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## Quick Hits

### Bengali businessman honored

By Alan Madlane

A local businessman has been honored with a significant business award.

Gias Talukder is the founder and owner of The Bengal Auto Sales. The award he received, the "Community Entrepreneur Award," is given by the organization Global Detroit, a Detroit-based group promoting immigrant inclusion in the economic landscape.

The award was granted during Global Detroit's 10th annual Tapestry celebration.

Talukder originally located in Florida from Bangladesh. In 2009, he bought a car for his brother, which ended up having a hole in the roof that let the rain in.

From suffering that indignity, a light went on, and he began to buy and resell cars himself, eventually moving the business here to Hamtramck, where it opened in 2015.

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## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# A summer trip into America's heartland: A photographer's notebook

By Roy Feldman

Special to The Review

This summer, Hamtramckian Chris Schneider and myself explored several midwestern states, to photograph the small towns and rural landscapes of the often-overlooked American heartland.

Partially funded by a grant from Detroit's Red Bull House of Art, we visited eight states, and stopped in over 50 towns.

We avoided the interstates completely, and seldom stopped in a town big enough to have its own Walmart.

Both of us tried to capture the beauty offered by acres of crops extending to the horizon, or pridefully landscaped central squares in towns too small to be on a map.

Often, we navigated by just heading toward a gleaming grain elevator,

rising hundreds of feet, many miles away.

Chris and I stopped at a grassy embankment along the Mississippi where Lincoln once debated Douglas; made friends with the cowboy organizing the local rodeo for his teenage daughters and her friends; met a rough and tumble farmer who showed us his garage full of native American artifacts, and pointed out the spots where American artist Grant Wood painted his famous vignettes of rural life.

We photographed on Polaroid film, which shifts color to red on hot days causing us to keep our film and cameras packed on ice for most of the trip.

Polaroid film was chosen for its unique look and, unlike digital media, its inability to significantly alter the picture.

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Photos by Chris Schneider

## Election countdown begins

By Charles Sercombe

If you haven't mailed in your absentee ballot yet, consider another way.

Instead of mailing, take your ballot directly to Hamtramck City Hall, and either drop it off inside at the City Clerk's Office, or outside in the official ballot drop box – located directly across from the front doors of the building.

That's the word from State Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, who is saying that relying on mail delivery at this point may not guarantee that your ballot will get to your local city clerk in time for the Nov. 3 General Election.

Any ballot not received by election day will not be counted.

"Only the absentee ballots received by 8 p.m. on November 3 can be counted, and voters should not risk possible postal delays this close to the deadline," Benson said in a recent press release.

With this being a heated presidential election, Hamtramck's voter turnout is set to become historic. In fact, the duel between President Trump and former Vice President Biden will likely set voter records nationwide.

In Hamtramck, there have been over 5,000 absentee ballots issued so far, said City Clerk August

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## Quick Hits

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He had to support himself as a pharmacy tech until the business gained traction.

“I know used-car salesmen have a bad reputation, and I’ve worked to change that,” Talukder said.

He has held clothing and food drives, hosted summer barbecues, and donated some 35 cars to various raffles and festivals around town.

A look at the dealership’s website, thebengalauto.com, reveals a number of vehicles, mostly priced in the \$7,000 to \$9,000 range, with an occasional outlier in the \$3,500 area.

Talukder has quickly built an impressive resume of community involvement here. He is the current secretary of the Bangladeshi American Business

Association of Michigan; the current chair of the District of the Bangladeshi American Democratic Caucus; he runs his own non-profit food donation charity called Feed the Hungry as well.

He is also the CEO of the Michigan Housing Project, which obtains homes at auction from the Detroit Land Bank Authority, and then renovates and resells them.

Mayor Majewski has even hired Talukder as public relations commissioner for Hamtramck.

The Bengal Auto Sales is located at 10241 Conant, on the southwest corner at Trowbridge, a block south of Caniff. Call 646-683-4487 or 313-858-1682, or check the website (thebengalauto.com).

