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Quick Hits

Time to do some spring cleaning, Hamtramck.

This Saturday (May 6) kicks off a month-long clean-up program sponsored by the City of Hamtramck and Common Word Alliance.

If you'd like to help out, meet up at 9 a.m. at city hall. Volunteers – which means anyone in the community and even outside the city – will gather and break up in teams to begin cleaning.

Gloves, bags, shovels and brooms will be provided, or you can help out even further by bringing your own.

Volunteer efforts won't go unrewarded. A light lunch will be provided.

The clean-up continues on Sunday, May 7, and then each Saturday and Sunday for the remainder of the month.

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New season of ‘football’ is ready to kickoff this Saturday

By Charles Sercombe

Expect to hear a lot of cheering coming out of Keyworth Stadium this Saturday evening.

The Detroit City Football Club's pre-season opener kicks off Saturday, with game time starting at 7:30 p.m. DCFC faces off with the Daytona Dynamo.

So far, the soccer team has won two games in the pre-season and lost none.

The team's pre-season started two weeks ago, but this will be the first home game at Keyworth.

The League opener follows on May 12, and the season ends on Aug. 2 at Keyworth.

This is the second year the soccer club has called Keyworth home. The club started out playing at Cass Technical High School, but outgrew that field.

The marriage between the team and Keyworth has been sweet. The Hamtramck Public School Dis-



This Saturday the Detroit City Football Club will host its pre-season opener at Keyworth Stadium. This is the second year the semi-pro team has made Keyworth their home. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., and the game starts at 7:30 p.m.

trict partnered with DCFC, and the benefit has been over \$700,000 worth of repairs at the historic 80-year-old stadium.

For the team, the larger stadium was an opportunity to grow its fan base, and did it ever. Since moving here attendance has soared from 3,000 per game to over 5,000.

“We’ve seen growth every year,” said Lindsey Pehrson, the Media Director for the club.

A highlight this season will be on May 27 with the 50th anniversary of the Glentoran Football Club

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This year’s city election could prove to be historic



Candidates for three seats on city council and the mayor’s position are all lined up for the August Primary Election.

By Charles Sercombe

The candidates are all lined up for the August Primary Election.

Only one candidate dropped out last Friday – John Ulaj, who was running for mayor.

Ulaj is the Publisher of The Review and owner of Villa Realty and Associates, where he is also a licensed broker. On his Facebook page, Ulaj said he dropped out in order to concentrate on his businesses.

Mayor Karen Majewski will now face challengers Mohammed Hassan, Asm (Kamal) Rahman and Cathie Gordon.

Hassan opted out of running for re-election for city council, and Gordon is a former councilmember who ran against Majewski four years ago.

In the city council race, incumbents Andrea Karpinski and Ian Perrotta will be lined up with Gias Talukder, Mohammed Al-

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Charter school cut loose

By Charles Sercombe

Some 300 Hamtramck charter school students may have to look for a new school this coming year.

Central Michigan University has cut its ties with the Academy of International Studies, located on Hanley in the former Tau Beta Community Center.

The charter school has to find a new sponsor to authorize it, which could be another charter school, the Hamtramck Public School District or another university.

CMU said it pulled out of this school and two other Detroit area charter schools because of low student grades.

According to state education records, most of the students in the kindergarten through 8th grade school score less than 10 percent in proficiency.

Beata Chochla, the President and Founder of the Hanley Harper Group, which operates the school, said that’s because most of the students speak English as a second language.

“It takes about seven years,” she said to teach a non-English speaking student the language.

Chochla said that was another reason CMU will no longer authorize the school.

She said news of the separation from CMU caught the school off guard.

“We were told we would be authorized for another two years,” Chochla said.

Parents are going to be informed of the develop-

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from Northern Ireland. That team played for the former Detroit Cougars professional team.

The history of the Cougars and the Glentoran team is a little known footnote in professional sports. At the time pro soccer teams in the US were hiring European teams to compete.

