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### Quick Hits

## Museum is seeking volunteers

By Alan Madlane

Have you always had a passion for history? Or have you just recently developed one?

Either way, your local history museum is looking for someone like you.

The Hamtramck Historical Museum – the city’s repository for all things Hamtramck, dating back to almost before there even was a Hamtramck – is holding a meeting tomorrow, Saturday, April 4, from 1-2 p.m. for prospective volunteers.

They’ll tell you more about the work (and the perks of helping them out) if you attend, but generally museum volunteers assist with a variety of tasks that help keep the museum functioning, clean and organized.

Last year, volunteers combined to provide more than 1,300 person-hours in those very pursuits.

The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau, between Norwalk and Poland. Their phone number is (313) 262-6571, and they are there to answer calls at least on Fridays (11 a.m.-3 p.m.), Saturdays (11a.m.-4 p.m.) and Sundays (Noon-3 p.m.), and occasionally on other days and times too.

For the uninitiated, check them out at hamtramckhistory.com.



### — HAMTRAMCK’S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —



## Mayoral election dispute continues to remain unresolved

By Charles Sercombe

Will Mayor Adam Alharbi’s three-month tenure in office go down as the shortest term in Hamtramck’s history?

That’s the stakes in this never-ending mayoral election, which has taken yet another twist and turn.

As most folks in Hamtramck likely know by now, there has been a running dispute over whether 37 uncounted ballots should be included in the election results from last November’s mayor and city council election.

The ballots in question were found in the city clerk’s office, a day after the November election. The envelopes containing the ballots had been cut open.

Former City Clerk Rana (Faraj) Allen said she immediately contacted Wayne County election officials when she discovered the ballots, and she was told to bring them to the county.

Last week, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that the ballots should be

counted. The court majority ruled that not counting the ballots would violate those voters’ “fundamental right to vote,” and that, according to state law, “mistakes made by election officials must not result in the rejection of a ballot cast by an eligible voter.”

However, out of the three judges, Justice Colleen O’Brien dissented, saying the uncounted ballots, being in opened envelopes, could have been tampered with.

At this point, Mayor Alharbi is asking the state supreme court to temporarily halt the counting of the ballots until that court hears his appeal.

It’s not known when the supreme court will rule on that appeal.

It’s also unknown what will happen if it turns out that former city council member Muhith Mahmood wins the mayoral election.

Alharbi won by only 11 votes, giving Mahmood a mathematical chance of

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Mayor Adam Alharbi (above) is trying to prevent 37 uncounted ballots from being included in the election tally from last November. His opponent, Muhith Mahmood, says not counting the ballots is unconstitutional.



## Critics lash out at councilmember

By Charles Sercombe

Former city clerk Rana (Faraj) Allen is hitting back at Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury’s criticism of her.

And, once again, the spat is being played out mostly on social media.

It all began with what Choudhury told the Detroit News about his thoughts on Allen.



Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury

“She was not a good person as she should be as a human being. Job is not authoritarian, should be respected, due diligence and integrity.”

Choudhury also lashed out at two residents: Diana Elizabeth, who he called a “fake bitch,” and, in another social media post, political rival Kamal Rahman, who he referred to as a “douchebag.”

Allen provided a lengthy response to Choudhury, and she did not hold back, saying:

“This is the same man who used to pop his head into the Clerk’s Office when I was dealing with two councilmen’s residency issues with the ‘thank you for all you do, we all know they don’t live here, we’ve got your back’ speech.

“Real supportive, real bold... behind closed doors. Then that same day, he hops on the podium during public comment acting brand new: ‘Do we even have enough evidence to hold against them?!’

“Sir... pick a personality.

“He plays both sides like it’s a full-time job. Whatever keeps him safe, whatever keeps him liked. Too scared to stand on what he actually knows because he’s worried about losing favor with the Bangladeshi community and their votes.

“Let’s not forget the calls either. Complaining  
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## School board member resigns because she is moving

By Charles Sercombe

In an unexpected move, Hamtramck School Board of Education member Daz’Shavon Hall resigned last week.

Hall told The Review that she resigned because she is moving out of Hamtramck.

Hall, 34, started out as an appointee by the board in 2020, to fill a seat by former Board President Maggie Srodek. She later won an election to sit on the board for a six-year term.

