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## Quick Hits

### It's batter-up time for hometown Tigers player

**By Alan Madlane**

Ike Blessitt only appeared in four games in the major leagues. He logged five at-bats total in those four games. He didn't get a hit. He struck out twice. He has no other stats, per Baseball Reference.

But he was a Hamtramck native son, and people here have long, long memories for their heroes.

Ike – real first name, Isaiah – went to Hamtramck High, you see. And he got those at-bats with the Detroit Tigers. And that's enough to make him something of an enduring hometown hero, for sure.

After all, have you managed to get any plate appearances for the Tiger's? Yeah – us neither.

So if you want to see Ike gently roasted by some other names you'll recognize if you're a Tigers fan, you'll want to read Dave "Mez" Mesrey's Facebook (okay, "Meta," blech) post about the roast, happening Saturday, Sept. 13, info reprinted here in more-or-less entirety:

"Warren VFW Post 9021:

"Join us for an unforgettable night of love and laughter (Sept. 13) as we roast former Detroit Tiger and Hamtramck sports legend Ike Blessitt.

"Special guests include former Detroit Tigers Jake Wood, Juan Berenguer, Barbaro Garbey, Marvin Lane, Craig Monroe, and Jon Warden.

"Tickets start at \$100 and include food, drink, and music. Proceeds benefit Ike's Hitting Academy #22.

"Guests are encouraged to bring a friend.

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## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Two councilmembers charged with election fraud

**By Charles Sercombe**

After a couple of years of speculation and investigation, two Hamtramck city councilmembers were charged Monday (Aug. 10), with felony election fraud and ballot harvesting in the city council race of 2023.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, 57, faces three felony charges:

- Count 1: Forging a signature on an absentee ballot application
- Count 2: Election law forgery
- Count 3: False statement on an absentee ballot application

Councilmember Muhtasin Sadman, 26, who is in his first term, faces the following charges:

- Count 1: Forging signature on an absentee ballot application
- Count 2: Election law forgery
- Count 3: Unqualified elector attempting to vote
- Count 4: Unqualified elector attempting to vote
- Count 5: False statement in an application for absentee ballot

Several of the charges carry a maximum of five years in prison.

Charges were filed Monday morning in Hamtramck 31st District Court, and the matter



**Mohammed Hassan**

is being handled by the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office.

Hassan and Sadman had separate arraignments on Tuesday in Hamtramck 31st District Court, where personal bonds were set at \$7,500 for Hassan and \$2,500 for Sadman.

Their preliminary examinations are scheduled for Aug. 28.

Both were told to surrender their passports.

Reached by phone, Councilmember Sadman, who is a real estate agent, at first said he would not comment, but then added:

"The charges are made up to make the Bangladesh and Muslim communities to look bad."

Councilmember Hassan, who works for Ford



**Muhtasin Sadman**

and has been in office for 16 years, could not be reached for comment, but he has denied the accusation in the past.

Hassan told the Detroit News that the charges were "... just political games. That is all. Political games."

Arrest warrants were signed Monday morning by Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Alexis Krot.

The Monroe County Prosecutor's Office got involved after state Attorney General Dana Nessel decided to bow out from handling the case (upon conducting an investigation), and asked for a special prosecutor in the state to take the case.

There are those in the state that speculated the matter had become a po-

litical hot potato for Nessel, who reportedly has higher political ambitions after she is termed out this year.

According to the state attorney general's petition for a special prosecutor, the suspects all face accusations that they "conspired to receive unvoted absentee ballots that had been signed by recently naturalized citizens, and to then fill in the candidates of their choosing."

"In some instances, it is alleged that they paid for votes, as well as had citizens claim addresses they did not live at, in order to gain an advantage in local elections."

The election in 2023 was notable for a curious reason.

In the August primary election, Nayeem Choudhury was the top vote-getter but, in the November election, he fell to fifth place out of a field of six candidates – an unheard-of drop-off for a top contender.

And Sadman, an obscure newcomer to politics, rose from fifth place in the primary election to the number two spot in the November election.

