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## Quick Hits

**Tree planting...** If you have time this Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m., volunteers are needed to help plant trees in the city's new park.

Volunteers are asked to gather at the Sarah Garrett Memorial Park, located on Dequindre, which is also known as the I-75 service drive, just north of Caniff.

The park is on the west side of the I-75 divide.

The park was created to honor the memory of Garrett for her fight against housing discrimination here in Hamtramck back in the 1960s.

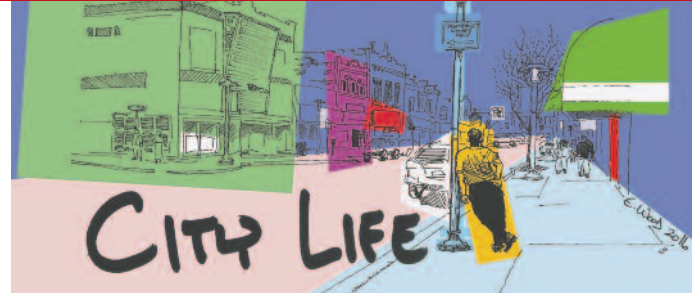
Thanks to the efforts of city officials, the Social Forestry Project and Repair the World Detroit, 200 trees will be planted.

As of now, the park is barren, and is still a work in progress.

The event will take place regardless of the weather. You'll need to bring a pair of gloves and wear a pair of boots. The city will supply the equipment.

Some light refreshments will be offered.

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## Beyond political borders, walking into the future

By Walter Wasacz

Last Saturday morning, I led a group of around a dozen people on foot through streets and alleys along the Detroit-Hamtramck border.

I was asked by Banglatown-based The Hinterlands – an experimental theater, performance art and community engagement collective based in Banglatown – to participate in a mobile workshop we called a “Psycho-geographic Stroll.”

I did a group walk using the same title during the

Porous Borders festival, organized by The Hinterlands and other artists in Banglatown and Hamtramck, in 2015.

This one was both a physical walk and a virtual one, linked via Skype with an audio-visual production station inside the group's Play House, where we were connected to two Russian philosophers in Moscow. It was streamed live on Facebook and Periscope.

What we did might be dubbed “techno-psycho-geography,” a futuristic, early-21st century take on

what began in 1950s Paris as a playful exploration and interaction with urban environments.

Called the “derive” (or the “drift”) by the Situationists, an art/politics movement that created no art (aside from provocative graffiti strewn across buildings in Paris during the student/worker protests in May 1968) and had no de-

sire to govern, walks like these are the cornerstone practice of psycho-geographical societies in San Francisco, New York, London, Manchester (UK) and elsewhere.

Our “renegade performance walk” was part of an all-day series of Hinterlands’ activities called “Border Blast II” as well as

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Visiting Fulbright scholar from Bosnia Irfan Hošić



Wayne County Executive Warren Evans held a press conference Wednesday morning at the Hamtramck Historical Museum to talk about a recent study on the beneficial financial impact of immigrants.

## County study finds that immigrants contribute millions to economy

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck served as a backdrop for Wayne County officials showcasing a recent study on the financial impact immigrants contribute to the region.

Hamtramck, a home to newly-arrived immigrants for decades, already knows of the financial advantages to welcoming new arrivals from other

lands.

But the county study put some teeth in the issue.

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and a host of other county officials were on hand Wednesday morning at the Hamtramck Historical Museum to unveil the study, performed by the New American Economy and in

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## GM strike: Poletown saved

By Charles Sercombe

As we went to press on Thursday, local media were reporting that there a tentative was agreement reached between striking UAW workers and GM.

What was not immediately reported is the status of GM Poletown plant. Later in the day on Wednesday, some media outlets reported that the Poletown plant would be saved, where GM said it would produce electric-powered pick-up trucks.

A few weeks ago, GM reversed its offer to keep the plant. They did the same reversal on the Lordstown plant in Ohio, but again, late media reports on Wednesday said that plant will, indeed, close.

Several months ago, GM had announced it was closing both plants, as well as two others. The earlier offer to keep the two plants open appeared to be a bargaining chip for GM.

The possibility of shutting down production at the Poletown plant is a serious financial matter to Hamtramck.

Part of the plant is on the Hamtramck side of the Detroit border. GM pays the city each year about \$800,000 in lieu of property taxes.

