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Quick Hits

By Alan Madlane

The long-awaited mural on the large front windows of the old Shoppers World is finally getting its unveiling this Sunday, August 30 at 3:00 p.m.

The community-based peace and justice organization OneHamtramck LLC has announced that the COVID-19-themed work, being realized in three languages (English, Bangla and Arabic) by local muralist Nicole Macdonald, will be ready for the public's eyes by then.

A quote by Patch Adams (the renowned medico and entertainer), which reads "One cannot separate the health of the individual, from the health of the community, from the health of the world" will be repeated in the three scripts, according to the attached images.

The words "Culture and Quarantine" will also appear, denoting the title of the work.

The artist is slated to attend the unveiling. Note that there will be no restrooms on site.

It is hoped that the work will call attention to both the cultural diversity of the city, and the hard and necessary work of essential personnel in helping to fight the scourge of COVID-19. To that end, the work will be illuminated.

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Yemeni community takes to the streets in protest of war and famine

By Charles Sercombe

For the past several years, the country of Yemen has been under siege.

First came Iran-backed militias, who forced the country's government to flee. Civil war broke out.

That caused the economy to crash: then came bombs from a Saudi Arabia-led coalition.

Then, predictably, famine. And now an outbreak of COVID-19.

Bill Meyer of OneHamtramck is calling it the "largest humanitarian crisis in history."

This lethal mix of events has stirred the Yemeni community, which has become the Hamtramck's political powerhouse, to take to the streets in protest.

Such was the case on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, when the Yemeni community, along with what appeared to be



Over 100 people attended a demonstration Thursday evening in Veterans Park to show their support for the country of Yemen. After meeting up in the park, the crowd marched through the neighborhoods on the southend.

outside sympathizers, gathered at Veterans Memorial Park to demonstrate in Yemen's support, and make the public aware of what's happening there.

The gathering was sponsored, in part, by a group called Detroit Will Breathe.

On Thursday, Akil Al-

halmi, of Hamtramck, told The Review that the situation in Yemen is dire.

"The whole country is dying," said Alhalmi, who has family in Yemen. "And the whole world is watching, and no one cares. They (the Saudis) bomb wedding parties, and we don't see any-

thing going on."

A number of speakers and others have focused on the role of the US, which has been selling billions of dollars' worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia.

The arms sale, Alhalmi said, "blinds their eyes," referencing the US gov-

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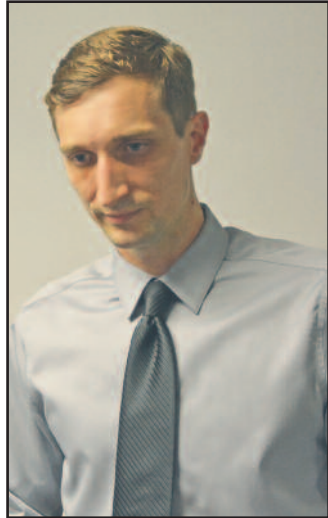
Councilman's conduct once again censured

By Charles Sercombe

For the second time in two years, City Councilmember Ian Perrotta has been censured by his colleagues for his behavior.

At Tuesday's regular city council meeting, Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi presented a resolution to censure Perrotta.

It centered on Perrotta's encounter with an unnamed city hall employee, who Al-Marsoumi previously said was someone in the Community & Economic Development Department.



**Councilmember
 Ian Perrotta**

The censure, which is a condemnation of a public official, accuses Perrotta of "bullying" the city employee over seeking permission to construct a pavilion on a lot connected to his bar Trixie's on Carpenter Ave.

According to Al-Marsoumi, Perrotta cursed the employee after he was denied permission because of a zoning restriction.

