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## Quick Hits

Everyone knows raising kids can be a budget breaker.

For those out there looking for children's clothes, toys, accessories and other stuff for super cheap, the Hamtramck Public Schools Recreation Department has a deal.

This Saturday, Oct. 17, the Rec Department will host a “Mom-to-Mom” sale at the Hamtramck Recreation Community Center on Charest just north of Caniff.

Admission is \$1 and for those looking to sell children's items, you can rent a table for \$20.

You'll need to register if you want to rent a table by calling Debi Tomaszewski at (313) 892-2637.

The event goes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Quote of the week ...

**Who said this, and what is it about?** You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

**“Que Sera, Sera.”**

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Dispute over empty council seat is now heading to court

**By Charles Sercombe**

It looks like it will be at least another week – and possibly even longer – before the vacant seat on city council is filled.

In a lively council meeting on Tuesday, the one thing that was finally agreed on by the council was acknowledging a vacancy on the council in the wake of Titus Walters' death.

A majority of councilmembers prevented that seemingly simple task – as required by city charter – from being completed at a previous special meeting.

Just who fills that seat

is not only a matter of debate, it's now part of a lawsuit filed by Rashad Almasmari, who claims it's his position.

Almasmari filed a restraining order in Wayne County Circuit Court just hours before the council meeting on Tuesday. Judge Robert Colombo will hear the matter on Oct. 23.

The issue has caused a deep divide among councilmembers and some members of the community.

City Manager Katrina Powell, acting on the advice of the city attorney,

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**Above: Rashad Almasmari has filed a restraining order to prevent a vacant seat on city council from being filled. He says the seat belongs to him, but the city administration does not agree. Right: A memorial ribbon commemorates the passing of Councilmember Titus Walters.**

**By Walter Wasacz**

An all-day (and part of the night) walking tour that took in about 3.5 miles of Hamtramck and nearby Detroit streets and alleys began with brunch at Bumbo's at noon and ended there 14 hours later.

Officially, my psychogeographic stroll at the 6th annual Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival began at Barberella Hair Salon, where we were joined by Anup Viswanathan and Ashwini

Bhasi, a young married couple from Ann Arbor originally from the state of Kerala in South India.

We took in some country blues by Gee Dondini in front of the salon, then walked to Jos. Campau where we hit 9338 Campau Gallery, Tekla Vintage, the pop up biergarten, Lo & Behold, Detroit Threads and Atomic Cafe.

We then headed east to Public Pool, before making the longest trek of the day, a hike to Young World, a repurposed art space on Casmere between Mound and Mt. Eliott in Detroit.

From there we zig-zagged our way to Banglatown, where we saw the Hinterlands group rehearse its new performance piece, “The Radicalization Process,” participated in an exercise in artful intimacy called “The Heartbeat Listeners” and made a quick stop at the Afterhouse and Burnside Farm.

I dropped Viswanathan and Bhasi off at Polish Village, before I finished the night back at Barberella –

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## City law firm speaks up on vacancy

**By Charles Sercombe**

The city council vacancy kerfuffle has a new wrinkle.

Recently, City Manager Katrina Powell asked the city's law firm for another opinion on how to go about filling a vacant seat on council.

The only legal opinion the city administration has been following on the matter was written by former City Attorney James Allen in 2007.

As it turns out, the new opinion not only agrees with Allen, but also has stinging words for the city councilmembers who refused to at first declare a vacancy and those who insist the person to fill the seat of Titus Walters, who died recently, should be Rashad Almasmari.

The first admonishment was at Councilmembers Anam Miah, Robert Zwolak, Mohammed Hassan and Abu Musa for failing to declare Walters' seat vacant at a special meeting that was held just to do that one act.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski motioned to declare the vacancy but none of the other councilmembers would second the motion to take it to a vote.

The law firm, Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, said the councilmembers “failed to comply with city law.” At the time the legal memo

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# City law firm speaks up on vacancy

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was written, before last Tuesday’s regular council meeting, the law firm said the council was not only in “violation of city law” but also violating the Emergency Manager’s Final Orders.

