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## **Quick Hits**

### Let there be music

**By Alan Madlane** 

The Music in the Park series is about to conclude its brief summer

Last but certainly not least in the run is the August offering, Street-Corner.

A Motown and oldies tribute act, the band features hits from the mainstay Detroit label such as "My Girl," "Dancing in the Street," and others, as well as more vocal-heavy songs of the day like Jackie Wilson's "Lonely Teardrops," The Capitols' "Cool Jerk" and "Only You" by The Plat-

The four-man, onewoman act appears in Park on Zussman Thursday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m. Zussman is the park opposite the front of the city hall building.

The event is free, and those who attend are invited to bring chairs, blankets or pillows and some picnic fare. No al-Continued on page 5



For several weeks this summer, Jos. Campau was looking pretty weedy.

And no, we're not talking about medical mari-

We're talking about those pesky weeds we try to get rid of at home, and that by late August we give up on.

A group of high school city interns tackled the weed problem this summer, but that program is ending this coming week.

The issue drew attention to the Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority, which was created in the 1990s to help spur the economic development and promo-



At the beginning of the summer, Jos. Campau was looking pretty weedy. That problem has been taken care of, but the issue brought attention to the city's **Downtown Development Authority and how its money is used.** 

is the entire length of Jos. Campau.

tion of the city's main about \$120,000 from a ing it.

business district – which tax on property owners, and some in the community are saying it's time cilmember Robert Zwolak The DDA has saved up the group starts spend-

On something. Former city counhas been the lead propo-**Continued on page 2** 

## And now for the final three

**By Charles Sercombe** 

Hamtramck's seemingly never-ending housing discrimination lawsuit is coming close to an

The city is about to break ground for the last three housing units to satisfy a settlement agreement for the 40something-year-old law-

The lawsuit was filed after city officials in the 1960s targeted largely African-American neighborhoods for demolition under the guise of what was then called "urban

renewal." Critics of the plan called it "negro removal."

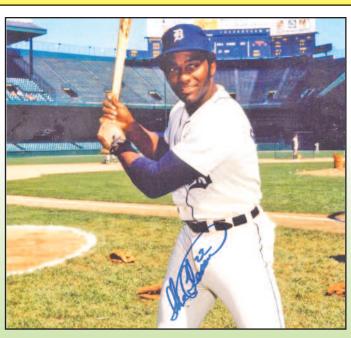
After many twists and turns, the city agreed to build 200 housing units and help the 500 plaintiffs who filed a class aclawsuit financing to purchase the units.

Several years ago, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held, with the legendary presiding federal Judge Damon Keith doing the honors.

Judge Keith, an African-American civil rights hero, admitted that the length of the lawsuit was a classic case of "justice delayed, is justice denied."

For most of the plaintiffs, that was true. Most of them had died by that

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In 1972, Hamtramck's own Ike Blessitt was at the top of his game, playing one season with the Detroit Tigers.

### Stadium restoration opens window into local African **American history**

CITY LIFE

**By Walter Wasacz** 

dium was front and center politan Airport.

Attendees and presen-The ongoing effort to ters came from across the renovate Hamtramck Sta- region to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the at a conference held last Detroit Stars, the Negro week at a hotel at Metro- League baseball club that

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## Is the city putting in the effort to promote its main business district?

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nent for dipping into those savings, which he calls a "kitty bank."

"We're not promoting the businesses that are paying into the DDA," Zwolak said.

Zwolak wants to expand the DDA to also include Caniff and Conant.

"That way it will increase its revenue, and be able to promote all of the businesses in town." he said.

DDA Vice Chairman

Joan Bittner said the DDA does spend money. According to its budget, the DDA spends about \$35,000 a year.

The DDA gives the Labor Day Festival \$10,000 each year, and it also contributes to the Hamtramck Music Fest and the Paczki Run.

"All of these three things bring in a ton of people," Bittner said. "That's our mission."

Bittner, who owns the Polish Art Center on Jos. Campau, added that if the DDA dips deeper into

its savings, they "would go in a heartbeat. ... We've been very good stewards."

As for eliminating the weeds on Jos. Campau, that responsibility essentially falls on the city.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said last month that she is seeking prices from landscaping companies to get rid of the weeds, and for other maintenance issues.

