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HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —





## **Quick Hits**

It's strawberry season in Hamtramck.

At least for this weekend.

The annual St. Florian Strawberry Festival takes place this Saturday and Sunday and it promises to be a whole lot of fun.

There will be live music, Polish folk dancing, Polish dinners, Polbeer and Hamtramck's favorite party band, the Polish Muslims.

While it may sound Polish-centric, everyone is invited, and it's always one of the best parish festivals in the Detroit area.

Prior to the opening of the festival on Saturday, the Hamtramck Fire Department and other area firefighters will hold their annual parade down Brombach for a special Mass in honor of firefighters everywhere.

The parade kicks off from the fire station at about 3:30 p.m. with a Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Florian. St. Florian is the patron saint of firefighters.

The Polish Muslims play their usual slot also on Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Mother's Day, the festival starts at 1 p.m.



## It's a landslide victory for school district's recreation program

**By Charles Sercombe** 

Hamtramck voters overwhelmingly voted to continue their recreation program.

On Tuesday (May 3) voters agreed to continue the recreation millage for another 10 years by 592 in support to 165 against it.

The turnout was expected to be low, and indeed it was: A total of 757 voters participated.

"It was slow as molasses," is the way City Clerk August Gitschlag described the turnout.

This is the third millage the Hamtramck Public School District has successfully fielded within the last year. The district runs the recreation department.

Evan Major, the Vice President of the School Board and a member of the campaign committee to promote the millage renewal, said the victory was expected.

"We had every faith that the community believed in this vital resource, and that was day's confirmed by the over-

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As expected, Tuesday's recreation renewal election had a low turnout of fewer than 800 voters. The millage passed overwhelmingly, and will fund recreation programs for another 10 years.

Bandar Saleh and Hasson Shariff had a vision for a former bakery on Conant, and they saw that come to life as a new pharmacy and medical clinic.

## Medical complex is part of Conant reinvention and rebirth

By Charles Sercombe

A few years ago a former Polish bakery sat empty and falling apart on Conant near Evaline.

But much like the rest of Conant in the past 10 years, new life is coming in.

First the it was Bangladeshi community, and now it's the Yemeni community stepping up to

reinvent the city's second major retail strip.

The bakery has now been transformed into a medical complex, with Azaal Pharmacy on one end and Premier Medical attached to it. The building's façade was replaced with attractive brick and new walls went up inside.

All of this was the vision **Continued on page 5** 

## Arts event is coming to **Zussman Park**

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is going to be abuzz with art next week. Recently, the Detroit In-

stitute of Arts continued its "Inside/Out" program with the installation of nine masterpiece reproductions throughout the

Next Thursday (May 12) at 6 p.m. you can join a one-hour guided tour of the installation, which ends at the city's Historical Museum with light refreshments.

Those interested will meet up at Zussman Park, located across from city hall.

Also on Thursday you can tour a special display of DIA sponsored masterpieces that will be displayed at Zussman Park starting at 6 p.m.

Friday evening from 6 to 10 p.m. a special program called Art in the Park will be held at Zussman (which is located across from city hall).

Here is what will be happening:

- Artist Alex Buzalini Sculpture
- Artists Sanda Cook and Luke MacGilvray will live paint in the park
- The Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will provide a children's art station staffed by DDA board members (craft project TBA)
- · The DIA will provide an information table about various upcoming DIA programs
- Hamtramck Public Schools Student Art Display
- PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers, performance at

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## **St. Florian Parish Strawberry Festival '16**

**A Celebration of Polish Culture!** 

May 7 from 5pm-12am & May 8 from 1pm-10pm

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## It's a landslide victory for school district's recreation program

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whelming vote on Tuesday," Major said. "Now we hope the enthusiasm continues with active participation in the recreation committee and resident's voices guiding the development of programs that meet the

needs of our community."

The millage has been in place for 20 years now. The recreation millraises \$800,000 a year.

The school district has no other millage proposals coming up in the near

future.

Voter David summed up what most voters were thinking about the millage.

"It's for the kids," he said. "They need a lot of support today."

## School district signs up for lessons on defending against an 'intruder'

**By Charles Sercombe** 

It used to be that in cases of emergencies at schools, students were instructed to "duck and cover."

In other words, get under their desks and crouch down.

