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## Quick Hits

### Hot rod it down to the 'Hustle'

**By Alan Madlane**

Lucky 13 will be ridin' low, kissin' the curbs and stealin' the show.

The Dead Last Car Club, a Hamtramck-area club for fans of old and not-always pretty cars, so-called "rat rods" and the like, is sponsoring their 13th annual "Hamtramck Hustle" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Tied in with Kelly's Bar at 2403 Holbrook, the event seems at once a tongue-in-cheek response to the overblown madness that is now the Dream Cruise, as well as a genuine celebration of the vehicular underdog.

Frankly, we love it.

With a confusing several competing entries on Facebook, it can be a little tricky to figure it out, so may we suggest that for more information you try calling the good folks at Kelly's (313) 872-0387.

For those wondering – it's free.

Last year's event drew about 30 vehicles, many of them truly works of art.

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Detroit City Football Clubs scores a huge goal: the pros

**By Alan Madlane**

Le Rouge is moving on up.

The soccer squad, the local faves with the rowdy fun fanbase, is getting promoted.

"Le Rouge," for those of you still not quite in the know, is the fond nickname for the Detroit City Football Club (DCFC). The nickname is a reference to the city's French roots, as well as the nearby River Rouge.

It could also be said to reference the team's primarily red home jersey color scheme, as well as giving a subtle nod to that other Detroit icon, the Nain Rouge. The team also goes by "The Wolfpack."



**The Detroit City Football Club is now turning full-on professional. The club has joined the National Independent Soccer Association.**

However you cheer them, the club has been approved as one of three teams to join the third tier of the U.S. soccer's hierarchy, the NISA, or National Independent Soccer Association.

The NISA is considered a "fully professional" league, as versus where the DCFC had been toiling, which was the fourth-tier, "semi-pro" NPSA, or

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**City Council candidate Mohammed Alsomiri is among several residents who are seeking to save a Yemeni-themed mural from being blocked from view. A developer wants to construct a building in the lot next to the mural.**

## Art obscura? Yemeni mural is threatened by construction project

**By Charles Sercombe**

One of Hamtramck's most treasured murals may disappear from view in the near future.

The mural, depicting landscapes and people of Yemen, is on the side of a restaurant building at Jos. Campau and Goodson.

The owner of the Yemen Café, Ali Al-Zuebairi, wants to construct a building in the lot he owns that is next to the mural.

Plans call for the construction of a two-story building with retail space on the ground floor and living space on top.

That plan has already been approved by the city's Plan Commission, but final approval is needed by the city council.

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## Lounge closed in shooting

**By Charles Sercombe**

The city's second homicide within the last nine months has once again happened outside of the MyHookah Lounge on Jos. Campau.

Police are not releasing many details, but Police Chief Anne Moise said that a shooting that happened on Aug. 11 at 12:40 a.m. resulted in two people being hit, a 26-year-old male in the head, and a 25-year-old male in the leg.

The 26-year-old eventually died of his wounds. The names of the victims were not released.

There is no description of the suspect or suspects, nor a motive for the shooting.

A shooting death also occurred at the lounge last December at about 2 a.m. when three people were shot.

One of the injured also died in that incident. Police released a photo of a black male that they described as a person of interest.

No arrests were made in that December shooting, and it is still being investigated.

Sources told The Review that investigators have been frustrated by the lack of cooperation among those at the lounge.

Apparently, the same obstacle is handicapping

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## Detroit City Football Clubs scores a huge goal: the pros

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National Premier Soccer League.

They are joined in their promotion by two other teams, Chattanooga FC and Oakland (California) Roots SC.

They bring the number of teams in the NISA to 13 total, adding to the 10 established ones. Those include three other (southern) California clubs (Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego) and four other clubs based in the south

(Atlanta, Miami, Baton Rouge and Charlotte).

The other three are east coast squads (Philadelphia, Providence and Connecticut), meaning that Detroit is the only northern or Midwest club in the league, as it stands now.

Which translates to a lot of travel, for away games.

A recent effort by the club to renovate Keyworth Stadium (not to be confused with that for

Hamtramck Stadium), combined with solid fan attendance and support, may have been factors that sold the NISA on bringing the club along to a higher echelon.

The renovations, completed in spring, brought the stadium's capacity to 7,933. The work was able to be accomplished by virtue of \$741,000 raised for the purpose, an impressive sum.

That figure supplements an \$800,000

grant the Hamtramck School District had secured last year that was used to replace the stadium's artificial turf.