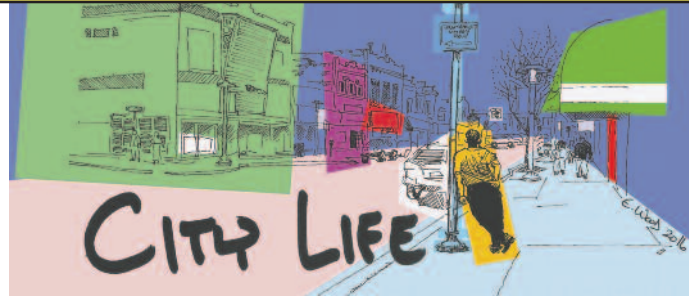
The censure said Perrotta berated the employee with these comments:

- That the employee

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Can making Jos. Campau an I-75 business spur while acknowledging its part in an historic discrimination lawsuit help kickstart the local economy?



Celebrations and reparations

By Walter Wasacz

Masked and carefully practicing social distancing during the worst global health crisis of the past 100 years I have taken to the road this spring and summer.

A longtime walking advocate and pedestrian safety activist, ironically I have spent dozens of hours and

traveled thousands of miles in motorized vehicles from May through August.

I have done a fair amount of walking, hiking and cycling, mind you:

In California, along the normally heavily-trafficked but eerily empty beachfront in Santa Monica and

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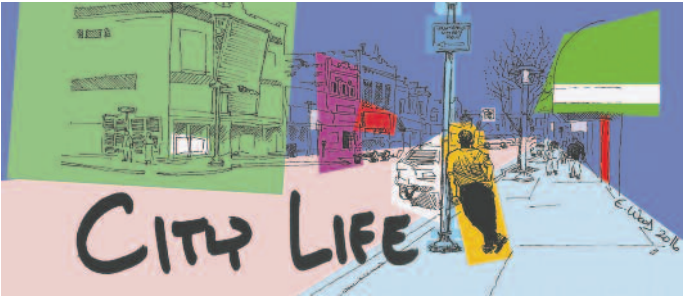
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Venice; and in stunning (and also empty) Joshua Tree National Park, on the edge of the Mojave Desert. In northern Michigan, at Sleeping Bear Dunes Na-

tional Seashore and in the Upper Peninsula, at Tahquamenon Falls State Park; along the Fox River in Green Bay, Wisconsin; on a trail in Lake Forest, Illinois that runs parallel to tracks leading to Chicago.

In Cleveland, where I found a new relationship online in the first months of the COVID lockdown, and where I now sit out a thunderstorm to write this week’s column.

Throughout my modest 2020 odyssey, I have found some importable ideas that can be converted into productive local action.

Meaning, of course, projects that could work to improve the quality of life in Hamtramck, making the community a more attractive place to live, visit and invest.

Ideas are like seeds. They need to be planted, nurtured, grown, harvested. Money follows

smart ideas, not the other way around.

Hamtramck can attract quality investors by first opening an “idea bank,” making regular, focused deposits.

Focused on the future, that is. No successful, forward-thinking community merely slouches and scuffles to survive day to day. It must plan. It must execute those plans to thrive.

There are examples out there for attracting the kind of investments that can help Hamtramck grow into a better future. I’ve seen them up close, some in communities with far fewer assets than Hamtramck possesses.

As the rain falls outside my window, here are my thoughts:

In communities big and small that have an interstate highway cutting through it, a business loop leads travelers into main streets and other commercial districts.

The local economy would no doubt benefit from having a designated “1-75 Business Spur” along Jos. Campau, accessed from Holbrook from the south and Caniff from the north.

In truth, this should have been done decades ago.

The I-75 corridor that skirts the northwest edge of the city has a checkered past. When planning began in the 1950s, it was welcomed by city officials as an effective “slum clearance” measure, eliminating blocks of houses on Dequindre and Nagel streets, most of them occupied by African Americans.

Original plans were for the freeway to carve a path through Highland Park, but local leaders at the time helped steer its construction a few blocks east, through densely-populated Hamtramck neighborhoods.

A discrimination lawsuit filed on behalf of displaced families – there and in another part of town south of Holbrook, where another ill-fated, city-led urban renewal project displaced more black families – is incredibly only now tying up loose ends after nearly 50 years in federal courts.

This stain on the city's racial history should not be forgotten. I was here, a pre-teen witness to it happening in real time.

This unfortunate history is as old as I am, and will remain a part of me forever.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to receive comments from the public on the following topics:

The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading of an ordinance to amend the Hamtramck City Code, Title VII, Chapter 110, updating and amending the City of Hamtramck Business License Ordinance.