But the world has changed immensely since the 1950s and '60s when that safety program was the lesson of the day on how to protect oneself in cases of natural disasters - or worse, the threat of a nuclear bomb.

Today's main threat is something closer to home: An armed intruder or even fellow students who start shooting.

The thinking nowadays is to teach students and staff how to take a more pro-active approach instead of just cowering in a classroom.

Hamtramck's public school district has signed self-defense method called ALICE, which is an acronym that stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.

The school district will be teaming up with the police department in upcoming training

An increasing number of districts are adopting this approach to what's "active shooter" situation. In Michigan, all schools in the Washtenaw district have been trained.

The philosophy is pretty simple: figure out escape routes from classrooms where students can run to a safe area.

It could mean also for students and staff to throw desks and other objects at an intruder if they come face to face anything to distract and hold up the person on a rampage.

Hamtramck Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay said at a recent School Board meeting that the ongoing incidents nationwide involving intruders is a "very unfortunate lesson we are still learning."

Several weeks Hamtramck High School received a warning about a potential armed intruder and the school went into lockdown.

The warning turned out

on to be part of a new to be nothing, but it underscored the district's need to be better prepared, said Board Presi-

dent Maggie Srodek.

"It could have been a complete nightmare," she said.



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## **Coming events**

WEDNESDAY, May 11, 11 a.m. - The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will meet, at Queen of Apostles Activities Center, entrance on Harold, fenced-in parking.

SATURDAY, May 14, 9-3 p.m. – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop of your recyclables for free.

WEDNESDAY, May 18, 7 p.m. - The Hamtramck Midtown Block Club will meet in St. Florian's Convent, 2626 Florian. Join us as we discuss our citywide flyer project, community concerns such as public safety, upcoming special events, and anything else that concerns us as residents. Speakers are featured and light refreshments will be served. Please enter the convent by the side entrance and thank you for your support of our club.

SATURDAY, May 21, 9 a.m. - Join other volunteers in famed writer/radio host Mitch Albom and his "A time to help" project. Volunteers will be working on several projects throughout the city. More information to follow. To help out, call Kathy Angerer, Director of Community & Economic Development, at (313) 876-7700, extension 326.

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## This week at the library...

ESL Class - Monday, May 9, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is re-

Citizenship Classes -Tuesday, May 10, 5p.m. Hamtramck residents can get help in preparing for their citizenship exam. Classes are free. Registration is required.

**ESL Class** –Wednesday, May 11, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**ESL Class** – Friday, May 13, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**Cooking Matters for** Adults - Free cooking and nutrition classes featuring healthy cooking on a budget, smart shopping ideas, culinary secrets, free cookbook and free groceries. Classes meet 2 hours each week and are 6 weeks long. (Commitment to all classes is mandatory.) If interested please call the Hamtramck Public Library at (313) 365-7050.

"Echoes of Tattered **Tongues: War Refugees** in America" - A reading and discussion with author John Guzlowski, Thursday, May 12, 6 p.m. Over a writing career that spans more than 40 years, John Z. Guzlowski has amassed a significant body of published work in a wide range of genres: poetry, prose, literary criticism, reviews, fiction and nonfiction. His work has

appeared in numerous national journals and anthologies, and in four prior books. Guzlowski's work has garnered high praise, including from Nobel Laureate Czesfaw MHosz, who called Guzlowski's poetry "exceptional." Free and open to the public. Reception to follow event. (Books available for purchase at the event from the Polish Art Center.)

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- The pass will enable Library card holders to obtain a one-time free entry into any Michigan State park or recreation area, and free entry into over 100 participating cultural institutions. Ask at the circulation desk for more details.

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

# School Bell

## Hamtramck High School News

• Thursday, May 12 – HHS Band and Choral Concert at 6 p.m. in HHS Auditorium

#### Kosciuszko Middle School News

The April art contest results are in. This month's theme was "Earth Day." This month's 1st place winner was Dahika Ahmed, 2nd place was Raghda Mozeb and 3rd place was an anonymous submission. Everyone did a great job and the winners received a goodie bag.

#### Upcoming Events at KMS

- 8th Grade Celebration Dance: Friday May 20, 4-6 p.m. This is a time for 8th grade students to celebrate their time together at Kosciuszko Middle School
- Kosciuszko Middle School.
   End of the Year Festival: Wednesday May 25, 4-6 p.m. We will be providing carnival games for kids of all ages to play. Most games are free; however, if you'd like to pie your teacher, you'll have to pay to play. There will also be food, T-shirts, and other games to play.