Hassan rose from fourth place – right behind Lynn Blasey, the only female in the election.

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## It's a waiting game for the mayor

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck Mayor Amer Ghalib will have to wait for the U.S. Senate to come back from their summer break before his hearing is scheduled to confirm his ambassadorship to Kuwait.

President Trump nominated Ghalib to be the next ambassador to Kuwait as a reward for Ghalib's endorsement of him for president, and for influencing other Arab and Muslim Americans to abandon the Democratic Party and get behind Trump.

On his Facebook page, Ghalib posted a photo of himself and other would-be appointees posing with Trump in the oval office. This is what he had to say about the delay in his confirmation hearing:

"The senate went into recess for a month before confirming this wonderful team.

"That's OK Mr. President. Thank you for your unwavering support. I'm still the Mayor of my city, and despite of the disruption this may cause, but I still have some unfinished city business to take care of while waiting. This waiting time will never be wasted or useless. We will continue to serve at home or abroad, with or without a title! ...

"Despite the confusion this wait causes, but this gives me, as mayor of my city, some time to oversee finishing some issues that are stranded in the city. We will not let our waiting time go to waste and we will continue to serve our community and country from within or abroad, formally or unofficially.

"Thank you President Trump for his unwavering support and confidence in us to represent and serve this great country."

In another matter regarding President Trump, Ghalib said he had a conversation with administration officials where they discussed "topics of community concern, and arrangements for important upcoming steps."

Here's what he had to say about that discussion on his Facebook page:

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**The Bangladesh community celebrated their culture last weekend in a festival dubbed "Desi Nights." A number of performers from Bangladesh were a highlight of the weekend.**

## TOAST of the TOWN

### 'Desi Nights' highlights the Bangladesh community

**By Charles Sercombe**

The Hamtramck Bangladesh community was in the spotlight this weekend with a festival dubbed "Desi Festive Nights" on Jos. Campau.

It was a prelude to Hamtramck's other festival on Campau: the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival, coming up in a few short weeks on Aug. 30-Sept. 1. (Sniff, goodbye summer, we hardly knew you.)

Toast spent Sunday evening there to soak up the vibes, but, the Bengali community is a late bunch and the action really didn't start until 8 or 9 p.m. or so.

Early on, therefore, it was sparse, but then, boom, thousands appeared. And we mean thousands.

And, considering it was a 90-something degree day,

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tion – to go on to become the top-vote getter in November’s election. Hassan’s and Sadman’s sudden rises in the November election squeezed Blasey out from a seat on council. Choudhury also claimed that, in the November 2023 election, 200 absentee ballots had not been counted. Asked why he made this claim, Choudhury told The Review at the time: “I don’t know, the whole community is shocked and saddened that they voted for me by absentee ballots – over a thousand. They don’t know why I lost against a candidate that came in fifth place in the primary.” The case initially took a slow path forward after agents in the Attorney General’s Office began their investigation following the 2023 election

– an investigation which included interviews with witnesses. It seemed the case was going nowhere until a couple of months ago, when Hamtramck City Clerk Rana Faraj wrote a letter to the state Attorney General urging her to make a decision on whether to go forward. Faraj said there are surveillance recordings, from security cameras on city hall, showing one or more candidates stuffing a ballot drop-off box in front of city hall with ballots. Faraj has also said that a number of ballots had the same handwriting. According to sources, there is plenty of evidence gathered from surveillance footage, witnesses and other sources. Also, according to sources, there are likely to be more people and councilmembers facing

charges in the coming days and weeks. There is also speculation that there was ballot harvesting in the latest primary election here in Hamtramck. The Review reached out to Mayor Amer Ghalib, who has repeatedly accused former city administrations of corruption, for comment on the election charges but, as usual, he did not respond. Former Mayor Karen Majewski, however, has been interviewed by local news outlets about the matter. Majewski told The Review: “The only thing surprising about these charges for the residents of Hamtramck is that they’ve actually been filed. Most of us have known about these issues for well over 10 years. And, despite the evidence and the outcry, we’d come to

despair that any action would be taken by legal authorities to guarantee the integrity of our elections.” Majewski continued: “The commonly held belief that elections here are decided through fraud undermines our system in so many ways – not just by unfairly seating people in public office, but by convincing honest people that it’s pointless to run for office, and by discouraging voters from participating in the process at all. That holds true whether we’re talking about Hamtramck or the whole nation. And when we are convinced that elections don’t matter because the cheaters face no consequences, our entire system breaks down. That’s why holding people accountable – as evidenced in these charges – is so important.”