During the course of the debate on what the charter means when it comes to filling a vacant seat on council, a number of people have described the charter as being ambiguous on the matter. The law firm took an opposite viewpoint, saying the charter’s procedure to fill a vacancy is “unambiguous.”

There is also debate on what the charter means when it says the next person who fills a vacancy is the fourth-place finisher. Some say that is the same as saying it’s the next highest vote-getter.

Others take a strict reading of that phrase and insist it’s literally the fourth-place finisher.

In the memo from the law firm, the two are referred to as one and the same thing.

Councilmembers who say Alasmari should take the seat because he was the fourth-place finisher in Walters’ race and that Perrotta came in second for the half-term are using that argument as a “political power play ... to have the candidate of their choice

appointed.”

Councilmembers Miah, Hassan, Zwolak and Musa are taking that position.

Not only does the memo call that line of thinking a “political power play” but says it contradicts the charter, which wanted to take “successorship out of the council’s hands and place it in the hands of the electorate,” said the memo.

That clause was put in the charter to prevent council bickering and infighting when a vacancy came up under the old charter.

As for those who argue that Perrotta is not the next one in line for the seat because he ran for a term that had been vacated and had two years left in it instead of the full four-year term Walters ran for and won, the legal memo said the charter makes no reference to two-year terms.

In other words, the legal memo said “there is no such thing as a two-year term under the city charter.

“It is clear that Mr. Perrotta indeed ran for a four-year term,” the memo said. “The fact that there were only two years remaining on the four-year term at the time of the election is of no consequence. It is our opinion that, under the charter, all

council seats are equal. ...”

The memo further states: “Because there is no distinction in the charter about separate pools or elections, the term ‘general election’ must be read to encompass all pools of council candidates at any given election.”

Using that interpretation, Perrotta came in fourth place when both election pools are combined.

Those insisting on separating the pools of candidates, the memo said are “myopic. ...This view is illogical and contrary to the charter.”

Going back to the incident in 2007 when Councilmember Rob Cedar died and left a vacancy, Allen’s opinion on who fills his seat was not challenged by anyone, and thus set precedent, the memo pointed out.

Not only that, the council at that time did not attempt to change the charter’s language even though there were some who did not agree with Allen’s opinion.

“If council were displeased with the prior interpretation by Allen, then the appropriate measure would have been to either challenge it in a court of law or amend the charter,” the memo said. “Neither step was taken.”

# Dispute over empty council seat is now heading to court

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says the next person in line to fill Walters’ seat is Ian Perrotta. Perrotta was going to be sworn into office on Wednesday, but Alasmari’s legal action put the brakes on that.

What is causing the debate is how one interprets the city charter when it comes to filling a vacancy occurring on the council. It says the next person in line is the fourth-place finisher for council in the last general election.

But in the last general election in 2013, there were candidates vying for three seats with full four-year terms and candidates going for a term vacated by Cathie Gordon who opted to run for mayor in the middle of her term.

When a similar vacancy occurred in 2007, then-City Attorney James Allen was tasked to determine who would fill a vacancy. At that time, the previous general election had two different races, one for four-year terms and another for two-year terms.

The city charter does not make a distinction when there are two different terms for council.

Allen argued that to determine the next in line in a case like this, the two election results are blended together.

In the current matter, Alasmari ran for a seat with a four-year term, which Walters also ran for and won, and Perrotta ran to fill out the remaining term of Gordon.

By blending the two races, the city administration says the seat should be filled by Perrotta.

Alasmari and his sup-

porters say that since he ran for a four-year term, it should be him.

A week ago Alasmari said he was not “hungry” for the position and that he is busy. But according to the lawsuit, he took a different tone in an email he sent to the city clerk prior to a special council meeting held on Oct. 2 to declare a vacancy on council, saying:

“I was the fourth place on the last general election. I am claiming the vacancy seat and I am the one qualified for it.”

As it turned out, Councilmembers Anam Miah, Mohammed Hassan, Robert Zwolak and Abu

Musa refused to second a motion by Andrea Karpinski to declare a vacancy.

The issue came back up at Tuesday’s regular council meeting, and this time there was no objection to vacating Walters’ seat.