In 2018, some 52,550 fans passed through the gates during the season. With 11 games on the docket this year, coupled with the stadium's new capacity, that figure could end up rising by close to 50%.

Looks like "Le Rouge" scored big with this one.

## Art obscura? Yemeni mural is threatened by construction project

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At last Tuesday's council meeting, a resolution to approve the building was pulled off the agenda because there are ongoing negotiations with the lot owner, Al-Zuebairi, to sell the lot and build elsewhere.

The mural was commissioned by OneHamtramck, a self-described "independent non-governmental progressive organization, dedicated to

bringing communities together in the diverse city of Hamtramck."

The mural was created by artist Dasic Fernandez, and it cost the organization just over \$20,000.

The organization's Executive Director, Bill Meyer, told the council that he is talking with Al-Zuebairi about trading his lot for another that is behind it.

A meeting is scheduled for next Thursday (Aug. 29) between the city administration and Al-Zuebairi, to see if a deal can be made. Al-Zuebairi could not be reached for comment.

He reportedly wanted \$120,000 for the lot, but has recently come down to \$80,000.

Meyer, of OneHamtramck, told the city council that price is "exorbitant."

The deal, however, is complicated. It requires a land swap, the selling of a city lot, waiving some zoning issues and making Goodson St. traffic run both ways instead of just one-way eastbound.

Sources told The Review that the mural organizers have themselves partly to blame, for failing to secure the lot before commissioning the painting.

City council candidate Mohammed Alsomiri told The Review that he is willing to help financially to purchase the lot. He owns the building that hosts the mural.

"I want to help the community," he said.

If no deal is reached, there is little the city council can do legally to prevent the construction of the building. However, that didn't stop Mayor Karen Majewski from opposing the plan when the Plan Commission voted on it recently.

She was the sole no vote.

## Lounge closed in shooting

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investigators in this latest shooting, which is the city's first homicide of the year.

In the meantime, city officials have closed down the club, and will decide soon whether to permanently yank the business license.

The Review called the business several times, but no one ever picked up the phone. The lounge is located at 11435 Jos. Campau.

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# Second Front Page

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City Hall Insider ...

**By Charles Sercombe**  
The city council met on July 23, and all councilmembers, except Anam Miah, were present.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, private attorney Mark Koroι urged city officials to look into the Michigan State Police investigation from a few years ago involving how candidates and residents handled absentee ballots.

The investigation has, so far, not resulted in charges. A state police spokesman told The Review a year ago that the investigation was ongoing.

Robert Zwolak, who is a candidate for council, said he gives the current council a “C” grade. He also said the city needs to hire a deputy city manager.

Moving on, Michelle Oberholtzer said the city should not trust the Michigan Department of Envi-

ronmental Quality’s lead test level results of the city’s water.

Next up was Justin Petrusak, who said the city should notify nearby residents about a proposed alley closure on Brombach near Holbrook.

During routine business, the council agreed to close off the following streets on Aug. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. for the annual parade celebrating Lord Sri Krishna’s birthday: Caniff at McDougall to Jos. Campau, to Belmont, and Conant back to Caniff.

The council also approved closing off Zinow St. at Caniff on Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., for an annual block party.

In another matter, Councilmember Ian Perrotta volunteered to fill the position of voting delegate for an upcoming Michigan Municipal League convention.

Councilmember Saad Al-

masmari also volunteered to be an alternate in case Perrotta can’t attend the convention.

Site plans for a business expansion at 11911 Conant were approved. It will be an expansion of an existing retail space, and will also include the construction of a screen wall between the parking lot and sidewalk.

Site plans for a redevelopment of an existing building at 11756 Charest St. were approved. The building is the former Ukrainian Museum, and it will be turned into a credit union.

The plan also calls for demolishing a garage at the site and creating two parking spots.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski applauded the development.

“It’s nice to see another improvement in that area,” she said.

Added Mayor Karen Majewski: “And we love, love, love that building.”

In another zoning issue, the council agreed to set a public hearing on Aug. 27 to consider a request by Dr. Sami Bilani to close off an alley on Brombach. He plans to build housing on the site, which also includes a parking lot he owns.

A representative from the Friends of Hamtramck Historic Stadium said field renovation at the site will begin soon. The plan also calls for removing the concrete cricket pitch.

Regarding a recent multiple house fire on Trowbridge St. that was caused by a downed power line, Mayor Majewski said the city has many dangerous lines.

She said the city needs to pressure DTE Energy to restructure the power lines.