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## Beyond political borders, walking into the future

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just one piece of the even larger Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival.

We began at Play House – the performance space used by The Hinterlands – at the corner of Moran and

Lawley streets.

We walked around the corner and then south down the alley between Moran and Klinger.

There, we spotted a Mercedes with deflated tires

pressed up against a wooden privacy fence. “Something happened here,” I asked, vague mystery in my voice intentional, “but what?”

Lush, green leaves were growing around it. The entire alley in fact appeared as many shades of bright green, aglow in muted sunshine slicing through the canopy of giant trees high above.

All green, that is, aside from garages covered with vivid blue or saturated mauve paint or the occasional dusty brown or gray, with only hints of the yellow and orange – natural colors of fall still to come.



Green alley between Klinger and Moran streets in Banglatown. Below: Play House at Moran and Lawley.



At Halleck, we walked left and carefully crossed fast-moving Conant Avenue to the edge of Jayne Field. This huge, once forgotten park is a centerpiece of the City of Detroit’s Campau-Davison-Banglatown redevelopment plan.

We stopped to talk and imagined ourselves at a picnic, spreading blankets across the grass and sharing food.

As we crossed Charles St., I asked rhetorically if anyone had ever walked on Justine St. to Carpenter. We were here now, I answered, in the neighborhood once labeled Hamtramck Heights in the 1960s, evidenced by suburban, ranch-style housing built from the late-1950s to early-1970s.

This neighborhood was one of several gateways to Warren and other newer

suburban communities, where the white majority population began its pattern of abandonment and northward migration over half a century ago.

A question about municipal corporate borders and why we even have them came from Irfan Hošić, a Fulbright scholar from Bosnia doing a year of research in Detroit. Others on the walk had similar questions, including why it was necessary to duplicate services – public education and safety, water and waste management – over politically established borders such as Detroit and Hamtramck share.

Why not pool resources for the good of the public that cities serve, rather than divide and dilute them – unequally and unjustly – I posed as another question.

On Fenelon St. we walked past newly-installed speed humps and witnessed their effectiveness in slowing down traffic. “Wow, they actually work,” someone said.

We crossed Conant again and into the alley east of Moran St. Richard Newman from The Hinterlands, who was following along from the control desk at Play House – Newman’s colleagues Renee Willoughby and Dave Sanders were providing tech support with microphones, cameras, iPhone and iPad on the walk – asked if we were now in Hamtramck.

“Yes!” came the response as a chorus from the walkers.

“It feels different here,” Hošić said.

The alleys are paved in Hamtramck; in Detroit, across Carpenter and Conant, mostly they are left to dirt, gravel and grass, I said. A few times I’d heard Newman saying the same thing to the couple, Helen Petrovsky and Oleg Aronson, in Moscow and translator Jonathan Flatley in Detroit.

But it is also a different environment, I said, regardless of what city we are in now the “feels” are different, the ambience of the place is altered just by crossing a street.

The political borders are far less relevant than are neighborhood borders, an important distinction.

We walked up the alley behind Hamtramck Disneyland, now being restored by the Hatch Art collective that purchased it from original owner Dmytro Szylak’s family after his death in 2015, then across Carpen-

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**Santa at the Library** - Thursday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

**ANIME CLUB** - Every Thursday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., September 6 - December 20. Hang out, share and discover Anime and Manga. Grades 6 and up. Adults are also welcome.

**Youth Town Hall Addressing Underage Drinking** - Wednesday, November 6, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Presented by the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition.

**Messy Art** - Freestyle craft program. Thursday, November 14 @ 5:30 p.m. Grades 6 and up.

**Classic Banjo Concert and Album Tour Aaron Jonah Lewis** - Friday November 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

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School Bell

**Walk to School Day**

Last Thursday morning's Walk to School Day coincided with Walk with a Cop Day.

Students at Tau Beta assembled a couple blocks from the school and heard about safety tips from two officers, Greg Collins and Lt. Andrew Mileski.

And believe it or not, at the same time, there were a few oblivious motorists who drove 5 to 10 miles over the speed limit, right in front of the officers.

So kids, be extra aware when crossing the street, and don't assume drivers will stop at stop signs.

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Above and below: scenes from last week's national Walk to School Day, which also coincided with Walk with a Cop Day.



