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# on Aug. 4th for the school BOND proposal





Sidewalk cafes are in full bloom in Hamtramck See page 4



# **Quick Hits**

## **Sidewalks** sales are encouraged

## By Charles Sercombe

City hall is lending a helping hand to merchants.

As we all know, local businesses are hurting financially everywhere because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and the need for a quarantine for three months.

Add also the fact that a lot of people are unemployed and don't have much money to spend.

So, with the OK from city council, businesses located on Conant, Caniff, Holbrook and Jos. Campau are allowed and encouraged to hold a sidewalk sale in front of their buildings.

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# **HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD** —

# Dentist pays honor to frontline responders and workers

## By Alan Madlane

Sami Bilani is a local dentist with a wide open vision.

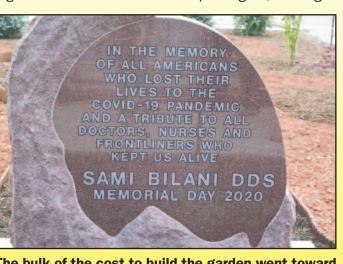
Or is that an "open wide" vision?

the kind of guy who just sits still. Even if he expects you to when you're in his dental chair.

We caught up Dr. Bilani to ask him about the new memorial garden he's recently had built in a parking next to his office.

The Review: So how did you get the idea for this garden? Was it something you've had in mind ever since the pandemic Well anyway, he's not arrived in our area? Also, did you have any personal involvement with the Corona virus that inspired the tribute?

Dr. Bilani: More than one factor inspired the idea. If you remember my townhouses project on the parking lot, a rain gar-



The bulk of the cost to build the garden went toward purchasing a memorial stone.



Alsu and Sami Bilani recently created a memorial garden in a parking lot next to their dental office. The garden commemorates those first responders who lost their lives to COVID-19.

den was included in the project at that part of the

Since the main project was put on hold, waiting for certain issues to be resolved, there was no reason not to start the garden itself.

When the pandemic arrived in our area, I was forced to close my office, and although I am a health provider and my wife Alsu (who also holds a masters degree in the-

ater criticism) studied to be a nurse as well, neither of us were any help in this unprecedented situa-

We both felt guilty, especially after hearing the horrible things happening in hospitals and nursing homes from our friends who are doctors and nurses. So we thought that the least we could do would be to start a memorial garden.

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## **Federal** grant OK'd for stadium

## By Charles Sercombe

A National Parks Servgrant for Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium has officially come through.

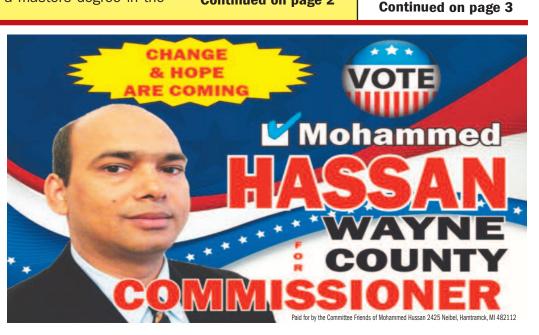
Last week the Wayne County Commission issued a press release announcing that the commission had proved the nearly \$500,000 federal grant to help with renovations at the stadium.

The grant, provided through the park service's African American Civil Rights of the 20th Century program, was initially announced last April. The grant was awarded to the county, and the commission last week formally approved

The stadium is considered historic because it is one of only five remaining stadiums that were used by the former Negro baseball league.

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# Dentist pays honor to frontline responders and workers

In this way, we could remember the thousands of Americans who lost their lives because of COVID-19, and at the same time. give a thankful tribute to all the doctors, nurses and front-liners who kept us alive.

The Review: Who designed the garden? How was it decided what plants to use, for example, or what other elements of the garden?

Bilani: First I and my wife decided on the basics. We felt that it had to be mostly evergreen in order to look nice and eniovable all year around, keeping in mind cost and

We decided to start with ten trees. A willow tree in the middle, giant pine trees in the back, two blue spruces in between, a birch tree, and one red and one green maple tree

The memorial stone had to be not more than 10 feet from the sidewalk to be easy to read, and with no high plants in the front of it, to keep it visible.

Alsu did her research for each kind of tree mentioned, assessing their chances of survival and how much distance apart they should be, to give them room to grow, taking into consideration the

power lines passing over the lot. So we kept the high trees in the middle to protect the DTE lines.

