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Quick Hits

County is holding a food drive

By Charles Sercombe

A Wayne County health agency is doing its part to help collect food while SNAP payments are on hold.

The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWHN) has galvanized support from staff and providers to collect non-perishable goods for families in need.

The food drive began Monday, Nov. 3 and runs to Thursday, Nov. 13. Staff from DWHN and provider organization, Team Wellness, are gathering their spare boxed and canned food items to offer relief to people who receive care within their network.

“For the next two weeks we are coming together to offer help to those who may be impacted,” said James E. White, President and CEO of DWHN.

In late October, there was concern that the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) would not receive funding due to the current government shutdown. Although federal courts have mandated that the program continue, the fear remains that families would suffer from delays in the funding.

Throughout the drive, DWHN and Team Wellness will have collection boxes at each of their locations:

- DWHN Administration Building – 8726 Woodward Ave, Detroit
- Team Wellness Center – Visit the Team Wellness Center site for location information: <https://teamwellnesscenter.com>

Each site will receive the following items:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
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- Peanut butter
- Shelf-stable milk

“We ask that the community join us as we help the most vulnerable of us,” said White. “Especially as we draw closer to the holidays.”

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Hamtramck election results are under a cloud of suspicion

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck has a new mayor, Adam Alharbi, who was considered the most likely to win.

But it’s still too close to call.

In fact, there is a good chance the results could be overturned, because 150 absentee ballots could not be counted, and one precinct has to be totally recounted by Wayne County because of faulty tabulation.

City Clerk Rana Faraj said the absentee ballots in question had missing signatures, or signatures that don’t match with those that the voters had on record.

“We currently have dozens of those ballots that are waiting to be corrected,” Faraj told WDIV-Channel 4. “They’re putting the word out to the residents to get out there and correct those ballots so that they can be counted and sort of officiate the election.”

Those voters were informed that the deadline to respond is today, Nov. 7, to reconcile, or as it’s officially known “cure,” their ballots.

This election was clouded from the onset by a prior history of suspected ballot harvesting and election fraud. That suspicion lingered into this election.

The obvious inconsistencies delayed the tally of election results. As of now, Alharbi has won – by only 11 votes, over City Councilmember Muhith Mahmood.

Mahmood did not seek re-election for another term on council.

Even if the ballots are straightened out, there is likelihood that one of the candidates will call for a recount.

Alharbi, who was endorsed by Mayor Amer Ghalib, won, at least at this point, with 2,009 votes.

Mahmood garnered 1,998 votes.

Write-in mayoral candi-

date Lynn Blasey came in third, with only 502 votes.

(Mayor Ghalib did not seek re-election after serving one term. Instead, he hopes to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the next ambassador to Kuwait.)

In the city council race, as expected, incumbent Abu Musa topped the field of six candidates with 1,645 votes, with second-place finisher Nayeem Choudhury, a former councilmember, just 11 – yes, 11 again – votes behind, with a total of 1,634.

Coming in third place is newcomer Yousef Saed, who finished with 1,437 votes.

These three top finishers will go on to start new four-year terms in January.

However, there is also a suspicion that the council election was rigged by way of harvested ballots. Also, Councilmember Musa is under investigation for not actually living in Hamtramck.

Musa has stated that his wife and family live in Warren, while he lives in Hamtramck.

Councilmember Mahmood is also suspected of not being a resident. He has said that his wife and family live in Troy while he lives in Hamtramck.

On top of this, Councilmember Mohammed Hassan is facing felony charges of election fraud. Felony election fraud charges were recently dismissed against Councilmember Muhtasin Sadman because two key witnesses failed to appear at his preliminary examination.

However, those witnesses may face felony charges for not showing up, and the original felony charges could be reinstated against Sadman at a later date.

Even former council-

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Photo: Facebook

Mayor faces questions on past comments

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Mayor Amer Ghalib may have made more than one misleading comment to U.S. Senators during his confirmation hearing to become ambassador to Kuwait.

As The Review first reported last Friday (Oct. 31), when Ghalib was asked repeatedly by senators whether he supported the movement “Boycott, Divest, Sanctions” (BDS) to punish Israel for its military invasion of Gaza and treatment of Palestinians, he finally said he did not support it or vote on it.

