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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Unresolved election matters from November are ongoing

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's mayoral election is still not over, and it doesn't appear it will be settled any time soon.

Mayor Adam Alharbi is appealing a state appeals court decision to have a Wayne County Circuit Court reconsider its decision to not count 37 ballots from last November's election.

The appeals court had ruled that the ballots should be counted. It's not known how long it will take the state supreme court to decide whether to consider Alharbi's appeal.

The ballots have been a point of contention between Alharbi and mayoral hopeful, and former city councilmember, Muhith Mahmood.

Alharbi is insisting that the ballots cannot be counted because they were discovered in the city clerk's office a day after the election. Alharbi says the ballots can't be counted because the ballots were opened, and then left, in an unsecure area where anyone in the clerk's office could have tampered with them.

A Wayne County Circuit Court judge ruled in favor of Alharbi, but Mahmood appealed that decision, saying that not counting



Will Mayor Adam Alharbi hang on to his position? An appeal to the state supreme court may soon decide the fate of Alharbi, and whether mayoral hopeful Muhith Mahmood can pull an upset.

the ballots is unconstitutional because those voters would be disenfranchised through no fault of their own.

Alharbi has already been serving as mayor for the past four months.

The ballots came from precinct 2, which is comprised of predominantly Bengali voters.

Since Mahmood is also Bengali, the thought is he could turn out to be the winner in the election because he would likely win the majority of those votes.

The mayoral election was a close one. Mah-

mood initially lost the election by only six votes. A recount of the ballots, not including the contested ones, resulted in Alharbi winning by a slightly larger margin of 11 votes.

Even if Mahmood ends up winning the election, Alharbi has also is challenging Mahmood's qualification to hold elected office in Hamtramck, saying that he is a non-resident who actually lives in Troy.

Mahmood has admitted that his wife and family live in Troy but says that he lives in Hamtramck. He has said that he is not divorced or separated from

his wife.

An internal city investigation into his residency, as well as that of Councilmember Abu Musa, alleged that neither live in Hamtramck. The investigation said Mahmood lives in Troy, and Musa lives in Warren with his wife and family.

Both deny the allegations of not being residents.

In other election-related news, the ongoing felony election fraud case against Councilmember Mohammed Hassan has been pushed back further

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Quick Hits

Tree-planting party is now this Saturday

By Charles Sercombe

Let's try that again.

We're talking about a tree-planting and block party all rolled into one, which was supposed to happen last Saturday. But the weather forecast for that day called for an all-day rain.

So, the event was postponed until this Saturday, April 25. This time rain or shine.

It's all starting with a block party next to Pulaski Park, beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 1 p.m.

Expect plenty of fun activities, including:

- Educational sessions to teach about the benefits of trees
- Tree-planting workshops
- Free giveaways
- Crafts
- Touch-A-Truck – a chance for kids to see bucket trucks up-close
- Music and more

According to a city press release:

"This will double as the City's Arbor Day celebration. The entire Hamtramck community is invited – especially those who live in the neighborhood close to the block party."

The tree planting is part of a four-year project to plant 1,000 trees – all thanks to a grant.

You can get a free tree planted at your residence simply by calling the city at (313) 800-5233, extension 818. Or, you can request a tree by emailing the city at: treerequests@hamtramckcity.gov.

That's not the only spring thing happening.

On Saturday, May 2, the Beautification Commission is hosting its bi-annual city-wide cle-

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It's all things strawberry at St. Florian's annual festival



St. Florian's annual Strawberry Festival is right around the corner, coming May 2-3. The event features home-cooked Polish dinners and live bands.

By Alan Madlane

The air will smell like a strawberry patch.

Well, maybe. Certainly, there will be strawberries, or strawberry-filled goodies, and they will be everywhere.

That's why it's called a Strawberry Festival, after all.

Yes, another long-time Hamtramck tradition is upon us again, and that is the St. Florian Church Strawberry Festival. And it's a full slate of goings-on this year, which we're now going to share with you, the beloved reader.

Who, hopefully, likes strawberry things. 'Cause, you know... there's going to be some.

The festival is set for next weekend, Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3. In the past, it has gone off rain or shine (potentially important because, you know, we've had a lot of rain this spring... why are we having to tell you all this?).

Utilizing a large tent outside and the church's basement-level hall, weather shouldn't be a concern.

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Mayor's message to kidnap victim

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's mayor and school board president each made an online statement about the recent kidnapping and sexual assault of a 16-year-old student.

The student was kidnapped last Monday, at about 7 a.m., at a bus stop near Pulaski Park.

The kidnapping suspect, who has an extensive criminal history that includes rape, was arrested about a half hour after the kidnapping, and is now facing several felony charges.

