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After years of being on a losing streak, the Hamtramck High School football team is about to make history.

If the team wins tonight's game against Dearborn Heights Crestwood (7 p.m. at Keyworth Stadium), it will head to the state playoffs.

The season didn't start off too well for the Cosmos. The team stumbled with one win in four games. But then something inspired the players, and they went on to win the next four games.

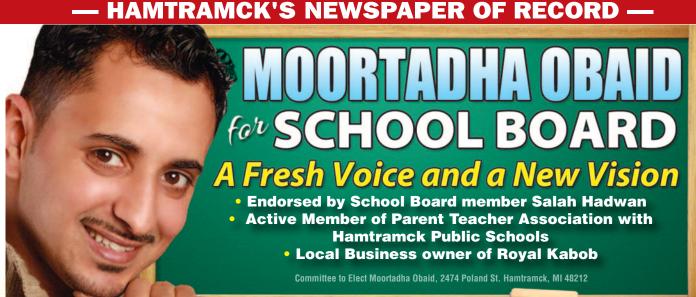
That's a winning streak that has not happened in 40 years, said Head Coach Donny Scott.

"We have a hungry group of guys who are looking at a very unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make history," Scott said about his players.

Scott said Friday's game (Oct. 21) will be "the biggest game in school history."

"I'm asking all available alumni and the entire city of Hamtramck to come out for support."

We will have more on this year's team in next week's issue. In the meantime, Go Cosmos!



# City waits for state review on how to restore local control

**Bv Charles Sercombe** 

Hamtramck has now been under the supervision of a state financial review board for almost two years.

A question some in the community have been asking is when will local control be restored?

We last visited this subject in January, when it was said by state officials that state oversight through a Receivership Transition Advisory Board

can't go on indefinitely. there is no immediate end

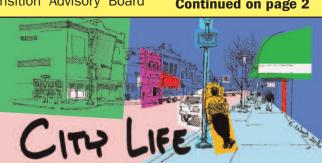
On paper Hamtramck is looking solid, financiallyspeaking. The city is boasting a \$4 million budget surplus. That's an amazing contrast to four years ago when the state intervened because city officials could not balance the budget.

It was at that point the state appointed an emer-

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**Members of the Hamtramck Receivership Transition Advi**sory Board have been tasked with submitting an annual evaluation of the city's progress toward returning local control. That report was due last January. A state official said the report is coming soon.



### The power of affordable spaces

**By Walter Wasacz** 

My friend and Detroit-Berlin Connection partner

town last week. We spent the first day at Cafe 1923, getting ready for a meeting Dimitri Hegemann was in with Detroit Mayor Mike

Duggan and some artists the "power of abandoned and activists who have a hip hop poetry project in Southwest Detroit. We met Duggan, briefly, after twoand-a-half years of trying. There is progress on that front, and others.

All the meetings we had over a week's time were productive. We met with building owners and developers interested in Dimitri's vision, which he calls

spaces."

We met with a young woman from the Michigan Economic Development Corp (MEDC), who sees vast potential in building a night economy in the state.

Berlin is a 24-hour-city; bar service never ends there. More importantly, Dimitri says, philosophers,

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## Lawsuits are key to comeback

**By Charles Sercombe** 

It's no secret that Hamtramck - and cities in general – is subject to lawsuits every year.

For a city that is only 2 square miles, Hamtramck has long attracted more than its fair share of lawsuits. Or so city officials have complained over the

In the past year alone the city was served with three lawsuits involving an undercover police investigation into a local tire shop. In total, the city is currently defending 13 lawsuits.

The city also commonly faces lawsuits by the people who you would least expect: its employees, contractors and department heads.

Since 2013, the city - either through a special legal fund or by homeowners forced to pay a court-ordered millage - has paid out over \$200,000 in settlements, not including one settlement whose dollar amount was sealed.

The issue caught the attention of the city's Receivership Transition Advisory Board at last month's meeting of the board, which had previously requested a summary of the lawsuits filed against the city.

The board was set up by Gov. Rick Snyder to oversee all financial decisions

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## City waits for state review on how to restore local control cont. from front page

gency manager to take over. So, what's the plan now that Hamtramck is, at least at first glance, back on track?

We won't know until the Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB) submits its first "formal annual evaluation" of what the city has achieved and what it still needs to accomplish.