And

Chapter 130 of the Hamtramck Code of Ordinances as it pertains to section 130.027 NUISANCES Graffiti; Provisions to provide the city with the ability to remove graffiti and subsequent cost recovery.

And

Naming of the field at Historic Hamtramck Stadium “Norman “Turkey” Stearnes Field”

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Full and complete text of the changes is available on the City of Hamtramck’s website through Boarddocs. The public is invited to view and comment on the amendment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before September 8, 2020 to the City Clerk at agitschlag@hamtramckcity.com.

August R. Gitschlag

Hamtramck City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to receive comments from the public on the following topics:

Proposed updates include allowing planned unit developments, making mixed-use commercial and residential buildings permitted uses in C-2 and CBD and removing parking requirements in C-2 while allowing for a waiver of some parking in residential where appropriate

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Second Front Page

Mayor is alarmed at surge in COVID-19 cases in Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

There was more grim news during this week's mayoral chat on Facebook.

During her now weekly Monday Facebook talk with the community, Mayor Karen Majewski said that, since last week, the city's COVID-19 cases have increased once again.

Two weeks ago, the number of cases was 373, with 24 deaths reported. That was the total for the past several months when the coronavirus broke out.

But on Monday, Majewski said the number of cases here jumped to 430, with one more death reported – an 83-year-old woman.

“It’s unacceptable, Hamtramck,” said Majewski of this sudden surge. “We all know what we should be doing, but it doesn’t look like we do.”

According to statistics, Hamtramck and Westland have become the “epicenters” for the

spread of the disease, the mayor said.

Majewski said there have been complaints from the public that some stores and markets are not enforcing the wearing of masks and social distancing. The city has been sending inspectors to those businesses, and they have issued warnings.

Majewski said that if warnings are ignored, tickets and fines come next.

On the good news side of things, the mayor was pleased to report that the Hamtramck Post Office branch on Caniff Ave. had re-opened, after a brief closure.

The branch closed because a part was needed for the “point of registers” in the office. As it turned out, the city loaned its IT person to help the office replace the part.

So, the office is now up and running.

In other good news, the mayor noted that renova-

tions at the historic Hamtramck Stadium have made some huge strides lately. A new infield was recently installed.

The public is being asked to stay off the field as the grass takes hold, until at least Sept. 19.

The mayor also repeated her plea for residents who have not filled out their Census form, to do so before the deadline for the national population count comes.

The Census occurs once every 10 years.

At stake are federal grants and political representation in state and national offices.

The more Census forms that are filled out in Hamtramck, well, the more for Hamtramck.

Moving on: despite the economic hit to many cities, and the closings of businesses because of the coronavirus pandemic, there is a bright spot in Hamtramck.

Majewski said there is a new store that just opened in Hamtramck,



Fr. Miroslaw Frankowski

called Nice Price, located at Jos. Campau and Poland.

The store, which had its grand opening on Monday, offers a variety of goods.

In other news, parishioners at St. Florian Church will be losing a beloved priest, Fr. Miroslaw Frankowski, Majewski said. He has been given a new assignment in Los Angeles.

“He’s made an incredible impact on the community,” the mayor said. “We will miss you so much here.”

In a parting comment, Majewski circled back to the rising COVID cases in Hamtramck, and urged residents to take extra precautions.

“We’ve got to get these numbers down,” she said.

(Mayor Majewski addresses the community via the City of Hamtramck Facebook page every Monday at 8:30 a.m. The broadcasts are available for viewing at any time.)

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Those giving \$50 will receive a print of the artwork; \$100 will net you that perk, plus your name on the mural's informational display, in recognition and thanks.

The old Shoppers World building is located in the heart of downtown, at 9840 Jos. Campau Ave., on the east side of the street.

Coming events

FRIDAY, Aug. 28, dusk – The Hamtramck Recreation Commission will host “Movie in the Park” at Pulaski Park (9625 Lumpkin). The movie will be “Toy Story.” Social distancing will be enforced. Bring your own chair or blanket. The restrooms will be open.