We reached out for comment on whether a company had been hired, but Angerer did not re-

Another maintenance issue that came up was the condition of the tree grates on the side streets along Jos. Cam-

Many of the grates have lifted up over time, posing a tripping hazards to pedestrians. Only those grates that no longer surround a tree many of the trees have died or been cut down will be removed. The spaces will then be cemented over.

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### And now for the final three

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time, but their children and relatives are now eligible to take their place.

Judge Keith handed over the case to another judge about a year ago and died last April at the age of 96.

There was only one problem with that ribboncutting celebration.

Someone incorrectly counted the number of units that had been built. The city was still three houses short, the plaintiffs' attorney pointed out.

The court ordered a special tax on the city's property taxes, and the also received \$300,000 from a federal program called the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

With а total \$600,000 to use, the city expects to break ground on the final three houses this fall - or next spring.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, the council agreed to purchase three



The city's longstanding housing discrimination lawsuit will likely come to an end with the construction of three houses. The city had previously agreed to build 200 housing units to settle the lawsuit, but had fell three short of that deal. File photo

Michigan Land Bank.

The houses will be located at 12085 Gallagher St., 5048 Prescott St. and 5191 Yemans St.

perhaps the final ribboncutting celebration will take place.



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## School Bell

### **School Superintendent**

Last Thursday evening, a meet-and-greet was held by newly-hired Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed.

Members of the public and employees of the school district attended. There was a brief guestion and answer period, and afterward attendees mingled, and posed with Ahmed for photos.

State Rep. Isaac Robinson presented her with a commemorative tribute from the state legisla-

Former Superintendent Tom Niczay retired at the end of June after serving 41 years in education, most of that time in Hamtramck. He was superintendent for the past 11

Ahmed is the first Muslim woman in the country to serve as a superintendent in a public school district.

### **Enrollment Information**

Hamtramck residents may enroll their children in Hamtramck Public Schools at the HPS Business Office, 3201 Roosevelt. School of Choice applications will be accepted during the following dates: Kindergarten: Unlimited, through September 5.

Late school of choice applications cannot be



Above and below: Scenes from last week's meet-andgreet with newly-hired schools Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed.





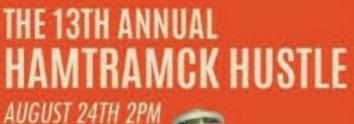
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### **Recreation Department News**

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## The lore of Hamtramck ...

## Time takes a jab at Hamtramck

By Greg Kowalski

"Time" started it.

That's Time as in Time magazine. That venerable publication was already a well-established and respected news magazine in May, 1943, when it stirred the ire of the whole city of Hamtramck, and especially the city council.

The source of the consternation was a fairly small article tucked away on page 54 entitled "Trouble in Hamtramck" in the Education section.

"One of the toughest

spots in U.S. education as teachers. is the city of Hamtramck, Mich.," it began. "Hamtramck is a nest of factories, beer parlors and brothels entirely surrounded by Detroit."

And it got worse. A lot The story recounted

how the school board was corrupt, as it tried to upend Maurice worth's landmark school code and turn the education system into a scam in which board members took bribes from people who wanted to be hired

It was pretty ugly but what was more unfortunate is that it was all true. That didn't stop the city council from taking great offense at the article and announcing that it was planning to sue Time magazine for slander (although legally, it would have been libel).

The June 11, 1943, issue of The Citizen newspaper noted: "Council President Walter Serement, who sponsored the resolution calling for the suit, emphasized that he

was concerned only with such references to Hamtramck as a 'nest of factories, beer parlors and brothels.' He did not seek to deny allegations of school board corruptness, thievery and mismanagement, with which the article in Time dealt with as a theme."

In those days, the laws of libel and slander were not as well-defined as they are today. Such a suit would not have any legal standing now.

In fact, even then this was a pretty tenuous

case. Even so, Councilman John Anger supported the measure. "It would seem to me that there is some diabolical conspiracy among some shady elements to undermine and to slander the reputation of our fair city," he said. "It is not fair to the great majority of industrious, loyal and intelligent inhabitants of Hamtramck to be criticized and blamed for every act and move made by some unqualified and irresponsible ofholder fice politician."

The Hamtramck officials did have a point, in

that Hamtramck had for years been subjected to negative publicity nationally, and not always with justification.

Time magazine took the threat seriously and called its Detroit representative to New Yolk to confer on the matter, but finally concluded that the city did not have a legitimate case.