That requirement was set by Gov. Rick Snyder.

This review was due last January, after which the RTAB had been in place for one year. It is not known why the board missed its deadline.

The RTAB's Chairman, Deborah Roberts, who is an employee with the state Treasury Department, does not comment to the press, and the spokesperson for

the department, Danelle Gittus, did not have an explanation.

But Gittus said an evaluation is on its way.

To get a hint on what the state is looking for, look no further than what Snyder laid out in his letter making his appointments to the RTAB.

At the very top of his goals is for the city and city manager to fulfill all of the final directives set by former Emergency Manager Cathy Square. It's a lengthy list of objectives and there are several that still need to be addressed.

The most challenging of the goals is a requirement for the city to be at least at an 80 percent funding level for the pension fund.

That requirement will

likely have to be revamped. City Manager Katrina Powell said Hamtramck - like most cities in the state - is a long way from reaching

that goal. According to the city's pension management agency, MERS, the funding level recently dropped from 50 percent to 48 percent.

"It's going in the wrong direction, through no fault of the city," said Powell.

Not only that, pension funding gets worse. In three years, Powell said, the city will have to come up with an additional \$5 million. The good news, though, is that the state is paying for consultants to help Powell come up with a funding solution.

It is not known why former Emergency Manager Cathy Square did not address this issue while she was in charge for 18 months.

Another requirement that has not been fulfilled is for all councilmembers to receive training in municipal affairs and reach a certain level of training offered by the Michigan Municipal League.

Despite the list of requirements and goals laid out by the governor, Councilmember Anam Miah earlier in the year complained that the state was not giving the council any clues as to what is expected before local control is returned.

"Where are we with a transition? I don't know," Miah said in January. "Are we at level one, or level 10? That's the gray area."

For Mayor Karen Majewski, back in January she didn't think the city was anywhere near "level 10."

She was especially concerned about comments and the behavior of some councilmembers, who she did not identify.

"I'm alarmed by the statements of some council members who, with not one iota of understanding of sound municipal management principles and with a questionable commitment to the city's overall wellbeing, still seem intent on outsourcing our fire department, among other actions

that, rather than making Hamtramck more attractive and desirable as a place to live, work, and play, would actually walk back the progress the city has made and make us less viable and less desirable to investors and residents," Majewski said.

We asked Majewski for a comment on what her outlook is today but she did not respond.

As for City Manager Powell, she said it's not her decision to make.

"City managers do not have the authority to determine whether a city under state control is ready to be turned over to local control," she said. "Those decisions are made by someone at a much higher pay grade than a city manager."

But she does have an impressive list of her own goals. Come back next week to find out what Powell would like to see happen in the coming years.







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Movie Night - Wednesday, October 26, 6:30

**p.m.** Featured Movie: "Gremlins." (A boy inadvertently breaks three important rules concerning his new pet and unleashes a horde of malevolently mischievous monsters on a small town.) Light refreshments will served

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# Second Front Page



# School Bell

### **Cosmos Football Team One Victory Away From Clinching State Playoff Berth**

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The Cosmos are on a winning streak that hasn't happened in 40 years. Friday's game may be the biggest game in school history. The football team is asking the entire city of Hamtramck and all alumni to come out to support the team. Go Cosmos!

### Kosciuszko Middle **School**

In September 2016, Room 212 at Kosciuszko Middle School was completely changed by the usage of stability balls in the classroom.

They were purchased through a Donors Choose donation grant written by Ms. Sarah Troxtel, a special education teacher at KMS. Ms. Troxtel reports that the students are using them every single day to use movement appropriately in the classroom and to help them stay focused.

When the students enter the classroom, they have a choice to sit on the stability ball or use a regular chair. The students allow their mood and their self-knowledge about their ability to focus that day drive their decision to where they are going to sit. Some days they need to sit on the ball to stay focused and other days they would rather somewhere sit else.

The students have been excited about the new seating options since the first day they arrived. They were intrigued and interested to learn how

the stability balls could help them.

They spent the first few days reviewing expectations and safety procedures of using the new seating arrangements. Ms. Troxtel spent time modeling how to use the seats to bounce, rock, and move appropriately in the classroom.

The class also spent time discussing the science behind why the stability balls help the brain focus and used it as a spring board conversation about how to choose appropriate strategies when the students become unfocused.