Around the stone, we decided on a combination of colorful roses and evergreen plants that spread horizontally. My friend Michael Jacob, who is a landscaping architect, suggested the symmetrical look, in combination the descending heights of plants from back to front.

After establishing all these basics, I will say everything else went spontaneously, without any planning. From the size of the surroundings, of the trees; to the col-

ored mulch in between to create a walking path, to the number and size of plants in the front, and finally to the wooden barriers around the trees which we were buying whatever we were able to find in stores.

The Review: Can you tell us, at least roughly, how much the garden cost you to create altogether? Did it all come out of your own pocket, or did you fundraise to help share cost?

Bilani: One hundred percent of the cost came out of my own pocket.

I did that because I believe totally in the cause. No matter how much money you spend, it's nothing compared to the cost in lost lives, and the great sacrifices doctors and nurses have made for

I can say that 40 percent of the cost went to the memorial stone itself. Thanks for Down River Stone Design (DSD), represented by both Tom Woodruff, Sr., and his son Tom Jr., who gave me a good deal as they recognized the cause, and the purpose of the stone.

Another 20 percent of the cost went to breaking up the old concrete and removing it. Thanks also for Carleton Whitsett, who was able to get me a good deal from Dynamic Sealcoating company.

They did a great job breaking the concrete, removing it, then cleaning and removing the debris from the small back alley that had not been cleaned at least since I moved to Hamtramck in 1995.

Another 20 percent went for the topsoil to replace the concrete. This work was also done by Dynamic Sealcoating LLC. The final 20 percent went for purchasing trees, plants, soil, compost, soil conditioner and mulch.

The Review: Do you have any plans to expand it in the future? Or to create another like it, or any other sort of further trib-

Bilani: Part of the present plan is a mural that will be painted on my office building wall, looking at the garden and completing the same tribute. The muralist Jake Dwyer, who has done other beautiful murals in Detroit, already designed this

Security Cameras have been installed in and around my building to protect the garden. Here, I have to thank Max Garbarino from the City of Hamtramck, and Sergeant Denis Janowicz from the police department, who helped significantly in securing the lot and the gar-

A beautiful composite fence will be surrounding the parking lot and the garden for added security and protection. The permit for the fence was approved already by the City of Hamtramck.

Thanks to Grace Stamper in the city planning department and Inspector

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Bruce Eck from the building department. They took the time to visit the site, and approved the fencing. The composite fence is

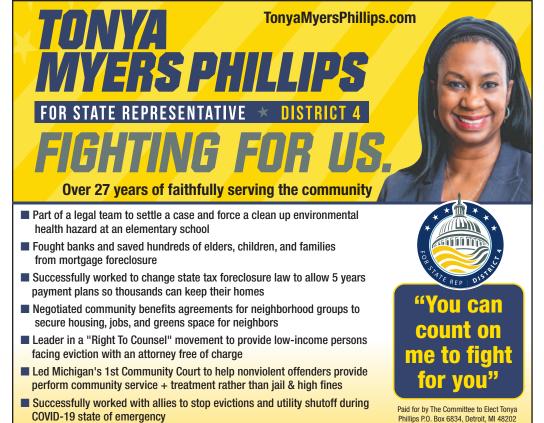
twice as expensive as the wooden fence, but it's maintenance free, more durable, and a hundred times better looking. So, in the long run, it will justify the cost. Labor costs are the same for either kind of material.

The size of the garden now is 1,500 sq. ft. It is in my mind to increase the space, but it will all depend on the final decision made about the town house project.

The Review: While we have you, your office phone message suggests that you'll open up for full dental services on Aug. 3. Is this date still the target?

Bilani: Yes, August 3 is still the target date to reopen the office. are updating our computers, dental programs and digital panoramic x-rays. Also, believe it or not, we are still experiencing a shortage of Personal Protection Equipment. I am hoping by the end of July we should be ready to open safely and efficiently.

The Review: Would you like to take a moment to talk about your safety protocols in place at the Continued on page 4



## City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The City of Hamtramck ZBA will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:00pm via Zoom and streaming live on the city's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/CityofHamtramck/) due to the inability to gather in person because of COVID-19 concerns. The public is invited to virtually attend and comment or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Address written comments to Alex Iseri, ATTN: ZBA, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212. Information about how to log on to the Zoom meeting can be found at Hamtramck.us or by calling Alex Iseri at (313) 800-5233 ext. 316.