The teen's rescue was assisted by fellow students, who helped police track the teen's whereabouts by her cellphone. A gas station clerk, Abdulrahman Abohatem, is also being hailed as a hero for separating the teen from the suspect while they were attempting to buy a pack of cigarettes.

That delay allowed time for Hamtramck police officers to make an arrest of the suspect.

Mayor Adam Alharbi asked the community to rally around the victim.

Here's what he had to say on social media:

"My dear brothers ...

"We have all expressed our admiration for the hero of the situation, Brother Abdulrahman, and everyone who helped in this cause, which we are honored and reflects the original mettle of this community.

"It's nice to celebrate the hero, and even more beautiful to stand with those who have lived in fear; the child and her family, they too need support and attention who have gone through... difficult moments.

"Let's spread that same love. And that same support to the baby girl and her family, they need us today as well to stand beside them and help them get through what they went through.

"I would like to confirm that this is a high duty that was not requested by the family, but an initiative from us to express our unity as children of one

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Holy Mass 9 am

Solemnity of St. Joseph the Workman
Apr 30 – Holy Mass 9 am

May 1 – Holy Mass 9 am
May 2 – Holy Mass 10 am

Apr 25 – Drive-thru Take-out only Polish
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Saturday, May 2, it begins with a "soft open" at noon, with dinners (think Polish favorites like city chicken, kielbasa, pierogi, stuffed cabbage and nalesniki) and a bake sale available at that time, DJ Lukasz Wawer in the church's lower level spinning tunes from 2-9 p.m., and mingling.

There will be a parade from the fire station, beginning at 3:30 p.m., making its way east on Caniff to Jos. Campau, and then

proceeding south to Poland St., and finally back west a couple blocks to St. Florian, at 2626 Poland. That will be followed by a 4 p.m. Fireman's Mass, in English.

St. Florian is the patron saint of firefighters.

Then, at 5 p.m., the festival opens in earnest, with the Polish Muslims once again entertaining as only they can, from 6:30-9:00, and the day wrapping up at 10 p.m.

As the sun rises on

Sunday, May 3, there are of course Polish masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., plus an English-language one at 12:30 p.m. at the church.

The festival opens at noon, again with dinners and the bake sale going on until the food is eaten up and gone.

Music begins at 2 p.m. with The Honest to God Jug Band performing in the outside tent, playing until 5 p.m., and the Kielbasa Kings polka band in

the church basement hall from 2-7 p.m.

The Gwiazda Dancers get kicking at 3 p.m., there will be a kids' tent with crafts and games outside, and there will be free tours of the church building at 2, 3, 4 and 6 p.m. as well.

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community.

"We've shown incredible love to our hero. Let's now pour that same generosity and support into the victim and her family."

The president of the Hamtramck Board of Education, Abdulmalik Al-gahaim, said the school board has officially recognized the role of Abo-hatem, the gas station clerk.

Here is what he said, also on social media:

"On April 14th regular Board Meeting, the Hamtramck Public Schools Board of Education proudly recognized Abdulrahman Abohatem, a young Yemeni man in our community, for his exceptional courage.

"He stepped in to protect a student from a violent attacker, acting without hesitation in a moment when every

second mattered. His bravery and instinct to do what was right demonstrated true integrity and responsibility.

"We were honored to acknowledge his heroic actions. His example inspired us all and strengthened the unity and safety of our community.

"Thank you, Abdulrahman, for showing what true courage looks like."

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from his April court date to June 29.

Hassan is being charged, through the Monroe County Prosecutor's office, with three felonies:

- Forging a voter's signature on an absentee ballot application
- Forgery
- Making a false statement on an application for an absentee ballot

The request for a delay in the trial came from the prosecutor's office. Mon-

roe Assistant Prosecutor Ragan Lake said she asked for an adjournment in order "to look into hiring an expert in forensic document analysis."

The Review also reached out to Hassan's attorney, Scott Ruark, for comment but he did not respond.

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The Hamtramck Historical Museum is now offering free public tours of the museum the last Saturday of EVERY month. No need to preregister.

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This week at the Library . . .

April 24, 2026

Medicare: A team from Priority Health will conduct a meeting answering questions about Medicare options. The next presentation will take place on Wednesday, May 6 at 2:15 pm.

Samuel F.B. Morse: This inventor of telegraph was born on April 27, 1791 in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He developed the idea of an electromagnetic telegraph in the 1830's and tapped out his first message "What hath God Wrought?" in 1841 on the first telegraph line, running from Washington D.C. to Baltimore. The construction of the first telegraph line was funded by Congress (\$30,000.00) after Morse failed to get any other financial backing. After Western Union was founded in 1856, the telegraph lines were quickly strung from coast to coast in America.

First President: On April 30, 1789 the first oath of office was administered as George Washington became the first U.S. President. The ceremony was held on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Borad Streets in New York City.