That term is ending at the end of December of this year.

Hall had been a sub-



Daz Hall

stitute teacher in the district and an employee with the district’s recreation department.

She has a degree in criminal justice from Wayne

State University.

Hall was the third African-American to sit on the board, following Yvonne Myrick and Titus Walters.

In her interview with the school board back in 2020 to fill Srodek’s seat, Hall told the board that her role as a board member is “to be here, and be able to give feedback.”

The board is now seeking candidates to apply for Hall’s position for the remainder of her term.

To apply for the seat vacated by Hall, send a letter of interest (no later than April 10) by going

online to:

aalgahaim@hamtramckschools.org and jmcbray@hamtramckschools.org

The Board will conduct interviews of candidates on Tuesday, April 14.

To find out the duties of board members, go online at:

www.masb.org/roles-and-responsibilities.aspx

In other news related to the school board, boardmembers Moortadha Obaid and Regan Watson are up for re-election this coming November.

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- March 29 **Palm Sunday** Blessing & Distribution of  
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- April 1 **Wednesday** Stations of the Cross (Part 3) **7 pm**
- April 2 **Maundy Thursday** Holy Mass and Holy Thursday  
Liturgy **7 pm**
- April 3 **Good Friday** The Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord  
**9 am**  
Adoration of the Cross & Scripture Readings at  
half hour intervals 12-3 pm
- April 4 **Holy Saturday** Liturgy **9:30 am**  
Blessing of Food Baskets **11, 1 pm & 2pm**
- April 5 **EASTER SUNDAY** Resurrection of our Lord,  
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- April 6 **Easter Monday** Holy Mass in Polish  
(Msza Sw. w.j. Polskim) 10 am

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# Mayoral election dispute continues to remain unresolved

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overturning the election results.

According to sources, the precinct where the ballots came from is populated by mostly Bengali voters. Mahmood is a Bangladeshi-American and Alharbi is a Yemeni-American, and it's assumed by some political observers that Mahmood would therefore have an advantage.

Mahmood praised the court ruling.

"It's about to establish the fundamental of voter rights," Mahmood told The Review. "It's not about winning or losing. I appreciate the judicial system for uphold the integrity of our democracy and election process."

Alharbi said the court of appeals erred, and that he is confident the supreme court will reverse the

appeals court ruling and uphold November's election results.

"The majority got it wrong today, but the dissenting judge got it right. We cannot afford to let those who participate in voter fraud and not live in Hamtramck win," Alharbi said.

"The 37 ballots failed to meet the legal standard because they came out of nowhere. The court this time was divided, and we have initiated Stay of Execution to stop counting those ballots, and we are confident the supreme court will see the merit in the dissent and rule in our favor."

Alharbi referenced accusations that some candidates here, and their supporters, ballot harvest to win elections, and that Mahmood has been

accused of not being a resident.

According to an internal report conducted by a law firm hired by the city, Mahmood lives in Troy with his family.

Mahmood denies the accusation, and says he lives in a flat on Holbrook and that his family lives in Troy.

Even if Mahmood turns out to be the winner in the election, Alharbi is challenging Mahmood's right to serve as mayor over the residency issue.

The mayoral election last November turned out to be a hot mess. Initially, Alharbi won by only six votes, but after a ballot recount performed by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers, it turned out that Alharbi actually won by 11 votes.

The county board of

canvassers deadlocked on Mahmood's demand that the 37 uncounted ballots be included in the election tally.

That tie vote, split between two Republican members and two Democratic board members, meant that the 37 ballots could not be counted, and that the election results were final.

The Republican members of the board said that, because the ballot envelopes had been opened, the ballots could have been tampered with.

Mahmood's attorney, Mark Brewer, one of the state's top election law attorneys, argued that, if it's believed that the ballots were tampered with, the city could have the voters of the uncounted ballots recast their votes.

## Critics lash out at councilmember

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that my deputy wouldn't let him 'help' residents vote and calling him rude because he wouldn't bend the rules for him. Translation: he was mad he couldn't get away with cheating.

"He knows damn well I ran a fair, clean election. He said it himself. Just not where it counted.

"But now suddenly I'm 'not a good person'? Please. The only thing consistent about him is the switch-up."