# It’s a waiting game for the mayor

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“Issues of concern to Yemeni immigrants were among the discussion. We agreed to continue communicating and arranging next steps as soon as possible, with specialists involved, on the issues discussed. I will go into details in due time. “I’ve just received a call from senior officials in the White House, and we discussed matters of mutual concern for almost 30 minutes. “The issues that concern our community, especially the Yemeni immigrants, were in the core

of our discussion. More work, communication, and collaboration to resolve these issues will continue.” There was no mention from the mayor about discussing other issues regarding the city. And finally, on Monday, Ghalib reminisced about his primary election victory in 2021. “On this day in 2021, I won the primary elections, and the walls of the empire of corruption began to crack! “Four years ago, I won the primary, and the walls

of the corruption empire started to collapse!” Former Mayor Karen Majewski asked Ghalib to explain what corruption he is talking about, but Ghalib apparently did not respond. Ghalib has repeatedly claimed that former admini-

nistrations were corrupt. As to corruption – some current members of the city council are now under investigation for violating election law, and two councilmembers for not actually being residents of the city.

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# This week at the Library . . .

## Summer Reading Party and Prizes:

On August 20th at 2 pm, the last program of the summer will feature and party and award of prizes for reading books. The library staff is putting together some great items that will be raffled off to the young readers. One of the top prizes is an **electric scooter**.

**Davy Crockett:** This American Frontiersman was born on August 17, 1786 in Hawkins County, Tennessee. He was a farmer, scout and politician who perished at age 49 during the final heroic defense of the Alamo in Texas.

**Library Ice Cream:** Friends of the Hamtramck Public Library are providing free ice cream for the Summer Reading Programs. All participants will be treated to free ice cream immediately after the conclusion of the program. Bring your friends for the summer reading and enjoy a treat afterwards.

**Meriwether Lewis:** This American explorer was born on August 18, 1774 near Charlottesville, Virginia. Along with William Clark, he explored the American West, and in 1805, after a journey of over 18 months, reached the Pacific Ocean.

**Jazz Youth Masterclasses:** Library is holding preservation of jazz youth masterclasses every Thursday in July, August and September from 3 pm to 5 pm. Classes are conducted by Jazz vocalist, Sky Covington and are free to Hamtramck residents. To register for classes sign up at the library or call 248-383-3385 to speak with the in-

structor. The final meeting will consist of a performance on September 25th at 3 pm.

**Hawaii:** On August 21, 1863 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

**Claude Debussy:** This French composer was born on August 22, 1862 in St. Germain-en-Laye, France. His unusual chords, based on the whole-tone scale, laid the groundwork for a new style of music called impressionism.

**Vesuvius:** On August 24, 79 A.D. this active bulcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.

**Invasion of Washington D.C.:** On August 24th and 25th of 1814, Washington D.C. was invaded by British forces that burned the Capital building, the White house and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

**Leonard Bernstein:** On August 25, 1918 this American conductor and composer was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was considered one of the finest conductors in America.

**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 invited.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### City candidates have their homework to do

Hamtramck voters have spoken, and the final round of candidates for mayor and city council will now prepare to square off in the November General Election.

That election is just a little over two months away, and we urge the candidates to start doing their research on city matters, especially about the financial picture facing the city for the next few years.

One of the city council candidates who did not make the final cut, Joe Strzalka, a former councilmember, posted a warning recently on social media about the dire financial projection for the city – and it's worth reviewing.

In short, starting this year, the city will be lucky to make ends meet and, going forward, Hamtramck will be spending more than what it currently brings in, revenue-wise.