At next Friday’s hearing in circuit court, both sides of the argument will be presented along with legal opinions in writing. Because of the complexity of the issue, the judge could decide to table the matter while he studies the opinions and fact checks any cases cited in the opinions.

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**Book Club Meeting** - Thursday, October 22 at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the Hamtramck book club at the Library.

**ESL Class** - Friday, October 23 at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

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**Michigan Reads Program** - Thursday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m. Participants of the Michigan Read program are invited for a story time.

**Common Word Alliance of Hamtramck** - Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m. The Hamtramck Common Word Alliance will hold its monthly meeting at the Library. For more information call Arif Huskic at 313-999-5483 Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

**Meeting of the Library Board** - Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

**For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access our online catalog.**



# Second Front Page

## A birthday wish that actually became true for one resident

By Charles Sercombe

There are birthday milestones and then there are milestones few ever live to see.

Becoming 100 years old is certainly one of them.

On Wednesday, Marie Rzeszutek joined a very exclusive club by becoming a centenarian. How rare is that? In the U.S., only 0.02 percent of the population lives to be 100, according to the U.S. Census.

While most credit healthy living, Rzeszutek, who is still able to walk on her own, said it's not only "God's will," but also living by the philosophy of "Que Sera, Sera."

For those of a certain age, you will remember this being Doris Day's signature song. The phrase means "Whatever Will Be, Will Be."

For 93 years of her 100-year life, Rzeszutek has lived in the same house she still lives in on Charest. Back then, Hamtramck was still a village.

Before marrying, she was a riveter at a plant she no longer remembers the name of the company but seemed to think it was located on Grand Blvd. The old Packard Plant? Who knows, maybe.

When she married her husband, Julian, she quit work and raised three chil-



Marie Rzeszutek just turned 100 years old. She has lived in the same house on Charest for 93 years.

dren. She now has nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. They all got together last week and celebrated her birthday. In all there were 100 people there.

Next year, family members joked, there will have to be 101 people at the party.

Understandably, Rzeszutek is a little hard of hearing and her memory isn't as sharp as it used to be. But she still has a sense of humor, and is quick to smile.

The other trick to living a long life, she said, is to "keep living day-to-day."

There are more memories she has, but things are foggy. She remembers taking her kids and grandkids on the Boblo boat and riding on Hamtramck's long gone trolley cars.

One highlight happened unexpectedly. In 1984 Ronald Reagan came to

the Polish Century Club located next to her house.

This was during the Republican Presidential Convention, which was taking place in downtown Detroit. Reagan came here for a lunch. As he left, he decided to make stops at nearby houses, including Rzeszutek's.

Photos were taken of Reagan and his wife, Nancy, standing on her porch before a horde of reporters. Rzeszutek remembers him as "looking great."

According to a Free Press story, Rzeszutek offered the Reagans a glass of fresh orange juice. Reagan took the drink and offered a toast in Polish: "Kozyham Hamtramck" – or in other words: "Long live Hamtramck."

There's another Polish phrase that's sung at birthdays. It's "Sto Lat" – which wishes the birthday

person to live to 100 years.

Well, Rzeszutek is one of the few people to ever live up to that wish. And so, we'd like to add to that and raise our toast to her and add another "Sto lat" wish for her.

Or as the song goes (in English):

"Hundred years, hundred years, may you live a hundred years.

"Hundred years, hundred years, may you live a hundred years.

"Hundred years, hundred years, may you live a hundred years.

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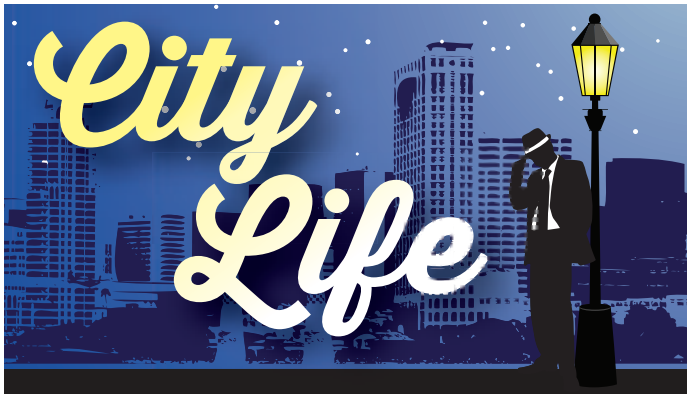
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where owner Sandra Kramer jammed with musician friends – then stopped at Elijah’s for local author Steve Hughes’ noise reading performance and, finally, fittingly, with a Warsaw Mule cocktail at a packed house at Bumbo’s.