(The Detroit News later picked up this story in its Sunday, Nov. 2 issue.)

While it’s true Ghalib did not vote on the council resolution supporting BDS because he was not required to as mayor, he said, “I fully support it, and we can move and vote on this resolution.”

Ghalib even said, at the May 28, 2024 meeting, that he had a hand in forming the resolution.

“Thanks to the team who worked on this resolution,” Ghalib said. “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.”

That was not the only questionable statement from Ghalib during his Senate confirmation hearing.

Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-Nebraska) asked Ghalib if he “condemned” a comment by a member of the city’s Planning Commission, Nasr Hussain, who said in a Facebook post that the Holocaust was “God’s advance punishment of the ‘Chosen People’ for the savagery they’re committing today against the innocent Palestinians children and civilians.”

Ghalib insisted that he did “condemn” Hussain’s comment, and added: “I clearly said to the media that I condemned what he said, and I don’t agree with him.”

Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Connecticut) further pressed Ghalib on the issue, saying the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has not “seen any evidence” of Ghalib “condemning” Hussain’s comment.

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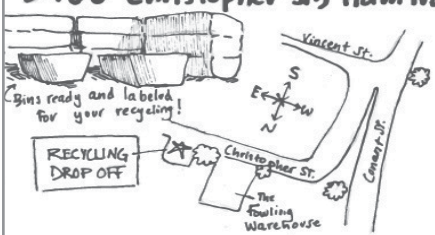
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107th Anniversary Breakfast: On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, the Hamtramck Library will be celebrating its 107th Anniversary. As part of the celebration, library patrons and friends are invited to a complimentary breakfast which will be served by 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. Everyone attending will be eligible to win door prizes (Drawing will be held at the end of the event. Need not to be present at the drawing to win.)

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

Franklin D. Roosevelt: This President was elected to an unprecedented fourth term on November 7, 1944 defeating Thomas E. Dewey. Roosevelt died less than a year later on April 12, 1945.

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.

Billy Graham: This Christian evangelist was born on November 7, 1918 near Charlotte, North Carolina. After his conversion at a revival meeting at age of 16, he embarked on a career of preaching and has become known worldwide.

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](https://www.eventbrite.com) to secure your place. For more information about the program, please call Sky Covington (248) 383-3385..

X-rays: Electromagnetic rays were discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen at the University of Wuerzburg in Germany.

Great Boston Fire: It started on November 9, 1872 in a dry goods warehouse, then spread rapidly in windy weather, destroying nearly 800 buildings. Damage was estimated at more than \$75 million. The fire's bright red glare could be seen in the sky for nearly 100 miles.

Great Blackout: This Northeast blackout began at 5:16 pm on November 9, 1965 as a tripped circuit breaker at a power plant on the Niagara River caused a chain reaction.

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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Hamtramck election results are under a cloud of suspicion

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member Nayeem Choudhury, who finished in second place in this election, was suspected in the past of ballot harvesting, but he was never charged with election fraud.

In all, 4,624 voters (32 percent of those registered with the city) participated in Tuesday's election, with the majority – 3,023 – voting by absentee ballot.

By contrast, 1,601 voted in person.

Tuesday was a sunny day, with temperatures in the low 60s, although a cold wind picked up by mid-afternoon.

That was the most tranquil aspect of the day: a couple of scuffles that looked like they may break out into full-fledged fights– or as one reserve police officer called it, “fisticuffs” – happened outside the Senior Plaza on Holbrook and at the Community Center.

In both instances, independent journalist Ahmed Sharaf of the YUC News Network, who is also known as “Sunglas-



City Clerk Rana Faraj warns campaign volunteers to obey the boundary where they can go to approach voters. Photo by Hunter Watson

ses Man” because he is always seen in public wearing them, seemed to be at the center of the disputes. Just what the disputes were about was not clear since the combatants were yelling in Arabic.

Police officers and City Clerk Faraj had to come to the scenes to cool tempers and restore order.

But, from what could be gleaned from relevant Facebook posts, it seemed a number of people were taking issue with Sharaf's journalism, calling it “fake news.”