City continues to make  
'walkability' a safer experience

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck wants pedestrians to know, it has your back.

City Manager Kathy Angerer says the city continues to add traffic signs and repair broken curbs and corners in an effort to slow down speeders and increase pedestrian safety.

In the past year or so, Angerer said the city has installed 86 speed limit signs, and there have been 94 curbs and corners repaired.

"We're very concerned about the walkability of our community," Angerer recently said at a recent city council meeting. "There's more to come."

City officials have zeroed in on three places that are known spots where drivers speed: near Pulaski Park; along Gallagher, from Caniff to Roosevelt; and near Hamtramck High School.

Most of the speeders are believed to be high school students, or in their early 20s.

One stop sign that has already received notice is



Yes, there are flashing stop signs. You can see one right here in Hamtramck at Lumpkin and Norwalk.

on Lumpkin at Norwalk near Pulaski Park. You can't miss it, because the solar-powered sign blinks a light at night.

The flashing sign has already received some pushback on Facebook, where a video of it has been posted.

"That flashing looks horrible in the video. Like it could actually be a safety hazard," said Karen Plochinski on the Facebook page called "I love Hamtramck."

Justin Petrusak agreed:

"It's too bright, and the flashing is unnecessary; just light the thing up if you're going for increased awareness of the sign."

Other pedestrian safety improvements include making crosswalks more visible, Angerer said in an email on Tuesday.

"This week, more crosswalks are being improved to ADA (American with Disabilities Act) accessibility, and the additional painting of the crosswalks will follow shortly afterwards," Angerer said.

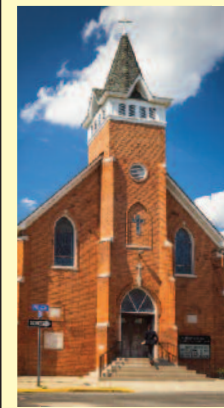
**Upcoming events**

- November 1 – End of 1st quarter.
- November 1 – Half Day for Horizon High School, final exams.
- November 5 – No school for students.
- November 7 – Report Card #1 distributed.
- November 7 – Half Day for Elementary/Middle School Students- Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. All grades except the high school.
- November 8 – Half Day for students.

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**Compiled by**  
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# Court hearing for sexual assault suspect continues this week

By Charles Sercombe

A high-profile community activist faced his first day in court last week regarding a sexual assault charge.

Last Thursday, the first day of a preliminary examination was held in Hamtramck 31st District Court for Ibrahim Aljahim, 37, who is charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree.

According to investigators, it is alleged that Aljahim sexually assaulted an 18-year-old male student at Oakland International Academy, located on Florian St., where the former St. Florian High School once operated for decades.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Aljahim allegedly escorted the special education student out of the building and into his car, where he sexually assaulted him.

The courtroom was packed with observers, and testimony ran so long that it will continue today, Friday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m.

According to media reports, Aljahim's attorney, Roger Farinha, is suggesting that students made up the allegations.

The victim, who The Review is not identifying because of the nature of the crime, was visibly nervous testifying.

The teen said he followed Aljahim, who was the Community Liaison Officer at the school, because the Koran tells younger people to follow the directions of their elders.



A preliminary examination court hearing continues today, Friday, Oct. 18, for community activist Ibrahim Aljahim, who is accused of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old male student.

Aljahim has socialized and campaigned for many elected and political figures, locally, statewide and even nationally.

Soon after being arrested, he was seen at a rally for Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders when he was at the GM Poletown plant in support of the UAW strikers.

In the meantime, Aljahim has kept a low profile in the city. However, he has been active on his Facebook page, where he comments on current affairs and refers to religious sayings, but has not said a word about the charges.

He has not responded to The Review's request for a comment.

