics like the Middle East and North African population or LGBTQ+ community, or economic interests like agricultural or watershed communities.

At the public hearings, the Commission will have staff available to assist citizens in drawing their Community of Interest to present to the Commission and share the seven-ranked redistricting criteria the Commission is mandated to follow by the State's Constitution.

Southeast Michigan residents can demonstrate their power by showing up and speaking up, either in person, online, or by phone.

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State Rep. Aiyash bows out; two councilmembers seeking a county seat

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Biden's stance alienated a number of Arab Democratic leaders in the state and metro area. Aiyash has still not said whether he will support Biden in November's election.

Aiyash's departure leaves the door open for the three remaining Democratic candidates: Tonya Phillips, Ernest Little and Abraham Shaw, who are all from Detroit.

While the 9th District map will soon be redrawn, it will likely remain heavily weighted in favor of Democrats.

The Review reached out to Mayor Amer Ghalib for comment on Aiyash not seeking re-election, and Hamtramck no longer having a resident representing the city in the state legislature, but he did not respond.

Aiyash's withdrawal comes on the heels of him filing a personal financial disclosure with the state.

In 2022, voters in the state approved a proposal to require state elected officials to file a financial report. Up until this time, Michigan was one of only

two states that did not have such a requirement. But critics say Michigan's disclosure reports allow elected officials to hold back some information.

The first reports were due April 15.

In Aiyash's report, he lists his sole income as that coming from his state rep position, but he did not say how much he earned, even though that is public information.

The state's form says disclosing how much an elected official earns is "optional."

As Majority Floor Leader, Aiyash earns an extra \$10,800 on top of his regular salary of \$71,685 as state representative, according to the State Officers Compensation Commission.

Aiyash also listed owning a house at 5008 Yemans, but he did not list its value, which is also

optional.

On the other hand, his counterpart in the state senate, Stephanie Chang, listed her salary with the state as \$78,685.

In other election news, Hamtramck City Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Mohammed Alsomiri are once again seeking to climb up the political ladder by challenging longtime Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott in the upcoming election for her seat.

Scott, 88, has proven to be unbeatable in a number of elections, ever since she entered politics in the 1980s. She has served both as Highland Park mayor and in the state legislature.

Hassan and Alsomiri are running as Democrats even though they, too, urged voters to remain uncommitted in the Democratic Presidential Primary.



A message from the Karwowski family:

The fundraiser for Mike Karwowski in May has been canceled because of a setback, but he's now on a better medical path.

There might be a rescheduling of the fundraiser. In the meantime you can donate through gofundme.com by looking up "Mikey needs your help!"

Mike continues his fight with cancer. Our goal is to help him financially so he doesn't have to worry about his medical bills and he can just focus on getting better.

Times are tough.

We know it but every little bit counts so if you're willing to help we would be forever grateful.

Advertisement to Bid

Hamtramck Public Schools will be receiving sealed bids for "Asbestos Abatement for 2024 Renovations at Dickinson East Elementary School". This project will be completed in June/July 2024, prior to building demolition and renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos window systems throughout the building. Bids will be **RECEIVED** until 10:00 am local time Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to: Sealed Bid: Asbestos; Asbestos Abatement – Asbestos Abatement for 2024 Renovations at Dickinson East Elementary; Attn: Mr. Bruce Coltman, Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds, Hamtramck Public Schools; 3201 Roosevelt Street, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212. The **OPENING** of the bids will take place at that time. Bid documents are available from Arch Environmental Group, 37720 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, (248) 426-0165, www.archenvgroup.com, starting Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 129.313, certifying that the bidder is not an Iran linked business. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include sworn and notarized copies of the familial relationship disclosure statement and affidavit of compliance with the Iran Sanction Act. Hamtramck Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids either in whole or in part or to waive any informalities or irregularities that may be in the best interest of the School District.

Public Budget Hearings will be held for the following Public School Academy:

**Hamtramck 11420 Conant St.,
Hamtramck 313-368-7312**

May 29, 6pm

Copies of the budgets for the listed Public School Academy will be available at the school office.