On May 27, the DCFC will be a stand in for the Cougars. This game promises to be an exciting showcase of European soccer, or, ahem, football as it's known.

The DCFC is also seeking to elevate its status from a semi-pro league team to professional, but that requires a substantial investment. You can read more about that on page 5 in the Metro News column.

With talk from the Dan Gilbert organization of bringing in a professional soccer team, there has been growing interest in the sport.

Parking for DCFC games is at the Fowling warehouse complex off of Conant on Christopher St., but although parking is free it is limited. There is also paid parking in Veterans Park.

Game tickets start at \$10, but there are also special packages. For those who would like to splurge, there are \$50 tick-

ets for on-field VIP seating, which also includes food and beverages (including beer and liquor).

If you haven't experienced a game here, there's a lot to see. The home team is supported by boosters known as the Northern Guard, who dress up in team colors and chant and beat on drums to spur on the team.

Colored smoke bombs are also set off during game highlights. For many, the spectacle in the stands is as exciting and entertaining as the games.

Before the games fans parade from the Fowling warehouse complex down Conant to the stadium. This is also a not-to-be-missed event.

The games have also boosted local bars and restaurants, which have reported increased business during game days from fans.

Pehrson said the relationship between the school district and business community has been beneficial to all.

“Everyone is so welcoming,” she said. “The community is so embracing.”

The partnership between the DCFC and the Public School District, which owns Keyworth Stadium, was orchestrated by Superintendent Tom Niczay, his administration and the school board.

It was about a year or two in the making to bring about the move to Hamtramck.

The DCFC also opened an office and retail shop in Hamtramck where you can purchase team shirts and other clothing items. The shop is located at 2750 Yemans, and it is open Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

You can find more information about the team online at www.detcityfc.com.

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ESL Class – Friday, May 12, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

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School Bell

Hamtramck Public Schools (HPS) is having a Welcoming Hamtramck Families event on Friday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hamtramck High School Community Center.

The Community Center is located at 11350 Charest. Please plan to join us at this exciting event to meet Hamtramck Public School educators, student leaders and community organizations. Free services will also be offered.

Some features of this event include individual Hamtramck Public School booths, community and family organizations, HPS art competition winners, educational resources, academic booths, HPS student band, dental care, blood pressure checks, glucose checks, BMI checks, health resources and referrals.

All participants who attend will have the opportunity for a free lunch, free gift bags, henna and face painting. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Jaleelah Ahmed at (313) 892-0255.

Holbrook Elementary School News

Students from Holbrook Elementary School, Grades Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade did a clean-up of Veterans Park for Earth Day.

The students put on gloves and worked hard to make the park look clean and neat. The students had great fun and some even said they wanted to do it again. Congratulations Holbrook on a job well done!



Above: ECE students had fun recently reading and learning about Earth Day. Below: Holbrook students also observed Earth Day by cleaning up Veterans Park.



Upcoming Events

- Thursday, May 11 – Spring Music Concert 9-10 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 30 – Bake sale after school.
- Wednesday, May 31 – Bake sale after school.

Early Childhood Elementary (ECE) School News

April was a busy month at ECE. Staff at the Early Childhood Elementary School welcomed new families at the Pre-school and Kindergarten Open House.

Teachers and staff met the students and families to talk about what is expected and taught at each grade level and registered them for school. Openings in both grade levels are still available. Call (313) 891-3200 for more information.

Students learned about Earth Day in all the classes, and read The Lorax by Dr. Seuss and planted seeds. Students are learning how important it is to take care of the environment for future generations.