The other kids in the

Their Connected Math book, Shapes & Designs, has students finding polygons that tessellated.

Tessellated means that the pattern repeats without gaps or overlaps. Here are some pictures of some patterns the students found.

Kosciuszko Middle Schools' drug prevention student group, the RED (Roar to End Drugs) Team, is hosting a dance on Friday, October 28 to celebrate living drug-free during National Drug Prevention Week.

All Schools



Kosciuszko Middle School students have an option to use "stability balls" to sit on in one of the school's classroom. So far, the stability balls are a hit with students.

school stop by frequently to check out the balls and to inquire about how they can get the stability balls in their classrooms.

Our next step is to get more balls and other movement seating arrangements (like wobble chairs) to other students in the school. There are so many other students at KMS that could benefit from the ability to move in the classroom

without being distracting. Their class goal is to raise money to pay it forward to other students in their school.

Mrs. Carol Dobos' 7th grade Math class is learning about tessellations.

 Tuesday, November 8 No school for students. Professional Development Day for teachers.

· Wednesday. November 9 - End of 1st quarter.



**KMS** students in Carol Dobos' math class are learning about the relationship between patterns and math.

#### Thursday, November 17 -- Report Card 1 distributed for all students.

- · Thursday, November 17 - Half day for Early Childhood Elementary, Dickinson East Elementary, Dickinson West Elementary, Holbrook Elementary and Kosciuszko Middle School for Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Full day for Hamtramck High School and Horizon High School.
- Friday, November 18 Half day for students. Professional Development Day for teachers in the af-
- · Wednesday, November 23 - Half day for students.
- · Thursday, Friday, November 24-27 - No school for students. Thanksgiving break.
- · Monday, November 28 - School resumes.

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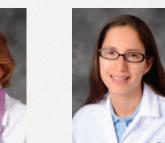


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# Lawsuits are key to comeback

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in the city until local control

is re-established.

At September's RTAB meeting City Attorney Travis Mihelick presented a "memo" of the lawsuits now facing the city, and con-

a magnet.
"(It's) one of the most litigious little communities I've
ever seen in my life," Mihe-

ceded the city seems to be

The chairman of the RTAB, Deborah Roberts, joked that the city "must have a large checkbook."

lick said.

Boardmember Al Bogdan took a more serious note and asked about the recent trend in lawsuits targeting the conduct of a police unit's investigations, considering there are three lawsuits regarding this unit's conduct.

"Seems to be several unlawful search and seizures; is that – is there some – anything constant about that, or similar to each other ...?" Bogdan said, according to a transcript of the meeting.

City Attorney Mihelick said at this point there is no reason to take corrective action: "There's several cases on there filed by the same attorney, against one of the city's task forces. At this time, you know, there's been nothing in the discovery or anything like that, that would let me lean one way or the other on it.

"Certainly, if there's concerns or if, you know, any action needs to be taken, that's something we'd discuss with the city manager, and if need be, to bring it to council and this board, that's absolutely something that we'll do. But you know, we're still looking at everything with the chief and the city manager."

Bogdan still seemed puz-

"So there's nothing that has to be changed in the

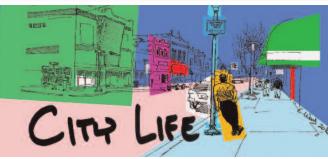
city's procedures or operations, in order to reduce the number of – amount of litigation?" he said.

Mihelick replied: "Not at this time. Other than, you know, maybe we can put out a billboard that we don't have any money, so it's a waste of your time suing us."

While some of the lawsuits were relatively small, there are some looming that have the potential of causing serious financial harm. One such lawsuit involves police and fire pensioners who are challenging changes made to their health benefits when Emergency Manager Cathy Square was in charge of the city.

If they prevail, the city could be forced to restore benefits that will cost millions of dollars.

Come back next week for a review of the lawsuits pending against the city.



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thinkers and doers never look at clocks in Berlin. He does presentations around the world about its benefits – including increased safety, job growth and a stimulating environment for creative young people - and advocates for changing the curfew laws in Michigan.

His last night here was spent at the Detroit Zen Center. We went for a long walk down the Dequindre Cut, with monks and students of Zen, to see the harvest moon rise over the river.