City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will have a public hearing scheduled for May 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on the following topics:

- Revised Amendment and Proposed Ordinance to Chapter 96: Foreclosed, Vacant or Abandoned Property

Full and complete text is available on the City of Hamtramck's website through BoardDocs. The public is invited to view and comment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before 4 p.m. November 14, 2023, to the City Clerk at RFaraj@hamtramckcity.com.

The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids, and services for individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon advance notice by writing or by calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x343. Please contact the Clerk's office at least 10 days in advance.

St. Florian Parish Strawberry Festival 2024

A Celebration of Polish Culture! **May 4** 5pm-10pm **May 5** 11:30am-7pm

<p>Delicious Polish Foods</p> <p>Our famous City Chicken and Stuffed Cabbage Meatballs, Kielbasa, Pierogi, Potato Pancakes, Nalesniki, and much more</p> <p>Food available for purchase Saturday @ Noon All items available while they last!</p> <p>Strawberry Desserts Strawberry Pies, Tarts, Belgian Waffles, and many other Polish Pastries</p>	<p>Great Attractions Performances by Polish Dance Ensembles Saturday and Sunday</p> <p>Raffle Drawing Sunday, May 5th @ 6pm \$2,250 in prizes!</p> <p>Tin Can Auction Gift Baskets Fun Stuff for Kids!</p> <p>Feast of St. Florian celebrated at Mass Saturday at 4pm and honoring our Firefighters (March begins at 3:30pm)</p> <p>Tours of our Historic Church Sunday at 2, 3, 4 and 6 pm</p>	<p>Entertainment</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>Polish Muslims 6:30pm - 9:30pm Zespol Oni 5pm - 10pm</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>Kielbasa Kings Polka Band 2pm - 6pm Na Zdrowie 1pm - 5pm</p> <p>** Admission is free **</p> <p>On Facebook @ St. Florian StrawberryFestival</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>St. Florian Parish is located East of I-75 and South of Davison in Hamtramck (just north of Holbrook) www.stflorianparish.org</p> </div>
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May 3, 2024

Hamtramck Public TV-19

Broadcasting on Comcast Channel 19 in Hamtramck area and on YouTube Live world wide (Hamtramck Public Library)

What's on this coming week?

City Budget, Student Presentations, Police Awards, Fireman Awards, Public Service Announcements, Special program at Bank Suey, Music programs ESL Classes for the 2023-24 school year Local events, Library programs, E-Sports Interviews, Council meeting highlights, Evenings with authors, and more.....

BECOME A LOCAL REPORTER: If you know how to take photos or make film clips on your phone, you can download them to Hamtramck TV along with a news story, to be aired the same day. Send in event announcements, comments to city officials, facts you want to share with the community, etc.

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To place community announcement call the Library at 313-733-6822
Or email: HamtramckTV@gmail.com
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To send large video files (TINYurl.com/hamtramcktv)



By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers April 23-29.

Tuesday, April 23

- Autos were reported stolen in two separate incidents, the first in the 2700 block of Comor, and the other in the 12000 block of St. Aubin.
- At 4:30 a.m., a domestic fight was reported in the 9400 block of McDougall.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 9400 block of McDougall.
- A suspect was arrested on Holmes for domestic assault.
- A juvenile was reported as a runaway.
- A hit-and-run accident happened at Conant and Belmont.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 9800 block of Conant.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Charest.

Wednesday, April 24

- An assault was reported on Mackay.
- An illegal dumping was reported on Caniff. An illegal dumping was also reported on Neibel.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- A case of identity theft was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.

Thursday, April 25

- A break-in was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.
- A theft was reported on Dequindre.
- A neighbor dispute was reported on Selfridge.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- A missing person was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.
- A break-in was reported in the 2300 block of Whalen.
- Reckless drivers were reported in the area of Roosevelt and Gallagher.
- A female was arrested for reckless driving.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 12100 block of Jos. Campau.
- A complaint was

made about a juvenile in the area of Gallagher and Evaline.

Saturday, April 27

- A complaint was made about a disorderly customer at a business in the 10300 block of Conant.
- A suspect was arrested, at Gallagher and Caniff, for being disorderly.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 11300 block of Conant.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.
- Family trouble was reported in the 5000 block of Trowbridge.
- A reckless driver was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Carpenter.
- Officers responding to a call about family trouble, in the 3500 block of Caniff, arrested a female for domestic violence.
- Officers investigating a fight, in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau, arrested a male for domestic violence.
- Gunshots were reported in the 3900 block of Dorothy.