Learn more about Global Detroit and their annual Tapestry celebration at globaldetroitmi.org.

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# A summer trip into America’s heartland: A photographer’s notebook

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The images, being analog, merged more truthful. Up until recently it’s the same film evidence technicians used to bring to court.

Soon, we hope to let the public see our work, either in the form of a book or in an exhibition.

You can see some of

these images on our websites: Roy Feldman’s work at detroitphotographic.com/polaroid, and Chris Schneider’s work at schneida.com/polaroids.

(Roy Feldman and Chris Schneider are Hamtramck-based photographers.)

Photos by Roy Feldman



## Get Out & Vote Nov. 3



## City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?  
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Sept. 22, and all councilmembers were present.

A proclamation in honor of Lt. General Richard J. Trzaskoma was made. Trzaskoma was from Hamtramck, and graduated from Hamtramck High School in 1959. He served in the Air Force.

The proclamation read, in part:

“Lt. General Trzaskoma served nearly 40 years as a pilot in the USAF, and his service took him around the world where he developed an appreciation for world history and culture.

“After various command posts in Europe and the Pacific, he assumed Command of the 22nd Air Force, Travis Air Base, California in 1989, achieved the rank of Lt. General in 1991, and re-

tired in 1993.

“In a loving tribute on Facebook from his daughter, we learned of the Lt. General’s passing of COVID-19 this past July. She spoke beautifully of her fathers’ dedication, work ethic and zest for life.”

In observance of Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 4-10), Hamtramck Fire Marshal

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## This week at the library...

### Announcing a new and exciting program, Scholastic Teachables.

It’s an online hub of more than 29,000 trusted, searchable and printable quality materials. It is providing many supplemental options for our library patrons – both parents and educators – supporting skill growth and development in their children. Scholastic Teachables offers printable activities for any subject: math, science, reading comprehension, STEM, writing, and beyond. You can download printable lesson plans, reading passages, games, puzzles, clip art, bulletin board ideas, skills sheets and so much more! Coming soon!

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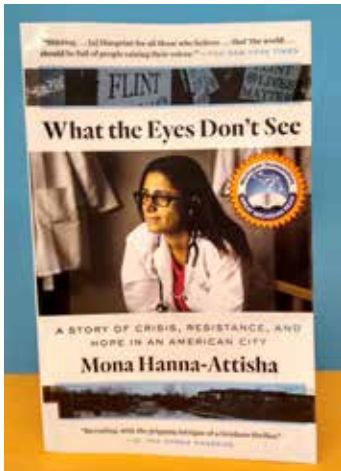
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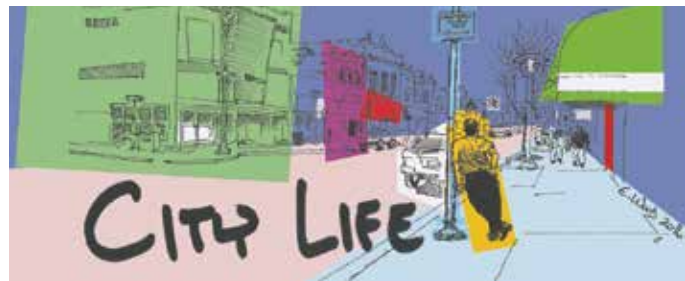
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**For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.**

# Second Front Page



## Bold, assertive actions needed to move city forward

By **Walter Wasacz**

During this strange year of avoidance and isolation I have had plenty of time to think about the life of this city: what it is now, what it can be in the future.

What are its strengths? Where is it lacking? What can we learn from successful other places, especially those that have used simple, progressive, cost-effective strategies to move themselves forward?

I came up with a list of assets and related comments (mine alone) about how to best leverage them for economic growth, ethical reparations and improving the overall quality of our city life.

For an old, small, dusty place, Hamtramck has more enviable assets than you may think.