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Yemeni community takes to the streets in protest of war and famine

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ernment.

The conflict in Yemen gets even more complicated, Alhalmi said. There is a division among two Islamic groups, the Shiites and Sunnis. On top of that, Yemen is a battlefield for a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

The result is that the populace becomes the victims, Alhalmi said.

The Yemeni population in the US is also divided, he said.

“We’re not on the same page,” Alhalmi said.

But there is one agreement. The US must stop selling arms to Saudi Arabia, and allow Yemeni

Scenes from last Thursday’s gathering at Veterans Park in support of Yemen.



Councilman’s conduct once again censured

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- That Perrotta was going to sue the city because of the employee’s decision.

Perrotta is in his second term on council, and recently became a licensed attorney.

(Editor’s note: Perrotta was once associated with The Review.)

Perrotta said he did indeed use “cuss” words at the employee, and that he acted inappropriately. But, he said, he “immediately” apologized and made amends, and that subsequent to the June encounter has talked, and even joked, with the employee just recently.

What sparked the incident, Perrotta said, was that at first he was given the go-ahead for the project, but then after changes to his plan he was denied, but never given a written explanation.

The Review, after being

told off the record who the employee is, reached out to that employee for comment, but the employee refused to confirm that they were involved, or comment on the matter.

The issue first came up, publicly, in an explosive city council meeting on Aug. 11.

It started with Perrotta asking for a bill submitted by the city’s legal firm, The Allen Brothers, to be reviewed publicly. Perrotta criticized the law firm’s bill for one month, which was \$46,000.

He accused the firm of overcharging.

“I think we’re getting ripped off,” Perrotta said.

That prompted City Attorney Jim Allen, who is the senior partner at the Allen Brothers law firm, to defend the billing, saying he has no control over what the city gets hit with, legally.

He said, for example, that he recently had to look into a possible civil rights complaint that stemmed from an elected official berating a city employee.

Although Allen did not name that elected official, Perrotta jumped on that reference and said he had apologized for the encounter. The meeting deteriorated into shouting and cross-talk.

Flash forward to Tuesday’s council meeting, and Perrotta said that the censure was politically motivated to smear his reputation, and he read from a prepared state-

ment.

Emotions at this meeting were considerably cooler.

Perrotta said that, while his behavior “was not representative of my conduct,” the city employee was being used as a “pawn” in an effort to “discredit” and “destroy” him.

Perrotta went on to say that the matter is a “deranged effort to come after me.”

Although he admitted his behavior was inappropriate, he also said that the censure is “punitive, retaliatory and libelous.”

He added that the censure resolution was “fraught with falsehoods,” but he didn’t elaborate on what those “falsehoods” are.

Perrotta also reached out to the community, calling on more people to get involved in civic affairs and run for city council.

“They’re better leaders than the ones you see here,” Perrotta said.

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury dismissed Perrotta’s explanations, saying that, had he behaved in such a manner, he would expect to be censured as well.

“Here’s the thing, folks. ... The whole world is watching,” he said.

But others came to Perrotta’s defense, saying that he was under duress because of the COVID pandemic, and the effect of having to keep his bar closed, and losing revenue.

“He’s a respected busi-

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In Our Opinion

Hamtramck needs to step up its Census participation

We can't say this enough.

If you haven't filled out your Census form, drop everything you are doing and go fill it out.

Why?

There are a whole bunch of reasons why you should, but we will boil it down to this: The more people who are counted in Hamtramck, the more federal funding gets funneled this way.

How's that?

The population size of Hamtramck affects how much we get in various federal grants that cover such things as street repairs, infrastructure repairs (like sewers) and school aid.

We'll just keep it that simple.

As of this week, only a little over 50 percent of our known population

has participated in the Census. We have to do much better than that before the federal government shuts down the counting period, which has been cut a month short and will now end in September.

In one final push to make sure Hamtramck is counted, Census workers will be going to households that did not return Census forms or go online to fill one out.

We know there are a number of residents who feel uncertain about participating. Maybe they don't have legal status, or maybe they are even wanted by the law.

Doesn't matter.

This Census information is not shared with any other government agency.