It was a gorgeous October day, sunny and cool,

ideal for exploring people, place, art and music on foot. Now take a look at a few pictures and consider joining me for a long stroll next year, where we’ll begin and end at the intersection of participation and experience.

*Walter Wasacz was born and lives, walks and writes in Hamtramck.*



Scenes from last weekend’s Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival, which was spread throughout the city in houses, art galleries, lofts, businesses and a pop-up beer garden on Jos. Campau



# School Bell

## Kosciuszk Middle School News

The KMS RED Team is firing up this October to participate in the National Red Ribbon Week.

The RED Team is the junior coalition of Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC). Our goal is to help spread the message to stay drug-free to friends and the school community.

Thirty students have applied to be members of the RED TEAM. It is open to any students who are interested. Applications are available in room 307 for students who wish to join the RED Team.

So far students have had a planning meeting and a work session. Students are invited to attend meetings 5 more times in October to prepare for Red Ribbon Week.

The Red Team is sponsoring the October poster contest for all students to enter. Your children may be working on drug-free themed drawings at home.

All posters must be turned in by October 26 to be judged on October 28. Classroom windows and red ribbons woven through fences will help get the message to our neighbors.

October will end with Red Ribbon Week October 26-30. However, the theme will continue through to the November 6 dance after school.

## Dickinson West Elementary School News

Students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be able to wear Halloween costumes in the afternoon on October 30 and have a small parade.

Dickinson West 5th graders will be having a Metroparks Birds of Prey presentation on October 29.

## Early Childhood Elementary School News

On Monday, October 5, the Early Childhood Elementary staff welcomed the families of their students to curriculum night. Parents learned about what their children will be learning this year.

The families were treated to free books, refreshments, hands-on centers and presentations by the teachers. The following day, some of those students won raffle prizes for attending the Open House.

## Dickinson East Elementary School News

Dickinson East is hosting a Math night on Thursday, October 22, from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Parents are invited to attend with their children and will have an opportunity to play a few math games that night and a chance to take home a game or two.

## Holbrook Elementary School News

Holbrook School has a new bus stop for students

on Holbrook Street in front of the Senior Plaza.

The HPS bus will stop in front of the Senior Plaza (behind Dollar Tree) each morning at 7:45 a.m. for Holbrook students. Any Holbrook School student can take the bus from that location if needed.

## Kosciuszk Middle School and Dickinson West Elementary School

• Wednesday, October 28 – Title One Parent Meeting from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Come and learn about Title One services provided to students in the schools. Light refreshments will be served.



Above and below: Parents and students attended an open house at the Early Childhood Elementary School where they received free books, refreshments, and presentations by teachers.



## All Schools

• Friday, October 16 – Progress report #1 distributed for all schools.

## Horizon High School

• Friday, October 16 – Half day for Horizon School students.

## Dickinson East Elementary School

• Thursday, October 22 – Math night from 5- 6:30 p.m.

## Athletic Events

• Friday, October 16 – HHS Varsity Football vs. Harper Woods at 7 p.m. Home.

• Saturday, October 17 – HHS Varsity Volleyball Breast Cancer Tournament at Summit Academy 9 a.m. Away.

• Monday, October 19 – HHS Varsity Volleyball vs. UPSM/Westside Christian at 5:30 p.m. Home.

• Tuesday, October 20 –

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Yes, there is an election coming up; time to get more involved

There are over 9,000 registered voters in Hamtramck.

In a good election, about 3,000 of those voters will bother to exercise their right to vote. For shame.

While all elections are important, the upcoming election on Nov. 3 demands that we experience a larger-than-usual turnout. That's because the field of candidates is so small, a few extra votes this way or that way could make a huge difference.