The conversation drifted from how to fill empty Jos. Campau storefronts to contemporary interpretations of the Tibetan Book of the Dead. No small or idle talk for us on this night. But it was jovial and fun, with laughter and smiles on an Indian summer night.

Dimitri made fast friends with Hamtramck's Zen community through a mutual friend, Aaron Siegel, who lives in Hamtramck but has a music label and distribution company that does much of its business in Berlin and other cities in Europe.

He also produces music and DJs under the name Fit Siegel. Check him out, he's part of the next generation of high level Detroit techno art and business people. Aaron introduced Dimitri to Hwalson Sunim and Emju over food and tea at the Living Zen Organics cafe two years ago

and the relationship stuck.

Dimitri brought Sunim, the Zen center's founder and abbot, and Emju, its director, to Germany for the last two Berlin Atonal music festivals. They set up a tea house outside the former East Berlin power station where the festival was held and sold 800 glasses of Korean tea over five days.

Dimitri's Detroit technoinspired company, Tresor, celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. Detroit has long held a special place in the hearts of Berliners. Now Hamtramck is squeezing into that heart. Dimitri loves this place and talks about applying some of his ideas here.

One of the things we talked about was creating a foundation that would buy properties for creative industries and lease them out to tenants who would develop the spaces themselves, paying a rent-controlled percentage for the freedom of doing what they want.

It's an anti-gentrification strategy that could work in cities where money and development often leaves the creative forces behind that made the neighborhood desirable to begin with. The proposed foundation would be based on a model used by a Swiss group that targets funds for:

- performing and visual arts
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The idea is just a seed right now waiting to be planted, but imagine let's say a block or two of buildings on Jos. Campau in the hands of a foundation that, in the words of the Basel, Switzerland-based foundation called Stiftung Edith Maryon "focuses on projects that attempt to find innovative, sustainable solutions to contemporary problems, with priority given to young artists embarking upon

their careers."

The plan is simple: the foundation acquires real estate and finds tenants, with a goal to create high-density and mixed-use development, using green building methods and alternative energy technologies, providing space for innovative projects and enterprise.

. That's it.

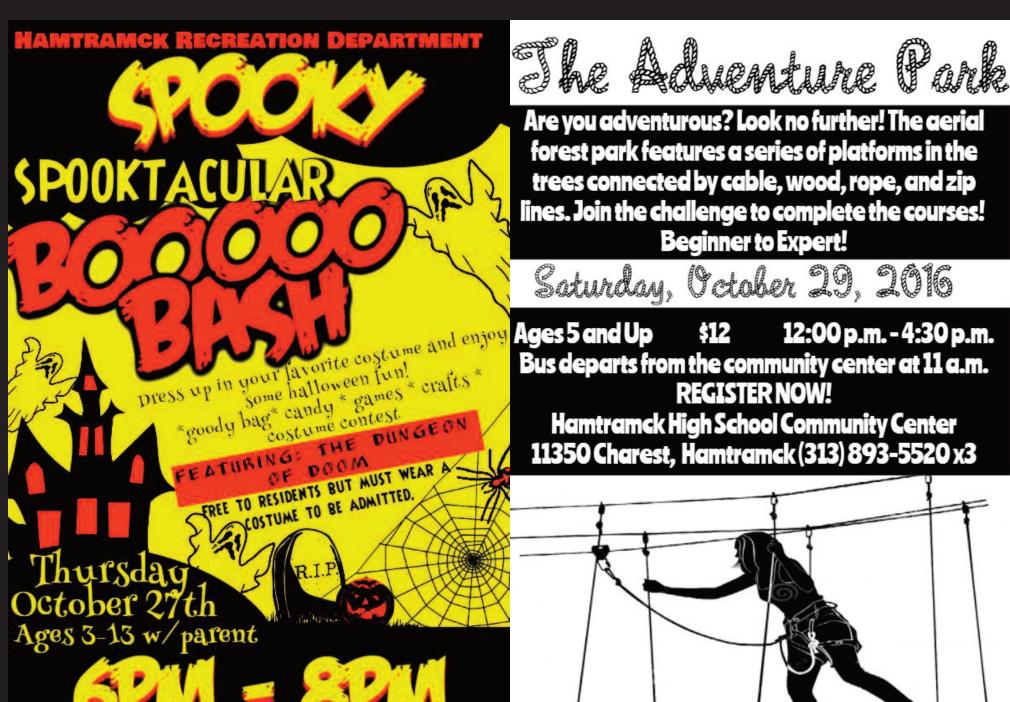
Make space available, the more raw and empty the better, and young creative people will fill it.

