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Quick Hits

Time to clean up Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe Here's a reminder:

It's time to do your ci-

vic duty, Hamtramckans. The annual fall citywide cleanup is this Saturday, Nov. 1.

The Hamtramck Beautification Commission is hosting the cleanup, and it goes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are asked to meet up at any of these locations: Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline; Sarah Garret Park, 11361 Dequindre; and Veterans Park, 8640 Jos. Campau.

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

"Volunteers will pickup supplies from city hall, then make their way to their clean-up areas."

You can register, via email, at mgilginas@ hamtramckcity.com.

Snacks, water and supplies are provided, and the commission is also looking for local businesses to support rewarding the volunteers.

Can't make it on Nov. 1? At the very least, you can clean up around your own property and neighborhood, at your convenience.

Any questions? If so, call (313) 800-5233, extension 818.





Mayor's Senate hearing hit serious snags

By Charles Sercombe

Mayor Amer Ghalib's past actions, and comments on social media, may have undermined his chance to be confirmed as the next ambassador to Kuwait.

As of this past Tuesday, it appears he lacks a majority support to get his nomination out of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and on to final Senate approval.



Mayor Amer Ghalib

His confirmation hearing last Thursday with the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee hit a storm of resistance from the get-go, when ranking committee member Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a Democrat from New Hampshire, introduced all four ambassador nominees, including Ghalib.

But Shaheen singled out Ghalib in her introductions by saying:

"I am very concerned about some of the statements that you have made – and, frankly, what appear to be antisemitic views."

During the next 40 minutes, Ghalib, who was nominated by President Trump seven months ago, faced a barrage of questions from both Democratic and Republic senators about his past comments.

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) was particularly cutting, and pressured Ghalib to explain why he called former Iraq leader Saddam Hussain a "martyr."

It took Ghalib a few tries to clarify why he said that, finally saying: ""In a moment of anger, I complimented Saddam becau-

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se he kept Iran in check, and he - probably that's the only positive thing he did in his life."

"No He continued: question, he was a dictator. He committed a lot of crimes, including the invadescription in a moment of anger offended anybody, I'm willing to apologize, especially to the Kuwaiti people. I'm not them. very adamant about it."

Cruz also took issue with Ghalib "liking" a comment on social media that compared Jews to "monkeys."

Ghalib did not deny that sion of Kuwait. And if that he "liked" the comment, but said he had a "bad habit" of liking comments as a way of "acknowledging" that he received

"I don't agree with it, Ghalib said. senator," "Clicking on it doesn't mean I endorse it."

Cruz wasn't buying that explanation, saying: "Well, actually, it means exactly that."

Finally, Cruz said he won't vote for Ghalib to be ambassador, saving:

"For the record, your long-standing public positions are directly contrary to President Trump's, and I will not be supporting your nomination."

Ghalib also came under fire over the city council's resolution to adopt a policy directed at Israel called "Boycott, Divest, Sanctions" (BDS) which is a movement that promotes American institutions and businesses halting investments that support Israel as a way to protest Israel's continued bombing and war-making in Gaza.

Ghalib said he did not vote on the issue, and after repeated questioning said he does not support

But that's in direct contrast to what he said a year ago when the council approved the resolution. He thanked the council and those who crafted the resolution.

At the May 28, 2024 council meeting, he even said he had a hand in forming the resolution, saying:

"Thanks to the team who worked on this resolution. We had to edit it, and modify it to be as clear and legal as possible after consulting with our attorney and other attorneys as well. So, thank you for working so hard to support the Palestinian people."

Ghalib went on to say that the American government "does not listen to the concern of the people. It seems like we are ruled by a minority in this country, and that's a problem. The voice of the people is not being heard."

Ghalib also lashed out at "neighboring countries" near Israel, saying that they too "are involved to support Israelis."

At one point in the confirmation hearing, Sen. Chris Murphy (D- Connecticut) summed up Ghalib's chances of being confirmed by saying: "You dug your hole deeper today."