The backdrop of sus-

pected election fraud caused a number of voters to boycott the election, or, at least, vote in protest.

Phillip Salatrik posted a graphic on social media, saying, “I didn't vote today” to mock the sticker voters are given at the precincts.

In his post, Salatrik said: “Because you're a horrible, horrible government that lies and cheats, and I'm just so mad at you City of Hamtramck.”

Chris Schneider, who founded Hamtramck's art collective Hatch, went even darker on social

media, saying before the election results were known:

“The election is over. In this city, mail-in ballots are all that matter. Might as well just ask the candidates how many ballots they harvested and let them hold office since this is how it has been operating the past decade with no accountability.”

Mayoral election vote results:

Adam Alharbi: 2,009
Muhith Mahmood: 1,998

Write-in candidate Lynn Blasey: 502

City Council election vote results:

Abu Musa: 1,645
Nayeem Choudhury: 1,634

Yousuf Saed: 1,437
Luqman Saleh: 1,368

Abdulmalik Kassim: 1,367

Motahar Fadhel: 1,253

Write-in candidate Joe Strzalka: Not available

Write-in candidate Diane Elizabeth Frkan: Not available

Posted and updated Nov. 5, 2025

Mayor faces questions on past comments

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“Is there evidence you condemned that (comment) at the time? Murphy asked.

Ghalib said “I did tell the media that I don't agree with them.”

Murphy then asked Ghalib to submit “those media reports,” and Ghalib said he would.

The Review Facebook messaged Ghalib as to whether he had submitted the evidence reques-

ted, but the mayor has not yet responded.

While Ghalib told the Senate commission that he had condemned Hussain's comment, back in 2023 he did not use the specific word “condemn.”

Instead, he defiantly told The Review: “What do I have to do with his posts! I don't have to comment on every resident's opinion, otherwise I would have commented on some posts that insult Islam and other religions, which are posted frequently by some residents on that same Facebook group.”

The Review recently reached out to Ghalib about this apparent contradiction on whether he “condemned” Hussain's Holocaust comment, and he took issue with the paper for not reporting what he also said, which is:

“His posts do not represent the city or the mayor.”

That comment begs the question of whether, for senators, it rises to the level of a “condemnation.”

In an online search, The Review could not find where he told a media outlet that said that he “condemned” the comment.

Ghalib was also asked, at the time of Hussain's comment, whether he would seek to have him removed from the Planning Commission.

He told The Review:

“I don't remove people based on their opinion on international affairs as long as they don't violate rules and regulations of the city. I didn't remove people whom I disagree with regarding politically controversial issues.

They still serve in some boards and commissions as long as they keep their opinion away from their city job.

“I only removed those who challenged me and tried to undermine my power.”

Ghalib told the Senate commission that only the city council has the authority to remove Hussain since he is a council appointee, which is accurate.

According to the city's website, he is still a member of the Planning Commission.

Although he is not an appointee of the mayor, Hussain worked on Ghalib's mayoral campaign in 2021 and was paid over \$2,000 by Ghalib for printed campaign material.

Both Hussain and Ghalib are Muslim immigrants from Yemen.

As for the backlash Ghalib has faced by critics and the media, he told The Review that, “Keep in mind that everything that's happening now is making me more popular, and my voice is stronger and that's not a good thing for those who hate me!”

Ghalib continued, saying: “At the end, I'm not someone who is desperate for a position, I'm happy to serve our country and our community from anywhere, and the community and the president are very supportive. That's what matters the most.”

According to various media reports, it appears that Ghalib does not have enough support of both Democrats and Republicans who sit on the Senate Foreign Relations Commission.

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In Our Opinion

A new start politically – but, but for many, doubts

Hamtramck's election is now over, and we have new members on city council and a new mayor.

Or do we?

This election is now under a cloud of suspicion about its integrity, with some absentee ballots showing that something fishy happened.

Specifically, signatures that don't match the signatures of voters, and some absentee ballots with no signatures.

There are ongoing concerns about some candidates and their supporters ballot harvesting – an issue that

those in charge of enforcing election laws continue to either ignore, or dither over whether to move forward with investigations or even the filing of criminal charges.

A number of people are now sitting out local elections here in the belief their vote doesn't count if candidates are going to rely on cheating to win.