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The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212, to receive comments from the public on the proposed amendments to:

Hamtramck City Code, Title XV, Chapter 150, Sections 150.076 and 150.176, to establish policies and procedures to regulate the maintenance of property within the city and to provide a means for the city to promote, protect and safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens. The existing Title XV, Chapter 150, Section 150.076 of the Hamtramck Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed and the new Section 150.076 is hereby adopted to stand in its place:

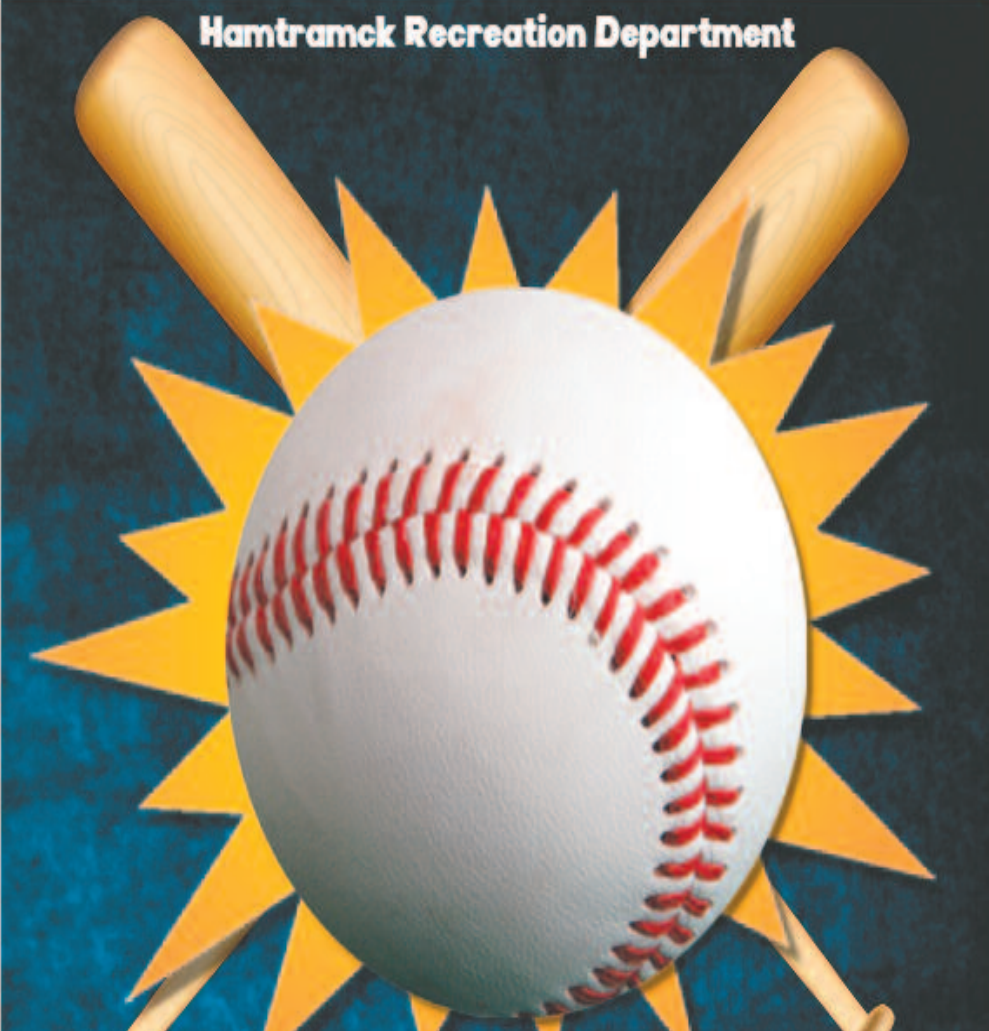
And

An Ordinance to amend the Hamtramck City Code, Title V, Chapter 50, Sections 50.001 through 50.015 and Sections 50.030 through 50.035, to establish policies and procedures to regulate the collection of trash and solid waste within the city and to provide a means for the city to promote, protect and safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens. The existing Title V, Chapter 50, Sections 50.001 through 50.015 and Sections 50.030 through 50.035 of the Hamtramck Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed and the following new Sections 50.001 through 50.015 and Sections 50.030 through 50.035 are hereby adopted to stand in their place:

Full and complete text of the changes is available at the City Clerk's Office. The public is invited to attend and comment on the amendment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before May 9, 2017.