The subject of the hearing is:

- An interpretation of the following section of the Hamtramck zoning ordinance concerning building height o Article VI-2.05(c)
- 11647 Joseph Campau seeking a variance from the maximum number of stories for a building in the CBD per Article VI-2.05(c) of the Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance.
- 2650 Carpenter appealing an administrative decision about an accessory structure on a lot without a principal building per Article III 5.06.10 of the Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance

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# Second Front Page

# For some on Holbrook, road repair is just one inconvenience

**By Charles Sercombe** 

First came the coronavirus pandemic and the shutting down of non-essential businesses.

Then came the closing of Holbrook between Lumpkin and Jos. Campau to rebuild the street and install new water lines.

These double-whammies have been the onetwo punch for the owners of Café 1923.

Shannon Lowell, a coowner, said that, although he can now re-open the café, the street repair has shut down customers from coming.

And now, there's been one more blow.

The mail has stopped being delivered there.

"The only reason I know when my mortgage is due is through the mail" he said. "With the quarantine and closing, I've lost all track of time."

But then it finally dawned on Lowell that he hadn't been getting any mail. So, he went to the



The reconstruction of Holbrook between Jos. Campau and Lumpkin is ahead of schedule, but the project has taken an unexpected twist.

Caniff post office and was told mail delivery had stopped there because of the road construction, and that mail for those houses and businesses can only be picked up.

And not only does he have to come to the post office, but pick-up service is limited to Tuesdays only. There is a sign in the post office saying this.

"The post office couldn't have put a notice in my mailbox?" Lowell pondered.

Prior to Holbrook being closed off, the city's engineering firm sent letters to all the houses and businesses located in that section of Holbrook that their regular, daily mail would not - repeat, would not - be interrupted.

Apparently, the post ofdidn't get that fice

The Review called the post office, and we were told that someone who handles media inquiries

would get back to us. By Thursday, the day The Review went to press, no contact had been made.

But sources told us that mail delivery was stopped because the conditions of the torn-up street were too dangerous for mail carriers.

And that was news to City Manager Kathy Angerer, who said a post ofrepresentative walked the street with a city official to review whether mail could be delivered, and the post office employee said there would be no problem making deliveries.

"We were told that before a shovel was in the ground," Angerer said.

Angerer said it wasn't a matter of lack of communication, but "no communication."

At press time, Angerer was making inquiries with the post office.

As for the ongoing repair project, she said it's ahead of schedule and should be completed by fall.

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# Federal grant OK'd for stadium

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was built in 1930, and like Turkev players Stearnes, Josh Gibson and Satchel Paige played

Detroit Tigers' legend Ty Cobb even threw out a ceremonial first pitch at the stadium.

"This is wonderful news, and I'm sure this project will bring lots of people to Hamtramck." Commissioner Martha G. Scott, whose district includes Hamtramck.

The stadium has been receiving various grants and donations in recent years. Renovation of the field began a couple of weeks ago, and repairs to the stadium will continue through fall.

One group that has been instrumental in securing grants and providbackground information about the stadium has been the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium.

Back in April, Gary Gillette, the Founder & Chair of the Board of Directors of the Friends organization, said this federal grant solidifies the historic value of the stadium.

"The recent National Park Service African American Civil Rights grant recognizes Hamtramck Stadium's important role in Negro League history," Gillette told The Review.



"The grant, and other funding we have recently secured. gives Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium the opportunity to memorialize the past, while providing a valuable new community park resource to cur-Hamtramck residents."

A new field is being installed at the Hamtramck Stadium.



# Dentist pays honor to frontline responders and workers

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#### dental office?

Bilani: We had to come up with new protocols, for the safety of both my staff and my patients. A.C. (After Corona) is nothing like B.C. (Before Corona). Here are some of the changes:

The main entry doors of the office will always be locked, and doorbells were installed on both entrances, along with cameras. Only one patient at a time, and they must have an appointment, is allowed to come in.

There is no waiting in the waiting room. The magazines have been removed. The patient will be urged to be on time for their appointment, and will be asked to stay in their car until their room is ready.

We usually allot an hour for each appointment, but now we are giving it 90 minutes. We figured out that we going to need at least 45 minutes now to disinfect the operating room after each patient, instead of the normal 15 minutes.