The April art contest at Kosciuszko Middle School celebrated Earth Day.



Above and below: Horizon High School was recently visited by business folks who gave inspirational talks on how to succeed.



 Thursday, May 19 – 3rd grade field trip to Greenfield Village.

- Friday, May 20 Kindergarten and 5th grade trip to the DIA.
- Wednesday, May 25 3rd and 4th grade trip with Gleaners

#### Horizon High School News

Students must have earned a 3.0 or higher GPA and maintain exemplary behavior to be considered for Honor Roll at Horizon High School.

The following students have exhibited dedication to academic achievement and their efforts deserve to be recognized in achieving honor roll status during Marking Period 3 for the 2015-16 School Year: Bodrul Ahmed, Foysol Ahmed, Ahmed. Nader Sakib Ahmed, Shanu Ahmed, Shumi Ahmed, Jabed Ahmod, Masuma Akther, Halim Alagi, Tawfik Al-Douis, Tarek Algaheim, Hamzah Alghazali, Aida Almorissi, Akram Aqib, Tahmina Begom, Asma Begum, Jamila Begum, Koli Begum, Maha Begum, Rima Begum, Edward Bibbs, Kyanna Bibbs, Ja-Juan Brown, Andrea Cal-

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We are an Active Parish Serving the Community

#### It's Time to Pray, Please Join Us

We are a Multicultural Parish Family Sunday English Mass 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Everyone is Welcome to Worship with Us May 8 - Mother's Day Breakfast

May 14 - Soup Kitchen 2-4 p.m.

May 15 - Solemnity of Pentecost

May 23 - Mass for people on prayer list,

7 p.m.

May 29 - Sunday of Corpus Christi May 30 - Memorial Day Mass at Forest Lawn Cemetery 11 a.m.

May 31 - May Devotion & Ice Cream Social 7 p.m.

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#### Kosciuszko Middle School Athletic News

- Tuesday, May 10 MS boys' baseball vs. HP Renaissance at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Thursday, May 12 KMS boys' baseball vs. Trillium at 4:30 p.m. Away.

## Holbrook Elementary

- Wednesday, May 11 P.T.S.A Meeting at 1:30 p.m. All are invited to attend this parent meeting.
- Friday, May 13 8th grade field trip to C.J. Barrymore's.
- Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 18 – Bake Sale after school. Please come and make a purchase to help our Parent Association.
- Wednesday, May 18 –
   Career Day.

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## Letters • Letters

## May is the month dedicated to labor, there's something to learn

Happy Labor History Motor Company was the Month!

When I lived and worked in New York City from 1957 through 2012 there were many events I enjoyed attending, one of which was the first of May Labor Celebrations down at Union Square. Photos may be found on my website theinformedcitizenlobby.com that also contains useful links.

Events at the New York Labor History Associanewyorklaborhistory.org at New York University, were also of great interest.

Not long ago I located the book "Mr. Justice Murphy," by J. Woodward Howard at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library. The distinguished William Francis "Frank" Murphy was born in Harbor Beach, Michigan on April 13, 1890 according to Wikipedia.

It was in Justice William O. Douglas's autobiography that I learned of Justice Murphy.

- Frank Murphy played an important role in the labor history of Michigan and metropolitan Detroit area. He began as a lawyer, was a fair-minded and impartial Judge at the Detroit Recorder's Court, and was elected Mayor of Detroit in 1930 replacing Charles W. Bowles.
- 1930 The nation was in a deep depression. In Detroit there were people sleeping in the parks in the summertime. Thousands were out of work without means to provide for themselves nor their families. Mayor Murphy worked to find these people shelter and jobs.

largest employer in Detroit but Henry Ford paid little property taxes and did not contribute to the Community Fund in contrast to his son Edsel contributed \$130,000 and served on the City's Fine Arts Com-

• 1931 - President Hoover refused to call a special session of Congress to consider emergency aid to the states.