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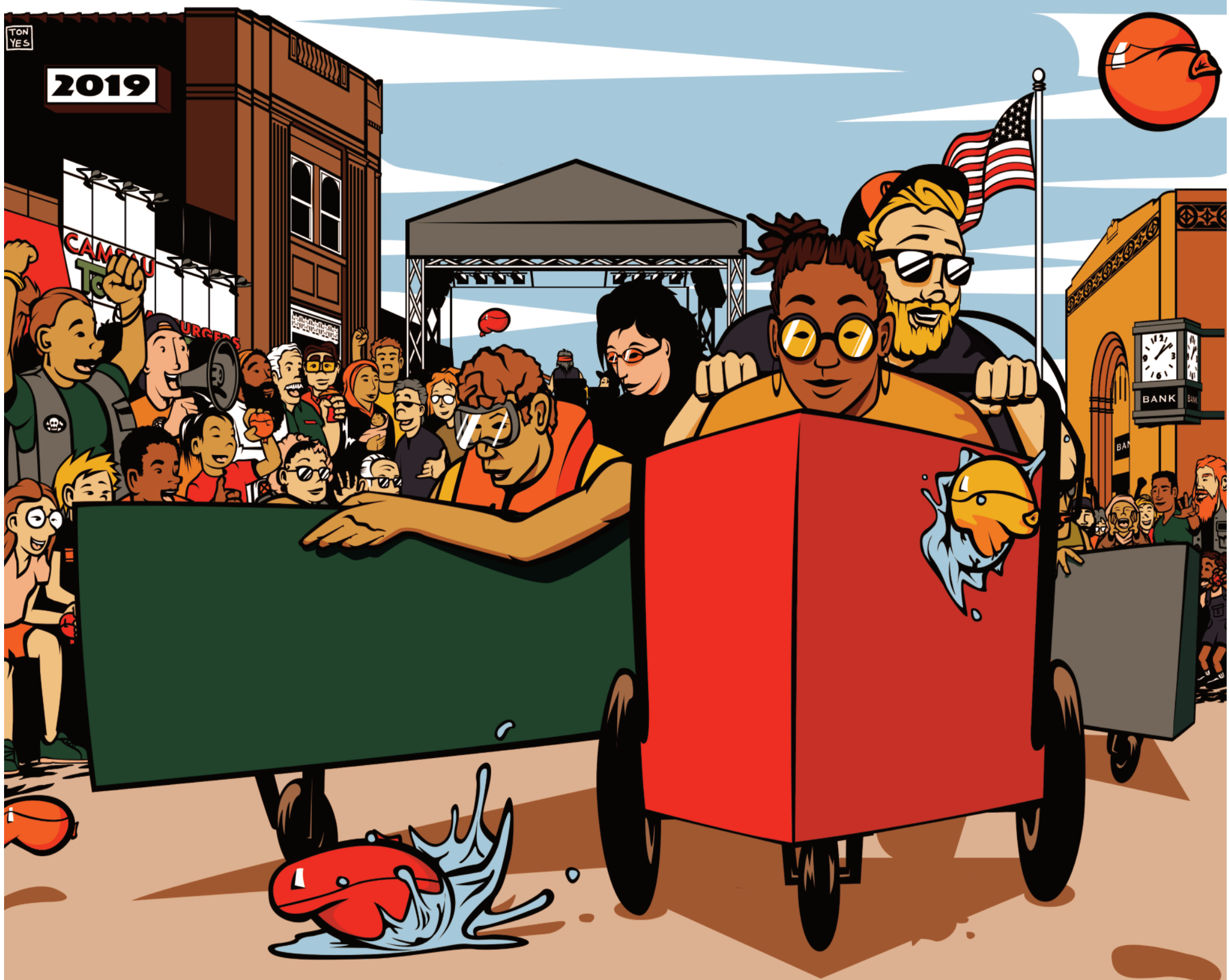


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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

A tragic case of justice  
delayed is justice denied

Six years ago, in 2013, it was thought by city officials that the city's long-standing housing discrimination lawsuit had finally – finally – been settled.

Oh, how wrong they were.

The plaintiffs' attorney, Michael Barnhart, pointed out a couple years later that the city was three houses short of the 200 housing units the city agreed to build to settle the case.

Someone on the city's side apparently couldn't count.

Starting this fall or next spring, the final three houses will be built. The money for the construction is secured, and all that needs to happen is to break ground.

Can we safely say the case is over once and for

all?