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Public Hearings were held at the Regular City Council Meeting on April 25, 2017 at 7pm in the Second Floor City Council Chambers for the purpose of hearing public comments on changes to the following Ordinance. The changes were adopted by unanimous vote. Summary is as follows.

Ordinance 2017-01 Repeal of Sections 112.001 – 112.017 and 112.999 (B) of Hamtramck Transportation Ordinance (Taxicabs)

On December 21, 2016 Governor Rick Snyder signed House Bill No. 4637 “Limousine, Taxicab and Transportation Network Company Act”. House Bill No. 4637 is now known as Public Act 345 of 2016 and becomes effective on March 21, 2017. This law renders Hamtramck’s local ordinances null and void.

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Somirir, Akil Al-Halemi, Nayeem Choudhury, Fadel Almarsoumi, Monzurul Karim, Saiida Miah and Showkat Choudhury.

Saiida Miah is the 22-year-old daughter of Councilmember Anam Miah. Showkat Choudhury currently sits on the Hamtramck School Board.

The Primary Election is Aug. 8.

Both the mayor and council terms are for four years. The Primary Election will whittle down the council race from 10 candidates to six. The November General Election will determine the top three candidates who will serve on council.

In the mayor’s race, the Primary Election will reduce the candidates to two for the General Election held in November.

If you are not a registered voter and want to participate in the Primary Election, you must register no later than July 10.

This election year could prove to be historic. There is a chance that the entire council and mayor’s position will be filled by those of the Muslim faith – which would be a first for an American city.

Two years ago national and international media swooped into town when a Muslim majority was elected to the council.

For decades Hamtramck’s government was dominated by Polish-Americans. The city’s population has undergone a sea change with the arrival of immigrants from Bangladesh, Yemen and Bosnia.

The Poles left in droves in the 1980s and 1990s for the northern suburbs.

It is now believed that a majority of the city’s population is of the Muslim faith. There are now about a dozen mosques in the city and just outside the Hamtramck-Detroit border.

For some candidates, this election will cost them extra money

By Charles Sercombe

A handful of candidates have some financial housekeeping to do if they want to be on the August Primary Election ballot.

A few of the candidates owe the city property taxes, and according to the city charter, anyone who owes the city money – or any other government agency – cannot serve on council or as mayor.

According to Section 6-08 of the Hamtramck City Charter:

“No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who is a defaulter to the City or to any board, or office, or department thereof, or to any school district, county, or other municipal corporation of the State, now or heretofore existing. All votes for the election or appointment of any such defaulter shall be void.”

In the mayor’s race, challengers Cathie Gordon and Asm (Kamal) Rahman are behind in their property taxes, according to the Wayne County Treasurer’s Office. Gordon is listed as co-owner with her mother for their house at 2758 Norwalk. The amount due is \$752.

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Our Lady Queen of Apostles celebrates its centennial



Above and below: Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Apostles celebrated the church’s 100th anniversary on Sunday.

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In Our Opinion

A rodent problem requires all of us to be vigilant

Lately, we’ve been hearing about an increase in rats running around the city.

Every once in a while a rodent problem pops up. Now with spring here and warmer temps, it’s not surprising to hear about this influx.

The city has come a long way since the 1990s when we suffered a huge infestation problem. One of the key fixes was to issue city garbage cans with lids attached.

This ensured everyone had a garbage can with an attached top to use. In many households, at that time, some folks would throw out their trash in plastic bags into the alley.

That practice allowed rats to tear into the bags and spill out garbage. Our alleys were filthy then.

Although we have made advances in preventing loose garbage, there are still too many residents who think nothing of throwing out loose trash.

While the city has code enforcers, there are simply too many households to cover. That’s where being a good neighbor comes in. Some of our residents come from countries where loose garbage is the norm.