Since that hearing press reports say it's unlikely Ghalib will be confir-

Ghalib told The Review: 'Whether they confirm me or not, it would be an honor for me either way. I'm happy to answer the call and serve our community and our country from anywhere the president or the community asked me to. This is just the beginning of my journey."

On his Facebook page, Ghalib said President Trump called him after the hearing while he was on a plane, in the economy section, to come home and that "I felt his loyalty, sincerity, and unwavering support. We agreed that my public service will continue, and that I will keep serving this great nation with his encouragement and the trust of my community."

Ghalib also said he was frustrated with the hearing because he was "offered no opportunity to discuss my knowledge of Kuwait or my plans for strengthening U.S.-Kuwaiti relations."

His confirmation hearing caught the attention of numerous national media outlets including, locally, the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News.

As usual, comments on social media were all over the map. Ghalib's supporters insisted that the hearing went well for Ghalib, and they are confident he will be confirmed.

Others wondered why it appeared Ghalib seemed so ill-prepared for the tough questioning.

Loubna Mrie said Ghalib's performance "shockingly bad. His inability to give answers made him seem completely unprepared to be a mayor, let alone an ambassador."

But Abdul Q Obeid, who says he is a resident physician at Henry Ford Health at St. John Hospital, said the odds were against Ghalib, ad-"Those senators accepted money from Al-PAC (the American Israel Public Affairs Committee), and place America second after Israel."

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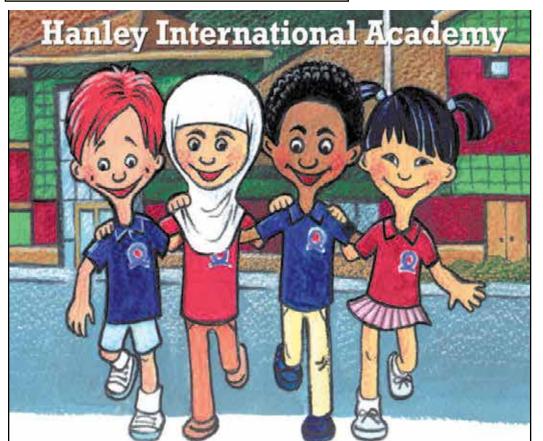
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October 31, 2025 This week at the Library

<u> 107th Anniversary Breakfast:</u> On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, the Hamtramck Library will be celebrating its 107th Anniversary. As part of the celebration, library patrons and friends are invited to a complimentary breakfast which will be served by the Maine Street Restaurant from 10 am until 1 pm. Everyone is invited to come and join in the celebration provided at no charge by the Friends of Hamtramck Library.

Story Time: These programs conducted by the library staff are scheduled for Wednesdays afternoon at 4:00 pm. All children are invited.

Walter Cronkite: This famous journalist was born on November 4, 1916 in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was leading correspondent for United Press International during World War II. From 1962 to 1981, he was the anchorman of the CBS Evening News and was widely regarded as America's most trusted journalist.

KPop Demon Hunters: Join us on Thursday, October 30 for an evening screening of this movie. This animated production has lots of fans and awesome soundtrack. Audience can sing along when their favorite meloat 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

dies are played. The screening starts New York Weekly Journal: The first issue of this paper was published on November 5, 1733 by John Peter Zenger, a colonial American printer and journalist. A year later, he was

arrested on charges of libeling New

Halloween: Friday, October 31st we will be celebrating Halloween at the library. Trick-or-treat will begin at 3:30 pm and last until closing at 5:00

Exercise at the Library: The RIM Foundation was begun exercise classes again this fall. On Tuesdays, its back to Yoga at 2:30 pm. and on Fridays, it is Tai Chi at 10:00 am. To register for the program, stop by the library circulation desk.