Plus, considering the recent behavior of three incumbents, voters need to take a serious look at the candidates. You can read all about what we're

talking about on the front page of this issue.

It's disappointing when some elections are won by just a few votes. That's not representative of what voters think.

It would be nice to give these candidates a mandate for once.

There are currently over 700 absentee ballots that have been sent out, which is an encouraging number. If you are one of them, please fill out that ballot form and return it to the Clerk's Office.

We realize one of the roadblocks to voter and candidate turnout is that there isn't much at stake these days.

The city council's role

has been severely reduced because we are still under partial state control since emerging from a financial crisis last December.

Before that, the city was under the control of an emergency manager. Since there aren't many issues for the council to weigh in on – and any decision by that body can be overturned by the state – we are seeing fewer and fewer people line up for the job.

That needs to be addressed before the next election in two years.

Until that time, let's show the state that voters still care deeply about what direction this city is heading.

## Odds & Ends

**Step right up ...** We are still seeking a local artist to produce a Halloween illustration for our special Halloween issue coming up on Oct. 30.

The artwork should be family friendly. Other than that, use your imagination.

The work should be about 8 by 10 inches in size.

We will need it no later than Wednesday, Oct. 28, preferably in electronic format.

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## Letters • Letters

### Hamtramck's NAACP is open for all to join and become active in the community

A week or so ago, the Grosse Pointe Community organized a new branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for their community.

A few community activists came together and decided that their community was changing and that it was time to bring the diversity of their community together for the betterment of all.

They did a little advertising in the community papers with a date, time, location, agenda and goal and they opened it to the community at large. This took about a month to bring it all together.

On the given date and location, over 50 people turned out, signed up for membership and a new

branch of the NAACP was formed. Never in the history of that community has there been a branch of the NAACP.

The turnout was so successful that a local news station was there to broadcast it. One of the beauties of this was that it was not just black people who joined, it was people of various races, faiths, and educational and income levels.

I recall in one of the interviews a spokesperson for the newly formed Branch specifically stated the history of the birthing of the NAACP and its true objective. I began to think at that moment that maybe this is the problem with our Hamtramck community; just maybe, many don't know the history or

the true objective of the NAACP. I'm going to brief all readers of this article at this time of both:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is one of the oldest most influential civil rights organizations in the United States. It was founded in 1909 by a group of diverse humanitarians. They were very concerned about the unjust treatment of the "colored" race.

The lynching, no voting rights, separate unequal education, income, use of public facilities, inadequate housing, etc., just to name a few of the deplorable unjust issues the 'colored' race was living with. This group of hu-

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## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Hamtramck's new ethnic breakdown explained

**By Thaddeus C. Radzilowski, Ph.D. and Joseph Miszcak**

The report on the City Council meeting in a recent issue of The Review indicated that there was some confusion among the people present about the population of Hamtramck.

The Piast Institute is an official Census Information Center. We do a variety of studies on demographic topics for organizations, agencies and groups across the United States and even foreign governments. We have a special interest in the study of Ancestry, Racial, and Ethnic groups. Although we cover the country, we have always maintained a deep interest in our home base in Hamtramck.

According to the best available data from the five year (2009-2013) American Community Survey, the population of the major groups of Hamtramck breaks down as follows.

Arabic 5,239 (23.5%)  
Bangladeshi 4,234 (19%)  
African American 3,112 (14%)  
Polish 2,369 (11%)  
Bosnian 1,486 (7%)  
Ukrainian 602 (3%)  
Albanian 256 (1%)  
Hispanic 238 (1%)

The Asian population other than Bangladeshi numbers 712. In total, the Asian population (Filipino, Chinese, Pakistani and Bangladeshi) is 4,946 or about 22% of the total population.

Thus Hamtramck's people can be broken down into three main groups: Arabs 23.5% (with Yemenis being over 98% of the total), Asians 22% (88% of whom are Bengali) and East Euro-

peans 22.5% (which in addition to the groups noted above include small numbers of Croats, Serbs, Slovaks, Macedonians and Russians).

These three groups comprise nearly 80% of the population. When African Americans are added to the mix as a fourth major group, the percentage of key groups grows to over 90% of Hamtramck's population.