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## In Our Opinion

### State financial cuts lead to drastic measures locally

It's no secret that Hamtramck finances are prone to huge setbacks. The city has come under state supervision – via the appointment of an emergency manager – twice in recent years. Each time, the city barely climbed out of its financial meltdown, and each time the emergency managers punted on making hard – unpopular even – financial decisions. Instead, they picked the low-hanging fruit, so to speak, on what corrective measures to take, but never really used their clout for making deep structural adjustments. And now, it has come down to the current city administration instituting cuts in the health insurance plan offered to retirees. As we reported last week, some of those retirees are understandably upset. But before folks storm city hall demanding a change, understand that the city is in a corner. Several years ago, then newly-elected Gov. Rick Snyder drastically cut state revenue sharing to communities and public school districts. That left many cities and districts scrambling to make ends meet, where upon some deep cuts and layoffs followed. The state dumped on cities, and left local municipalities to solve their own financial crisis. Thankfully, Snyder was termed out of office. But even with a new governor in place, Gretchen Whitmer, there is no sign yet that revenue sharing will be increased. The state continues to face austerity measures. These are tough times for many folks, despite a healthy national economy. Our heart goes out to our retirees, but there is little the city can do but make sure we don't fall into another financial mess.

## Odds & Ends

**Now showing...** Hamtramck's got a new movie house, in an old building. It's being called The Film Lab. And this month, in keeping with the Halloween spirit, they're showing spooky flicks. Located in the old Polish League of American Veterans (P.L.A.V.) Post 1 Hall at 3105 Holbrook (northeast corner at McDougall), the concept seems way-fun. The venture, combining film, craft cocktails (with movie tie-in names!), and food, is the brainchild of Josh Gardner, a former PR guy at the American Film Institute (AFI), and Lara Sfire, recipient of a Knight Foundation award to help support female filmmakers. They're offering up food and booze right to your seat. The repertory house wants you to have a good time, all right.

Now this is the kind of business we can get behind. There is a little confusion with the website – they're billing their grand opening for tonight, Friday, Oct. 18, but aren't advertising a film for that night. Instead, they had the 2018 Mexican horror-suspense film "Feral" shown the night before, Thursday, Oct. 17, according to another area on the website. Then, they'll have people into the building on Friday as a kind of open house, with no film scheduled. That follows up Saturday night with the great Polish oddball film "The Lure" from 2015, probably the world's only musical about cannibalistic teenage mermaids. There's an ultimate plan to open both floors by late next year, according to an article on The Eatery website; the lower to feature a larger theater, and the upper eventually to have a much more intimate one. Film starting times are 7 p.m. mostly, with one starting at 11 p.m., except on Sundays, which are 1 p.m. afternoon shows with Bloody Marys available. Can't wait to check it out.

**By Alan Madlane**

**Caught...** Readers of the Crime Log column in this paper may have noticed an uptick in business break-ins. Hamtramck investigators, we're told, were on top of the trend, and a suspect has not only been caught, but has also confessed to the crimes. For those business owners who do not own security cameras, take our word for it – it's worth the small investment.

### It's been a long and winding road for this senior citizen

**By Charles Sercombe**  
For this past summer and this fall, Loretta Loy has waged a one-woman campaign at city hall to get her street fixed. She said all she got were promises. "I've been going there every month," Loy, 82, said. Her beef is about a depression that was created in front of a new house construction at 2118 Trowbridge. This is no ordinary dip – it's more like part of the concrete got ripped up, and dirt and gravel were left behind, which then formed a deeper depression from the weight of the constant traffic. Since a new house is being built there, the city installed a water line connection from the main street water line to a line into the house. No one ever came back to repave that spot. "It only gets worse," Loy said. Woe to anyone driving fast over this rough spot, because their car will be in for a quite a jolt. It's been made worse by frequent truck traffic, Loy said, which only deepened the depression. "Heaven knows what will happen to your shocks and tires," Loy said. The leftover debris has also clogged the nearby by sewer grate, which creates a huge water backup on the street. "Birds love it," Loy said. "They get one big bird bath." The Review asked for an update on repairing the street two weeks ago at city hall, and we were told a contractor would be right on it. Two weeks later, still nothing, but there have been markings made that appear to tell the contractor where to dig out the street and make repairs. We asked for an update on Wednesday, and City Manager Kathy Angerer asked for patience. She said the city's contractor who handles these matters is working off of a long list of repairs that need to be made. "We have a long list, and they do it in order," Angerer said. But, she stressed, bigger, more pressing repairs always come first. "We have a long list," she said. No matter what, the experience has soured Loy on getting anything from city hall. "They don't do nothing in city hall," she said. "Whoever complains, they toss it."