Muhammad Ali: On April 30, 1967, he was stripped of his world heavyweight boxing championship after refusing to be inducted into the American military. He had claimed religious exemption.

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library card. They even have stories in ASL. Find a link to this awesome resource for kids on our website www.hamtramck.lib.mi.us under the eResources tab.

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.

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HAMTRAMCK HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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with Gary Gillette

While not a racial utopia, Hamtramck was a very progressive city in terms of race relations. The original Hamtramck village council and the first city council both included Black council members. African Americans could own their own houses in the city and Hamtramck Public Schools were integrated (both unlike Detroit). This talk will focus on the African American-Polish American cooperation and civil rights actions in Hamtramck in the 1920s and 1930s.

RESCHEDULED DATE: Sat., May 16th at 1 p.m. - \$5

Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau
Register here: hamtramckhistory.com. Tickets also available at the door.

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

An age-old remedy for public safety: neighbors

Public safety, especially that for our students, has been on the minds of residents this past week.

The kidnapping and assault of a 16-year-old female student waiting at a bus stop has prompted concern and outrage from the community – and it's understandable.

The kidnapping is indeed a nightmare scenario for parents and kids. The alleged events are truly horrifying.

From this case came calls for increased po-

lice patrols and the installation of security cameras. And it just so happened that there was already a request last week from the police department to purchase more Flock traffic cameras that was approved.

Unfortunately, all the police officers and security cameras in the world will never eliminate all violent or criminal conduct.

The most effective preventative remedy is an age-old one: neighbors keeping a close eye on activity happen-

ing on their block.

Evil in the world will never be fully eradicated. This kidnapping underscores the need for all of us to become more aware of our surroundings. The best surveillance is a network of caring neighbors looking out for each other.

Hamtramck is hurting from this ugly incident, and it will take some time to heal.

Our thoughts go out to the student and her family. We can't even imagine the pain they are going through.

Odds & Ends

New city clerk ... On Wednesday, Hamtramck welcomed Sami Elhady as our new city clerk. He was one of four candidates interviewed for the position.

The job's salary was posted as paying between \$80,000 to \$90,000, depending on experience and qualifications.

Elhady recently ran for the position of city clerk in Dearborn, but was unsuccessful.

The city did not provide Elhady's resume, but in an internet search, he lists being the Director of Government Relations at Michigan Professional Tech Solutions.

He replaces former city clerk Rana Faraj.

We wish him the best.

News from Pops Packing ... You may have noticed that a park has been slowly evolving on Carpenter near St. Aubin, but on the Detroit side of the Hamtramck border.

It's called Carpenter Park, and the folks at the art collective Pops Packing have been behind it.

Here's what Pops has to say about the park development:

"For the past 10 years, Pops Packing has been gradually transforming the ¾-acre lot adjacent to our facility into Carpenter Park — a vibrant community space that hosts Camp Carpenter, Soundhenge, creative workshops, and countless community events throughout the summer and fall.

"Thanks to the support of the Wayne Metro Com-

munity Action Agency, we were awarded a Neighborhood Beautification Grant in 2026. This funding will allow us to complete the parks built features such as seating, and some fun sculptural elements as well.

"We are super excited to partner with the very talented Nick Jaskey on a sculptural surprise for the park."

Political endorsement ... Former Detroit mayor Mike Duggan, who is running as an Independent for governor this year, was recently endorsed by the political group Emgage Action, which is Michigan's largest Muslim political action committee.

Duggan has received a lot of praise for turning Detroit around, but also came under criticism from the Michigan Democratic Party for abandoning the party and running as an independent.

Here's what Emgage had to say about Dug-

"The people of Michi-

gan deserve leadership that brings communities together and delivers real results."

Convention time ... No, we're not talking about politics. Instead, this is about the Motor City Comic Con(vention) coming into town for the weekend of May 15-17.

We know there are a number of residents who follow this, especially a certain staff member at The Review who will remain nameless.

This year the event will be held at the Vibe Credit Union Showplace, formerly the Suburban Collection Showplace, before that the Rock Financial Showplace.

Are you keeping track of this? Oh, why bother, it'll be called something else in a couple more years.

Anyway: this year, we are told, celebrity guests scheduled (so far) include stars from Game of Thrones, Happy Days, the Mission Impossible film series, Dallas, Star Wars, Star Trek and more.

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The rules to play Sudoku are quite simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

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an-up.

Volunteers are asked to pitch in from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. but, really, any amount of time, on any day, that you can spare to make your neighborhood shine more will be appreciated.

Volunteers are asked to meet up at one of the following locations, where

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City of Hamtramck – City Council

The City of Hamtramck City Council will conduct one public hearings on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212. The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearing or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Written comments should be made to the attention of Omar Thabet at othabet@hamtramckcity.gov before 12:00 p.m. on May 26, 2026.