The Review reached

out to Choudhury for comment but he did not respond, nor has he responded to earlier attempts to reach him.

Allen was fired by the city after 37 absentee ballots were found uncounted after the November election, and also when a punching bag with the photo of mayoral candidate Muhih Mahmood attached to it was found in her office during November's election.

Allen has responded with a lawsuit filed against the city, seeking monetary damages.

April 3, 2026

## This week at the Library . . .

**Medicare:** A team from Priority Health will conduct a meeting answering questions about Medicare options. The next presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 2:15 pm.

**LOTE4Kids:** This collection of over 2000 digital books in 50+ languages can be accessed by you anytime from your computer or other smart devices. All this is free with the use of your 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](http://www.hamtramck.lib.mi.us) under the eResources tab.

**First U.S. Mint:** On April 2, 1792 the Congress of United States established currency Mint in Philadelphia.

**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.

**Hans Christian Andersen:** This fairy tale author was born on April 2, 1805 in Odense, Denmark. He created 168 fairy tales for children including the classics "The Princess and the Pea, The Snow Queen and The Nightingale".

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

**NATO:** On April 4, 1949, twelve

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# Review: Opinion Page

## *In Our Opinion*

### A worthy celebration, and a crisis on city council

A couple of things are on our mind this week.

And there are a lot of developments that have happened over the past two weeks to absorb.

First, a big shout-out to the good folks at Passenger Radio – Hamtramck's only internet radio station – which showcases the many fascinating tastes of local music fans who serve as their DJs and listeners.

The radio station recently celebrated its first-year anniversary, and we wish them a pleasant celebration and another successful year to come.

Artists and performers have long made Hamtramck their

home, and this city has always been accommodating to those folks. Considering all the deadly serious issues this country is facing, it's comforting to know that our creative voices are still speaking out.

Make it a point to set some time aside to enjoy the good vibes.

Meanwhile, good vibes is something our city council needs to seek out.

We don't know what happened between the personalities on the council, but this is a council that is divided and distracted. We've seen this dysfunction before with past city officials, and if that has broken out

among councilmembers doesn't get under control, Hamtramck is heading for a serious setback.

Come on council. Try to focus, and stop the petty bickering and general disrespect you are showing the community.

Elected officials are put into office to lead – not create a circus.

Everyone, step back, take a breather and hit the reset button.

It's going to be a long four years that will lead to nothing accomplished if councilmembers continue to lash out at each other and spawn conflict.

Trust us: We've been there before, and seen where this leads.



## School Bell

### College Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for an annual scholarship that provides financial assistance to today's students who are aspiring to future leadership roles in their community.

Students pursuing coursework or a degree to assist in serving local government can apply for the Michigan Townships Association's (MTA) Robert R. Robinson Memorial Scholarship by May 31. All undergraduate and

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More information, including an application and sample township resolution, is available online at <https://michigantownships.org/about-mta/robert-robinson-scholarship/>, or by contacting MTA at (517) 321-6467, extension 229.

## Odds & Ends

**Condolences ...** Our thoughts go out to the family and friends of Richard Hyska, who died last week.

Hyska is a former member of the Hamtramck Board of Education, and also was a member of the Hamtramck Housing Commission.

His wife, Peggy, posted this message on social media:

"His impact on us will remain in our hearts forever. He will always remind us to 'stay true to ourselves'. We will miss Richard, however, fond memories of him will help ease of the reality of our loss."

We'll miss talking to Richard about current events and our mutual love of The Ramones.

### Wild, wild youth ...

The buzz around town was about what happened last Monday in the early morning, at around 1:30 a.m.

That's when a group of youths blocked off the intersection of Poland and Lumpkin to do bur-nouts.

Hamtramck police were on the scene within minutes, we are told, after residents called in to shut it down.

What they discovered was a bunch of Dodge Chargers at the scene, at least some having been reported stolen.

One driver attempted to speed away from police but crashed into another vehicle. The driver who fled from officers was driving a stolen Dodge Charger.

The driver of that Charger was recorded by a police dash camera running away down a side street.

The department says it has information on the identity of the driver.

Monday's incident coincided with a recent spate of reckless drivers being reported throughout the city.