Being a good neighbor means being kind when informing households about the proper way to get rid of garbage.

That sometimes takes a load of patience.

In some instances, there are folks who are just plain nasty and uncaring. That’s where code enforcement comes in. If there is one thing most of us understand it is the expense of a ticket.

This Saturday is the kickoff of a citywide clean-up campaign for the entire month of May. Let’s start it off with taking a good a look around our own home and alley.

Odds & Ends

Busy, busy... This week-end offers almost too much to do.

Where do we start? Let’s begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday where volunteers will meet up at City Hall to kickoff a citywide clean-up effort that will continue each weekend through the month of May.

You can read more about it on the front page in the Quick Hits column.

Also on that day, the annual Firefighters’ March will step off at 3:30 p.m. in front of the fire station. Firefighters from the area participate each year, and they march down Brombach to St. Florian Church where a special Mass takes place.

After the Mass, the annual St. Florian Strawberry Festival takes place and continues on Sunday.

This is one of the larger church festivals in the area, and it also offers some of the best home-made Polish food, plus lots of live entertainment.

The city’s Bengali community will also celebrate on Saturday the Bengali New Year, known as Bangladeshi Boishahi Mela, at the Hamtramck High School Community Center. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and features food and cultural activities.

It’s free, so stop by and learn something about your Bengali neighbors.

It isn’t over yet. An international organization called Jane’s Walk, which brings communities closer by sponsoring tours of interesting neighborhoods, will host two walks.

The first is Saturday, starting at noon with a discussion at the Knapp Library Branch on Conant. From there a tour will go through what’s commonly called “Banglatown.”

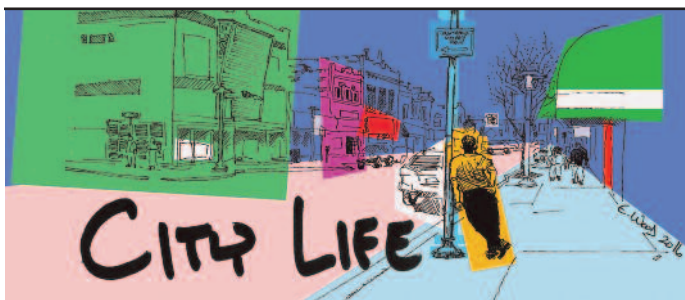
Then on Sunday at 3 p.m. a historical tour starts at the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

All of this is free.

Trivia fun... Hamtrivia returns on Saturday, May 13, at the Moose Lodge 1670, at 9421 Conant.

The popular event is sponsored by the Hamtramck Historical Museum. Admission is a mere \$10 and proceeds will go toward installing a new lighting system on the first floor of the museum. You don’t have to know Hamtramck history to win. Only one round will be devoted to local trivia and it won’t be too hard.

Light refreshments will be served, and there is a cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the fun while supporting the Hamtramck Historical Museum.



North by northwest

By Walter Wasacz

Emily Wood and I went out walking past week, the first time we have hung out together since February and the first time we went out for a walk intending to collaborate on a story since late last summer.

She’s done a bunch of art in the meantime, including a mural at Trixie’s Bar on Carpenter and a show of paintings juxtaposed with found objects at Detroit Contemporary Gallery. She is also illustrating the next issue of Stupor, Hamtramck writer Steve Hughes’ fiction project based on stories he collects in local bars.

In February, on a day

when the temperature was in the upper 60s, we walked the alleys between Gallagher and Jos. Campau, Holbrook and Evaline, looking for empty bottles that could be inserted into a future painting.

This time we headed for the far northwest corner of the city, starting at the steps of Barberella Hair Salon at Edwin and Gallagher, walking north past Hamtramck High School, then cutting through neighborhoods leading to the Col. Hamtramck Homes.

According to the Ham-

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Charter school cut loose

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ment this week. In the meantime, Chochla said the exit of CMU does not necessarily mean the school will close.