The only thing for sure is, you never know.

But one thing we do know is that there are no living survivors from the original lawsuit. As the saying goes, justice delayed is justice denied.

Even the federal judge in the case, Damon Keith, admitted that. Keith died last April at the age of 96. He had previously handed over the case, which he had overseen since its inception, to another judge.

What a shame Judge Keith and the plaintiffs have missed out, and all this only compounds Hamtramck's original sin of discrimination in the first place.

The Sarah Sims Garret versus the City of Hamtramck case started over 50 years ago, when city officials at that time tar-

geted neighborhoods populated mostly by African-Americans for housing demolition – all under the guise of "urban renewal."

Eventually, those individuals and families filed a lawsuit against the city for housing discrimination.

The city eventually agreed to build 200 housing units for the plaintiffs, but guess what? There was no money to fund the project.

Thanks largely to the Obama administration, money poured in to get construction going – all in a bigger effort to juice the economy, and get people back to work.

Hopefully, Hamtramck can now move forward, and put this sad chapter behind it.

Odds & Ends

**Benefit...** The rock and roll circus is bowing to help one of its own.

Syl Sylvain, rhythm guitarist and vocalist (on occasion) for rock's fabled New York Dolls glam combo, is hurting, and some of Detroit's finest are banding together, pardon the pun, to offer some financial help.

Sylvain has been battling an unspecified variety of cancer, apparently for the past year, although he announced it just a few months back on Apr. 27.

The fundraiser will be held Saturday, Aug. 24 at Small's Bar, on the southwest corner of Caniff and Conant.

An impressive lineup of rockers is slated to perform, including Mike Skill of the Romantics with his '67 Riot band, Johnny Blitz of the Dead Boys, and local faves The Trash Brats, the Amy Gore Band, the Timmy Vulgur Band, and a mystery bunch "The Detroit Dolls All Stars."

Hamtramck's own DJ Top Kat will be spinning the wild stuff, and raffles of interesting items will fill out the evening.

For more info, you can call the bar Thursdays through Saturdays after 8:00 p.m. at (313) 873-1117.

Get well soon, Syl.

**One more time...** Last call for volunteers for next week's annual Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

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**Dougall;** from there, it proceeds west just to Jos. Campau, then turns a couple blocks south to Belmont.

It then heads back east for a couple of long blocks to Conant, then back north to Caniff, and finally back west to where it started.

A friendly celebration, the processional adds a blast of color and joyful noise to the city's streets. It all starts with Mayor Karen Majewski ceremonially breaking a coconut with temple elders, before she sweeps the streets a couple of times to start off the walk.

Food is often brought out and shared by others along the route.

The Durga Temple, where the celebration eventually relocates to after the parade, is actually located just a bit east northeast of the city, at 4215 E. McNichols east of Ryan.

And now, it's time for part  
two of the Holbrook repairs

**By Charles Sercombe**

The first phase of the Holbrook repaving project is now pretty much complete.

In fact, you can still enjoy that "new road" smell.

There will be some minor curb do-overs, but that won't impede the traffic flow.

The project took two years because of a labor strike last year that delayed construction for several weeks.

Thanks to a \$1 million federal grant, the city got Holbrook repaved from Jos. Campau to Conant,

along with new sidewalks and the replacement of lead water lines leading into houses.

Next year comes part two.

Repaving of Holbrook will take place from Jos. Campau to Lumpkin, with the same deal for water lines and sidewalks.

That project is scheduled to start in the spring.

And that's not all.

Caniff is also being repaved next year, from Jos. Campau to the I-75 service drive, also known as Nagel St.

That project will start after the Holbrook project

is completed.

"We want to stagger it, in order not to cause traffic congestion," said City Manager Kathy Angerer.

The Caniff repair also includes making pedestrian-friendly changes to the Jos. Campau-Caniff intersection.

The project is being funded by a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The city also has to kick in over \$100,000, which will be taken from its annual state-granted street repair fund.

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Obituaries

GURDZIEL

Robert James Gurdziel, beloved son of the (late) Eleanor and John Gurdziel, passed away on August 20, 2019 at the age of 63.

Born on June 18, 1956, Robert was a lifelong Hamtramck resident and is survived by his siblings Ron (Carla) Gurzell, Lenore (Ron) Scott, John (Barbara) Gurdziel, Alan (Danette) Gurzell, and David Gurdziel. He is lovingly remembered by 11 nieces and nephews and 20 great nieces and nephews.