- 1932 The situation was grim. The police forces were embroiled in both the "Hunger March" massacre of Dearborn and the Briggs strike riots. Murphy was heartsick about all the suffering. The Industrialists accused the City of waste and for failure to require welfare recipients to work.
- Murphy told the group at one of their luncheons: "How dare you spend more money for each luncheon in this room than I need to feed a hungry child for a week!"
- Mayors nationwide were demanding federal aid. Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration assumed the major burden of unemployment re-
- 1936 Murphy became the Governor of Michigan, the 4th Democratic Governor in Michigan history.
- 1937 The sit-down strikes began. The Union drive was on.
- The New York Times exclaimed, "Oh, Michigan!"

The workers/laborers had no other choice. It was the only weapon they had. They were gentle people. My dear father · 1931 - The Ford was one of these work-

The big three auto manufacturers: Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors, were union-free strengthen bargaining there were strikes at Fisher Tool and Die factories in Cleveland and Flint. The tie-up spread throughout the GM system and GM went to court in Flint for an Injunction Against Tres-

Governor Murphy emphasized as part of his New Deal mandate for social justice was to secure for wage earners an effective voice in the arrangements that govern their working conditions by upholding the principle and the right to orderly collective bargaining."

Frank Murphy became an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court. Associate Justice Douglas claimed that Murphy never tasted alcohol in his life and was not a Playboy as was often reported. (Just in case you wondered.) In my opinion, Frank Murphy was a wonder of a man, and certainly his constituents were and still are grateful for all his strong efforts on their behalf.

I send a personal prayer and word of gratitude to all workers/laborers union organizers of those bygone days and wish those of today all the best, encouraging them to gain the skills to be successful in our current point in time.

**Felicia Davey** feldav323@gmail.com Hamtramck

## **NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

The City of Hamtramck is now accepting applications for Residential Roof Rehabilitation Projects for 2016. Limited funds from Community Development Block Grant monies are available. All homes selected for roof projects must be owner occupied.

The successful awardee will submit the completed application and meet all criteria including, but not limited to:

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- Proof of up-to-date taxes City of Hamtramck and Wayne County
- Proof of homeowner's insurance
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This application is available in the following ways:

- City of Hamtramck website (www.hamtramck.us)
- · E-mail: Kathy Angerer, Director, Community and Economic Development at kangerer@hamtramckcity.com
- In-person pick up at: Community and Economic DevelopmentDepartment, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, First Floor Mezzanine.

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Horizon High School has

been visited by several

special guests this school

year. On April 22 Horizon

was host to a distinctive

group of motivational

speakers, who presented

an engaging session titled

"Stars on the Horizon" to

The group included

Tarence Wheeler, Director

of Parent Engagement and

Community Relations for

the River Rouge School

District, Willie Burton, for-

mer NBA player for 12

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The speakers have all

our students.

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# Review: Opinion Page

**Hamtramck Review** 

## In Our Opinion

## Not looking back, city manager moves forward with improvements

If you have lived in Hamtramck for a while last week's story about there being hundreds of outdated water meters was not surprising.

Hamtramck has suffered from dysfunction for decades.

But we're not here to point fingers because part of the city's management problem has been that city employees sometime don't know who's in charge of what.

Things are changing though.

City Manager Katrina Powell is wisely not looking for someone to blame about the nonworking water meters, but instead is moving forward to begin replacing them.

Powell has also been aggressively turning off water service for those who fall behind in bills just like any other community does.

As of now, Powell plans to replace meters in stages, starting with the largest consumers first. One of the biggest users is the Wayne County Jail on Hamtramck Dr. Incredibly, there is a meter there but no one ever hooked it up.

It is not immediately known if the city has simply been estimating bills for the jail or perhaps never billed it.

It's likely there were estimated bills because not ever getting a payment from the jail would have caught the attention of someone.

Or maybe not.

Why did the city never connect the meter there?

We'll probably never get an answer to that, but one thing is for sure: Things are changing for the better regarding how the city conducts business.

## Odds & Ends

**Trivia night...** It's that time again.

Hamtrivia is returning to the Hamtramck Moose Lodge No. 1670, at 9421 Conant. Test your knowledge of useless information at the next installment of Hamtrivia, to be held

Saturday, May 14. The fun will run from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be four rounds of questions, including one specifically on Hamtramck. There will be prizes, of sorts, but the emphasis is on having a good time. The Moose Lodge also has a full bar, which will help ensure that. Light food will be served.

the Hamtramck Historical Museum. Come and join the fun.

Special offer... Want to save \$4,000?