“We have other options, and we are exercising them,” Chochla said.

She declined to say what is being considered.

There are almost 300 students enrolled in the school. They could enroll in other nearby charter schools or the public school district. Many of the students are from Yemen and Bangladesh.

Chochla said if the building is closed, her company, which is located in Harper Woods, will offer to bus students to another school operated by the management company.

There are two other schools managed by the Hanley Harper Group, one in Oak Park and another in Waterford.

In total there are about a dozen charter schools in the Hamtramck area, including those located near the Hamtramck-Detroit border.

The creation of charter schools initially drained many students from Hamtramck Public Schools. But in recent years the district has waged an aggressive campaign to attract students.

A number of parents decided to return to the school district because some of the charter schools have performed poorly.

Tom Niczay, the Superintendent of the public school district, said there is still room for charter students to enroll. Although charter schools compete for students, and thus state revenue that goes with each student, Niczay said he is sympathetic.

“It’s sad to hear that a school, any school, is closing because of academic reasons. What it means for HPS is a likely bump in enrollment, however; it is unknown at this time if that will actually happen,” Niczay said.

For some candidates, this election will cost them extra money

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Rahman owes over \$2,600 for his house at 3096 Caniff.

Running for council, Gias Talukder is behind \$664 for his house at 2388 Neibel.

A few other candidates live in households, but are not the homeowners, where taxes are behind. They will not be held responsible for the delinquency and will remain on the ballot unless they owe other city departments money.

Mayoral candidate, and current City Councilmember, Mohammed Hassan may want to start looking for a new place to live. He currently resides at 2425 Neibel. It is owned by Omar Nakash who owes \$3,759 and is facing foreclosure.

Nakash is a city contractor who is hired to trim and remove trees.

The issue of elected officials being behind in taxes and water bills has come up before in recent years, but no action has ever been taken to remove anyone from office.

However, this week the city issued a letter to those candidates who owe the city money to take care of the matter. It is up to the candidates to find out which city department they owe money to. That could also include incomes taxes, and also anything owed to any other government agency on the county, state and federal level.

If candidates fail to pay up by May 19, the city will remove them from the August ballot.

Metro news ...

It’s said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modeldmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years.

With their permission, here is an edited version of this week’s story:

Sean Mann expected around 300 people for Detroit City FC’s first ever game in 2012 against AFC Cleveland. Instead, over 1,000 people showed up for the 1-1 tie with the eventual playoff champions.

Mann and his fellow co-founders knew they had something special. "It was obvious right away that there was interest in soccer in the city," says Mann.

And since then, things have only gotten better. With the team about to enter its sixth year, Detroit City FC (alternatively, DCFC or City or Le Rouge) has improved in basically every metric.

In attendance, for example, the team has grown every year—in 2016, the team averaged over 5,000 fans per home game. It renovated and relocated to a bigger stadium. Its operations have continued to become more seasoned. Its fans have gotten more sophisticated in their show of support. And it’s accomplished this all while maintaining the club’s distinctive culture and voice.

DCFC has been one of the great American success stories in both amateur sports and soccer. Now they’re exploring a jump to professional status.

A couple years ago, DCFC was hitting max capacity at Cass Tech High School, its home field. So the club organized a community fundraising campaign thanks to legislation passed in 2014 called the MILE Act, which allows Michigan small business

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Obituaries

CRACHIOLA

 Jack James Crachiola, 85, died April 30, 2017. It is with great sadness that the family of Jack James Crachiola announces his passing. Our souls rejoice that he is now in the arms of our Lord and Savior, with his health fully restored.