This is perfect for Hamtramck, needless to say. A foundation that offers space and ensures affordability would enable artists, designers, musicians, craftspeople, IT and communications people, creative entrepreneurs of all sorts to set up shop and do their thing. As creative industries begin to grow the local economy prospers.

Hamtramck is already a beehive of organic energies. The recent Neighborhood Arts Festival evolved from less than 10 sites to over 50 in six years. Next year is likely to be bigger

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# Review: Opinion Page

# In Our Opinion

# What other cities don't accept should be a guide for Hamtramck

In Hamtramck there can be curious cases of accepting the status quo.

Case in point, the rubble left behind from a party store that burned down about six months ago at Carpenter and Charest.

The rubble is piled high, and there are pipes jutting out – just the right combination for an accident waiting to happen.

The city claims its hands were tied in getting the debris hauled away because it was entangled in a federal court lawsuit.

Clearing out the scrap,

said City Manager Katrina Powell, would have required getting a federal judge involved to get permission and coming up with \$20,000.

We think any reasonable federal judge would agree this site, which did not have a fence around it to prevent curious kids from entering it, is a hazard and an eyesore.

We also think the city could have come up with the money and gotten reimbursed later. After all, the city has a \$4 million budget surplus.

In any other town, except dysfunctional Highland Park, this situation

would not have been tolerated - regardless of the legal complication. Can you imagine Royal Oak, Grosse Pointe, Birmingham or any other town allowing this rubble to sit and sit?

We don't mean to point fingers, but instead we encourage the professionals who run our city to think creatively. It's unfair to the public and those who live in that neighborhood

to endure this sight. Hamtramck can do

# Sewer project gets finishing touches in southend

By Charles Sercombe

Cross your fingers, and hope the next heavy rainfall won't cause massive basement flooding throughout the city.

Or maybe just in certain

The finishing touches to a new sewer system at Jos. Campau and Denton were made this week. All that is left now is repaving parts of Jos. Campau in the southend.

The project had disrupted traffic flow in the area all summer.

The city's engineering firm has said the new system will largely help reduce basement backups in the

southend, and possibly alleviate the problem citywide.

This is the first step in four phases that are needed to finally end flooding in the city that has occurred for years. But there is a catch: Completing the project will cost upwards of \$40 million.

At this point it is unknown where that funding will come from. In the meantime, city officials will be looking for federal grants.

In other city projects, the last portion of Casmere to be paved, from Jos. Campau to the alley, will be paved this Monday, according to the city engineering firm's weekly report. The hang up for the past few weeks? A sewer main ruptured, and the city had to wait for repairs.

You will also notice that the city's main streets have new lane striping. The intersection at Holbrook and Jos. Campau now has a center turn lane for making left turns - a first for this intersection.

That, thankfully, will mean no more surprises when the driver ahead of you suddenly stops at the intersection to make a left without giving advance warning by using the turn signal.

# Obituaries

### LUKIANOFF



Julia Lukianoff (nee Gregor), 102, died October 14, 2016.

Mrs. Lukianoff was the wife of the late John; mother of Charlotte (late Alfred) Danloff, Raymond; grandmother of Tracey (Chris) Yurgelevic, Lori (Robert) Armstrong, Julie (Ken) Lombardo, Anton Robert. Yurgelevic, Shelby, and Julia Armstrong, Chad, Lindsey and Paige Lombardo.

Visitation was at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, Sterling Heights, MI. Orthodox Church, Detroit, MI. Interment was at Holy Trinity Old Believers Orthodox Cemetery, Sterling Heights, MI. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck, MI.

### MILEWSKI



Donald H. Milewski, 74, died October 17, 2016.

Mr. Milewski was the beloved husband Midge; father of Patrick, Donna, Ken, Robin, Steven, Anthony, and the late Jon-Luke; step-father of Chad, Todd, Troy, and the late Tracey. Mr. Milewski is also survived by many grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Visitation was at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck. Mr. Milewski will The funeral Mass was lie in state Friday, at Monday October 17, at 10:30 a.m. until the time Holy Trinity Old Believers of the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck, MI. Interment will be Monday, October 24, at 11 a.m., Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

### **STAZIAK**

Leszek Stasiak, died October 8, 2016.