Let's just begin with "location, location, location" and let our thoughts roll:

To paraphrase a marketing strategy used by the former Motor nightclub – which in the late-1990s attracted a high volume of dance music loving patrons from across southeastern Michigan to the former Polish Falcons of America Nest 86 hall on Caniff – "all roads lead to Hamtramck."

Two major highways, interstates 75 and 94, either cut through or are just off the city's perimeter, potentially delivering visitors here from all directions.

The city would be wise to take a page from another 1990s project, an exhibition by Hamtramck-based artists called "Exit 55," a reference to the ramps off I-75 that bring motorists from the south (leading to Holbrook) and the north (Caniff).

Location branding and more specific signage on heavily trafficked roads are simple ways to keep Hamtramck alive and kicking in the public imagination.

Why not, for example, partner with state and federal authorities on interstate signage alerting people to Hamtramck's "Stadium District at Exit 55," which includes Depression-era Keyworth Stadium and the newly-renamed Norman "Turkey" Stearnes Field at Historic Hamtramck Stadium?

Another potential partner in this marketing scheme could be the Detroit City Football Club (DCFC), which plays championship caliber soccer at the renovated Keyworth, packing the stands (pre-COVID-19, of course) with thousands of passionate fans – a vast majority of them visitors from outside the city – for each home game.

The forward-thinking DCFC organization is an asset unto itself, celebrating diversity and inclusion, standing in support of immigrant and LGBTQ rights, not to mention actively encouraging hungry and



**The Joe Louis Greenway has been installed north of Carpenter in Detroit. When will the Hamtramck piece of the non-motorized trail that will connect the city to Eastern Market, Midtown and downtown be completed?**

thirsty fans to participate in the local night economy after home contests.

Night economy translates into food and drink businesses, naturally, but also includes live theater (Planet Ant) and movies (The Film Lab), both done at a high level of innovation and professionalism, and widely celebrated independent rock 'n' roll and electronic music options.

This aspect of city life has been name-checked through the preceding decades by artists, promoters, journalists and discerning fans and audiences. It would be wise for the city to use this "alternative lifestyle" history in future marketing campaigns.

The good health of this after dark sector is essential to the future economy of the city. Communities across Michigan can now allow bar service until 4 a.m., an extension Hamtramck should support with vigor.

Many things of historical significance, it is said, can only happen at night. Creativity finds its light there. People with deepened imaginations are attracted to it, and thrive there.

Hamtramck has attracted plenty of these distinctive high-value individuals and businesses through the years. And it must continue to attract them.

One sure way is to activate the night, nothing too fancy, making certain to retain Hamtramck's current scruffy charms, only staying open later and producing the same quality of food, drink and variety of social experiences as it does now.

How to do it even post-pandemic is still in question, with some long-standing night establishments likely not to survive the deleterious effects of COVID-19, but it is not too soon to begin planting

new seeds for economic growth.

Better quality options, borne of healthy competition and ringing cash registers ideally, are also welcome.

Doing it all at higher volume with increased capacity attracting more customers from across the region is the aim.

Some people will not come by car but by bicycle via the Joe Louis Greenway, which is literally at the city's doorstep.

On Jos. Campau, between Carpenter and just north of McNichols, Detroit

has completed a stretch of the long-awaited non-motorized trail that will connect Hamtramck with Eastern Market, Wayne State and the College for Creative Studies, the Detroit Medical Center and downtown (and Corktown, Mexicantown and Southwest Detroit farther down the road).

It is an important, possibly lucrative, link to these nearby Detroit neighborhoods and institutions.

Hamtramck is walkable, remains affordable (though, yes, cost of living here is creeping up, though still much less expensive than Detroit's Midtown, West Village and other desirable nearby neighborhoods) and has opportunities for additional residential development on city- and privately-owned lots.

There are still a number of "toothless" sections of long blocks (from Jos. Campau to Lumpkin) on the city's south end.

A few years ago, I did a walk around Wyandotte for a story for another publication. The downriver community had planted "for sale" signs on vacant properties it owned in residential sections of the city.

To its credit Hamtramck has now adopted a similar policy, hoping to attract builders of townhouses and other multi-family residential dwellings.