Preservation of Jazz: Continuing into the autumn and winter season, the Jazz Masterclass program will take place on Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 pm. Participants will cultivate a deeper understanding of this elegant artform through guided discussions, curated listening experiences, documentary screenings, and more. Heading this class will be Sky Covington, founder of The Preservation of Jazz. The sessions start on October 16th. Class size is limited to 20 individuals. Register on Eventbrite.com to secure your place. For more information about the program, please call Sky Covington (248) 383-3385...

Abraham Lincoln: He was elected at the 16th President on November 6, 1860 as the first Republican. Her received 180 of 303 possible electoral votes and 40% popular vote.

ESL Classes: These classes are held Monday to Thursday at 9 am and 12 noon. To participate, you must register with the Horizon School.

Library is located at 2360 Caniff Avenue, Phone (313) 733-6822 Or visit its website at http://hamtramck.Lib.mi.us for on line catalog Attachments for printing, faxing or scanning send to hamtramcklibrary@gmail.com

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In Our Opinion

City celebrates a 'victory' in chasing away tax dollars

It's odd that the city considers it a victory to prevent a legal business from operating here.

In this case, this "victory" involves a would-be cannabis dispensary that wanted to open on the site of the former Hamtramck Coney Island, at Jos. Campau and Evaline.

The business owner received already an initial approval to go ahead with the licensing process, but somewhere along the line they were informed the city was no longer allowing another dispensary to open.

Hamtramck already had four licensed dispensaries operating, and then, in about 2021, the city's first all-Muslim city council passed a resolution not to allow any more.

Why?

Because the council believed that selling and consuming marijuana was immoral, and also feared more dispensaries

could see them become magnets for crime, or that marijuana products could end up in the hands of those who are underage.

As it turns out, the city's four dispensaries have not attracted crime; in fact, there appears to be little traffic going in and out of the stores at all.

But, more importantly, each dispensary generates about \$50,000 a year in taxes and fees for the city - which, when you add it all up, amounts to a pretty good chunk of change, and money that the city sorely needs.

Consider, too, that the city council ended a contract with a parking meter company that will result in the loss of over \$200,000 a year in fees and fines, and, on top of that fact, that the city has also recently lost about \$1.4 million a year from Wayne County operating a jail here in town.

is in desperate need of revenue to continue funding basic services such as police and fire service, or even something as essential as garbage collec-

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We can understand why some folks are against the sale and consumption of marijuana, but, on the other hand, isn't that a choice that should be left up to each individual?

In other words, if it offends you, then don't go in there.

for the city's bars and liquor stores that also operate here legally. We know that, if some

The same could be said

elected officials had their way, even alcohol sales would be banned.

What we're saying is, to each their own - meaning, let people decide where they want to patronize and what they want to consume.

After all, isn't America In short, Hamtramck all about free markets?

Odds & Ends

Reunion ... Recently, the St. Florian Class of 1965 all got together, and from the looks it, a large number of grads showed up, looking hardly any older than when they all said farewell to each other.

OK, maybe a bit older, but all in all, not a bad looking bunch.

Classmate Jerry Przystup sent us a photo and background information.

He said his class was the school's largest ever with 146 students. The grads also each got a surprise gift, a red hoodie that was donated by a fellow alumnus.

Get on board ... Once again, down the road not too long from now, train service will be returning to Detroit's Michigan Central building in Corktown.

"For decades, Michigan Central Station was the gateway to Detroit, and we are excited to begin the work of re-establishing train service at a new multi-modal transit facility in the shadow of the station," said Sam Krassenstein, chief of infrastructure for the City of Detroit, in a press release.

This means we'll be able to grab a train to Toronto without having to go to Windsor.

And for Hamtramckans, catching a train ride will be only about 10-minute drive

In the top ten ... The state of Michigan has come out pretty well in a recent data crunch by the non-profit SmileHub.

Formulating a list they called "The Best States for Homeless People in 2025," we find our home state coming in at an empathetic 9th overall.

Oddly, this overall fine grade was marred by coming in dead last 50th in one category, "Homeless Youth Support."