In short, some believe Hamtramck elections are a joke – and we don't blame them.

What we hope is that, whichever of our newly elected leaders end up in office, they will

push to clean up these doubts, and pressure state investigators to do their collective job: insure the integrity of elections.

Why is that so hard for the state?

Meanwhile, Hamtramck, like many communities, will be facing some challenging times in the next few years.

We hope that, with a fresh start in January, elected officials here will buckle down and get to work shoring up our city finances.

Hamtramck better prepare – and clean up its election mess.

Families brace for SNAP benefits reduction and uncertain future

By Alan Madlane

John Bledsoe, 44, is standing in line, among dozens outside Detroit Friendship House on a sunny Tuesday afternoon, waiting to take home a couple bags of groceries to feed a household of five.

He works two jobs, and still has to rely on the food pantry, and also SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits.

What money he gets from his work, he says, is “still not enough.”

He now has to do without SNAP benefits because Congress is on a self-imposed shutdown – meaning, no business is being done, and a number of so-called safety net benefit programs aren't being funded.

Bledsoe, of Detroit, says the only thing to do until Congress straightens out its differences is to “keep praying.”

“You gotta do what you gotta do, of course. It's going to be tough,” he added.

Bledsoe, and about 2,700 other people who live in Hamtramck, will now have to lean more heavily on food pantries like Detroit Friendship.

According to government records, about 40 percent of the city's 27,000 people are living in poverty.

Across the nation, some 42 million people – about

Beverly Henry selects food items from Detroit Friendship House's food pantry.



12 percent of the country's population – also rely on the government for food each month.

There was a moment this week when President Trump agreed to follow a federal court order and dip into special funds, set aside especially for occasions like this, to continue SNAP benefits.

But, on Tuesday, Trump decided to defy that court order and not release the funding.

And then he apparently flip-flopped again, as a White House spokesperson said SNAP funding would be released. Sort of.

It turns out that Trump only agreed to release half of the monthly funding allocated for November, and then no more after that.

In Michigan, the halt to the SNAP program could affect up to 1.4 million people.

Elizabeth Hertel, Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) pulled no punches in her frank assessment of the situation, saying “The impact of households losing SNAP benefits will be felt around the state. SNAP is more than a food assistance program; it's a lifeline for many Michigan families.”

In response to this dire situation, Friendship House, located on Conant, issued a press release saying:

“We know many neighbors are feeling the effects of recent SNAP funding delays.

“To help bridge the gap, MDHHS is partnering with Forgotten Harvest to host pop-up food distributions at MDHHS offices across Southeast Michigan.”

This special program starts on Tuesday Nov. 25 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) and is intended to continue every fourth Tuesday of

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Odds & Ends

Helping out ... Volunteers answered the call for last weekend's citywide fall cleanup.

This is what the city had to say:

“This community effort helped to clean across the city at Sarah Garret Park, Hamtramck City Hall, Veterans Park, and beyond. Thank you to all of the volunteers who attended the Cleanup! Your time and generosity to the community is valued with the City of Hamtramck.”

The city also extends a special thank you to:

The Hamtramck Beautification Commission (including staff member Max Gilginas and commission members Daniel Brickley and Gary Saganski) for organizing the Cleanup; Hamtramck Recycling for donating their dumpster; Amicci's Pizza for donating gift cards to volunteers; YANA for donating snacks for volunteers; SOS Outreach (@sosoutreach); the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy; LEAP; Ham High Adventure (@hamhigh_adventure); the Hamtramck Police Reserves; Hamtramck City Football Club; and any other community member that was able to volunteer over the weekend.

The city is urging residents to “continue to strive toward making Hamtramck a beautiful and clean community!”

A number of residents here were rooting for Nagi, who is Yemeni, from what we could tell from Hamtramck social media posts. Hammoud is Lebanese.

It seemed that it would be a hotly contested race, but, as it turned out, Hammoud won in a landslide with 72 percent of the vote, compared to Almudhegi's 28 percent.

Speaking of elections ...

New York City voters just made history by electing the city's first-ever Muslim mayor, Zohran Mamdani, who ran as a Democratic Socialist.