This is the message the department had posted, prior to Monday's incident, on social media:

"The Department maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward reckless driving, and remains firmly committed to en-

suring the safety and well-being of all who travel on Hamtramck's roadways."

As always, if you see something like this, call the police department at 911 – and don't wait.

**Party! ...** Spring is here, and that means it's time to start planning.

On April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Spring's return will be celebrated with a block party on the streets facing Pulas-ki Park, where a whole bunch of activities are planned, such as:

- Games
- Activities and crafts
- Free giveaways and prizes
- Neighborhood tree plantings
- Tree benefit workshops
- Touch-a-truck, with a fire truck and a bucket truck

Organizers say the block party "doubles as the city's Arbor Day celebration," and kicks off the spring 2026 planting season for "Grow Hamtramck" – the city's grant-funded program to plant 1,000 trees in four years.

**Tennis time ...** The ever-warming temps outside remind us that summer is only a few months away (never

mind that it just turned to spring; we can dream), and with summer comes activities appropriate thereto.

One such activity is tennis. And Hamtramck has some upcoming program for tennis lovers – or the merely curious –beginning in mid-June. And you can register for these low-cost lessons now.

The courts you'll be learning on are the same ones once prowled, now named after, native daughter and Michigan Sports Hall of Fame member Jean Hoxie, who, along with husband Jerry, created the first tennis camps in the U.S. back in the 1940s.

The dynamic duo tutored some 200 national and international champs, mostly in the boys' ranks, although their most famous pupil might have been 1964 Wimbledon girls' singles champ Peaches Bartkowicz.

Born in Hamtramck as Jane Marie Bartkowicz, Peaches (as she came to be nicknamed) is still alive today at age 76. Jean Hoxie passed away in 1970 at the age of 72.

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## CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 24-30.

### Tuesday, March 24

- A suspect was arrested for a domestic assault that happened on Mitchell.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 11400 block of McDougall.
- A complaint about an animal was made in the area of Evaline and Conant.
- A break-in was reported in the 9600 block of Conant.

### Wednesday, March 25

- A theft was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- A disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of Holbrook.
- During a traffic stop, a male suspect fled from a vehicle and, after a foot chase, was arrested. The suspect was wanted for felony warrants out of Georgia, where he is accused of a weapons violation. The suspect was also arrested for resisting an officer and for providing false information.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A business in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
- A male suspect was arrested in the 5000 block of Caniff for domestic violence.
- An incident of child abuse was reported in the 11700 block of Klinger.
- A theft was reported in the 2200 block of Poland.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported at

- Evaline and Conant.
- A male suspect was arrested for domestic assault in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

### Thursday, March 26

- Property damage was reported in the area of McDougall and Holbrook.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Edwin and Lumpkin.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11600 block of Lumpkin.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 2200 block of Yemans.

### Friday, March 27

- A complaint was made about noise in the 2300 block of Faber.
- A vehicle was stolen in the 11300 block of Moran.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 3000 block of Jacob.
- A robbery was reported in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.
- A person was reported missing in the 3100 block of Trowbridge.
- A business in the 9500 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.

### Saturday, March 28

- At 1:30 a.m., an assault was reported in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau.
- A complaint was made about noise in the 2700 block of Evaline.
- A theft was reported in the 3900 block of Prescott.
- A weapons violation was reported in the 10000 block of Dequindre.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported at

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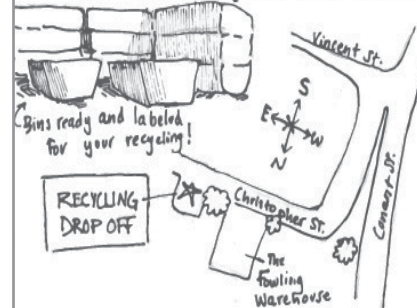
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# RECYCLE IN HAMTRAMCK

24 Hour Drop off

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The recycling bins are located just before the entrance to Priority Waste. It's bright yellow, you can't miss it.

MATERIALS ACCEPTED

#1 - #7 rigid Plastic

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### REDUCE → REUSE → RECYCLE

First: Reduce the amount of plastic, paper, or cardboard you are using/buying.

Next: Reuse the materials you already have, over, and over again.