Jack was a veteran of the Korean War, where he served his country in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. He will be remembered for his love of family, boisterous personality and sense of humor. He was preceded in death by his sons, Timothy, Paul; his loving wife Betty of 58 years and is now joyfully reunited with her for eternity. He will be lovingly remembered by his children, Jim (Anna), Lorraine (Steve) Owczarek, Patrick, Jacque-

line, Judith (Jeff) Aker, Michael (Linda), Angelo (Donna). Jack will also be fondly remembered by his 21 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Florence (Dave) Van Howe; brother, Tony (Florence); many nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation is Sunday, May 7, from 1 to 8 p.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Mr. Crachiola will lie in-state Monday, May 8, at 10:30 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Interment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.



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nesses to receive investments from many investors, much like a crowdfunding campaign. The team raised \$750,000 from over 500 people who will receive 35 percent interest on their investment.

That money went towards renovations of the 80-year-old Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck, DCFC's new home field. The team replaced the bleachers and upgraded the locker rooms, restrooms, and lighting.

Advantages of professional status

The club has a model that other cities want to emulate. So much so that, according to says co-founder Alex Wright, DCFC "became a victim of our own success." In the Midwest Division of the National Premier Soccer League in which the team competes, six of the other seven teams were founded after DCFC. "All of a sudden, the competition got a lot more intense," says Wright.

Promotion to professional status would mean salaries for players, greater personnel stability, and more games per season. "We deserve to be a pro club," says DCFC head coach Ben Pirmann. "We're basically operating as one already in an amateur league."

But jumping up in divisions isn't a simple matter. According to bylaws set forth by the United States Soccer Federation, professional soccer's governing body, Division II teams need a principal investor worth over \$20 mil-

lion dollars who owns at least 35 percent of the team. Finding that angel investor has been a challenge. Not only because of the financial investment required, but also because there needs to be a cultural fit.

"As important as our identity and story and values are to our success, that would demand a very specific kind of partner," says Wright. "They'd have to appreciate Detroit, understand the landscape and what we want to accomplish, and allow us to stay as actively engaged as possible. The Venn diagram there gets tighter and tighter."

Mann adds that investing in a Division II team doesn't provide big annual returns and is a little riskier.

Another complicating factor is the prospect of a Major League Soccer team in Detroit. Tom Gores, owner of the Detroit Pistons, and Dan Gilbert, owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers, have expressed interest in partnering to bring an MLS team to Detroit. The two have an estimated combined net worth of over \$9 billion.

Whether or not DCFC becomes a professional club, it's going to continue doing what it does—be Detroit's soccer team, own its values, and create an unrivaled game day experience.

"We're prepared to be the coolest amateur team in soccer for the next 20 years if we have to," says Wright.

By Aaron Mondry



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School Bell

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Mr. Jerome Helminiak's second graders got out the rakes, hedge clippers and brooms and worked the front of ECE by trimming bushes and cleaning up the area. They were very proud of making their environment beautiful

The whole school participated this month in donating "Pennies for Patients" for the The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Mrs. Jackie Dzielziula, preschool teacher, headed up the month long campaign. The school raised over \$1,439. Great job ECE students, families and staff.

Hamtramck High School Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 10 – Principal Parent Forum at 9:15 a.m. All parents are invited to attend.
- Thursday, May 11 – Multi-Cultural Talent Show at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 18 – High School Spring Con-

cert at 6 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 24 – Senior Honors Program at 6:00 p.m.

All Schools

- Friday, May 12 – End of Progress Report period 4.
- Thursday, May 18 – Progress Report 4 distributed.
- Friday, May 26 – Half day for students and staff all schools.
- Monday, May 29 – No school for students and staff. Memorial Day.
- Tuesday, May 30 – School resumes.
- Thursday, June 1 – Last day of school for Hamtramck High School and Horizon High School Seniors.
- Thursday, June 8 – Last day for preschool.
- Friday, June 9 – Hamtramck and Horizon High Schools Graduation Ceremony at 6 p.m.

Athletic Events

- Friday, May 5 – HHS


Girls' Varsity Softball vs. River Rouge at 5 p.m. Home.