Patients will be provided with disposable shoe coverings to wear once inside the office, and must keep them on until they leave the office. He or she will also be asked to disinfect their hands with a provided disinfectant before coming into their room, and then will be provided with mouthwash for prerinsing before any treatment or diagnosis starts.

Dental chairs will be covered with extra layers of disposable plastic covers that will be replaced after each patient.

I, and my staff, will be wearing disposable gowns, disposable face shields and disposable masks that will all be changed, and then disposed of, in a special room next to the operating room after each patient.

Only one operating room will be used at a time.

We are still looking for a new type of plastic tent to be invented that will cover the patient and help me operate from underneath, without contaminating the rest of the room surfaces, which would help us in speeding up the disinfection process, and in keeping our patients safe as well

We are looking now for a new vacuum, the type that has been modified to suck all the air droplets from the room during treatment. They're still not easily found on the market.

We will keep looking, and will not ignore any new methods or devices that will help to keep us, and our patients, safe.

# The Review: Feel free to add anything else you'd care to.

Bilani: Finally, I would like to ask all my dear neighbors to cooperate with me.

Please keep your trash cans inside your yards when it's not garbage day, because it's not only an eyesore, and unhygienic besides, but it's against the law and you could be fined for not doing so.

Please paint and fix your garage doors and roofs, and let's make it a beauti-

ful block. I will also ask the liquor store again to, please, move your dumpster to your parking lot.

We are attempting to remember thousands of people that we lost because of this pandemic, and we are likewise paying tribute to the enormous sacrifices of all the doctors and nurses.

This tribute will not be nearly so nice if we don't all work together to keep the surrounding area clean and presentable.

I had been interviewed by radio stations like WWJ,

TV stations like Fox and received request by Metro Times for an interview. It shows that the word spread about this garden, promising to be a landmark of the city of Hamtramck after we finish it all.

So, I will kindly ask city officials to please fix the alley between the mural and the garden, and to enforce the building and trash codes, because those areas will be exposed to both the local and national media. This will be a great chance to show our city in a present-

able civilized look. Also, I will urge the water department to consider giving me a break on my water bill for two reasons:

The garden needs a lot of watering too, at least in the first few years. This water is going directly into the ground, and will never go to the sewer.

So, it's not fair to charge me for the sewer service -- at least, not for this amount of water.

The 10 trees and plants already in the garden will also soak up all the rainwater that used to end up

in the sewer system before removing the concrete.

This will hence reduce the pressure on the pipes, and help in preventing, to a certain extent, the yearly basement flooding that we all suffered from in this block.

Thank you very much for giving me the chance to clarify my plans. I will be looking to have more planning meetings, after I conclude my project fully with the mural and the fence, hopefully in the coming August.

# Sidewalk cafes are in full bloom in Hamtramck

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck bars and restaurants have embraced café culture with a gusto.

Several of the businesses have taken up the city's offer to create sidewalk cafes. A few weeks ago, the city administration came up with the idea to loosen the restrictions and requirements – which many cities in Michigan have done – in order to help out the beleaguered service industry.

Because bars and restaurants had to remain closed during this coronavirus pandemic for three or four months, they have lost a tremendous amount of business.

So, in order to bolster their finances, cities and the state liberalized sidewalk café requirements.



Several bars and restaurants have created sidewalk cafes now that the city has made it easier.

So far, the following establishments have received permits: The Balkan House, PLAV Post 10, Locos Tacos, Bakers Bar, Bar/Ter and Painted Lady

For those still contemplating the concept, the permits are only \$25, but if you plan to sell alcohol outside, you have to get a

license from the state.

Over at The Balkan House on Caniff, their sidewalk café attracted a lot of attention and elicited some, ah, colorful comments.

The restaurant chained off a parking space on the busy Caniff Ave., which to some seemed like an accident waiting to happen.

(A little front-end bumper with that doner kebob?)

Over at the Facebook page "I love Hamtramck," Marcin Dragan had this to say:

"With the way people drive in Hamtramck I wouldn't sit there."

But others chimed in support.

"Great idea and thanks to the city for allowing it so that our bars and restaurants can stay in businesses," said Kenneth Bloom.

Maybe word got back to the folks at Balkan House, because by last Friday, the tables were pushed back to being on the sidewalk.