Congratulations Big Apple, which is the hometown of a certain crusty editor of The Review.

Unlike in the case of Hamtramck, which made history by electing a socially conservative all-Muslim city council and mayor, Mamdani is socially progressive, including when it comes to LGBTQ rights.

Here in Hamtramck, one

te representative, worked on Mamdani's campaign.

Aiyash is also a champion of LGBTQ rights, despite harsh backlash from Hamtramck's conservative Muslim residents, many of whom aligned with President Trump in the 2024 presidential election.

Aiyash, a Democrat, was a co-sponsor in the state legislature on state resolutions protecting and expanding LGBTQ rights. From the looks of it, Aiyash likely has a job with Mamdani's administration.

Another one bites the dust ...

We don't mean to trivialize this, because the ongoing shutting down of local newspapers is getting frightening.

A couple weeks ago, it was the Dearborn Press & Guide, which had been published for over 100 years.

As it turns out, last week the same company that owns the Press & Guide also closed the doors on



New York City's newly-elected mayor, Zhoran Mamdani (left), poses with Hamtramck's Abraham Aiyash, a former state representative whose district included Hamtramck. Aiyash worked Mamdani's campaign. Photo: Facebook

Reminder ... The Hamtramck Public Library is celebrating its 107th Anniversary by hosting a “Breakfast Celebration” Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the library's Main Hall.

And, of course, the public is invited to stop by and dig in – all for absolute free.

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

Breakfast is being served up by the good folks at Maine Street Restaurant, and the menu features turkey sausage, pancakes, eggs and more.

The event is organized by the Friends of Hamtramck Public Library.

Dearborn election ...

There was some local interest in the mayoral election in Dearborn.

Dearborn Mayor Abdullah Hammoud came under intense scrutiny, and criticism, from his opponent Nagi Almudhegi.

of the first actions our all-male, all-Muslim mayor and city council did when they came into office was to pass a resolution banning the display of pride flags on public property.

In contrast, mayor-elect Mamdani promotes LGBTQ and trans rights.

In fact, one of his policy promises, according to the internet, “is investing in gender-affirming care and establishing an Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs, with a commitment to making NYC a sanctuary city for queer and trans New Yorkers.”

In Mamdani's victory speech, he even “explicitly stated his commitment to the rights of vulnerable New Yorkers, including the LGBTQ+ community,” again, according to the internet.

There is a Hamtramck connection to Mamdani.

Hamtramck's own Abraham Aiyash, who recently served in Lansing as a sta-

the Royal Oak Tribune, which has been publishing for 123 years.

That company is the Denver-based MediaNews Group, which also owns The Detroit News, The Oakland Press, and The Macomb Daily.

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Veterans Day observance ...

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Interview with New Interim City Manager, Alex Lagrou
October 28, 2025 Council Meeting
Preservation of Jazz - Concert at the Library
and more

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Oct. 28-Nov. 3.

Tuesday, Oct. 28
• Family trouble was reported in the 11400 block of Moran.
• A hit-and-run accident was reported on Gallagher. A hit-and-run accident was also reported in the area of Botsford and Norwalk.
• A road hazard was reported in the area of Caniff and the I-75 service drive.
• A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Winfield and Evaline.

Wednesday, Oct. 29
• A fight between juveniles was reported in the 2600 block of Casmere.
• Property damage was reported on Doremus and on Goodson.
• A loose dog was reported on Holbrook.
• Family trouble was reported in the 2600 block of Whalen.
• A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Holmes.
• Complaints about animals were made in the 11400 block of Sobieski and in the 5000 block of Caniff.
• Theft reports were made in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau and in the 2300 block of Denton.

Thursday, Oct. 30
• Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
• A larceny was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Yemans.
• A theft was reported in the 2300 block of Goodson.
• A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
• A person was reported missing in the 3800 block of Norwalk.
• An incident of fraud was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.

Friday, Oct. 31
• A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3100 block of Trowbridge.
• A theft was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.
• A trespassing complaint was made in the 3500 block of Caniff.
• A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Commor and Gallagher.
• Family trouble was reported in the 3800 block of Norwalk.