The City of Hamtramck is teaming up with an insurance company, Service Line Warranties of America, to help spare homeowners from a possible huge financial hit.

And considering the city's aging water and sewer lines, it's an offer worth considering.

The city is charging homeowners the cost of repairing water and sewer lines that lead into the Admission is \$10, with city's connection under our proceeds going to support alleys. The average cost to

repair that line is \$4,000,

bill didn't go over well with homeowners.

But now for the super low cost of \$7 per month, Service Line will protect you from that huge bill, even if you just signed up and you are told the repair has to be made.

We'll have more on this next week, but you can call the company at (866) 922-9006 or www.slwofa.com.

City Manager Katrina Powell is highly recom-

and there have already been several folks who have been charged. As you can imagine, that

speaker at the Marino Group. walked a diverse path in life, and overcome many obstacles. Their experiences were very relatable

> to our students. They spoke to the power of hard work, perseverance and not allowing circumstances in life to keep you

from achieving your goals. Gubin was truly moved by

the speeches. "Carlos Marino was a tight end for Michigan State University. He lost it all because of (a drug related incident). It made me think and want to get myself together and really focus more on football and not little things that won't matter in a week from now."

Earlier in the year, Horizon High School presented a "Career Day." Among the contributors was Troy Adkisson, who works as a security guard at Horizon High School.

He also owns and operates Exclusive Choice Protection Security Services. which launched a year ago to provide security and bodyguard details for public and private events. He spoke to the students about potential future jobs in security as well as entrepreneurship in owning and operating your own busi-

Also in attendance was Jeff Salazar, who was a recent recipient of a Hamtramck SOUP grant for his Hands-On-Hamtramck proposal. Jeff Salazar offers a class to students geared towards the automotive industry.

The class teaches students the necessary skills to gain entry level or higher positions in automotive repair facilities, or to bring their skills to higher education offerings, such as vocational schools or the engineering field.

Mr. Salazar states, "Training the next generation's workforce is essential to raising productivity as well as the quality of work performed in Michigan and all over the country. It begins at the school level with programs such as Hands-On Hamtramck."

Additionally, Alexandra Clark from Bon Bon Bon Chocolatier in Hamtramck and Detroit presented to students about starting from the entry level in the chocolate industry and moving up the ranks.

From sweeping floors and washing dishes, to Horizon student Josh studying the craft of chocolate making and the

artistry involved in creating unique packaging and flavor profiles, Ms. Clark was an engaging and impassioned speaker.

And the free bons bons offered to students who asked questions were a

Bon Bon has employed three Horizon High School students: Josh Gubin and Tawfik Aldouis in the area of construction for the new Hamtramck Bon Bon Bon location in the works, and AnMarreya Thaxton as an entry level assistant at their current location, 2756 Evaline.

Says Ms. Thaxton: "The staff at Bon Bon Bon have treated me so well, and have taught me about having great skills in dealing with the public and good sportsmanship."

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We thank all the presenters for taking the time from their hectic schedules to speak to our students and promote their successful endeavors in high school and beyond.

### **All Schools**

- May 13 End of Progress Report Period 4.
- · May 19 Progress Report #4 Distributed.
- Friday, May 27 Half day of school for all stu-
- · Monday, May 30 Memorial Day, No school.
- · Tuesday, May 31 -School Resumes.

Compiled by **Janice Gandelman** 

## Medical complex is part of Conant reinvention and rebirth

**Continued from front page** 

of Hasson Shariff, who saw potential here. The Dearborn native hooked up with Bandar Saleh a couple of years ago to make that vision come to life.

Saleh, a Hamtramck High School graduate, had recently graduated from pharmacy school in Florida and wanted to come back home.

"He wanted to do something big in Hamtramck," Shariff said of his new friend.

Not soon after they opened the medical complex, they knew they were on the right track.

"We didn't expect this them," Shariff said.

kind of success." Shariff said.

Their business model was simple: Keep the building clean inside and out and "treat everybody like family members and not a number," Shariff

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"We look for niches," Shariff said about how he differs from the competition in Hamtramck, which is a special achievement considering the saturation of medical clinics and pharmacies here.

Development in Hamtramck has been on the rise, and Shariff said there's a good reason for

"We feel safe in Hamtramck - not like in Detroit," he said.