"Just went by, and the table and chairs are on the sidewalk. Looks cute," said Karen Plochinski, the administrator of the page.

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# Review: Opinion Page

# In Our Opinion

# **Wayne County Treasurer** Sabree has earned our vote

We don't often get in- cause they are suffering streamline the process volved in endorsing candidates, but we are making an exception in one race.

Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree is seeking re-election. He is on the Democratic side of the partisan ballot.

Sabree took over the reins from Hamtramck's own Raymond Wojtowicz, and he has continued the good work Woitowicz started in helping struggling households to ward off foreclosure just befinancially.

Sabree has greatly expanded that program, and didn't hesitate to suspend foreclosures this year when the coronavirus pandemic first appeared.

Since then. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer jumped on board, and put a halt on foreclosures statewide.

Sabree has brought a lot of energy to his office, and continues to make improvements

of paying property taxes and dealing with that complex and large office.

He is a people person, one who has his ears to the ground, and he knows the needs of Wayne County residents.

The county is lucky to have him.

The Review recommends a vote for ERIC R. Wavne SABREE for County Treasurer in this August Primary Election.

# Mow your lawn, or the city will do it for you, and bill you

**By Charles Sercombe** 

For years city officials have cajoled and then warned residents.

First it was, please cut

your grass. Then, when that fell on deaf ears, it became; you

better, or else.

Except the "or else" rarely ever happened, as in the city cutting someone's tall grass and charging them for it, either through a bill or placed on their

next property tax notice. Well, those days are

City code enforcers recently tagged 68 houses with grass that was over 5 inches tall, which is the

maximum height you can let your lawn go, and given 72 hours to comply with city codes.

In other words, cut your dang postage-stamp sized lawn, you lazy bum. OK, maybe not exactly in those

Anyway, 13 households did not comply. So, the city sent a contractor to the

Depending on the size of the lawn, they will receive a bill for at least \$125, said Max Garbarino, the city's Director of Community Safety and Services.

"Our goal is that by the end of summer to get the city looking good," Garbarino said.

Another round of tickets has already been deliv-

If you are notified once, you might want to wise up because the next notification will come with a misdemeanor ticket.

Garbarino said that next on the city's to-do list is to go after property owners who neglect to remove graffiti. While, yes, property owners are the victim here, it is still their responsibility to maintain their houses and buildings.

There is no shortage of graffiti in town, so be forewarned.

# Odds & Ends

**Volunteers...** Veterans Park is looking better than ever - thanks to over a dozen adults and young folks who spent some time on a recent Monday evening cleaning it up.

Jessica Wendt, the direcof the Gwiazda Dancers, sent us an email with photos, and had this to say:

"This evening Gwiazda Dancers, in collaboration with the Polish Scouting Organization, BCL Contractors, Empire Disposal and PLAV Post 10, came together to clean up Veterans Park in Hamtramck.

"A special thanks goes out to Amicci's Pizza in Hamtramck, who donated pizza for all of the volunteers, and to Omar, a 2020 Hamtramck High School graduate, who was so touched by the kids working that he brought up a case of cold water!

"Throughout the evening, several local children asked to help, and joined in on the efforts! What an amazing community! #HamtramckPride #community #WeLoveHamtramck."

**Reminder...** The Detroit Football Club's women's team will host a showcase at Keyworth Stadium this weekend (July 24-26).

During those three days, there will be two semi-final matches (one for each team) and then a championship or third-place finale. The other league competitors participating are Livonia City FC, Lansing United and Midwest United FC.

The team will play against Lansing United at Keyworth today, Friday. Their success will determine which game they feature in on Sunday, July 26.

The other bit of news is that the men's team will also be returning to the field soon, as they have also been tapped to host a showcase, the first ever Independent Cup.

In conjunction with their own league, the NISA (National Independent Soccer Association), the cup competition pits professional and competitive amateur clubs over the weekend of July 31 to August 2.

They will first meet Cleveland SC at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31, and then will follow that up with a game versus FC Buffalo at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 2.

Here is one setback to the season - so far. In-person attendance will not be permitted, due to the coronavirus pandemic, although that can change at any moment. Both games are listed as being tele-

vised on TV channel 20. Check out nisa

for

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more information.