The city must encourage housing that appeals to creatives, thinkers and doers if it is to survive the challenges of the near future, attracting people who see commuting to DMC, WSU, CCS, Eastern Market and downtown as a reasonable option.

Young professionals and empty nesters looking for amenities accessed by non-motorized means – Hamtramck has always been the "15-minute" community now a part of

trendy urban planning initiatives across the country – should also be targets of these marketing strategies.

This city has the primary assets it takes to start the ball rolling. It needs to use them, aggressively, and do even more beyond strictly dollars and cents development.

The City of Southfield, as just one example, has installed "Black Lives Matter" banners on utility poles near its Civic Center.

That's bold, assertive and decisive action letting the world know where a local government stands regarding the single most significant social justice question of these turbulent times.

Such actions are attractive to creative, forward-thinking commercial and residential investors looking for the right location on the ethical side of history.

Silence on whether the lives of people of color matter does little to inspire confidence in potential new residents and progressive-minded investors.

Hamtramck should be among the first communities in the region to make repairs for the racial insensitivity that led to a 50-year discrimination lawsuit for an ill-conceived urban renewal project hatched in the 1960s.


To be clear: the city must be bold, marketing location, mobility, diversity, inclusivity, reaching for ethical modern living standards; publicly owning and correcting past mistakes, building a better, more equitable community of the future.

That's a way forward Hamtramck can take, if it so desires. Who will activate and maintain this potential better tomorrow is the question.

Walter Wasacz is a Hamtramck-born writer, photographer and consultant. He was 14 years old when African American plaintiffs began a discrimination lawsuit against the city that displaced them in the name of 'slum clearance' and urban renewal.

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**SATURDAY, Oct. 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.** – Piast Institute is sponsoring a prescription drug take-back program (through its Community Drug Free Initiative) in front of its office (located at 11633 Jos. Campau).

**SATURDAY, Oct. 31, 11 a.m.** – The Hamtramck Beautification Commission is hosting a community clean-up event on Halloween. The Hamtramck Hallowclean event is at Pope Park. Costumes are encouraged, while face masks and social distancing will be required.

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# Election countdown begins

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Gitschlag, and already about 2,600 have been returned.

Many voters here and nationally are voting by absentee ballot because of the ongoing spread of COVID-19.

Gitschlag said that, compared to the last presidential election four years ago, there were a total of 800 absentee ballots cast.

This could mean that there will be about 9,000 Hamtramck voters participating in this year's election. There are over 13,000 registered voters in Hamtramck.

Besides the presidential election, there is an election for an open seat in the state legislature to fill the late Rep. Isaac Robinson's position. He died this year of COVID-19, while still in his first term.

The district includes Hamtramck. A Hamtramck Democratic candidate,

Abraham Aiyash, is the one thought to be likely win, since Hamtramck has traditionally backed Democratic candidates.

He faces a little-known Republican challenger, Howard Weathington, as well as Working Class candidate Linda Rayburn and an independent candidate, MD Rabbi Alam. Alam has been active in local Bangladeshi political circles and has run for office before.

There are also three Hamtramck city proposals. Proposals 1 and 2 have created the most controversy. Both are city charter revisions that, if approved, would eliminate the establishment of the police and fire departments and their respective positions for chief from the charter.

If approved, the city council would then decide how to provide those services.

There has been considerable backlash against the proposals, over fears that Hamtramck would end up receiving inferior police and fire protection.

Proponents of the proposals say that adequate services would continue, and that there would be a financial savings.

No alternative plan for providing these services has been presented.

A separate city proposal would raise the property tax that goes toward paying the city's police and fire pension costs, from a half mill to up to 10.5 mills. The current millage rate does not come close to meeting the city's costs.

There has been little promotion or public discussion about this proposal, although it is generally thought that voters will likely reject such a significant tax increase.

# Mayor's report stresses that COVID precautions are still needed

By Charles Sercombe

For a moment last week, it looked like Hamtramck might turn a corner on our number of COVID cases.