Above: Trowbridge St. resident Loretta Loy has been waiting for the city to repair a patch of her street where a water line was installed. Below: Loy says dirt from a construction site where the water line was installed has plugged up the sewer, creating a mini lake.



### Beyond political borders, walking into the future

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ter to Klinger (more speed humps, slowing traffic on an already narrow two-way street) and back to where we began our journey 90 minutes before. We'd actually lost one part of the feed from Russia along the way (apparently they could see us, but we couldn't communicate with them) but it didn't matter at all. The group was immersed in the experience, as if surrounded by strange, beautiful music on the cusp of foreign and familiar. During a short informal poll later I heard the word "happy" used many times to describe reaction to the stroll. I jotted down these notes before the walk, then looked at them again afterward: "Walk first, think later, talking optional." "Walking as brain exercise, allow hearts and minds to wander." "For me, a tour through my memories; yours, later." "Alternate the conscious (negotiating street crossings) with the unconscious (drifting playfully, safely together)." "It will be a great day for saucy, shareable communications." It was indeed. All boxes checked. *Walter Wasacz's walkable discovery column appears twice monthly in The Review.*

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# County study finds that immigrants contribute millions to economy

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partnership with the county executive's office and Wayne United.

The statistics are, indeed, impressive:

- Immigrants contributed more than \$10.5 billion to the county's Gross Domestic Product, which is a measurement of the county's market value of all the final goods and services produced year to year.

- Immigrants also pay \$430 million into Social Security, and \$110 million into Medicare.

- After paying taxes, immigrants have a spending power of \$3.2 billion.

- Between the years 2012 and 2017, the county's population count increased by 24 percent, thanks to the influx of immigrants. That helped offset a loss of 2 percent of the population during those years. In other words, without that surge

of immigrants, the county would have lost almost 4 percent of its population. In the bigger picture of things, the immigrant population totaled 164,000 people in 2017.

- As far as taxes go, immigrants pay over \$736 million in federal taxes, and almost \$346 million in state taxes.

So just where are these immigrants coming from?

Since the country of Yemen deteriorated into a civil war in recent years, refugees from that country made up the biggest portion of the new arrivals to the county, at 14.5 percent.

Next up were immigrants from Mexico, at 13 percent, India at almost 11 percent, Lebanon at 9 percent, and Bangladesh at 5.7 percent.

In Hamtramck, most of the recent immigrants come from Yemen and

Bangladesh. In the 1990s, there was also a flush of immigrants from Bosnia, which was also experiencing a civil war at that time.

Before all that, most of the immigrants came from Poland and Ukraine.

Evans said it's time to get past the portrayal of immigrants being a financial burden to the country – an image that is stoked, some say, for political reasons.

“We need to embrace our immigrant population,” Evans said at the press conference Wednesday morning, to about 100 people who had gathered. “They bring value to our community.”

He added: “Diversity is what makes us great.”

# Now it's the women's turn to join the big leagues at Keyworth

By Alan Madlane

Local professional soccer has grown by leaps and bounds, and now it's leaping the gender barrier as well.

Recently, the Detroit City Football Club (the DCFC, also known as “City” or “Le Rouge”) announced that it will also field a woman's team by the spring of 2020.

As with the men, the women's team will play their home games at Keyworth Stadium. They land in the UWS Midwest Conference alongside several other south Michigan teams, including those from Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Green Oak Township, as well as one from Indiana.

It appears from the conference's website that a couple of other teams are

somehow in the mix, including ones from Toledo and Fort Wayne, Indiana, but it's not clear if these are new teams also joining, or ones that have folded (or are expecting to).

The full league also includes eight teams in the northeast, five in the west (mainly California) and four in the southwest.

The league is a Tier 2, which in general is a bridge league between the college ranks and the full-blown pro status of the USWNT, or U. S. Women's National Team, which is the one that represents the country in all international matches and meets, including the Olympics.

And being one level from the Olympics means you aren't too shabby.

The league plays their

games during the college down-time of late spring and early summer, essentially May, June and July. These best-of-the-college-ranks players then either return to their school teams, or try out for the national squad.

The men's and women's teams are expected to share resources equally, in terms of coaches and trainers, equipment, travel arrangements, etc.

For more information, go online to [uwsoccer.com](http://uwsoccer.com). The team is not yet named or listed, but you can read about the league in general.