Finally: Recycle when you cannot use those materials anymore.



## Coming Events

**SATURDAY, April 11, 2-4 P.M.**, Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome! (Please come in person to pick up your meal.)

**Get Attention! Place an Ad in The Review Business Directory**  
Call Dave  
**(313) 874-2100**

# Odds & Ends

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ram. For youth 11-17, there are Tuesday and Thursday classes from 4-5 p.m., June 16 -July 16 (with a break during the week of the Fourth of July holiday), and then another session July 2 - Aug. 13, same times.

For the younger age 6-10 crowd, same dates but from 5-6 p.m.

And for adults 18-up, same dates, 6-7 p.m.

Junior programs include free USTA junior memberships; visit their website and click the JOIN button.

Cost is \$40 per session, with limited scholarships available (contact Susan Court-right at 317-333-3558). Racquets will be provided. Bring a water bottle, they recommend. All skill levels welcomed. Registration open until full. Hoxie Courts are located in Veterans Park, 8648 Jos. Campau. Coaches Al, Joe and Liam all return from last year.

Getting in on it late? Individual sessions are \$5 each.

Playtennis.usta.com/programming to begin (or continue) your tennis journey.

Show off your business...Historic Hamtramck Stadium is offering local businesses a chance to get their names in front of a lot of people for a not-so-big amount of money.

Through their "Hamtramck Stadium 2026 Community Sponsorship Program," you can once again purchase a 5-foot by 8-foot banner (to be affixed to the fencing that surrounds the park).

The banners will be put in place from May through October. The cost will be \$500, or \$400 if you're a returning sponsor from last season. That cost includes the production of the banners.

Hamtramck Stadium is one of five remaining baseball venues in the country that once hosted Negro League games in the segregated years, prior to Jackie Robinson. It was home to the Detroit Stars club

in the 1930s.

You have to act quickly, at this point, to get your banner up, as they are taking orders only through April 4. Contact Mike Wilson, Hamtramck Parks Conservancy's Director of Baseball Operations, with any questions you might have.

Such as, what if a big wind blows your banner into Lake St. Clair one stormy afternoon?

We'd want to know...

**Doin' it Detroit-style ...** The 12th annual "All Things Detroit Day" in Eastern Market is almost upon us once again.

Filling out Sheds 3, 4 & 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, it's an event for city folk, suburbanites and rural visitors alike to enjoy a wide variety of available, Detroit-produced or -centric goods from over 200 different vendors.

It's a celebration of local small business, and this year there's an 80s throwback theme.

There'll be DJs, food trucks and even interactive events.

We'll have more next week before the event.

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HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BID: SECURITY SERVICES

Hamtramck Public Schools will receive sealed bids for **Security Services until May 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

There will be a **mandatory pre-bid meeting at the above address on April 23, 2026 at 9 a.m.**

Hamtramck Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the best interest of the Hamtramck Board of Education and to select the firm it deems most suitable for its needs.

Instructions and minimum specifications are attached. The security service contract will be for a three (3) year period beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

All bids must be submitted and completed on the forms provided, otherwise they may be disqualified. Please submit two (3) copies of the bid and mark the outside of the envelope with "SECURITY BID".

Bids are to be submitted in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

Bruce Coltman Interim Director  
Buildings and Grounds  
Hamtramck Public Schools  
11645 Klinger  
Hamtramck, MI. 48212

If you have any questions, you may contact Bruce Coltman via email at: [bcoltman@hamtramckschools.org](mailto:bcoltman@hamtramckschools.org)

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**DATE & TIME**  
4th Tuesday  
of every month  
10 AM - 2 PM

**How to Register**  
There is no online registration at this time. Please choose one of the following options:

- Pick up a registration form in the lobby and return it to the lobby window.**
- Email your request to: MDHHS-FH-Wayne@michigan.gov. Include:**
  - Include your name
  - Phone number
  - Preferred appointment time

- Important Information**
- Appointments are limited!
  - They are scheduled on a **first-come, first-served basis.**
  - You will receive confirmation once your appointment is scheduled.



### Notice of Public Hearing

#### City of Hamtramck – City Council

The City of Hamtramck City Council will conduct two public hearings on Tuesday, April 28, 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](mailto:othabet@hamtramckcity.gov) before 12:00 p.m. on April 28, 2026.