Instead, as Mayor Karen Majewski reported in her weekly Monday address to the community, via her Facebook page, we took a

turn for the worse.

Since she last reported from the week prior, the number of Hamtramck cases shot up by 50 – with one additional death for the year.

The total number of cases for the year, as of Monday, was 780, she

said, and Hamtramck has now recorded 27 deaths. The latest casualty was a 69-year-old Asian man.

Hamtramck is not alone. The number of cases being reported spiked in the state, and also in over half the other states.

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# What the Nov. 3 ballot looks like

## OFFICIAL BALLOT General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Wayne County, Michigan City of Hamtramck, Precinct 1

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Democratic Party <input type="radio"/>	Ellen Cogen Lipton Democrat <input type="radio"/>	Kym L. Worthy Democrat <input type="radio"/>	David J. Allen Judge of Circuit Court <input type="radio"/>
Republican Party <input type="radio"/>	Jason Strayhorn Democrat <input type="radio"/>	Daniel Ziemba Libertarian <input type="radio"/>	Mariam Bazzi Judge of Circuit Court <input type="radio"/>
Libertarian Party <input type="radio"/>	Tami Carlone Republican <input type="radio"/>	<b>Sheriff</b> Vote for not more than 1	Chris Dingell Judge of Circuit Court <input type="radio"/>
U.S. Taxpayers Party <input type="radio"/>	Michelle A. Frederick Republican <input type="radio"/>	Benny N. Napoleon Democrat <input type="radio"/>	Charlene M. Elder Judge of Circuit Court <input type="radio"/>
Working Class Party <input type="radio"/>	Bill Hall Libertarian <input type="radio"/>		Helal A. Farhat Judge of Circuit Court <input type="radio"/>
Green Party <input type="radio"/>	Richard A. Hever Libertarian <input type="radio"/>		John H. Gillis, Jr. Judge of Circuit Court <input type="radio"/>
Natural Law Party <input type="radio"/>	Karen Adams U.S. Taxpayers <input type="radio"/>		Noah P. Hood Judge of Circuit Court <input type="radio"/>
<b>Presidential</b>	Douglas Levesque U.S. Taxpayers <input type="radio"/>	<b>Clerk</b> Vote for not more than 1	Edward J. Joseph Judge of Circuit Court <input type="radio"/>
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	Tom Mair Green <input type="radio"/>		Lynne A. Pierce Judge of Circuit Court <input type="radio"/>
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	John Paul Sanger U.S. Taxpayers <input type="radio"/>	Mary Kelly <input type="radio"/>	Mary Beth Kelly <input type="radio"/>
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Brenda Lawrence Democrat <input type="radio"/>	Robin Lea Laurain Green <input type="radio"/>	Kerry Lee Morgan <input type="radio"/>	Nicholas John Hathaway <input type="radio"/>
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	Terri Lynn Land Republican <input type="radio"/>		
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Nonpartisan Section	Proposal Section	City	Intermediate School District
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Proposal to Increase the Millage Levy to Fund the Police and Firefighters Retirement System</b>	<b>Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal</b>
<b>Judge of Probate Court</b> <b>Incumbent Position</b> Vote for not more than 3	<b>Proposal 20-1</b> <b>A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent</b>	This proposal, if approved, will allow the City of Hamtramck to increase the millage levy from the current rate of .50 mills to a rate not to exceed 10.5 mills in any year, for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years, in order to fund the retirement system for police and firefighters pursuant to Public Act 345 of 1937.  Shall the City of Hamtramck, Wayne County, Michigan, be authorized to increase the current millage rate of .50 mills to a rate of not more than 10.5 mills in any year on each dollar (\$10.50 per \$1,000) of the taxable value of all property in the City, in order to fund the retirement system for police and firefighters pursuant to Act 345 of 1937, for the years 2021 through 2040, inclusive? It is expected that approximately 10.5 mills will be levied in 2021 and will raise the sum of approximately \$2,239,000.00 Dollars.  Do you approve the increase of the current rate of .50 mill on all taxable property located within the City of Hamtramck to a rate not to exceed 10.5 mills, for a period not to exceed 20 years, for the years 2021 through 2040, inclusive? It is expected that approximately 10.5 mills will be levied in 2021 and will raise the sum of approximately \$2,239,000.00 Dollars.  Should this proposal be adopted?  Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local constituent public school districts including eligible public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.  As a renewal of authority which expires with the 2021 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2022 to 2027, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$90.4 million when first levied in 2022.  The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code and the following school districts:  Allen Park Public Schools, Creshwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale - Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District
David Braxton Judge of Probate Court <input type="radio"/>		Yes <input type="radio"/>	
Judy A. Hartfield Judge of Probate Court <input type="radio"/>		No <input type="radio"/>	
Terrance Ashworth Keith Judge of Probate Court <input type="radio"/>			
<b>Judge of District Court 31st District</b> <b>Incumbent Position</b> Vote for not more than 1	This proposed constitutional amendment would:  • Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000.000.  • Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.  • Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.  Should this proposal be adopted?  Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>		
Alexis Grace Krot Judge of District Court <input type="radio"/>			
<b>Community College</b>			
<b>Board of Trustees Member Wayne County Community College 2nd District</b> Vote for not more than 1			
Asm Rahman <input type="radio"/>			
<b>Local School District</b>	<b>Proposal 20-2</b> <b>A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications</b>		
<b>Board Member Hamtramck Public School District</b> Vote for not more than 3			
DazShavon Hall <input type="radio"/>			
Ramsey Hussain <input type="radio"/>	This proposed constitutional amendment would:  • Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications.  • Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.  Should this proposal be adopted?  Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
Regan Watson <input type="radio"/>			
<b>Board Member Hamtramck Public School District</b> <b>Partial Term Ending 12/31/2024</b> Vote for not more than 1			
Salah Ali Hadwan <input type="radio"/>			