Sunday, April 28

- An auto was reported stolen at Edwin and Brombach.
- A hit-and-run accident happened at Caniff and Dyer.
- A theft from an auto was reported in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau.
- An auto was reported stolen in the 3200 block of Jacob.
- A group of people were reported to be fighting at Circle Dr. and Dequindre. Property was also damaged at the scene.
- An auto was stolen on Dorothy.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 2300 block of Carpenter.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported at Conant and Carpenter.

Monday, April 29

- At 2:30 a.m., an assault was reported in the 9500 block of Jos. Campau.
- An auto was stolen on Doremus.
- A break-in was reported on Roosevelt.
- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Burger.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 1900 block of Belmont.

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Coming Events

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School Bell

Book giveaway

Saturday's free children's book giveaway sponsored by the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers was a smashing success.

Hundreds of people stopped by the community center to grab just about as many books they could carry, and there were plenty of smiles going around. These were high-quality books to boot.

And, the event caught the attention of a number of print and broadcast media outlets.

There was no representation of the Hamtramck Public School District.

Teachers were mighty pleased with the turnout, and all the positive vibes from the day.

"We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out on Saturday and made the Reading Opens the World event such a success," the teachers union posted on social media.

"It gave us great joy to see so many happy families, happy children, and happy teenagers leaving the community center with overflowing bags or boxes of books.

"We want to thank the Hamtramck fire and police departments for joining us. They also took home books for their families. We had wonderful volunteers from the HHS National Honor Society.

"We all had so much fun; we think we might do it again sometime down the road. What do you think? Should we give away more books?"

Open house

Ann Crowley of St. Clare of Montefalco School in Grosse Pointe Park drop-

ped us a note saying that their recent open house was also successful this past week.

"People could feel the positive vibe in the school," she said.

For more information about the school, which is accepting new students, call (313) 647-5101.



Above: St. Clare of Montefalco School in Grosse Pointe Park recently held an open house. Below: Scenes from Saturday's free book giveaway sponsored by the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.



From the Office of Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree

PROBATE ASSISTANCE

If you are facing foreclosure and need assistance in starting a Wayne County Probate Court Case because a property is in the name of a deceased family member, please contact one of the following community partners for assistance:

Michigan Legal Services: 313-774-1527 | 313-725-4890

United Community Housing Coalition: 313-405-7726

Legal Aid & Defender: 313-967-5800

**Contact the Wayne County
Probate Court by calling:
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Obituaries

BARAN



Antoni Baran, 68, died April 30, 2024. Visitation was Thursday, May 2, 2024.

The funeral service is Friday, May 3, 2024. Lying in state at 10:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck MI 48212. Interment at Saint Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, MI.

Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI.



PELAK

Daniel Joseph Pelak, 71, died April 26, 2024.

Loving father of Cassandra (Chris) Apperson, Daniel (Natalie), Austin (Holly), Jessie, and Krystal Skicko. Grandfather of Josh, Nathan, Matthew, Brennen, Zoe, Zachary, Malory, and Jackson. Daniel is survived by his siblings Joann, John (Gilda) Kathy (Philip) Reggio-Pelak, Joseph, and James (Michelle) and many nieces and nephews.

Daniel is preceded in death by his ex-wife Renee and his siblings; Tho-

mas, Carol (Jim) Nowak, Barbara Jean, Edward (Leona), Lorraine, Christine (Pete) Silisavage, Michael (Ingrid), and Philip (Pammie).

Daniel was raised by John and Angeline as one of 14 children, in true Pelak fashion; a family man who would help anyone any way he can. He was a hard worker who did things his own way. He was wise beyond his years. His door was always open to anyone who needed a hand. He helped his brother "Turtle" out at the tire shop and at Inky & Turtles. There was nothing that he enjoyed more than spending time with his grandchildren.

The funeral service is Saturday, May 4, 2024. Lying in state at 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Hyacinths Catholic Church, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit MI 48211.

Inurnment is Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly MI 48442. Please be at the cemetery 15 minutes prior to the service.

Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck, MI.