If we look at recent demographic trends among the groups noted above, we can see the largest growth among the Arabic population which has added almost 1,000 new residents between 2009 and 2013.

The Bangladeshis are second with about 800 new residents. The Ukrainian population has grown by about 35%. The Bosnians have shown a 25% growth over the 5 year period of the data. The Polish population has declined by 29% since 2009.

The Albanian population, on the other hand, has remained remarkably stable. The Hispanic population has also remained basically stable over the last five years. The overwhelming majority is American-born and is primarily of Mexican origin (83%).

A remarkable and little-noticed population trend in Hamtramck is the dramatic decline of the African American population of the city. It has dropped by 35% in recent years.

In 2010 African Americans made up 22.7% of the population. In 2013, they constituted only 14% of Hamtramck residents. This data counts African Americans who report only one race as well as individuals who report being biracial with one of the races being Black. During this same time frame the African American population of

Detroit dropped by more than 50,000 residents, a drop of about 9.2%.

The number of Black households in Hamtramck fell from 1,364 in 2010 to 954 in 2013. This is a 31% drop in households.

It is worth noting that during this same period, there was a marked increase in the Bangladeshi residents of areas of zip code 48212 adjacent to Hamtramck.

Currently, 5,781 Bangladeshis live in zip code 48212 outside of Hamtramck. Thus the area immediately north and east of Hamtramck seems to be the site of major expansion for the Bangladeshi Community. There are virtually no Bangladeshis north of Davison Street. In 2013, Bangladeshis made up about 23% of the entire zip code (including Hamtramck.)

During the same period, there was a marked decrease of the African American community in the same area of 48212. The drop in the Black population of 48212 outside of Hamtramck while not as large as the drop in Hamtramck (21% versus 35%) is nevertheless significant.

African American  
Bangladeshi  
2011  
14,490  
8,272  
2012  
12,991  
8,677  
2013  
11,477  
10,015

I hope this information helps readers understand the complex and always changing dynamic of Hamtramck's very diverse population.

(Mr. Radzilowski and Mr. Miszcak are with the Census Information Center at Piast Institute in Hamtramck.)

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# School Bell

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KMS Volleyball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Wednesday, October 21 – HHS Varsity Volleyball vs. Cornerstone/ Southfield Bradford at 5:30 p.m. Home.

• Wednesday, October 21 – KMS Football vs. Michigan Collegiate at

5:30 p.m. Home.

• Thursday, October 22 – KMS Volleyball vs. Eaton at 4:30 p.m. Away.

• Friday, October 23 – HHS Varsity Football vs. Romulus at 7 p.m. Away.

• Saturday, October 24 – HHS Varsity Volleyball at U of M Dearborn 9 a.m. Away.

## Obituaries

### MARSH



Denise (Dennie) Marsh, 61, died October 15, 2015.

Ms. Marsh is survived by her daughter, Niagra; sister, Debbie; best friends, Pat Karas, Debbie Radtke, Paula Dombrowski; goddaughters, Erica Dombrowski, Andrea Elul. Ms. Marsh was predeceased by her mother,

Mary Omela.

Visitation is Sunday, October 18, from 3 – 9 p.m. at DS Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home, 30009 Hoover Rd. at Common, Warren, MI 48093. Funeral Mass is Monday, October 19, at St. Bonaventure Monastery, time to be determined, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

## Hamtramck's NAACP is open for all to join and become active in the community

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manitarians — once they organized themselves — were able to have such a strong voice on behalf of the “colored” race they were able to have a large role in the stopping of lynching, voting rights, equality in education, income and housing, etc. This was not done by a ‘colored’ group of people, but a diverse group of people.

Yes, it does appear that most of the work of the NAACP has been for the advancement of the “colored” race but that is mainly because the “colored” race has been the race that has faced so much injustice in these United States of America.

But never has it been a part of the NAACP to turn their backs on any race or to only seek “colored” members. In one of Dr. Martin Luther King's

speeches, he stated: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Notice the adverbs, anywhere and everywhere. Dr. King didn't exclude any place or area; he was direct in his inclusion of everyone.