OK, we know a number

of folks are not going to believe that. Go ahead and be skeptical.

But know this: You are needlessly harming the city's ability to provide services, so you lose the right to complain. It's a two-way street here.

The Census happens only once every 10 years for an official nationwide count. The United States has been taking a census for a couple of hundred years.

This information has created a fascinating insight into our lives over those many years.

Even if you are not a citizen, or whether you are here legally or not, you deserve to be counted.

Everyone, do your civic duty.

Be counted!

Odds & Ends

Grand opening... Despite the economic setback caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, life is going on.

Here in Hamtramck, businesses have been struggling to survive – just like in any other community.

We now have a new member in the business community. On Monday morning, city officials held a grand opening for Nice Price, located on Jos. Campau and Poland.

The shop offers household goods, fabrics, clothing, and a whole bunch of other things.

Check it out, and say welcome to Hamtramck.

Traffic court... The Hamtramck 31st District Court has adapted to the coronavirus scare by offering outdoor services for those resolving traffic tickets.

The court set up a tent in Zussman Park Monday morning, where folks with tickets who just wished to pay their fines could do so while practicing safe distancing and enjoying the fresh outdoors.

The court will be doing this on Mondays for the foreseeable future.



Hamtramck welcomed a new business on Monday, Nice Price, on Jos. Campau Ave.



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nessman," said Rachel Srodek, who is the sister of Councilmember Andrea Karpinski. "Everyone is going through tough times. Shame on the council for bringing this up."

Bill Meyer, who has been a critic of the council, said that although Perrotta in the past has "put his foot in his mouth, and occasionally, his whole leg," the use of swear words, particularly "the F word," has become so common in usage that it is now "neutered."

Councilmember Al-Marsoumi, who brought the resolution forward, said

that Perrotta's behavior opened the city to a liability.

"This is not the first time that Ian has harassed a member of government," Al-Marsoumi said.

The resolution passed 4-2. Councilmembers Al-Marsoumi, Choudhury, Mohammed Hassan and Mohammed Alsomori voted in favor of the censure, while Councilmembers Perrotta and Karpinski objected.

The censure also calls for the entire council to get training in workplace harassment, and that the

censure be publicly posted in city hall and other "facilities" for 45 days.

Perrotta's previous censure in 2019 accused him of verbally abusing an unnamed female city employee, and making "disparaging remarks" regarding the sanitation habits of the city's immigrant communities.

Perrotta said at the time that the earlier censure was an attempt to "smear" him, and that his comments about immigrant communities were taken out of context.

The official wording of the Perrotta censure

Here is the wording of the censure regarding the behavior of City Councilmember Ian Perrotta:

RESOLUTION 2020-75CENSURING COUNCILMAN IAN PERROTTA

WHEREAS, state and federal law require employers to provide employees with a work environment free of discrimination, harassment, and hostility on the basis of employees' membership in certain protected classes;

and WHEREAS, it is a stated policy of the City of Hamtramck to follow these state and federal directives to provide a work environment free of workplace discrimination, harassment, and hostility;

and WHEREAS, employers have an affirmative legal obligation to take prompt remedial action to correct incidents of discrimination, harassment, and hostility;

and WHEREAS, city employees are under increased pressure to provide greater levels of service with fewer resources and incidents of discrimination, harassment, and hostility are counterproductive to the accomplishment of this necessary workplace objective;

and WHEREAS, elected officials must lead by example and be held to even higher standards of conduct than those that simply meet the above minimum legal standards;

and WHEREAS, the following comments from

Councilman Ian Perrotta directed to a valued and dedicated employee of the city violate the above standards of conduct and subject the city to potential liability, increased expense, and resulted in the employee being bullied:

That the employee "didn't f***ing know anything"

That the employee was "a little b****"

That the employee was "not doing his job"

That the employee was "just a f***ing kid and didn't know anything"

That Perrotta "didn't want to f***ing hire" the employee because the employee was "a f***ing kid who didn't know anything"

That the employee "needed to f***ing figure this out"

That the employee's decision about something in which Perrotta had a personal pecuniary interest was "bulls****"