Saturday, Nov. 1
• Family trouble was reported in the 11700 block of Fleming.
• Two unrelated disturbances were reported, one in the 3200 block of Belmont and another in the 12000 block of Dyar.
• Gunshots were reported in the 9800 block of Conant.
• A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3200 block of Belmont.
• A complaint about an animal was made in the 2400 block of Andrus.
• A theft was reported in the 3400 block of Doremus.
• Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 2200 block of Caniff.
• Three suspects were arrested in the 3800 block of Miller for assault and obstruction.
• Family trouble was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.

Sunday, Nov. 2
• At midnight, a complaint was made about a juvenile in the 9800 block of Conant.
• A fight was reported in the 5000 block of Caniff. A fight was also reported in the 9800 block of Conant at a little after 1 a.m.
• An assault was reported in the 9500 block of Conant.
• Property damage was reported in the area of Caniff and Moran.

Monday, Nov. 3
• A domestic fight was reported in the 9400 block of McDougall.
• A runaway was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
• A vehicle was reported stolen in the 11400 block of Klinger.
• A business on Conant reported trouble with a customer.
• An incident of indecent exposure was reported in the 8000 block of Jos. Campau.
• An assault was reported in the area of Conant and Trowbridge.

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- Saturday - 9am-12pm

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Hamtramck MI, 48212
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Detroit Friendship House prepares for food needs

By Charles Sercombe

In light of the national SNAP food assistance program being cut off while Congress is in its shutdown, The Review talked with Khurshida Hossain, the Executive Director at Detroit Friendship House.

Friendship House, located at 9540 Conant, has been serving as a food pantry for many years.

Hossain talked about how Friendship House is helping with those experiencing food shortages.

Review: What do you think will be the impact (of the SNAP funding freeze) on Friendship House?

Hossain: We do anticipate an increase in pantry attendance and new enrollment, based on calls we have received. We (normally) serve an average of 400 families each month, and 40% of our clients are SNAP participants.

Review: Are you able to provide enough food assistance?

Hossain: At the moment, yes. We are exploring options to source more food

and host additional distribution days, but we are unsure exactly what to expect, or whether we will have the capacity or partners to make that happen.

Donations, which we use for additional groceries, operational bills, and community outreach, are very helpful for meeting the needs of our neighbors.

Review: Are you taking extra steps to prepare for what could be increased demand?

Hossain: We continue our regular food distributions for Hamtramck residents in need of food assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2–4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. We are talking with partners and peers to see what more we can do.

Volunteers, neighbors, and local businesses all play vital roles in supporting food pantries in times like this. We especially need bi-lingual volunteers who can help interpret

Bangla and Arabic during our Tuesday and Thursday food distributions.

Review: Are you getting calls from people about this?

Hossain: Yes. We’ve received many calls from concerned guests asking if we will remain open, (and) we have assured them we will be here for them. We’ve also gotten calls from people inquiring how to sign up.

And we are grateful to the many donors who have reached out.

Review: What do people have to do to sign up for food assistance with your organization?

Hossain: Families seeking food assistance from Detroit Friendship House can learn about eligibility and what to bring by visiting our website: www.detroitfriendshiphouse.org/gethelp, or by stopping by our office during business hours to register in person.

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Nov. 11), which is Veterans Day.

A short service will be held at 11:11 a.m., and it will include a champagne toast followed by lunch. The post is located on Evaline at McDougall.

Fundraiser ... PLAV Post 10, located at 11834 Jos. Campau, invites the public to all-you-can-eat brunch this Sunday, Nov. 9 from

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Veterans will be served for free. Firefighters, police officers and kids under 10 years old are discounted at \$10.

The brunch features raffles, a Bloody Mary bar and live music by Cara Jean.

Proceeds from the event go to support veterans at the Detroit VA Hospital.

Families brace for SNAP benefits reduction and uncertain future

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the month for the foreseeable future.

You must first register, and the program is run first-come, first-served.

There is an MDHHS office in Hamtramck, located at 12140 Jos. Campau (313-892-0180).

Also, Friendship House, 9540 Conant (313-871-7443), will continue to serve Hamtramck residents during these times, as per normal:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays: 2–4 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

For those who live outside the borders of Hamtramck, you can go online to find out where other food distributions are available:

- pantrynet.org/mobile-distribution-events
- forgottenharvest.org/find-food
- greatstart.org/food

Or, you can call 2-1-1 to find more local support.