Photos by Jessica Wendt

# Mohammed



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# Other Voices: Guest Editorial

# Public schools: Students and staff deserve safe learning environments

**By Jaleelah Ahmed** 

Students in Hamtramck know they deserve improvements to their aging school buildings.

In fact, the Student Youth Voice Engagement Committee has pressed their concerns over these conditions for four years in a row.

On August 4, Hamtramck residents will be asked to vote on a Hamtramck Public Schools bond proposal that addresses these issues.

The \$35 million, 7-mill proposal would allow HPS to make improvements throughout the district and construct a new building school strengthen the learning environment.

Used portable classrooms - like the ones in place at Dickinson West Elementary - are not a permanent solution. Our students and staff deserve better. They deserve equitable and safe learning environments.

The bond would allow the district to eliminate portable classrooms by constructing а 37,000-square-foot threestory elementary building with new furnishings and technology.

It would also allow us to

improve conditions across the district by adding new classrooms, replacing mechanical systems to provide air conditioning in instructional areas, upgrading electrical service, replacing exterior windows, and remodeling restrooms.

Finally, the bond would benefit the entire community by allowing for the expansion of the community center to include a new fitness center and multi-purpose room that will be open to local residents.

We know and understand a concern for many is cost, especially as COVID-19 continues to have a harsh economic impact. As a result, the district has developed a bond proposal that seeks to minimize the financial impact on our community.

The proposed bond is 7 mills or \$7 per \$1,000 dollars of a property's taxable value. For an average home with a property value of \$50,000, the tax increase would be about \$175 or lower per year or less than \$15 per month.

Offering seven Ad-Placement vanced courses, dual enrollment, wide-ranging English language learner support, and vast extracurricular activities, including a nationally-ranked DECA program, Hamtramck Public Schools is committed to investing in student success.

We are also committed to ensuring students and staff feel safe and comfortable in their learning environment. The bond proposal on August 4 would do just that.

We are sure our residents have questions regarding the bond proposal. We welcome any and all questions, and would encourage those seeking additional information to reach out to us to discuss this further.

With the future of our community's children on the line, it's critical to ensure that there is no confusion surrounding the reasons behind the bond proposal.

To register to vote, to obtain an absentee ballot, or to view your sample ballot, visit:

https://www.michigan.g ov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633\_8716\_8726\_4766 9-,00.html.

Jaleelah Ahmed is Superintendent of Hamtramck Public Schools.



### Food budgeting

Many of Hamtramck's public school families struggle financially. Unfortunately, that makes food purchasing decisions tricky - at best.

And that's why the good folks at Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University have teamed up to present a food budgeting and meal planning workshop.

Tori Sampson will talk about how to get the

most out of Bridge cards and, according to a press release, "make the most of the food you have."

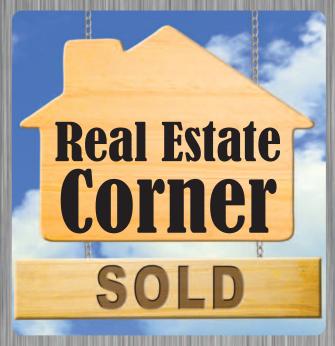
Because of the coron-

avirus pandemic, the workshop will be held on-To register for the pres-

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The online Zoom workshop will be held on Aug. 5, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



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Lost passport. If found, please call Mohammed Almesbahi, 313-455-1601. 7/24

#### **By Charles Sercombe** Wednesday, July 15

This week's Crime Log covers July 14-20.

## Tuesday, July 14

- · A resident in the 2200 block of Danforth St. reported a break-in.
- · A Dyar St. resident reported that someone damaged their vehicle.
- · A resident was arrested for a domestic assault that occurred in the area of Trowbridge and Jos. Campau. · A resident was ar-
- rested for a domestic assault that occurred in the area of Gallagher and Carpenter.
- A resident in the 1900 block of Yemans St. reported that someone damaged their window.
- A Detroit resident was arrested in the area of Conant and Caniff for fraud.
- At 10:45 p.m., a driver fled from officers. The vehicle was recovered in Detroit. The suspect had by then fled on foot.

No incident report was available for this date.

#### Thursday, July 16

- · A resident in the 3500 block of Caniff Ave. reported that items were stolen from their residence.
- · At 2 a.m., a suspicious incident in the area of Hewitt and Jos. Campau was reported.
- · A resident in the 2300 block of Edwin St. reported that their trash can was stolen.
- · A resident was arrested for an assault that happened in the area of Klinger and Casmere.