The subject of the public hearing is revisions to the City of Hamtramck ordinance – Chapter 54: Trees and Shrubs. The proposed ordinance changes will outline clearer guidelines for residents and the Department of Public Services for handling trees and shrubs within the public right-of-way, increasing public awareness of tree/shrub maintenance across the City and strengthening the protection of City-owned trees/shrubs.

This second reading and public hearing is contingent upon City Council's approval of the 1st reading on May 12, 2026.

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By Charles Sercombe

The week's Crime Log covers April 14-20.

Tuesday, April 14

- A fight was reported on Jos. Campau.
- A disorderly group of people were reported on Oklahoma.
- A suspect was arrested on Jos. Campau for property destruction, and for retail fraud.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 12100 block of Dequindre.
- A female suspect was arrested in the 2300 block of Andrus for assault.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the area of Edwin and Brombach.
- A theft was reported in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- An incident of indecent exposure was reported in the 8900 block of Conant.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 12000 block of Dyar.

Wednesday, April 15

- A domestic assault was reported in the 3000 block of Trowbridge.
- A fight was reported in the 9400 block of Mitchell.
- An assault was reported in the 3000 block of Trowbridge.
- A trespassing complaint was made in the 2900 block of Yemans.

Thursday, April 16

- A complaint was made about noise in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 2300 block of Caniff. Also, trouble between neighbors in the 2200 block of Alice resulted in an arrest of a suspect.
- A theft was reported in the 11600 block of Mitchell.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the area of Gallagher and Yemans.

- A theft was reported in the 19200 block of Jos. Campau.
- A male suspect was arrested in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau for domestic assault.
- Officers, responding to a call about a disturbance in the 2900 block of Yemans, arrested a male for providing false information.

Friday, April 17, 2026

- A break-in was reported in the 2000 block of Evaline.
- A theft was reported in the 8800 block of Conant.
- Officers, investigating a suspicious situation in the 3300 block of Norwalk, arrested a male juvenile.
- A male suspect was arrested in the area of Conant and Jacob for being disorderly.
- Reckless drivers were reported at Jos. Campau and Dan. A reckless driver was also reported at Casmere and Klinger.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3300 block of Caniff.

Saturday, April 18

- Property damage was reported in the 2700 block of Norwalk.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 11700 block of Charest.

Sunday, April 19

- A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Lumpkin and Edwin.
- An assault was reported in the 1900 block of Evaline.
- A person in the 12000 block of Dyar reported receiving harassing communications.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the area of Grand Haven and Carpenter.
- An unwanted guest was reported at a residence in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

Monday, April 20

- No incident report was available for this date.

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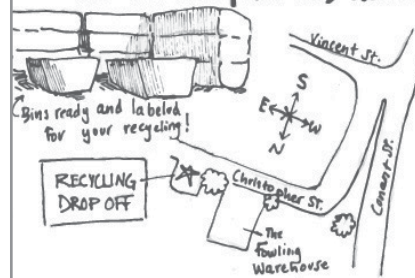
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- Drivers – always stop well back when a bus has its stop sign out and lights flashing.
- Together – schools, police, families, and drivers – we keep our kids safe.

Parks Conservancy offers a variety of activities

By Alan Madlane

With warm weather returning — if a bit too slow — the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy has geared up for another busy season.

Most of these activities or programs originate in, or gather initially at, Veterans Park, 3201 Dan St. off Jos. Campau on the city's south end.

For example, there's an hour-long, 5-10 mile Community Bike Ride happening tonight (Friday, April 24) from 6-7 p.m., peddling its way around the city. Free bike rentals were available, but one was supposed to have registered by this past Tuesday; best to email them at info@hamtramckparks.com to see if it's not too late to secure one, if you don't already have your own.

The conservancy welcomes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Saturday, April 24, from 1-2 p.m. as they bring an interactive "Enviroscape" table activity called "The Way Water Moves" to Veterans Park tomorrow, Saturday (April 25).

On this same Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m., you can drop off soil samples from around your home, to be tested for the presence of lead in their SoilSHOP screening.

This Sunday, events include learning about the trees of Veterans Park from 1-2 p.m. from a Huron-Clinton MetroParks visiting naturalist.

Also on Sunday, there will be a clothing swap happening, from noon until roughly 3 p.m. Swap out your gently-used clothes, including accessories (but not shoes), and then, in turn, pick off a few new (to you) items to take home with you.

We'll have more next month. And remember too, there are actually three annual Earth Days, of which this one on April 22 was merely the first, tied into Earth Week. Others fall on Wednesday, June 24 and Wednesday, August 26 this year.

Check out the conservancy's Facebook page for a full calendar, and watch for us to give more dates and info here soon in these pages.

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- 2pm-5pm The Honest to God Jug Band in the outside tent**
- 2pm-6pm Children's Activities in outside tent: Crafts and Games**
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Sat., May 9, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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