The first subject of the public hearing is: Increase to height restrictions within the Residential District. The proposed ordinance change will increase the maximum height for residentially zoned parcels from 35 feet to 40 feet. This change would allow enough height for vaulted roofs on 3-story residential structures, which is generally not possible within the current 35-foot limit.

The second subject of the public hearing is: Creation of a Light-Industrial zoning classification. The proposed zone will act as a buffer between the Residential District and Industrial District and is intended for existing parcels that have current nonconforming business uses in the Residential areas. The Light-Industrial zone will allow for low-intensity and medium-intensity productive, fabricating, assembling, workstations, artisan goods, studios, home businesses, and warehousing uses, especially for businesses that are not open to the public, which are currently not allowed by-right in the City's existing commercial districts. All existing residential uses in future Light-Industrial zones will be considered "grandfathered." Future public hearings will determine the parcels to be included in this district.

This second reading and public hearing is contingent upon City Council's approval of the 1st reading on April 14, 2026.

Please note: This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.71 a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the Meeting to Individuals with disabilities at the Meeting or Public Hearing upon 10 day notice to the City Clerk's Office. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Hamtramck City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x 821.

HPS Hamtramck Public Schools Board of Education

### NOTICE OF VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that there is a vacancy on the Hamtramck Board of Education. Interested candidates are to submit a letter of interest including a resume of qualifications, in writing, to the Board President by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026. Information on the roles and responsibilities of a Board Member can be found at the following link: <https://www.masb.org/roles-and-responsibilities.aspx>

Letters should be submitted via email to [aalgahaim@hamtramckschools.org](mailto:aalgahaim@hamtramckschools.org) and [jmcbryar@hamtramckschools.org](mailto:jmcbryar@hamtramckschools.org). The Board will review applications submitted and candidates selected for interview will be notified. Interviews will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 to ascertain candidate qualifications.

Abdulmalik Algahaim, President  
Hamtramck Board of Education

This notice is given pursuant to Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan.



### HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: CUSTODIAL SERVICES

- Mandatory pre-bid meeting:**  
April 22, 2026 9:00 a.m.
- Mandatory walk of facilities:**  
April 22, 2026 10:00 a.m.
- Deadline for questions:**  
April 27, 2026 7:00 a.m.
- Final addendum deadline:**  
April 29, 2026 7:00 a.m.
- Bid due date and time:**  
May 6, 2026 9:00 a.m.
- Address for pre-bid meeting:**  
11645 Klinger Street  
Hamtramck, MI. 48212

E-mail address for any communications related to this bid:

Bruce Coltman  
Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds  
[bcoltman@hamtramckschools.org](mailto:bcoltman@hamtramckschools.org)

Questions are welcome prior to the pre-bid meeting via e-mail. Please **DO NOT** walk our facilities prior to the mandatory walk date.



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	8					1		
			5	2	6	7		3
			3					2
				7		2		8
	5	9						
				1			4	
	9	1						
7								
		3	4			6		

1	2	9	6	5	4	3	2	8
6	3	8	2	9	1	5	4	7
4	2	5	7	3	8	1	6	9
5	4	6	3	1	9	8	7	2
7	9	3	8	4	2	6	5	1
8	1	2	5	7	6	9	3	4
2	6	4	1	8	3	7	9	5
3	8	7	9	2	5	4	1	6
9	5	6	4	1	9	8	2	3



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Phone: 313-871-7443

Participation requires eligibility, and the use of the computer lab is subject to terms and conditions.



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dent was reported in the 9300 block of Charest.

#### Sunday, March 29

- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 3000 block of Goodson. Officers later recovered it.
- A suspect was arrested at a business on Conant for shoplifting and trespassing. The suspect was later taken to Henry Ford Hospital for unspecified treatment.
- A complaint was made about an animal on Evaline.

#### Monday, March 30

- A hit-and-run accident happened at Dequindre and Edwin.
- A suspect was arrested for property damage on Danforth.
- Family trouble was reported on Gallagher.
- A theft was reported on Conant.
- A theft was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A break-in was reported in the 3800 block of Evaline.
- A complaint was made about noise in the 2300 block of Whalen.