That bizarre quirk aside, some of the state's much more positive rankings included:

- 3rd in Shelters and **Housing Support**
- 4th in avoiding Anti-Homeless Policies
- · 9th in the lowest Share of Unsheltered Homeless Individuals
- 11th in Charities That Support the Homeless Per Capita
- 11th in Minimum Wage Hours Necessary to Afford a Studio Apartment
- 13th in Year-Round Beds per Homeless Per-
- 17th in Food and Health Support

Twenty key metrics were considered in total. In the end, Connecticut ran away with the top spot on the list, followed rather surprisingly by North Dakota in the second overall spot.

These were followed, in turn, by Maryland (3), Montana (4), Indiana (5), Minnesota (6), Pennsylvania (7), Louisiana (8), and Ohio (10).

study coordina-This tes with November being National Homelessness Awareness Month.

Want more on this? The non-profit's web-

site's link is https:// smilehub.org/blog/ best-states-for-homeless-people/173.

Green eggs and ham?

... Actually, those eggs will be of a much more palatable color when they're served up at the Hamtramck Public Library's 107th (!) Anniversary Breakfast Celebration, happening this year on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the library's Main Hall.

The library, as many of you will already know, is at 2360 Caniff St., west of Brombach.

We know in fact that this food will be delicious, because it's being served up by local cuisine artists from Maine Street Restau-

On the menu will be turkey sausage, pancakes, eggs (of the proper shade) and more.

Their flyer seems to also suggest that there might be some mellow music of one variety or another, to aid in your digestion.

The best part? It's all

The event is organized, as per usual, by the Friends of Hamtramck Public Library, so don't forget to thank everyone involved.

At least with a good, hearty belch.

You know – Euro-style.

Looming ... It's been a rough several days for Mayor Amer Ghalib after what he went through at his confirmation hearing in front of a U.S. Senate committee regarding his

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On the campaign trail ... The quirks of language and interviews with two mayoral candidates

By Charles Sercombe

Election day is just around the corner.

This coming Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters will be heading to the polls to cast ballots—although, apparently, many voters have already stepped up and submitted absentee ballots.

On Monday, City Clerk Rana Faraj said 3,822 absentee ballots had been mailed out, of which 1,231 have been returned.

For those who prefer voting in person, the polls open Tuesday at 7 a.m., and close at 8 p.m.

In the mayor's race, there are two candidates on the ballot, Muhith Mahmood, who is finishing up his first term on city council, and newcomer Adam Alharbi, who is being endorsed by out-going Mayor Amer Gha-

Ghalib did not seek re-election, in anticipation of being confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be ambassador to Kuwait - a confirmation that now looks doubtful.

There is also a registered write-in candidate run-



Blasey was recently interviewed by the host of "Made in Banglatown" podcast, Naji Chowdhury.



harbi was also interviewed on "Made in Banglatown."

ning for mayor, and that's Lynn Blasey, who was unsuccessful to win a seat on council in two other previous elections.

In the city council election, the top-three vote getters will also begin new four-year terms this Ja-

There are two registered write-in candidates seeking seats on council: Joe Strzalka and Diane Elizabeth Frkan.

Write-in candidate Veronica Smith dropped out of the race this week.

Those on the ballot a "virtuous sanitizer." include: Current Councilmember Abu Musa, for-Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury, and newcomers Yousuf Saed,

Motahar Fadhel, Abdulmalik Kassim, and Luqman Saleh.

So far, commentators on social media have been opining on the candidates, and sometimes the language used can be, well, amusing.

Which is understandable, considering that many in the community do not speak English as their native language.

One common term we hear from supporters of this or that candidate is that they are described as

What exactly do they "sanitize"? Who knows, but apparently they do it virtuously.

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On the campaign trail ... The quirks of language and interviews with two mayoral candidates continued from page 3

Another comment was from Hasan Ranaul who advised against supporting one unnamed Bangladesh candidate, describing him as a "Bangladeshi thief."