Look up Plante Moran in the council's agenda section for data.

There are four new candidates without government experience who are seeking a job on council, and they need to get themselves up to speed real quick, because over the next four years some really tough financial decisions will have to be made.

For that matter, some of the incumbents should take another hard look at the financial forecast, because they've had the past few years to study the report, and hardly a word has been said about what's looming.

Get to work candidates. The city depends on you being informed.

## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Every Neighbor: A story of community, care, and renewal

By Max Gilginas

For four years, the Every Neighbor program has been a source of joy and support for Hamtramck's senior and disabled residents.

We often maintain lawns and tackle small outdoor repairs, helping neighbors keep their yards safe and cared for. But sometimes, our work goes deeper – and that's when something truly beautiful happens.

One such story is about a home we've been supporting from the beginning. Since the onset of COVID-19, the yard had fallen into serious neglect, overtaken by a small forest of weed trees and overgrowth. In 2021, our volunteer team worked to clear the backyard, cutting back years of neglect.

Since then, we've done our best to maintain the space, keeping the grass cut and the weeds trimmed, but we wanted to do more—to honor the resident and her family's history. This resident has lovingly kept alive flowers planted by her mother decades ago, a living memory we were determined to preserve.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Linda Stachowitz and Erin Starr, we were able to plan a full yard re-landscape and purchase all needed supplies. Roberto Arce from the Code Department donated his time and equipment to remove much of the



overgrowth, a huge help in getting the project underway.

With the enthusiastic support of interns from the Summer Youth Program in the Community and Economic Development Department, our Every Neighbor volunteer team uncovered beautiful, historic rosebushes. These were carefully transformed into garden beds, breathing new life into the yard.

We weeded the entire area, mulched around the cherished flower bed planted by the resident's mother, treated the soil, and planted low-growth ground cover to help prevent future overgrowth. We also painted the front porch railing and back steps, and thoroughly cleaned the yard of trash and debris.

It took the dedication of about 20 volunteers and 100 hours of work—but the transformation is incredible. The yard is now a beautiful, welcoming space for the resident to

enjoy, a true testament to what community care can achieve.

We are deeply grateful to every volunteer, donor, and resident who made this possible. The Every Neighbor program plays a vital role in meeting the needs of Hamtramck's aging population, and your support keeps this important work alive.

Special thanks to Code Officers: Roberto Arce and Adam Wylie, and IT Professional Brandon Murdock for donating time and equipment.

CED Director Isabel Alway and Deputy Director Michal Misczak for support and supply drop off. Donors: Linda Stachowitz and Erin Starr. The Every Neighbor Crew: Kevin Carter, Emily Goyert, Phillip Kwik, Anthea Mitchell, Matt Piziali, Grey, Glenn Watt, Daniel Brickley, Critter, Julia Sosin, Elise Koelsch, and council candidate Joe Stralka. Beautification Intern Supervisor: Tahmid Rahman, Rafael Y. Ortiz, Basmah Jabril, Nathan DeBouse, and Nabihah Chowdhury for their incredible generosity and dedication.

Together, we're not just maintaining a yard. We are building on the strengths within our community, honoring history, and caring for every neighbor.

(Max Gilginas is the Community Involvement Coordinator for the city's Community Economic Development Department.)

## Odds & Ends

### Construction delay...

It's been a long wait for a construction crew to replace a section of a sewer line on Jos. Campau just south of Holbrook.

The south traffic lane is the only lane open at this moment, but for a couple of months, you couldn't drive down the street for a few blocks.

Here's what the city recently had to say on its Facebook page:

"We understand that there may have been some confusion with the construction that is taking place on the south end of Jos. Campau.

"We just want to remind residents that this is a sewer project and not a road project. The delay has to do with making sure the sewers are fixed first, then the roads will be taken care of afterwards.

"We apologize for the inconvenience and the delay, but the workers just want to make sure the project is done correctly."

### Deportations gone wild...

Data shows that the Trump administration has severely escalated its arrests and detentions of persons it claims are here illegally during the first five-plus months of this year.