- Friday, May 5 – HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. River Rouge at 5 p.m. Home.
- Friday, May 5 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Henry Ford Academy at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Monday, May 8 - HHS Girls' Varsity Softball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 5 p.m. Away.
- Monday, May 8 – HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 5 p.m. Away.
- Monday, May 8 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Renaissance at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Tuesday, May 9 – HHS Boys' JV Baseball vs. Rochester Hills Lutheran NW at 4:30/6:30 p.m. Away.
- Tuesday, May 9 – KMS Boys' Baseball vs. Voyageur at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Wednesday, May 10 – HHS Girls' Varsity Softball

vs. Ecorse at 5 p.m. Away.

- Wednesday, May 10 - HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Ecorse at 5 p.m. Away.
- Wednesday, May 10 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Cass Tech at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Thursday, May 11 – KMS Boys' Baseball vs. Trillium Academy at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Friday, May 12 – HHS Girls' Varsity Softball vs. Voyageur at 5 p.m. Away.
- Friday, May 12 – HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Voyageur at 5 p.m. Away.
- Friday, May 12 – HHS Boys' JV Baseball vs. Pontiac AE at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Friday, May 12 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Detroit Western at 4:30 p.m. Away.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers April 25-31.

Tuesday, April 25

• At 11:30 p.m. a resident reported that while in the 2300 block of Holmes she was robbed by two males. The suspects took her keys and then stole her car.

• At 5 a.m. a resident in the 2300 block of Trowbridge reported she got into an argument with her boyfriend who fled the scene in her car. The resident said her boyfriend was possibly suicidal.

• Two residents were ticketed for possessing narcotics during a traffic stop.

• Dearborn police reported they recovered a car stolen out of Hamtramck. They also said a gun was recovered inside the car.

• A Detroit resident was robbed of her purse while she was on Jos. Campau.

Wednesday, April 26

• A person who reported their car license plate stolen discovered her daughter had taken the plate and put it on her car.

• Officers assisted agents from Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society with a complaint about four vicious pit bulls in the 2200 block of Bernard.

• A Sterling Heights resident reported someone stole his vehicle while it was parked in the 11800 block of Jos. Campau.

• A Norwalk resident was arrested for retail fraud.

Thursday, April 27

• A Yemans resident pointed out to an officer two youths who had opened his car door but were scared away. He later reported that he was assaulted by the youths' parents while sitting on his porch.

• A resident was arrested for assault and battery while in the 2100 block of Conant.

• A male shoved an elderly man down on Edwin near Jos. Campau and stole his wallet. The suspect was wearing a red jacket and red baseball cap.

• A Kalamazoo resident

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Coming events

FRIDAY, May 5, 5 - 9 p.m. – The Hamtramck Moose Lodge, 9421 Conant, will host a Taco Night, \$7. All proceeds will go to the Friendship house.

SATURDAY, May 13, 9 - 3 p.m. – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

SATURDAY, May 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. – The Hamtramck Historical Museum presents “Meet the Author,” Leonard Kniffel, who has a new memoir published, called “Busia: Seasons on the Farm with My Polish Grandmother.” The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau.

SATURDAY, May 13, 6:30 p.m. – Hamtrivia Night at Moose Lodge #1670, 9421 Conant. Includes trivia and snacks, cash bar, admission \$10.

FRIDAY, May 19, 6:30 - 9p.m. – The Hamtramck Community Initiative hosts its annual “Spring Fling,” which honors community groups and activists. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence is the guest speaker, PNA Hall (10211 Conant), tickets, \$25, and \$10 for those under 10 or over 65. Includes dinner.

FRIDAY, May 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. – The City of Hamtramck hosts a family-friendly event at Zussman Park – “Art in the Park” – featuring artwork from local artists, crafts for kids, and much more, free.

SATURDAY, May 20, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. – Volunteer Day at Hamtown Farms, 9100 Lumpkin. Help get the farm in shape for the new growing season. Lunch will be provided.



- A resident reported her mentally ill father walked away from home. The man was later found and returned home.