### Friday, July 17

- · A resident reported being sexually assaulted while in the 5200 block of Belmont St.
- occurred in the area of Denton and Jos. Campau.

· A hit-and-run accident

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Caniff and Lumpkin.
  - At about 9:30 p.m., a

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resident was assaulted in the 3200 block of Yemans St.

#### Saturday, July 18

• At 2:30 a.m., a Norwalk St. resident reported being the victim of domestic violence.

#### Sunday, July 19

- A resident was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital after suffering an overdose.
- At almost 2 a.m., a suspect broke a window at a care facility on Conant Ave. and then fled.

rested for possessing narcotics and for various misdemeanor crimes.

· A resident was ar-

### Monday, July 20

- A vehicle was stolen from a gas station in the 10300 block of Conant Ave.
- A resident on Dyar St. reported that an unknown person was in their residence. Officers searched the residence but did not find anyone inside.
- A resident reported being the victim of fraud.

# **Quick Hits**

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There is only one exception: Pawn shops are excluded.

Here are the requirements:

- The goods being displayed on the sidewalk do not pose a risk to the environment, or the public's health and welfare.
- The goods are only displayed directly in front of the business to which they belong.
- There is an unobstructed 48-inch pathway for pedestrians.

Alex Iseri, Hamtramck's Community & Economic Development and DDA Manager, passed this on from the State of Michigan guidelines and best practices when in public

spaces.

"We can only contain the virus and keep Michigan open if everyone stays careful and masks up every time they leave home, whether they feel sick or not. Michiganders are required to wear a face covering every time they leave their home or place of residence including:

- 1. In any indoor public space.
- 2. In outdoor spaces where 6 feet of distancing is not possible."

Any questions? Call Iseri at (313) 800-5215.

## **Attention: Hamtramck Residents**



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# J&E Community Relief

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# **Detroit Friendship House**

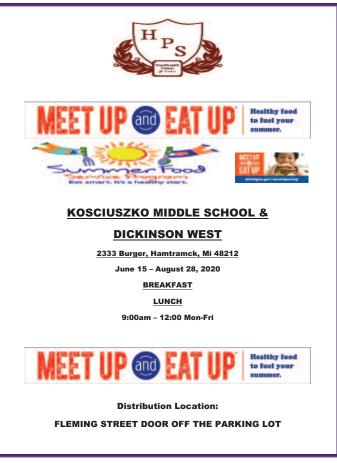
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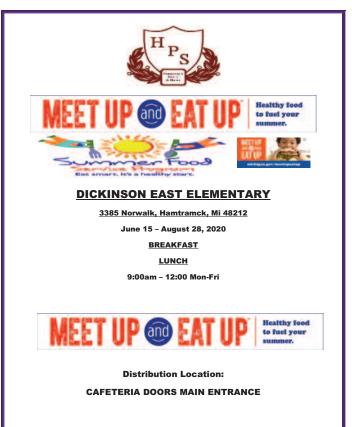
Please call 833 882 7766 if you need water while living in a residence in which you have no running water, would like to donate water or volunteer to help deliver water to those who do not have a vehicle.

The People's Water Board would like to acknowledge J&E Community Relief and Detroit Friendship House for their service in the community.

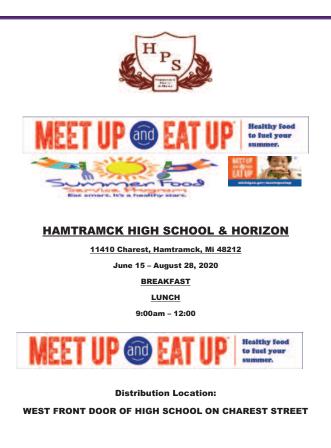


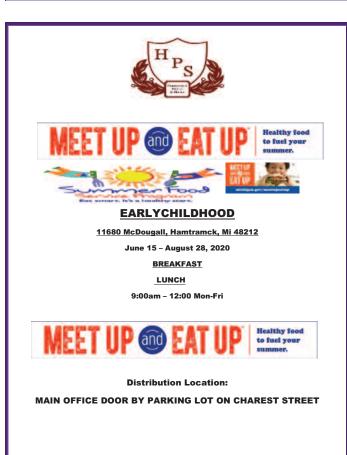
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