That Perrotta was going to sue the city because of the employee's decision;

and WHEREAS, Perrotta has essentially admitted this conduct and has not even attempted to offer a credible denial;

and WHEREAS, Perrotta has bullied and berated other employees, contractors, and private citizens, holding this body up to disrepute, poisoning the work environment, and working counter to the interests of the city;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of

Hamtramck:

FIRST: That the City Council condemns and censures Councilman Ian Perrotta for the above conduct and for making the difficult conditions under which our valued employees work;

SECOND: That the Hamtramck City Council, on behalf of the City, formally apologizes to the affected employee Councilman Perrotta subjected to the above comments and any other employee that has been adversely affected by similar conduct and commentary;

THIRD: That the Hamtramck City Council reaffirms the city's commitment to providing employees and members of the public with an environment free of all forms of bullying, harassment, hostility, and abuse;

FOURTH: That, within 45 days of this resolution, members of the Hamtramck City Council attend training regarding workplace harassment and discrimination to be recommended by the city's Human Resources Specialist so that all members understand their legal obligation to comply with state and federal law as well as city policy prohibiting workplace discrimination and harassment;

FIFTH: That this censure be posted prominently in city hall and other facilities for a period of 45 days immediately following its passage.

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Governor honors former State Rep. Isaac Robinson

By Alan Madlane
Isaac Robinson got some of his due. This past Friday, August 21, the late State Representative was honored by Governor Whitmer's office, with an order to have all U. S. and Michigan flags at the State Capitol Complex, as well as those within Mr. Robinson's district, flown at half staff.

Robinson passed away on March 29 from complications of COVID-19, at the age of 44. The honor comes on what would have been his 45th birthday. After winning election in 2018, Isaac Robinson served the people of Detroit and Hamtramck in Michigan's 4th House District. He sat on the Commerce and Tourism, Regulatory Reform, and Tax Policy committees in the legislature. "Rep. Isaac Robinson had a huge heart, a quick wit, and a genuine passion for the people," said Gov. Whitmer. "He was a fierce advocate for Detroiters and people across Southeast Michigan. He dedicated his career to ensuring justice and security for those



Former State Rep. Isaac Robinson, who recently died while in office of COVID-19, was honored by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week when she ordered state buildings to lower their flags to half-mast.

he served, and the impact he had on his community will continue to be felt for years to come," the governor added. Robinson graduated from U. of M., and received his law degree thereafter from Northwestern. Prior to holding elected office, he worked as a labor organizer, first for health care workers with the Service Employees International Union, then for the Michigan Teamsters Joint 43 political program. He also served the UAW Legal Department as a clerk, and logged time with the U. S. House of Representatives, the Michigan House, and the

Detroit City Council. "Rep. Robinson will be missed by many, including me," Governor Whitmer continued. "It was an honor to serve the people of Michigan alongside him. My deepest condolences go out to his family and loved ones, and to the people of Detroit and Hamtramck who elected him as their voice in the House." Flags were to have returned to full staff on Saturday, August 22.

Despite setbacks by the coronavirus, Hamtramck's museum is busy

By Alan Madlane
The Hamtramck Historical Museum wants you to know that local history isn't going out with the dodo. Certainly not because of no corona. A recent update from the Friends of Historical Hamtramck and Greg Kowalski, the Executive Director of the museum, makes clear that the facility is doing all that it can to stay busy, viable and diversified in these challenging times. They are not, they say, in any immediate danger of closing due to financial difficulties, which is great news (nevertheless, you can always help by going to hamtramckhistory.org and becoming a friend of the museum – they have a range of membership options). Since they opened in 2013, they have continued to add to their collections, adjust and expand their space, beautify their building, and redouble their outreach efforts. While they have had to postpone some of their

programming until, probably, next year, they have a number of exciting things in the works. They are preparing to partner with Wayne State University again, on another archaeological dig on the site of the old village hall (Jos. Campau and Grayling). The last one unearthed a wide variety of interesting objects, many of which are now the property of the museum. The museum is also planning to assist a group putting in a marker honoring local tennis great Jean Hoxie, who along with her husband Jerry, established the first tennis camp in the U.S., in the 1940s. Hoxie passed away in 1970. A spring dedication ceremony is planned; more details to follow. The museum will once again work with Hamtramck High School to participate in some special National History Day programming. The last one went very well, and brought attention to both the museum and the school. They museum will also