POPOV



Leonard Popov, 74, died August 20, 2019. Mr. Popov was the beloved husband

of Jeanette (Sparky); loving father of Curt Popov, Melanie (Ray Johnson) Popov-Nevels, Tammy (Daniel) Loos, Celena (Michael) Szymanski, Brandy (Pete Frrokaj) Popov, Jason (Nicole) Popov; dearest grandfather of ten; great-grandfather of two.

Visitation is Friday, August 23, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the David Wysocki Funeral Home, 29440 Ryan Rd. (1 block N. of 12 Mile Rd.), Warren, MI. The funeral is Saturday, August 24. Mr. Popov will lie in state at 9:30 a.m., until the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m., at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Hamtramck, MI, 48212.



School Bell

School supply drive

PLAV Post 10 is hosting a school supply drive starting now through Sept. 2. New supplies needed include: colored pencils, crayons, backpacks, headphones, glue sticks, dry erase markers, disinfectant wipes and tissue boxes. Post 10 is open seven days a week, and it is located 11824 Jos. Campau.

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Recreation Department News

For more information about recreation activities this summer, give us a call at (313) 892-2635. Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information: [www.Facebook.com/HamtramckRecreationDepartment](https://www.Facebook.com/HamtramckRecreationDepartment).

Compiled by  
Janice Gandelman

Beating the heat at Pulaski Park...

By Charles Sercombe

Starting at about 6 p.m. each night – especially during the week – Pulaski Park comes alive.

Maybe it's the summer heat that drives kids and adults to the park, to sit under the pavilion, play soccer or cricket, hit the playscape, or cool off at the splash pad.

Or maybe it's just that the city has so few green spaces in which to hang

out.

No matter the reasons, the park buzzes with activity, almost all areas bustling with people.

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 13-19.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

• At almost midnight, a Detroit resident reported that her boyfriend assaulted her while they were in the 2100 block of Holbrook.

• A Norwalk St. resident reported that someone broke into his vehicle.

• A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license.

• A former tenant in the 2000 block of Belmont St. started a fight with workers who were employed by a company to clean out the apartment. Two people were hospitalized, and one person was arrested for assault.

• A Detroit resident reported that someone damaged his car while it was parked in the 12000 block of Dyar St.

• A resident in the 3900 block of Doremus St. prevented the theft of a postal package at their neighbor's house. The neighbor chased three suspects who eventually dropped the package. The suspects were described as black males in their early 20s. One suspect had short hair and was wearing a white tank top. The second suspect also had short hair, was not wearing a shirt and had tattoos on his chest. The third suspect had dreadlocks or braids, and was wearing a black basketball shirt that said "Hoops" on the front and "O" on the back.

• A resident in the 11300 block of Fleming St. reported that someone damaged their fence.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

• An agent for a business in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau reported an incident of retail fraud. Store employees were able to retrieve the item in question as the suspect fled the store.

• A Detroit resident was arrested for stealing a cellphone from a cab driver.

• A Jacob St. resident reported that his 15-year-old son was arrested for stealing a cellphone from a cab driver.

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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.

SATURDAY, Sept. 7, 4-7 p.m. – Polish Dinner with Mike Zawojksy, accordionist, at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14, 2-4 p.m. – Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski Street at Fleming. Everyone is welcome.

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old son had run away from home.

- A Wyandotte St. resident reported that a person she knows damaged her property and threatened her.

**Thursday, Aug. 15**

- At 3:30 a.m., a resident in the area of Selfridge and Circle Dr. reported a break-in.

- An agent for a business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported that someone broke out

his windows.

- Two juveniles were seen setting a trash can on fire at Hamtramck High School.

**Friday, Aug. 16**

- A resident reported the theft of his Moped while it was in the area of Trowbridge and Gallagher.

- A resident in the 2300 block of Zinow St. reported that someone broke into his vehicle and stole various tools.

- A resident reported

that someone opened an AT&T account in their name.

- A resident reported the theft of their son's blue Mongoose mountain bike while it was in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau.

- Officers found a 3-year-old child walking alone in the street. A parent was ticketed for parental responsibility.

- A resident reported that they accidentally left a bag containing a cell-phone, charger and video game on a DDOT bus.

**Saturday, Aug. 17**

- A Clinton Twp. resident was arrested for being wanted on a warrant.

**Sunday, Aug. 18**

- At a little after midnight, a person was arrested at a business in the 12100 block of Conant after a domestic incident.