For over a year now, a diverse group of concerned citizens, right here in our own beautiful City of Hamtramck, have faithfully strived to re-establish our Branch of the Hamtramck National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

We have met at various locations and times as well as posted flyers and advertised in our own Review weekly community paper of our meetings. Month after month the few faithful are the only ones that have continued to support this cause.

I pose a question to our community at large at this point: were you aware that the NAACP was established number one by a diverse group of people and for the advancement of ALL PEOPLE?

Why do you think the name is what it is?

National Association for the Advancement of COLORED People. We are of various colors; this makes the organization inclusive of all people. I strongly don't believe an organization of the magnitude of the NAACP, established by people of various colors was created solely to be of support to one race of people.

As I close my commentary, I beseech each and every reader of this commentary to search your own heart and find it within yourself to truly de-

sire the coming together of our great city, a desire to want to come to the table of true Brotherly Love and work on one accord to have one strong voice that will represent all families when and if needed in our community.

The time is now to become an active member and help in the re-establishment of our own Hamtramck Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. You do not have to work or live within the city to be an Active Member. Yearly membership is \$30.

Please feel free to call (313) 523-7837 with questions on meeting dates, location and time.

Minister Darla Swint

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WAYNE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 2015-810399-DE Estate of Henry Russell Jr., deceased. Date of birth: 7/30/1934

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## Coming events

**WEDNESDAY, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.** – The Hamtramck Midtown Block Club will meet in St. Florian's Convent; please use the side entrance.

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Oct. 6-12.

Tuesday, October 6

- At 9 a.m. two people were arrested after a traffic stop when officers found marijuana in their car.
- A driver was ticketed for passing off proof of insurance that was actually fraudulent.
- A resident reported someone used his credit card to make a purchase at Glory Market.
- A woman was arrested for being wanted on a felony warrant after she was acting disorderly.
- A Detroit resident was ticketed for being disorderly after he was found intoxicated while out in public.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license and drag racing.
- A Chesterfield resident reported the theft of his car while it was parked on Goodson.

Wednesday, October 7

- A resident in the 11600 block of St. Aubin reported someone loosened the lug nuts on their car.
- At 11:30 p.m. a resident in the 12100 block of Fleming reported a house break-in and the

theft of a television and video game.

- A man reported being harassed by the former owner of his residence.
- A woman reported being assaulted by her husband.
- A resident in the 9600 block of Mitchell reported a garage break-in.
- Officers investigated four abandoned vehicles at Gallagher and Norwalk.
- An agent for a group home in the 2400 block of Commor reported one of the residents walked away from the home.
- A Comstock resident reported someone broke her cellphone.
- A Detroit resident reported being sexually assaulted at a house on Miller. The victim identified the suspect.

Thursday, October 8

- A resident in the 9300 block of McDougall reported someone damaged their car's ignition and attempted to steal it.
- At 3:40 a.m. officers responded to an alarm at a grocery store in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau. Officers discovered a break-in in process.
- A man reported the theft of his wallet from his residence.

- A person reported receiving obscene phone calls.
- A resident in the 11300 block of Moran reported his fiancée broke out his car's window. The fiancée was arrested.
- A resident in the 3100 block of Trowbridge reported someone threw a rock through his kitchen window.

Friday, October 9

- A woman reported the theft of her purse from her unlocked car while it was parked in the 2000 block of Danforth.
- A business in the 3000 block of Carpenter reported being robbed by four armed men wearing masks and dark clothing. They were seen driving away in a dark SUV.
- A man reported the theft of his wallet from his business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

Saturday, October 10

- A highly intoxicated woman was taken from an apartment in the 3500 block of Caniff and treated.
- At about 12:30 a.m. a woman reported being assaulted in the 12000 block of Dequindre by her live-in boyfriend. The boyfriend was gone when officer arrived but was arrested later in the day.
- A man reported he

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celebrators came out for a Polish meal (supplied by Polish Village Café), and to watch Polish folk dancers and dance to Hamtramck's favorite DJ, Jo-town.

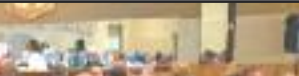
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