look to retain some of their planned programming, with an aim to putting it back on in the spring. Some of the events are: a Women's Day program, focusing on local women of note; and a program teasingly called "Nope," about some of the wilder and crazier things that have happened in the city over the decades. Lastly, if you're a fan of the boys of summer (or the girls), check out the new baseball recently donated to the museum: it's got the entire 1956 Hamtramck Little League team's signatures on it, a team that made it all the way to the A.L. Little League Championship before losing it (another Hamtramck squad would indeed win it all three years later). The ball was in the possession of the '56 team's head coach, Joe Bruno, and was donated by his son Tony. Check it all out at the museum, 9525 Jos. Campau Ave., or go to their website at hamtramckhistory.com.

Obituaries

DOMBROWSKI

Gregory Dombrowski, 67, died unexpectedly in his home in Hamtramck, Michigan and was found there on August 10, 2020. Mr. Dombrowski was born on February 8, 1953 in Hamtramck, the son of the late Anthony and Cecilia Dombrowski. Gregory was also preceded in death by his wife Kathleen (née Mazurek); brother Frank Dombrowski; and niece Julia Dombrowski. Gregory is survived by his brother Raymond Dombrowski; sister Barbara Milke (Jim); sister-in-law Joanne Dombrowski; sister-in-law Loretta Loy; nephews Duane, Douglas, Jacob, and Eric Dom-

browski; and two grand-nephews. Gregory worked as a "jack of all trades" in maintenance for the City of Hamtramck for many years. Cremation was arranged in accordance with the family's wishes. A burial service is pending at this time. A memorial gathering will be held at a later date. Donations in Gregory's memory may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Keane-Rankin Chapter #1



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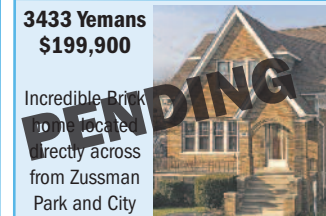
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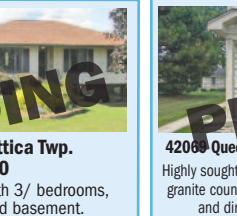
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sessing an open intoxicant, littering, driving without a license and leaving the scene of an accident, among other charges.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Lumpkin and Commor.
- A vehicle stolen out of Hamtramck was recovered.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on warrants.
- A resident was arrested for being wanted on a felony warrant.
- A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A resident reported a felony assault in the area of Danforth and Lumpkin.

Saturday, Aug. 22

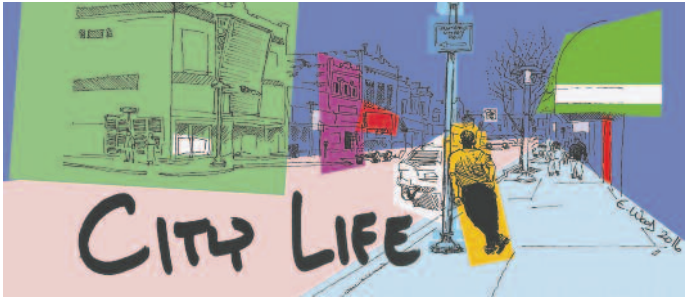
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Gallagher and Yemans.
 - At about 11:30 p.m., an Eastpointe resident was arrested in the 12000 block of Nagel St. for attempting a break-in, and for resisting officers.
 - A resident in the 2300 block of Commor St. reported that someone damaged their door.
 - A business in the 9300 block Of Jos. Campau Ave. reported that someone shoplifted several items, and then fled.
- Sunday, Aug. 23**
- At about 1:30 a.m., a resident of Wayne was arrested in the 2700 block of Yemans St. for being

disorderly.

- At a little after 2 a.m., a Detroit resident reported that, while in the block of 11400 McDougall St., his girlfriend sprayed him in the face with pepper spray.
- At about 3 a.m., officers found an open garage door in the 2600 block of Commor St. Officers, along with Guardian Alarm, were able to make contact with the owner.
- At about 11 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for attempting to break into a house on Yemans St.