- A vehicle with an improper license plate was towed after it was found to be illegally parked in the 2600 block of Casmere St.

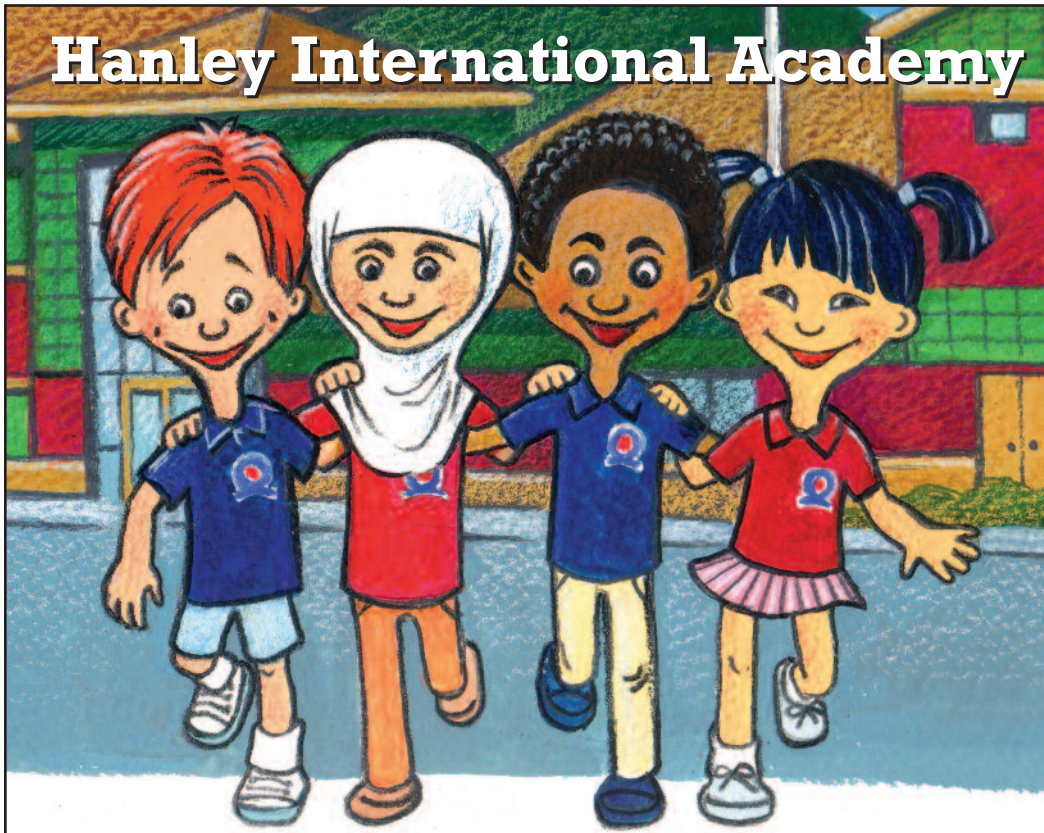
**Monday, Aug. 20**

- A Detroit resident was arrested in the 3500 block of Caniff after an investigation.

- A child was found alone without supervision in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. The parents were located and the child was returned.



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5:00 PM Cruising the Barrio  
6:00 PM Nique Love Rhodes  
7:00 PM Midas  
8:00 PM Icey Dicey  
9:00 PM Easy Action

**Sunday September 1, 2019**

2:00 PM Yowes O'Gowrie  
3:00 PM 75 Days of Sun  
4:00 PM Carolyn Striho Group  
5 - 7 PM Danny D  
7-9:30PM The Polish Muslims

**Monday September 2, 2019**

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4:00 PM Sold Only as Curio  
5:00 PM Virginia Violet and the Rays  
6:00 PM The Stools  
7:00 PM Milk Bath  
8:00 PM Paint Thinner  
9:00 PM The Paybacks

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**Saturday August 31, 2019**

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2:30 PM Johnny Salvage  
3:30 PM Crox and Boys  
4:30 PM DUANE D313  
5:30 PM Pancho Villa's Skull  
6:30 PM VVISIONSS  
7:30 PM Shadow Show  
8:30 PM Wiccans

**Sunday September 1, 2019**

1:30 PM Brenda  
2:30 PM Toeheads  
3:30 PM Bastardous  
4:30 PM Vespre  
5:30 PM Dirty Copper  
6:30 PM Sick Smile  
7:30 PM High Strung  
8:30 PM Moonwalks

**Monday September 2, 2019**

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