Mr. Stasiak was the beloved husband Danuta; father of Urzula, David, and Elizabeth.

A funeral Mass was held Monday October 17, at St. Florian Catholic Church. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

### WISZ



Christopher J. Wisz, 57, died October 14, 2016. Wisz

was the loving father of Kelsey Marie; brother of Paula Blazer, Claudia Ashley, and William.

Private family services were held. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck, MI.

#### City of Hamtramck Notice of **PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

Please take notice that the public testing of the equipment and the program to be used for tallying the results of the State General Election of Tuesday, November 8, 2016 will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The test will take place at the Office of the City Clerk in Hamtramck City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

All interested parties are invited to observe.

August R. Gitschlag Hamtramck City Clerk

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on November 2, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., to consider and afford the opportunity for input to be recorded on the appeal for a modification under Zoning Ordinance 497 on the premises described below. Any variation or modification granted would have no bearing on private restrictions. The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearing or to make written comments on or before the date of the hearing. Written comments should be made to the attention of Melanie A. Markowicz, City Planner, ATTN: Zoning Board of Appeals, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

- PUBLIC HEARING American Yemeni Islamic Center, Hoedi Gazaly, 8557-59 Joseph Campau Ord. 497, Article VI. Commercial Zones – Section 2, Central Business District (CBD) Paragraph 2.02. Permitted Uses. The request is for a use variance to permit an after school child care
- center at 8557 Jos Campau. PUBLIC HEARING – Bridget Michael, 12141 St. Aubin Ord. 497, Article X. Fences – Section 1, General, Paragraph 1.02. Responsibility and Section 3, Specific Standards, Paragraph 3.01. Types of Fences. The request is to use a variance to permit a fence erected by the owner at 12141 St. Aubin. The fence

exceeds permitted height specifications and does not have frame

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# Hamtramck-based textile designer inspired by Detroit landscapes

### By Mike Murphy

The Review Special Writer Artists of all kinds are relocating to Hamtramck, and seamstress and textile producer Sarah Ayers is making a name for herself as the owner of a cuscut and sew workshop called William + Bonnie.

"I'm really happy with it," Ayers said. "I really enjoy making things and to make a livelihood out of that is really incredi-

Ayers learned her skills from family members while growing up near Kalamazoo. She landed in Hamtramck in a round-



Sarah Ayers recently opened a new textile business in Hamtramck called William + Bonnie. Photo by Walter Van Buren

about way.

For the past several years Ayers, who has a degree in Art History and Archeology, lived in New York where she started out in the art industry as a curatorial fellow and ended up as a gallery director. When the art mar-

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ket took a dip, Ayers began subsidizing her income by doing sewing projects.

"I never thought I could make a living at it, but I have just been expanding," Ayers said. "I started in New York and did it more consistently when I came back here."

For Ayers, producing textiles has been a full-time job for the last two-and-ahalf-years. She founded William + Bonnie, a company named after her father and her aunt, in 2014 and leases space out of The Workroom, a shared space at 10225 Campau, located next to the Belmont Build-

Ayers is currently working on a project with Shayla Johnson, of Scarlet-Crane Productions, on a home décor series of pillow designs, scarves, and tea towels. The fabrics are inspired by Detroit landmarks, landscapes and skyscapes.

"I've met some great designers and there's been a lot of interest locally," Ayers said. "It's just a great creative community here."

For more information about William + Bonnie. check out www.williambonnie.com.

# dds & Ends

False alarm... Hamtramck High School students got an unexpected day off on Wednesday.

Students were sent home at 8:54 a.m. after a bomb threat was called in to the Police Department. Details of

the incident were not available at press time. but school officials said the building was cleared by police officers and no bomb was found.