Going from Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, through June 27, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, and its proxies arrested some 109,000 persons.

Compared to the same time period of former president Biden's last year in office, 2024, where 49,000 persons were arrested, the figure represents an increase of about 120 percent.

And this activity doesn't figure to decrease anytime soon – the current administration-friendly Congress just OK'd \$75 billion for increased arrests. Trump had promised to deport one million persons per year who are here without authorization.

The news has been filled with crazed scenes of masked and heavily armed agents ambushing people inside and outside of courtrooms, in company parking lots, and even chasing them through agricultural



fields.

The plentiful critics of Trump's campaign cite unnecessary force and terrorization, lack of legal due process, lack of transparency, poor living conditions in holding centers, and a host of other issues.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the vast majority of detainees were from Latin American or Caribbean countries, although people from 180 different nations have thus far been sent out.

Data from 2023 puts the figure of unauthorized persons in the U.S. that are from Latin America and the Caribbean at 84 percent.

Out of the total of 109,000 swept up so far, almost four in five have been from Mexico (40,000), Guatemala (15,000), Honduras (12,000), Venezuela (8,000) and El Salvador (5,000).

States with Trump-aligned governors led the way in making or enabling arrests, with a whopping 23.2 percent occurring in Mexico-bordering Texas. Florida, site of a new swamp-central detention center, came in next at 11.1 percent, with California (where Los Angeles and other large cities do not abet the snatchings) only at 7.1 percent.

Georgia, Arizona, Virginia and New York each top 3 percent of detentions, and New Jersey, Tennessee and Massachusetts round out the top 10.

Surprisingly, so far at least, Michigan – with its large populations of Mexicans and Arabic people, among many other ethnic groups – is not among the top 20 in ICE arrests.

Add us to the list of other (perhaps surprisingly) lower incidence states like New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas and Minnesota.

Lowest rates of arrests

have been for Vermont, Alaska and Montana, with only 100 combined so far.

Much of this data comes from that obtained by a group called the Deportation Data Project, which had to break through a veil of secrecy to obtain it via litigation.

It was discussed on a July 31 episode of CBS Evening News.

### Hot items...

News flash: Cars that go fast, look good and/or cost a lot are prime targets for car thieves.

And one make, model and upgrade package stands well above them all.

That would be the Chevy Camaro ZL1, a \$75,000 version of the base model, the 2022-24 years of which had a vulnerability that was relatively exploitable by high-end car rustlers.

For 2025, changes were made that the manufacturer hopes will help address the situation.

Overall, gas cars are much more prone to being swiped than electric models (funny, because their getaways could be so much quieter if they would just go electric).

GMC Sierras, Chevy Silverados, and Dodge Rams, especially the 4-wheel-drive versions, plus haute SUVs like the Cadillac Escalade, Range Rover, Jeep Gladiator and Dodge Durango were frequent targets.

For sedan vehicles, it was the Acura TLX, the BMW X7, the Mercedes S-Class and the Honda Cr-V Hybrid that flew the coop most often.

Conversely, it was the electric vehicles that, for the most part, were left alone. The reasons could include difficulty in accessing or starting the vehicles, where the bandits may not have yet caught up to the tech.

Examples included

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# Obituaries

**SKY**

Alex S. Sky, 96, died July 21, 2025. It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Alex S. Sky, who departed this life peacefully on July 21, 2025, in Saint George, Utah, at the age of 96.

Born on December 12, 1928, in Hamtramck, Michigan, Alex was the son of Casimer Skrzyniarz and Katherine (née Koziol) Skrzyniarz. He lived a long and meaningful life filled with kindness, and deep devotion to those he loved.

Alex attended Queen of Apostles Elementary School and graduated from Pershing High School in Detroit. He proudly served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. After his service, Alex worked for many years at the General Motors Technical Center in Michigan, from which he eventually retired.