Time attorney Richard I. Galland wrote to the council that "The article was, of course, carefully checked for accuracy before it was published in Time, and under the circumstances Time does not consider that it should print a retraction."

Galland went on to state the article was not meant to insult the city, but rather to point out the indignation of the residents toward the lowering of educational standards in the city's schools.

The Council voted to go ahead with filing the suit, but it went nowhere. This wasn't the last time the city would be subjected to bad publicity by the national media but seldom did any draw this type of response.

The original Time magazine is in the archives of the Hamtramck Historical Museum. Come and see. The museum is at 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call (313) 93-5027 or (313) and visit our website www.hamtramckhistory.org.



By Charles Sercombe

Our website readers have had plenty to say, lately. What's foremost on the

mind of readers? Politics namely the outcome of the recent primary election. The election was a

stunner. Two incumbents, Anam Miah and Abu Musa, were knocked out of the race. They will now be finishing up their second term.

Dennis Nowak talked about what may have led to Miah's and Musa's downfall:

"Interesting that two of the three incumbents running for re-election did not make it past the primary election.

"Voters were smart in choosing veteran officeholder Robert Zwolak who finished only 24 votes behind the third-

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

## Tree planting should be high on the list of priorities

much to revitalize its appearance, evr since a tornado blew through town in 1997 and knocked down about 500 huge

Over the years, the city, along with various volunteers, tried to replaced that loss, but we still have a long way to go.

Too many of our streets are barren, and offer no shade or relief from summer's sun and brutal heat.

For the past few years,

Hamtramck has done the city has received tree planting. grants through the state to replant trees, but those grants didn't really amount to much.

> Although the city is currently in deficit spending, and will eat through a \$5 million budget surplus within three years at the current rate of spending, there are plans being formulated to correct that.

> When the city gets back on track - and we are confident that it will - it would be wise to begin budgeting for more

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Tree planting is just as important as alley repairs - a program that was wisely begun a few years ago, after decades of neglect.

Slowly, but surely, Hamtramck will continue to rebound.

## Odds & Ends

**Shooting...** There aren't the date given for the many details about the latest shooting in town, but here's what is being released by the city.

Last Sunday morning – Saturday night – at about 1 a.m., two people were shot at - or just outside of - MyHookah Lounge, located at 11435 Jos. Campau.

Last we heard, either both are, or just one is, in critical condition.

There is no word on whether there is a known suspect or if there were any arrests.

If MyHookah Lounge sounds familiar, well, it should. A shooting there took the life of a Detroit man last December.

No arrests were made in that incident, and the investigation is still open.

In the meantime, city officials have had enough with the lounge and closed it. City Manager Kathy Angerer said she will be meeting with the owner to see if something can be worked out to remedy the ongoing violence.

Condolences... Batmanghelichi family has decided to close their medical clinic next month





Dr. Olivia M. **Batmanghelichi** 

clinic's closing will be Sept. 19.

The clinic, open for 33 years, has most recently been located at 11470 Jos. Campau (on the east side) across from Casmere St. in an unassuming brown single-story building.

A Dr. Usher, along with a staff of three, had been keeping the good work going in Dr. Batmanghelichi's stead.

The family wanted to ensure that current patrons know that they can get a copy of their medical records during business hours.

Those hours of operation are currently listed as: Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Sunday-Monday.

Medical records can be picked up until Oct. 18, more than a month past the date the clinic closes to patients. After that, the records will be held at Security Archives/Grosse ternational Academy completed a successful sixweek summer school session (Summer Splash) that consisted of reading and math at seven differ-

ent grade levels. The students also went on weekly field trips on Thursdays.

### Calling all volunteers...

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cohol or etcetera, naughty kids.

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ples. In June, the Detroit Social Club brought their diverse horn-based jump to the locale.

The events are cosponsored by the City, the DDA and the Historical Commission.

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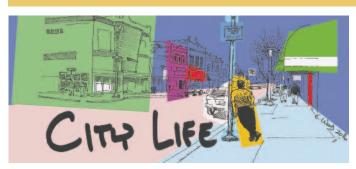
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played its home games in the 1930s at the stadium located inside Veterans Memorial Park.

Another Negro League team, the Detroit Wolves, as well as the Detroit Cubs, a semi-pro club made up of African American players, also played at the stadium.

Later, Hamtramck Recreation Colt League and American Legion games were played there, as were home games for Hamtramck. St. Ladislaus. St. Florian and Immaculate Conception high schools.