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## Obituaries

### **COOK**



Cook, "Cookie", 90, died May 2, 2016.

Mr. Cook was the father of Thomas (Marilyn), Donna, Michael, and the late Gerald; grandfather of Frank, Larry, Robert, Megan; great grandfather of Madison.

Mr. Cook was preceded

in death by his grandchild, Thomas; two brothers, and his sister.

A memorial Mass will be held Monday, May 9, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of **Apostles** Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck, MI. The family will receive guests at the church at 9:30 a.m. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

## In loving Memory Of our mother, Irene Shebestak who passed away on May 7, 1996

Barbara, Robert and Richard and families.

— In Loving Memory — Chester Frank Staniszewski Jr. December 22, 1951 - May 8, 2001



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## Community group will host a series of citywide cleanups

liance along with its partnering organizations, Michigan Muslim Community Council & Metropolitan Christian Council of Detroit & Windsor, would like to announce and invite participation in the annual City Wide Clean Up in the City of Hamtramck and adjacent area of Detroit.

The Clean Up project will take place on each Saturday in the month of May starting on May 7. The

day will be at People's **Community Center located** at 8625 Joseph Campau (corner of Danforth).

It will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be followed by cultural potluck lunch.

On May 14, the gathering location will be at Masjidun Nur Masque, at corner of Caniff and Mound Rd. It will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m and will be followed by potluck lunch.

May 21, the Clean Up

The Common Word Al- gathering location for that will use the Frontier International Academy as the gathering place. It is located at 13200 Conant Street, corner of Charles Street. It will start at 8 a.m. and at 1 p.m. cultural potluck lunch will be served.

> The final Clean Up day will be held on May 28, and will start at the People's Community Center located at 8625 Joseph Campau.

It will run from 8 a.m. to

1 p.m. and will also be followed by potluck lunch.

Common Word Alliance invites all who are able to participate to meet at the above listed locations on designated dates. For additional information please contact Arif Huskic, Chairman, at (313) 999-5483 (email: arifhuskic@gmail.com)

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#### **By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log covers April 26-May 2.

#### Tuesday, April 26

- · A Detroit resident reported the theft of her 2012 Jeep Liberty while it was parked in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.
- A driver was ticketed after a traffic stop for having fraudulent proof of insurance.
- · A resident found a purse in the 2900 block of Trowbridge.
- the theft of an item from her car in the 2200 block of Caniff.
- · A Klinger resident reported a break-in and the theft of assorted items.
- · A Goodson resident reported a garage breakin and the theft of a lawnmower.

#### Wednesday, April 27

- · At almost midnight a Troy resident attempted to flee from officers in a car chase. Officers were able to box in the driver and arrest him on various charges.
- · A man reported someone stole an item from his car while it was parked in the 3400 block of Evaline.
- A woman reported the theft of her purse while at a business in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau.

#### A person reported being bit by a dog.

Thursday, April 28 · An agent for a busi-

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ness in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau reported being a victim of retail fraud.

- A man reported someone broke into his car while it was parked at Jos. Campau and Evaline and the theft of his guitar and medication.
- · A resident reported being assaulted and robbed of his cellphone while at Zinow and Mackay.
- · A Belmont resident · A resident reported and a Detroit resident were arrested for assaulting a man inside a business on Jos. Campau. The pair was also charged with possessing narcotics.
  - · A man reported someone stole an item from his car while it was parked in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.
  - · A woman reported receiving harassing phone calls from the father of her child. • At 1:30 p.m. two peo-
  - ple were arrested for possessing an intoxicant in the public. · A resident was ar-
  - rested for reckless driving.
  - · A St. Clair Shores woman reported being assaulted by her boyfriend while at his residence on Evaline. The woman also said he stole her credit card and made purchases with it.
    - · A Holmes resident re-

ported someone broke into his garage and stole several items.

#### Friday, April 29

- · An Eastpointe resident was arrested while in Macomb County Jail for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- · At 3 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license and being wanted on several warrants. The driver has six prior convictions for driving without a license.
- At almost 7 a.m. a Belmont resident reported a person they loaned their car to failed
- · A Selfridge resident reported the theft of her Chevy Impala.
- · A resident was arrested in the area of Yemans and Brombach for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit. · A Yemans resident re-
- ported he lost his prescription slip before being able to fill it. A Nagel resident re-
- ported being assaulted by her mother and brother. An agent for Hanley
- House reported two boys ran away from the facility. · A resident reported
- her daughter's cellphone was stolen while she was in school on Conant.
- A resident reported being assaulted and robbed of her cellphone.
- · A Jacob resident reported that someone broke a window at his house.