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# CRIME LOG

### **By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log covers Oct. 11-17.

### Tuesday, October 11

- · At almost 11 p.m. a juvenile was arrested in the area of Dyar and Circle Dr. for violating the city's curfew law. The iuvenile was released to his mother.
- · At 11 a.m. officers responded to a call about an open door at a house in the 5000 block of Caniff. No one was found inside.
- · A Detroit resident reported someone stole his cellphone from his hand while he was in the 3200 block of Caniff.
- · A resident in the 12000 block of St. Aubin reported a break-in.
- A resident reported being chased on foot by her ex-boyfriend down Carpenter from Fleming.

### Wednesday, October 12

 No incident report was available for this date.

### Thursday, October 13

- · At 11:30 p.m. a resident in the 2600 block of Botsford was arrested for domestic violence.
- At about 4:30 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a warrant for carjacking.
- A resident in the 3200 block of Jacob reported someone broke into his parked car and stole

items. Officers also noticed another car in the block had been broken into.

- A Trowbridge resident reported someone broke into her Dodge Charger while it was parked in front of her residence.
- · A resident reported someone defrauded her over the internet.
- · A Gallagher resident reported the theft of his
- · A resident reported her ex-boyfriend was making harassing phone calls.
- · A Whalen resident was arrested for domestic violence.

### Friday, October 14

- · A business owner reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- · A Detroit resident was arrested for damaging property on Jos. Campau.
- A resident in the 2600 block of Evaline reported a stolen laptop.
- A Hamtramck resident and a Detroit resident were arrested for drag racing. Another Detroit resident was arrested for obstruc-
- A New York resident reported the theft of his car while it was in the 3000 block of Hanley.
- A resident in the 9000 block of Dequindre reported her garbage can was stolen.

### Saturday, October 15

- · A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for carrying a concealed weapon and drag racing.
- At almost midnight a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.
- · At a little after midnight a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for possessing narcotics.
- A resident in the 2600 block of Norwalk reported someone damaged several cement flower pots.
- A juvenile in the 12000 block of Grand Haven was arrested for domestic violence.
- A person reported that someone opened a PayPal account in their name.
- A resident in the 5000 block of Yemans reported the theft of their bicycle.
- A resident in the 11600 block of Mitchell reported the theft of his catalytic convertor.
- · A business owner in the 9700 block of Jos. Campau reported three suspects stole a cellphone he had just repaired for a customer.
- A Danforth resident reported her ex-boyfriend assaulted her.

### Sunday, October 16

- · A resident was arrested for domestic violence.
- · At almost 1 a.m. a Detroit resident reported the theft of his handgun in the area of Selfridge and Circle
  - At a little after 3 a.m. **Continued on page 8**

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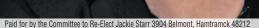




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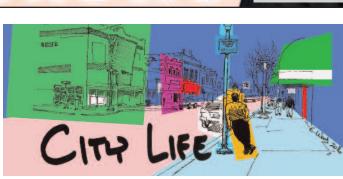
a Detroit resident was arrested for possessing an open intoxicant while in a car, obstruction and driving with an improper license plate.

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 A Charest resident reported a house break-in.

### Monday, October 17

- A resident reported that someone stole her clothes from the Town Center Laundromat.
- · A resident reported that her girlfriend took her baby and refused to bring her back.
- A Trowbridge resident reported that someone stole her catalytic converter.



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still, with efforts underway to include more of the ethnic business communities. The key ingredient common to all is food. It can become the perfect bridge between art, family and commerce.

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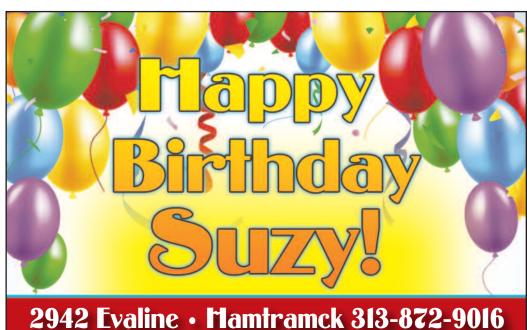
our way by car from the Zen Center south on Jos. Campau and then took surface roads to the airport. We talked about how we are now expanding the culture war on several fronts, bringing a simple, human

work in Berlin and other cities.

Dimitri is back in January for more meetings, workshops and conferences. Maybe we will throw a party. This story has no end. More later as we continue to connect and grow together.

Walter Wasacz is a Hamtramck-born and -based writer and vice-president of the Detroit-Berlin Connection nonprofit. He also works with Dimitri Hegemann as a media consultant.





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