The latter three schools have since closed. St. Lad's. the Grevhounds. had one of the top scholastic programs in Michigan, winning the inaugural Class C state high school baseball championship in 1971.

My memories of the stadium began in the mid- to late-1960s, when watched Colt League and American Legion games from the grandstand that once held up to 10,000 spectators.

Later, I played on the same diamond as a Colt Leaguer in the early 1970s and when my high school, Austin, traveled there to play HHS in 1972. We were good, by the way, finishing in second place in the tough Central Division of the Catholic League. But the Cosmos beat us 2-1 (if I recall correctly).

At the Tigers-Royals game Saturday - when the home team dressed in Stars' uniforms and the visitors dressed as another Negro League team, the Kansas City Monarchs - I ran into former Tiger Ike Blessitt, who played at Hamtramck Stadium in the 1960s.

I told him I remembered watching him play Ameri-

can Legion ball, and as a running back for the football Cosmos, who played just up the tracks at Keyworth Stadium. He also starred in basketball, on the same team that produced future NBA all-star player and coach Rudy Tomjanovich.

lke played just one year, 1972, in the big leagues, but had a lengthy minor league baseball career afterward. He talked about playing in Holyoke, Massachusetts and the Mexican League.

"The city was full of strong young black men in your day," I said. "Sure Blessitt said. "James Smith, Mel Guyton, John Brisker ... and on and on."

I told him I remembered when Guyton, also a multisport athlete like lke, was tragically killed while serving in Vietnam. He was barely out of high school when he was drafted into the military.

Brisker, a basketball star at HHS, the University of Toledo and in the old American Basketball Association (Pittsburgh Pipers) and the Seattle Supersonics of the NBA, went missing in Uganda in 1978 and was declared dead in 1985. Over 30 years later, the exact cause of death remains a mystery.

"We had some great athletes in the city," Blessitt said, "and then there was Pinky, who played on all those fields too."

Pinky is of course Art Deras, called by some the greatest Little Leaguer ever, who hit and pitched Hamtramck to world championships in 1959 (Little League) and in 1961 (Pony League).

Talking to Ike and sharing memories with him

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Reader feedback...

## Divining the meaning of the election results

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place finisher.

"A past Hamtramck Review article citing proof that Abu Musa did not really reside in the City of Hamtramck likely hurt his re-election efforts.

"The past controversy of Anam Miah being a 'defaulter' likely damaged his re-election efforts as well. The fact he finished well behind (98 votes!) fellow primary candidate Justin Jessop - who few gave any chance at winning shows how far Mr. Miah has fallen out of favor with the local voters."

Fatema Hossain senses voters are seeking change:

"Voter attitudes in Hamtramck appears to favor candidates like Nayeem Chowdhury who – like Mr. (Mohammed) Al-Somiri have never held public office before.

"Nayeem campaigned hard and it certainly paid

"Organizations like the Bangladeshi-American Political Action Committee need to continue to promote voter registration locally and make get-out-the-vote calls to Hamtramck community members."

Someone who goes by the moniker "Roadman" (dude, we know who you are - quit hiding behind a fake name) took a deeper dive into the results.

"A real stunning development was the political resurrection of the electoral fortunes of Robert Zwolak – a man soundly voted out of office, finishing in last place in the 2015 general City Council election.

"Justin Jessop's defeat was largely expected due to his minimal campaigning. Plus, the fact he finished in a distant last place for a state representative seat in 2018.

"The Mohammed Alsomiri vote total surprised many – and some cheered his victory, as his attempts at developing downtown established him as a civic leader worthy of a City Council seat."

And he added:

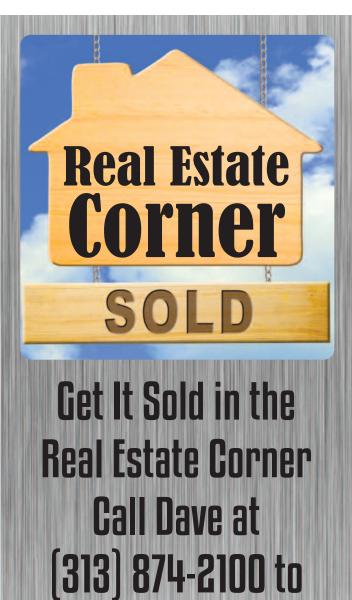
"Precincts 6 and 7 carried the day for Saad Almasmari and Mohammed Alsomiri, as both pulled large percentage of the votes in these two precincts.