Ranaul continued: "Keep your promises as an American citizen."

The language barrier seemed to be working against Aba Fras Alduais, who has a curious way of endorsing four unnamed candidates running for council, saying:

"We always hear and see that inside the packet of (playing) cards is one to two jokers, but this time, in the city of Hamtramck, I discovered that there are four advanced jokers, and with all the power to gain the confidence of the people of the city in running for the position of a member of the city's municipal council."

He went on to say that the four candidates "are all shining stars in the city sky, and they all deserve victory for what they have of competence and credibility, and I wish they all win, but unfortunately, the vacant seats are only three seats, so we wish the three winners good luck, success. ..."

Well, sometimes you have to accept an endorsement when you can get one, even if you are dubbed a "joker."

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One person asked, as others have, whether they have to spell the names of a write-in candidate cor-

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According to City Clerk Faraj, as long as the "intent" of the voter is clear, close is good enough.

In fact, you can even play it safe, she said, and just write in the first name of the write-in candidate.

In other election news, it was mayoral candidates Adam Alharbi's and write-in candidate Lynn Blasey's turns to be featured in the online podcast "Made in Banglatown," with host Naji Chowdhury.

interview with Muhith Mahmood, both had almost hour-long chats that covered a range of topics.

And, as with the previous

Here are some of the highlights from Alharbi's interview:

Are you a member of a political party?

"I have never participated in those parties," Alharbi said. "That just creates division within our city. I'm trying to stay away from parties because our cities, our roads, our potholes don't know red or blue. They just want somebody who's going to be committed to the city."

On Mayor Ghalib endorsing President Trump during last year's presidential election:

Alharbi said Ghalib was

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concerned about the ongoing war in Gaza, where thousands of Palestinians were killed by Israel's mi-

(The war started after Hamas militants raided a part of Israel and killed over 1,200 Israelis and took 251 others as hostages, some of whom perished. There was frustration about then-President Biden's ongoing support of Israel in its retaliatory assault on Gaza.)

Alharbi went to say that Mayor Ghalib also felt "he was pushed against the wall by the Democrats because of the pride flag and all that. He wanted to go to the other side."

Was Ghalib's decision to side with the Republican Party a good decision?

"I'm not sure," said Al-

harbi. "We'll see if the war in Gaza ends and if we get funding like the Trump administration is saying, something like \$150 million. If that happens, then he made the right decision.

On attracting new busi-

"My goal as mayor is to get brand name businesses because we want to attract people to come to Hamtramck and shop," Alharbi said.

He also wants to "improve" the area that borders Hamtramck and Detroit known as "Banglatown."

"Now it's just a name," Alharbi said. "We want to make it feel like Bangladesh, maybe have green street light poles. ... Same thing if we do Yementown.

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By Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log

covers Oct. 21-27

Tuesday, Oct. 21

- · A loose dog was reported on Dubois.
- · A vehicle on Fleming was reported as possibly stolen.
- · A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 12000 block of Klinger.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

- A break-in was reported in the 2600 block of Holbrook.
- · A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 11800 block of Dequind-

Thursday, Oct. 23

- · A loose dog was reported on Jos. Campau.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.
- A theft was reported in the 3300 block of Comstock.

Friday, Oct. 24

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3300 block of Caniff.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the area of Conant and Carpenter.
- A business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported an incident of fraud. · A suspicious circums-
- tance was reported in the 2300 block of Carpenter.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the

3000 block of Belmont. Saturday, Oct. 25

- · Officers, responding to a call from a business in the 10300 block of Conant about having trouble with a customer, arrested a suspect for being disorderly, and for obstruction. Sunday, Oct. 26
- At 1 a.m., a business in the 2400 block of Holbrook reported trouble with
- a customer. At nearly 2 a.m., a fight was reported in the
- area of Circle Dr. and Dyar. · Officers were called
- about a vehicle being repossessed on Dyar. · A possible domestic
- assault was reported on Selfridge.
- A business in the 11400 block of Conant reported trouble with a customer.
- · A break-in was reported in the 9700 block of Jos. Campau.