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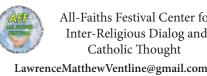
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The Friday event will also feature arts and crafts for kids.

Finally on Saturday,

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the DIA art display will continue at Zussman

Kathy Angerer, the Director of Community & Economic Development, said the events are a way to showcase the newly renovated Zussman Park.

"This is to show how the public can use the park," she said.

## The lore of Hamtramck ...

## Haunting words from the past

#### By Greg Kowalski

These ominous words might sound familiar:

"Walking down Jos. Campau recently I saw several empty stores, and it makes me very sad to watch our city die a slow death."

That was written by Stanley Zurawski, publisher of the short-lived City News newspaper.

In February, 1956.

Apparently if Hamtramck is dying, it is indeed a slow death. And the symptoms haven't changed much over the years. In the same edito-Zurawski that lamented the vacancies on Jos. Campau, he tackled another persistent Hamtramck problem: parking.

"We are losing many of our sons and daughters to other shopping centers that supply adequate parking facilities. ... it would be wise to have leaders of different organizations, church, school, fraternal, social and other meet and discuss different and various solutions," Zurawski wrote.

He was a bit more prophetic with that comment, as this was the era of the birth of suburban shopping centers. Northland Mall had recently opened then and East-

land was not far off in the future. They and the other would create tremendous challenges for downtown Hamtramck.

Yet while store vacancies and lack of parking are still issues, they are by no means fatal ones. In fact, Hamtramck has proven to be far more resilient than many people have thought.

It's common today to hear - especially from former residents - that Hamtramck isn't what it used to be.

Well, no it isn't.

But as they say that they might want to take a look in a mirror. Everything changes. It's the natural order of progression. What is remarkable is that Hamtramck has remained as vibrant as it

The city has weathered some terrible times, such as the closing of the Dodge Main plant, which came about as close as anything to actually causing the city to collapse. But it didn't collapse. In fact, today it is growing.

Interestingly, while most things do change, some don't. Stanley Zurawski founded the City News, which lasted about a year, as a protest to The Citizen newspaper, which was THE Hamtramck newspaper for decades. He allied himself with Councilman John Wojtylo to fight a bitter battle against The Citizen. At one point Wojtylo sued The Citizen for refusing to run an ad by Wojtylo ripping then-Mayor Al Zak in a manner that would make Donald Trump proud today. That ad did run in the City News.

But we digress.

Zurawski addressed the lack of parking by asking that a special committee be formed to deal with the parking shortage. No such board was ever formed, and to this day you will still hear complaints about the lack of parking. But there is a business truism that states you only have a parking problem when there are plenty of empty spaces in front of your

The City News apparently faded quickly. The last issue in the Hamtramck Historical Museum archives is dated Jan. 10, 1957. But as is obvious, the concerns it raised then still are rele-

Yet there is a lesson to be learned from them. Hamtramck is much more resilient than many people understand. That's why those vacancies on Jos. Campau are not terminal but more likely the signs that the city is changing. And change is inevitable.

Think about that the next time you look in a

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domestic violence.

into his garage.

 At 11 p.m. a resident in the 2900 block of

Goodson reported some-

one attempted to break

· A resident in the

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### Saturday, April 30

- A man reported someone stole items from his car while it was parked in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- · A resident in the 3900 block of Evaline reported someone damaged the front windshield of his Volkswagen.
- A woman reported her cellphone was stolen while she was at a business in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau.

### Sunday, May 1

- · A resident in the 2900 block of Jacob reported a house break-in.
- · A man reported someone stole items from his car while it was parked on Whalen and Jos. Campau.
- · A Belmont resident reported someone stole an Xbox from her house.
- · A woman was arrested for embezzlement and theft after her employers reported she had

cashed stolen checks. Monday, May 2 · At 11 p.m. a resident

was arrested in the 9100

block of Jos. Campau for

reported receiving harass-

- ing phone calls. · A Goodson resident reported juveniles threw a rock through his window.
- · A Gallagher resident reported someone entered her unlocked car and stole her wallet,

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