"The only other candidate who performed at least moderately successful in those precincts was Mohammed Hassan -

who pulled in about half as many votes as Almasmari and Alsomiri.

"These two precincts are home to many Yemeni-Americans both Almasmari and Alsomiri are Yemeni immigrants Bangladeshi-American Mohammed Hassan had fostered ties to the Yemeni-American community during his prior mayoral run in 2017.

"After this primary election, Carrie Beth Lasley who finished with only a fraction of the vote totals of the Yemeni-American candidates listed above vowed during an interview with the Arab-American News today to campaign more vigorously in these two precincts. ..."



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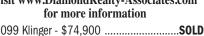
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's crime Log covers Aug. 6-12.

### Tuesday, Aug. 6

- Warren police officers turned over a Hamtramck resident who was wanted on a Hamtramck felony warrant.
- A hit-and-run accident happened at Casmere and Sobieski.
- · At 12:30 a.m., officers investigated a report that gunshots had been fired in the area of Lumpkin and Danforth. At the scene officers located several shell casings. No injuries were reported.
- · At 5 a.m., a resident reported that they were assaulted in the area of Grand Haven St. and Circle Dr.
- · A Detroit resident was picked up in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau and taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for psychological examination.
- · At about 4 p.m., a pedestrian was injured in an auto crash at Trowbridge and Jos. Campau.
  - · A resident in the

9400 block of Brombach St. reported that their cityissued trash can was stolen.

· Three juveniles were detained after they were caught throwing eggs at people in the Carpenter and Charest area. Their parents were issued parental responsibility tickets.

### Wednesday, Aug. 7

- · An Edwin St. resident reported that their trailer was stolen.
- · A resident reported that their car was stolen while it was parked in the 3900 block of Caniff.

#### Thursday, Aug. 8

- A Madison Heights resident reported the theft of their 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe while it was parked in the area of Belmont and Lumpkin.
- · At about 7 a.m., a Detroit resident was arafter rested being involved in an auto accident at Conant and Yemans.
- · A resident in the **Continued on page 8**







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SATURDAY, Aug. 24, 1-5 p.m. - Free event, "Making It To The Finish Line, 1st Annual Girls Makeup Expo," for girls ages 12-18, at Ears Showplace, 2140 Holbrook, Hamtramck (Inside the former UAW Local 235 Bldg.). Advance registration required. Visit our website for more information: www.mittfl.org

MONDAY, Aug. 26, 9 a.m. – Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Monday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.





























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12000 block of Yemans St. reported an attempted garage break-in.

### Friday, Aug. 9

- · A resident was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital Crisis Center for a mental evaluation.
- A resident in the 3100 block of Caniff reported that their daughter had run away after an argument. The daughter was later located and re-
- turned home. A resident in the 12000 block of Selfridge

St. reported that someone stole money from her residence.

- · A resident in the 9400 block of Brombach St. reported a theft.
- A Detroit resident was arrested in the area of Commor and Grand Haven for child neglect, resisting an officer and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- · A Detroit resident reported that, while in the area of the 9800 block of Jos. Campau, they were the victim of a domestic

assault.

 An agent for a business in the area of Carpenter and Fleming reported a theft.

### Saturday, Aug. 10

· No criminal activity was reported for this day.

### Sunday, Aug. 11

- At 12:41 a.m., multiple gunshots were fired in front of a business in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau. Two people were shot and were treated for their injuries. At the scene, a Detroit resident was arrested for obstructing officers.
- · At almost 2 p.m., a resident reported being

threatened while at Jos. Campau and Danforth.

### Monday, Aug. 12

- · A report was made about a suspicious situation that occurred in the 8800 block of Conant.
- · Officers responded to neighbors on Belmont St. having a dispute. There was an accusation made by one of the neighbors that the other threatened intimidation.
- · Two residents said that, while playing basketball on Jacob St., a teenager with dreadlocks and riding a bike stole two cellphones, cash and debit cards from them.