He is survived by his devoted partner of 67 years,

Lorraine McClintock, who brought love, joy, and companionship to his life. He is predeceased by his parents and siblings, John, Joseph, Mary, Harry, Anna, Delphine, Delores, Casimer, and Emily. Survived by sister-in-law Mary Lou Skrzyniarz (Casimer) and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Alex's gentle presence and thoughtful spirit left a lasting impact on all who knew him. He will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered.

A private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Alex's memory with a donation to the Piast Institute, located at 11633 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck MI 48212.

Alex S. Sky will be buried at Resurrection Cemetery in Michigan. Arrangements made by nephew Raymond Skrzyniarz with Jurkiewicz and Wilk Funeral Home.

**CAR RESCUE LLC AUCTION**

**Car Rescue will be holding an auction on 8/20 2025, at 12P-m at 10230 Livernois Ave Detroit, MI.**

**The following vehicles will be available for auction**

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- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11600 block of Moran.
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- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11400 block of Sobieski.
- A business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
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- A reckless driver was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Caniff.
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'Desi Nights' highlights the Bangladesh community

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can you blame anyone for waiting until evening?

The attraction, besides being a celebration of the Bangladesh community, was a line-up of performers also from Bangladesh – including a metal band, if you can imagine.

The vendors offered tons of colorful native clothing, and an eye-popping variety of Bangladesh food faves.

Talk about sensory overload.

Yow.

Toast is getting long in the tooth for late nights, but from what we saw in the early evening and on social media, this was an amazing celebration.

But, critics had plenty to say. Hey, this is Hamtramck, and it's our god-given right to complain. The main observation: why was so there so much space empty between Caniff and Pulaski?

We wondered about that as well.

Still, we give the organizers a partial thumbs-up for trying a first-time event here on Campau, and hope that things tighten up for next year.

Call it growing pains.

Some on social media suggested this festival would have been better if it were held in Veterans Park, but we liked the urban backdrop.

A lot of credit needs to be given to the Bengali community for rejuvenating this town back in the sleepy 1990s, when many enterprising souls brought the Conant business district back to life.

By the 1980s, Conant was one empty storefront after another – a mockery, and an ugly reminder of a Hamtramck that had once been a thriving community.

We're looking forward to next year's festival – complete with improvements.

In fact, if it were up to us, the city would have more festivals. Summer is so short here, let's enjoy the season!

*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.*



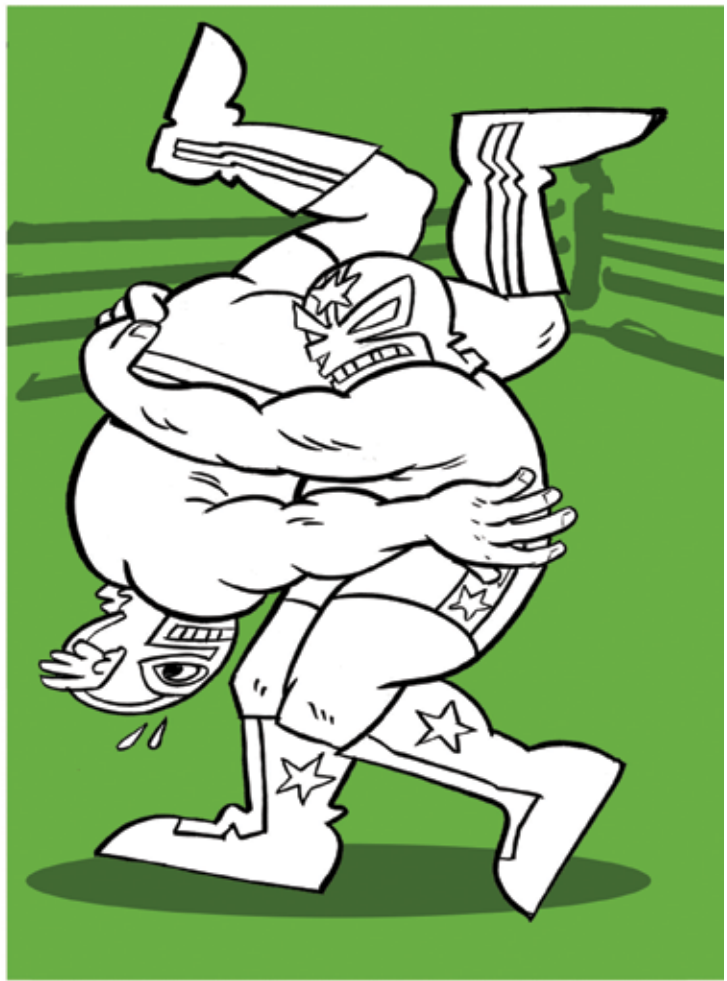
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Planning Commission