Monday, Oct. 27

- At about 2:30 a.m., a complaint was made about a disorderly person at Jos. Campau and Belmont.
- · Officers responded to a call about a suspicious situation on Holbrook.
- · A business on Jos. Campau reported a disorderly customer.
- Property damage from an accident was reported on Jos. Campau.

On Nov. 7, the school

is partnering with Crystal

Community Ski Club to

screen Warren Miller's film

"Sno-Ciety" at Wayne Sta-

te's Community Arts Audi-

The event will raise

torium.



Go Cosmos!

Fundraiser

The Hamtramck High Football team was 0-9 3 years ago and 0-8 2 years ago. Last year the team went 2-7.

But this year was an amazing turnaround, going 4-5. Congratulations Cosmos on a good season, and next year, fingers crossed, will be a winning sea-

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nomination to be ambassador to Kuwait.

To put it mildly, the hearing did not go well for the mayor. Afterward, Ghalib called it "unfair."

There have been plenty of people speaking agahis confirmation because of his past social media comments and "likes" that were deemed antisemitic. And the senators, both Democrats and Republicans, zeroed in on those comments.

In a back-and-forth with The Review this week,

Ghalib said that he is strong supporter of a past city council resolution condemning antisemitism.

We won't get into all the other issues various media outlets pointed out in his hearing, but there is one powerful and influential critic of his. Laura Loomer, who has the ear of President Trump and is a close ally.

Ghalib Trump's is appointee, and Trump is still standing by Ghalib's nomination despite the blowback.

President Trump has given Ghalib his unwavering support.

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But what Loomer had to say on her substack post was chilling.

She said: "He (Ghalib) has turned Hamtrack (sic), Michigan into a hot zone of Islamic jihad. I wish he could be deported."

Loomer's comment is not anywhere near the truth about Hamtramck, but she has been very influential with Trump.

Let it be known we find Loomer's comment offensive and calling for the deportation of people especially a city's mayor - in this tense national atmosphere with federal ICE agents randomly rounding up people is irresponsible.

But that is where this country is right now.

Fall back ... As you might guess, we're talking about Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend, officially Sunday at 2 a.m. In other words, on Satur-

day before you go to sleep, set your clock back, as in fall back, one hour. So that means at 2 a.m. things magically become 1 a.m.

Yes, you can say we get an extra hour of sleep, but the trade-off is that it messes with our body rhythm for about a week. Expect to be a bit groggy during the day.

So, say goodbye to daylight staying light a little bit longer in winter and say hello to little brighter mornings.

For those who like longer daylight hours, at least by the clock, Daylight Saving Time returns next March 8, once again, magically, at 2 a.m.

On the campaign trail ... The quirks of language and interviews with two mayoral candidates

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People, instead of going to Dearborn, come to Hamtramck. Also, we maybe want to have Worldtown from Caniff to Carpenter on Jos. Campau. Hamtramck is the world in two-square miles."

Why should voters vote for you?

"Because Hamtramck needs a leadership that can move the city forward," he said. "That's why my slogan for my campaign is: 'Hamtramck forward.'

"We want to go past divisions. We want to be united. That's why I need folks from all backgrounds. ... I'm not running as a Yemeni candidate or Muslim. I'm running as a Hamtramckan."

How would you unite all of the city's ethnic groups?

"Some of it is really not just a division. It's a matter of the language barrier," Alharbi said. "The goal of a mayor is to unite the community. ..."

Are you a qualified candidate since you didn't first serve on city council?

"Having experience means nothing," he said. "I have the same experience as anybody. I've attended the (council) meetings, and that's all they (councilmembers) are doing.

"Have you seen my opponent present something in the council that's any new idea, or a resolution that does anything for the city?

"No."