Monday, Aug. 24

- At about 2 a.m., a resident was arrested at Caniff and Conant for misdemeanor offenses.
- A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on various warrants.
- A person reported that they were assaulted in the 2200 block of Edwin St. in a case of road rage.
- A person reported that their car, while parked in the 12000 block of Dyar St., was maliciously damaged.
- A resident in the 11600 block of Mitchell St. reported a break-in.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the area of McDougall and Evaline.
- A person reported that, while it the area of Doremus and Conant, they were bitten by a dog.



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ever.

Hear me out for what might be a bold, dynamic way to right an historic wrong, an albatross long gripping the neck of the community.

Why not partner with county, state and federal agencies and create a business loop through the heart of the city and dedicate it to the people of color uprooted by the city’s proven racial injustice?

It can serve as an economic development generator, as an act of civic contrition and as reparations for having wronged scores of individuals and families.

Taking cues from similar city-initiated installations in New York City and Washington D.C., the loop can be named Black Lives Matter Blvd, with historical markers and information kiosks reminding visitors of past mistakes, welcoming them to a more inclusive and equitable present and future.

Perhaps State Representative-elect Abraham Aiyash, who campaigned on social justice issues, can lead this initiative.

A centerpiece of the reparation effort can be the now under renovation Hamtramck Stadium at

Veterans Park, where the Detroit Stars played in the old Negro Leagues during the 1930-31 seasons.

Expanding this idea, a “heritage trail” could be constructed leading from the stadium and around the city, allowing the walking and cycling public to visit key spots of historic interest.

The trail – using protected lanes in streets and alleys, also serving to calm motor traffic – would lead through Ducktown, the once predominantly African American neighborhood on the city’s east end; the south end, where the Yemeni community began to settle beginning in the 1970s; and the north end of the city, where the Bangladeshi community began investing in residential and commercial properties along Conant Avenue in the 1990s.

The Ukrainian American community, once clustered near Immaculate Conception Church on Commor and McDougall, would be represented on the heritage trail.

Markers would be strewn along Caniff, where Bosnian refugees opened businesses and a cultural center and mosque in the late 1990s.

Sites scattered around the city affiliated with Albanian culture and commerce would also be included.

Nationally, Hamtramck is best known, of course, as a landing spot for Polish immigrants. Many cultural, religious and commercial landmarks remain intact and retain historic significance well over a century after Poles began to settle here in the late 1800s.

Surely, a nod also can be given to German immigrants who began farming fertile Michigan soil in the original township 200 years ago.

There is plenty to celebrate at the same time acknowledging errors of judgment that led to the pain of discrimination and displacement.

Not to mention self-inflicted economic hardship that has forced the city into state-administered

emergency financial management on three occasions during the past 50 years – something that could happen again if Hamtramck cannot find new revenue streams and balance future budgets.


Celebrations of the good opportunities provided and reparations for injustices served are not mutually exclusive.

If it is to not only survive but thrive, Hamtramck needs to act on both to find its way into better tomorrows.

More deposits into the City Life idea bank in the coming weeks. Until then, stay safe.

Using words and pictures, independent journalist and Hamtramck native Walter Wasacz practices what he calls documentary social geography. His column appears twice monthly in the Review.

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Distribution Location:
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DICKINSON EAST ELEMENTARY
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Distribution Location:
CAFETERIA DOORS MAIN ENTRANCE





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MAIN DOOR ENTRANCE ON GRAYLING STREET





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Distribution Location:
WEST FRONT DOOR OF HIGH SCHOOL ON CHAREST STREET





EARLYCHILDHOOD
11680 McDougall, Hamtramck, Mi 48212
June 15 – August 28, 2020
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9:00am – 12:00 Mon-Fri



Distribution Location:
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J & E COMMUNITY RELIEF
11816 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, Mi 48212
June 15 – August 28, 2020
BREAKFAST
LUNCH
9:00am – 12:00 Mon-Fri



Distribution Location:
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On Joseph Campau