### **MUSIC IN THE PARK**

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### **Notice of Public Hearing**

**Plan Commission** 

City of Hamtramck

The City of Hamtramck Plan Commission will conduct public hearings on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212. The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearings or to make written comments before the date of the hearings. Written comments should be made to the attention of Grace Stamper, ATTN: Plan Commission, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212. The subjects of the hearings are:

- Proposed Amendments to the City of Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance
- A request by Virginia Torrence and Henry Crissman to rezone their property located at 2692 Carpenter from residential (R) to central business district (CBD) per Article XIV 1.02- Rezoning Upon Request- of the Zoning

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

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### minded me that real acknowledgements are what Hamtramck must also do, never failing to include in any discussion of local his-

Talking to Ike Blessitt re-

The restoration of the stadium should be dedicated to them.

tory the rich contributions

of all members of Ham-

tramck's African American

community.

Hamtramck native Walter Wasacz's walkable discovery column appears twice monthly in the Review.

### **Advertisement for Bid**

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### BID TITLE: KOSCIUSZKO MIDDLE SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT

Hamtramck Public Schools will receive single prime sealed bids to furnish all labor and materials and perform all work necessary and incidental for the Kosciuszko Middle School Boiler Replacement in accordance with published instructions specifications, drawings and other contract documents.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting and Walkthrough, for all contractors interested in submitting a bid held at Kosciuszko Middle School, located at 2333 Burger, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on Thursday, August 22nd, 2019 at 2:00 PM.

<u>Sealed bids</u> must be received at the Hamtramck Public Schools Administration Building, located at 3201 Roosevelt, Hamtramck, MI 48212, no later than, Wednesday, September 4th, 2019 at 2:00pm. Bids received after this date and time and bids received electronically or via fax will **not** be accepted or considered. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:05pm.

Bidders MUST use the bid form(s) in the specification packages. RETURN TWO COMPLETE COPIES OF THE BID **SUBMITTAL**. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled with the bid title, date and time due.

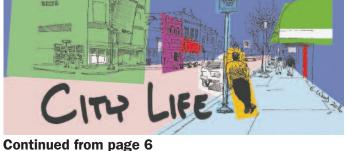
All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship(s) that exist between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement. All bids must also be submitted with a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance regarding Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012 – Iran Economic Sanctions Act.

Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bid bond payable to Hamtramck Public Schools, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid.

Bids submitted shall fully comply in all respects to these instructions, published specifications, drawings, and other contract documents. Bid price shall include all costs associated with this project.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any formalities in regard thereto. In addition, the Board reserves the right to evaluate bids on any basis determined by the Board to be in the best interest of the Board and to consider alternate bids if the low bidder(s) do not meet the specifications or are otherwise determined to be unqualified.

The Architect will provide the documents to prospective bidders, electronically free of charge or in hard copy format at \$40.00 per set. Checks shall be made payable to: PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC. Bid documents will be available on or about August 15th, 2019. Interested contractors should request documents via email @Questions may be directed to PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC, 65 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (Phone: 586-469-3600).



brought home the importance of the stadium rehab, recently helped by a \$10,000 donation from musician Jack White's Warstic Baseball Bat Com-

White, his bandmates from the Raconteurs and other supporters, came to the stadium last month for a fundraising baseball game.

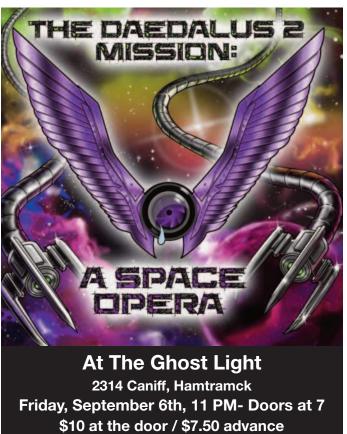
At the conference itself, there were excellent presentations: by former city planner Melanie Markiewicz, who wrote the National Park Service grant (\$50,000) for pre-development planning of the project; by SmithGroup architect Brian Powers, who reported on the 'nuts and bolts' of the stadium renovation; and by Vanessa Ivy box seat tickets to black Rose, the granddaughter patrons.

of Stars' great Turkey Stearnes, who spoke on 'restorative options for baseball integration and the inclusion of the Negro Leagues' into the broader canon of Major League Baseball history.

There are still acknowledgements to be made to the families of many great ballplayers - some of the best to ever play the game - but who were denied the chance to perform at the highest level based solely on the color of their skin.

Detroit Tigers' owner Walter Briggs not only denied men of color an opportunity to wear the Tigers uniform until 1958 (only the Boston Red Sox remained segregated longer) he wouldn't sell





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