Next up was Lynn Blasey, who is a member of the city's Arts and Culture Commission. Once again, here are some highlights from her interview.

Why did you not run for city council again?

"I knew there was a lot of campaign fraud happening," Blasey said. "I know it wasn't a fair system. You could raise a ton of money and run a really awesome campaign ...'

But the system is rig-

"That's why I chose not to run as a city council candidate," she said.

So why seek the job as mayor?

"Different residents from different parts of the Hamtramck community started reaching to me in September," Blasey said. "There was a large demographic of people that were so fed up with the whole thing. They didn't trust anybody that made it through the primary.

"They were going to sit this election out."

So why run as a write-in candidate?

"To keep people engaged," Blasey said.

What can be done about high property taxes?

Blasey said the city has little "leverage" when it comes to setting tax rates, but that anyone purchasing a house needs to know their taxes are likely to increase, by state law.

And, that building additions to your house also increases the taxable va-

"If you're going to build a 'big, beautiful' house, then that does come with a 'big, beautiful' tax bill maybe not so beautiful!" she said.

While people complain about property taxes, Blasey said, "If we're going to improve city services, if we're going to have a functioning government, we need to rely on taxes to do those things."

What is the role of mayor in Hamtramck?

"The role is really limited," Blasey said. "We have a weak mayor system. That means the city

manager runs the day-today business of the city. ... The mayor has influences on the direction the city moves in more of an indirect way.

"The mayor can create initiatives, or convince city council a certain direction that might be appealing to go to."

How will you represent all of the city's ethnicities? "I have a long history of doing that in Hamtramck," she said.

Blasey said that, back before the covid pandemic, she was working with others to establish a Yementown. The project, she said, would have been to "unify the Yemeni community, south of Holbrook."

She said the project was similar to the establishment of Banglatown. But when covid struck, that "dissolved those efforts."

Blasey also said that she worked with the Arts and Culture Commission to establish a Juneteenth celebration every year in Sarah Garrett Park.

Why do you think Hamtramck needs you now as a leader?

"We have a lot of good things to share about Hamtramck," Blasey said. "The current and recent administrations have not taken the initiative to tell our story. Fortunately, we've been playing catch-

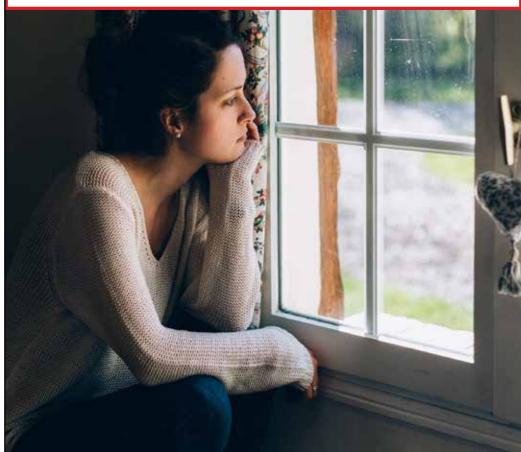
"Right now, all people know of Hamtramck are the scandals. There are a lot of missed opportunities for us to celebrate what makes Hamtramck special. So we need a mayor who is forward-thinking."

You can see the entire interviews on Youtube.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Brent D. Lawrence Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cheryl L. Lawrence personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1305 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Two Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226

City and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice

10-29-2025

Roy J. Montney, Jr. (P45212) Cheryl L. Lawrence Attorney name (type or print) Personal representative name (type or print) 1022 E. Front Street 3624 Lakeshore Road Traverse City, 49686 Lexington, MI 48450 231.922.9600 City, state, zip

Obituaries .

DABROWSKI



Jerzy Dabrowski, 88, died, October 21, 2025.

The funeral service is Saturday, November 1, 2025. Lying in state at 10:30 a.m. until time of funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m., at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

FARON



Joe Faron, 90, died October 24, 2025. Joseph John Faron was

born to the late Martin and Regina Faron in Detroit, Michigan on March 18, 1935. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Janet Lagos of 45 years, who he married on October 18, 1980, at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Detroit, MI.