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By Charles Sercombe  
This week's Crime Log covers Oct. 8-14.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

- A Mitchell St. resident reported that his property was damaged.
- A Detroit resident reported that his catalytic convertor was cut off of his car while it was parked in the 9400 block of Buffalo St.
- A suspicious situation was reported.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

- An agent for a business on Caniff reported a break-in.
- A Moran St. resident was ticketed for having an “animal at large.”
- A resident was arrested in city hall for domestic assault.
- A store owner in the 10200 block of Jos. Campau reported that three males grabbed merchandise and fled on foot.
- A resident in the 9400 block of Mitchell St. reported that someone damaged a window with a BB gun.
- A Neibel St. resident reported that he found a

suspicious note on his car.

Thursday, Oct. 10

- A landlord reported being threatened by a former renter who had been evicted.
- A juvenile reported being assaulted by another juvenile while in the 11400 block of Charest St.
- Two Hamtramck juveniles were arrested for robbery.

Two residents in the 3800 block of Prescott St. were arrested for domestic violence.

A resident in the 3900 block of Caniff reported being assaulted.

Friday, Oct. 11

- At 2 a.m., a resident was arrested after a traffic stop for drunk driving.
- An agent for a business in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau reported a break-in.
- An agent for a business in the 11600 block of Conant reported a break-in.
- A suspicious incident was reported in the area

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of St. Aubin and Commor.

- A resident was arrested in the 9600 block of Conant for being wanted on two felony warrants.
- A resident in the 11600 block of Mitchell St. reported that her car had been stolen.
- A Detroit resident reported that their car was

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- A juvenile reported that a male broke their phone and then assaulted them in the area of Caniff and Mackay.

**Saturday, Oct. 12**

- At 2 a.m., a resident was arrested in the area of Caniff and Conant for being disorderly and for obstructing officers.
- A Jos. Campau business reported a break-in.
- A resident in the 2600 block of Evaline St. reported damage to their property.
- A resident in the 3100 block of Lehman St. reported a theft.

**Sunday, Oct. 13**

- At a little after 2 a.m., a driver was arrested after a traffic stop on Comstock near Conant for drunk driving.
- At a little after 5 a.m., a suspect was arrested

## GM strike: Poletown saved

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the city's modest \$16 million yearly budget.

The strike went on for 31 days – the longest one at GM since 1970. It has been reported that GM lost anywhere from \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion in revenue during the strike.

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ate a path for full employment for its part-time workers who were paid substantially less than union members, but were performing the same jobs.

for breaking out a window at a business on Jos. Campau.

- A resident in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. reported being assaulted.
- A resident reported being assaulted in the 11600 block of McDougall St.

**Monday, Oct. 14**

- A resident reported that someone broke into their residence and damaged objects, and also stole items.
- An assault was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- An incident of retail fraud occurred at a business in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau.
- An assault was reported in the 3000 block of Roosevelt St.
- Officers revived a person suffering from a drug overdose by administered Narcan.

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- A request by Gias Talukder for special land use approval for a used vehicles sales lot at 11469 Joseph Campau per section XIII of the Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance and its amendments passed by City Council on October 8, 2019.
- A request by Noaman Nagi to rezone 2950 Holbrook from R (Residential) to C2 (Multi use Commercial) per section XIV (1.02) of the Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance.

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.

City of Hamtramck Notice of Ordinance Amendment

Public Hearings were held at the Regular City Council Meeting on October 8, 2019 at 7pm in the Second Floor City Council Chambers for the purpose of hearing public comments on changes to the following Ordinance. The changes were adopted by unanimous vote. Summary is as follows.

2692 Carpenter was rezoned from R (residential) to CBD (central business district).

The Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance was amended in the following ways:

Multiple definitions of land uses were added - Breweries, brewpubs, and distilleries, laboratories, open air business uses, and production filming are now permitted uses in certain districts and special land uses in others. Please see the ordinance for specific details.

The description of the CBD was elaborated upon.

Bicycle facility options were added to parking requirements.

Green infrastructure was added as an acceptable storm collection system.

Solar energy systems were allowed as accessory structures.

“One administrative official of the city selected by the Mayor” was removed as a member of the Plan Commission and the “six other persons who shall be appointed by the Mayor” was increased to seven.

August R. Gitschlag  
Hamtramck City Clerk