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- 2756 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212, parcel number 41 003 04 0245 300

*Applicant Big Treat LLC is requesting special land use approval of the property for an event hall, subject to subject to \$155.185 and \$155.187 of the Hamtramck Code of Ordinances. Current use is Central Business District per \$155.066.*

Written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Community & Economic Development Manager via email at [mmiszcza@hamtramck](mailto:mmiszcza@hamtramck). Written comments will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on September 3, 2025. 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 x821. Please contact the Clerk’s office at least 10 days in advance.

## Odds & Ends

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several Tesla brands (3, S, Y); Volvos (XC40, XC90 & XC90 Plug-in hybrid); Toyota (RAV4 Prime &Venza hybrid); Ford (Mustang Mach E & Explorer); and other models from Volkswagen, Subaru, Lexus, Infiniti, Kia, BMW, Mini, Mercedes-Benz and Hyundai.

It surprised us not to see Dodge Challengers, Chargers or the like on the list of the oft-swiped, but they managed not to be.

**Get the lead out...** Lead paint in homes is not really a good thing.

But a lot of older homes have it, and – according to a new ranking of 500 American cities by the website HomeGnome – Detroit has more than its share of those. And, you can bet that Hamtramck does too.

In fact, Detroit came in Number 6 overall, sandwiched between

Number 5, Philadelphia, and Number 7, Omaha, Nebraska.

They were all still a far cry from the ignominy of the Number One spot on the list, St. Louis, Missouri, whose score was way beyond those of all the others.

Not just Philly, Detroit and Omaha, with their scores of 49.60, 49.40 and 48.98 (remember, high scores are not good in this grading system), but even Chicago at Number 2, with its 52.01 score, could compete with St. Louis’ 65.29.

HomeGnome crunched its numbers into two categories, which were firstly, the number and share of homes built with lead paint used, and then second, the availability and involvement of remediation efforts and number of issued violations related to lead paint.

Lead paint was banned from use in 1978.

Much of Detroit’s housing stock, unfortunately, was built before that.

In general, lead was added to brighten lighter color paints such as certain whites, yellows and reds, and make them stretch farther. About 30 million homes in the U.S. still have lead paint that has not been abated.

Lead paint is most hazardous to children with developing brains and bodies, who may ingest it or breathe dust from the paint flaking off. Pregnant women and their fetuses are also at similar risk.

Those renovating their homes also need to think about using professional-level breathing protection when chipping off the paint during projects.

So, where can you go to avoid it?

Go West, young homeowner – all 27 of the combined cities in the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Idaho were in the bottom, safer, half of the rankings.



## School Bell

### Preparing for a new school year

The final weeks of summer vacation are quickly winding down. In a few short weeks, a new school year begins.

Parents should get a head start in getting their youngsters ready. Here are some tips to get your student up and running.

Start making the transition now by shopping for school supplies, setting up a study area and creating a study routine.

Start talking with your student to find out their concerns and even fears.

If your child is going to a new school, take advantage of any orientation program. Be sure to visit at the school so your child knows where it is located.

Talk about how there will be new kids your child will meet.

Check out books from the library on subjects

your child will be learning so they are familiar with the material.

Get back to a nightly sleep routine by going to bed at a set time.

Wake up your child’s brain by using flash cards and solving math problems.

Remember, a lot of kids forget a lot what they learned the year before. Refresh their memory.

Listen to your child’s concerns and fears. Encourage your child to discuss what’s on their mind.

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