Joe is also survived by his sister, Tina Faron; brothers-in-law Rich (Tammy) Lagos, Ed (Julie) Lagos, sister-in-law, Barbara Faron; many grateful nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, Martin & Regina; brothers, Andy (Emily), Stanley (Martha, Jean), Eddie, Chester, Kaz, and Michael. He is also survived by many treasured cousins and friends.

He was very active in the Catholic community of Our Lady Help of Christians that would be his lifelong support from an early age. Joe served in the U.S. Navy from 1952-1956. He was a toolmaker at several companies and retired from Chrysler after 25 years of service.

Joe was kind and soft

spoken and was a member of and volunteered for many clubs: Our Lady Help of Christians Usher Club, Knights of Columbus Deputy Grand Knight, International Order of Alhambra, VFW Post 4162, PLAV Post 6-Senior Vice Commander, International Order of the Moose, and John W. Smith Oldtimers.

Memorials may be given to St. Paul Tarsus Church, Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Joseph's name.

Memorial Mass is Saturday, November 8, 2025, 10 a.m., Family will be receiving guests starting at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church, 41300 Romeo Plank, Clinton Twp MI 48038

Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford, Holly MI 48442, Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

JOZWIAK



Brother Joe Jozwiak FSC, 77, died October 20, 2025. Brother Jo-

seph Jozwiak, FSC, a class of 1965 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate, passed away unexpectedly on October 20, 2025, at the age of 77. He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Clara Jozwiak, and is survived by his sister, Lucille Zamierowski.

Br. Joe entered the Barrytown (N.Y.) Novitiate on July 1, 1965, and received the Religious Habit & Name of Joseph Celestine on September 1, 1965. Additionally, he pronounced his Perpetual Vows in Albany, N.Y., in 1974.

He served at De La Salle as part of two stints, first from 1983–1990 and later from 1994–2002. He was a valued administrator in his time at the Warren-based allboys, college preparatory school, serving as both principal and the school's very first president. He will be dearly missed by the entire DLS community.

Visitation, was Wednesday, October 29, 2025, and the Funeral Mass was Thursday, October 30, 2025, at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, Detroit MI. Interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit MI. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Brother Joe's name to the De La Salle Collegiate Scholarship Fund, 14600 Common Road, Warren, Mi 48088.

MESS



Casimir "Cass" Mess passed away peacefully on October 27,

2025, at the age of 71. Born on June 13, 1954, in Hamtramck, Michigan, to his loving parents Irene and the late Kazimierz Mess.

Beloved brother of Barbara (the late Zygmunt)
Przybyl and the late
Christine Mess-Gubin.
Cherished uncle of Paul
Przybyl and Mary Przybyl.
Dear cousin of Severin
Lewandowski.

Casimir enjoyed Star Trek, electronics, and music.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at D.S. Temrowski Funeral Home, 30009 Hoover Road, Warren, Michigan.

The Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 31, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., Instate at 10:00 a.m.at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 3851 Prescott St, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212.

Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

In loving memory of Casimir, memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady Queen of Apostles.

Please share your memories at www.Temrows-ki.com.

SLEZAK



Michael Slezak, 73, died October 21, 2025.

Dear husband of Marcy, father of Michael and Ryan, and grandfather of Evan. He is also survived by his brother Bob (Sharon).

Private Services are being held by the family, arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

Notice of Public Hearing - City of Hamtramck

Planning Commission

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Hamtramck Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing and considering the request pertaining to the following property:

• 11515 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212, parcel number 41-007-15-0045-300

Applicant Mousa Kaied is requesting a use variance of the property to operate an auto shop, 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 mmiszczak@hamtramck. Written comments will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on November 18, 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.

From the Office of Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree



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

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Contact the Wayne County Probate Court by calling: 313-224-5706

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