The City of Hamtramck is also asking residents to donate food.

In message on the city’s Facebook page it said:

“With the ongoing federal government shutdown and the looming loss of SNAP benefits for many of our neighbors, we’re calling on the community to step in.

“This November, any time you visit City Hall to vote, pay a bill, pick up a permit, etc., please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food or household goods.

“City staff will not only do its part to contribute to this great cause, but we will also arrange delivery of the donated goods to local pantries supporting Hamtramck residents. Every contribution helps.”

The Piast Institute and the Hamtramck Drug Free Coalition, located at 11633 Jos. Campau, are also pitching in and offering free canned food in its outdoor “Little Library” stand.

Canned food donations are welcomed.

(Review Editor Charles Sercombe also contributed to this report.)



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Obituaries

BERLIN

Jerome “Jerry” Stanley Berlin, born September 3, 1960, in Hamtramck, Michigan, passed away on November 4, 2025, at the age of 65.

Jerry was a proud union man and longtime member of IBEW Local 58, where he dedicated his career as an electrician. A hard worker to his core, he believed in doing things the right way, taking care of his own, and standing by his values. His hands built a life rooted in loyalty, love, and grit, and he carried that pride in everything he did.

Above all, Jerry loved his family. His greatest joy was being a husband, father, and Papa, which was his favorite title. He poured his heart into his children and absolutely cherished his grandchildren, who lit up his world.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Jeanne, and their children: Jamie and his wife Nicole, their sons Easton and Cooper; Jen and her husband John, and their children Colton, Brenna, Lily, Bella, and Quin; Jason and his partner Courtney.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Joe, and his siblings Jimmy and Raymond, and Patrice. He is survived by his sisters Paula (Tom) Worthington and Mary (John) Fish, his brother Joe (Kathy), and

sisters-in-law, Sandy and Theresa.

He also leaves behind beloved lifelong friends, as well as countless cousins, nieces, and nephews. All of whom loved and cherished him deeply, and whose lives were shaped by his loyalty, laughter, and steady presence.

To know Jerry was to know generosity. He would give the shirt off his back without hesitation and was the person everyone called when they needed support. A provider, a protector, and a steady presence, Jerry showed love through action. You never questioned if he had your back, he always did.

Outside of work and family, Jerry found peace outdoors. He loved hunting, fishing, and the quiet simplicity of nature, where life felt grounded and real. And at home, he was a proud Detroit sports fan, through the highs and the heartbreaks. He especially loved his Lions, cheering with loyalty only a true Detroiters could understand.

Jerry’s Catholic faith was the foundation of his life. He held a deep devotion to Father Solanus Casey and faithfully attended Wednesday healing Masses, seeking grace, peace, and gratitude through prayer. His quiet faith guided him, strengthened him, and shaped the way he loved and served others.

Jerry’s legacy lives on in the values he instilled: loyalty, kindness, hard work, and the importance of showing up for the people you love. His presence will be deeply missed and felt forever in the hearts of his family.

Well done, good and

faithful servant. In the loving spirit of Blessed Solanus Casey, may you rest in God’s peace and may we always ‘thank God ahead of time,’ trusting we will be reunited with you in His eternal light.”

Visitation, Friday, November 7, 2025, from 3 – 9 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Lying in state at 11:30 a.m. until time of funeral Mass at 12 noon, Saturday, November 8, 2025, at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Jerry’s name to The Solanus Casey Center or to the IBEW Local 58 Benevolent fund at: DEWBF, Attn: Mike Bellhorn, 1358 Abbott St, Detroit MI 48226.

MAZUR



Boleslawa Mazur, 98, died November 3, 2025.

Dear wife of late Bronislaw and loving mother of Margaret (Gary) Ellul and Ursula (Kerry) Hipps. Boleslawa is also survived by her granddaughters; Amanda Ellul and Lorry (Brett) Gyarfas; great granddaughters Ilyra and Inara.

Visitation is Monday, November 10, 2025, from 2 – 6 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Lying in state at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212. Mausoleum Entombment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit MI 48234.



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