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### In politics, anyone can get involved – even outsiders

As we mentioned in last week’s issue, Hamtramck voters have been faced with numerous controversial ballot proposals and recall elections in the past.

Political controversy has constantly been a part of Hamtramck.

One of the recurring gripes in any political dispute is the influence of outside forces.

Namely, the issue of non-residents being involved in local elections.

This election cycle once again has a number of folks agitated over outside forces.

Case in point: A former resident and city councilmember who now resides in Novi is involved in the push for the upcoming city charter proposals, and supporting the recall of City Councilmember Ian Perrotta.

Some in town are calling his involvement “dirty politics.”

It reminds us of the many other times that outsiders were involved here.

Take, for example, several years ago, when voters were asked to support a human right ordinance that some perceived as being supportive of gays

and the LGBTQ community at large.

Outside conservative religious folks teamed up with local folks to wage a campaign to defeat that ordinance, and they did so in a very ugly way. And they were successful.

There was also a time when certain public school teachers, most of whom were non-residents, organized, and then succeeded in recalling three school board members – including the then-president of the board.

It could even be noted that some firefighters in their current campaign against the city charter proposals on the ballot this Nov. 3 are also largely outsiders: Most, except for a few, are non-residents.

You can split hairs that some of these folks, although they are non-residents, have a stake here. But at the end of the day, they are still non-residents, who are pushing their positions on local voters.

For firefighters, urging voters to oppose the two city charter amendments works to their advantage because, in this instance, maintaining the status

quo works in their favor – no matter what the financial cost is to the city.

Firefighters have every right to be concerned about these proposals because, if they are in fact passed, their livelihoods will be on the line.

We do not by any means begrudge them their right to exercise their opinion, or their right to be involved in local politics. But we also don’t begrudge those who are in favor of passing the proposals as a way to cut costs, yet still maintain needed services.

Obviously, these proposals raise some thorny issues for voters.

The point here is that everyone has a right to voice their opinion or back any political issue –whether they are non-residents or residents.

Locals, of course, have every right to question the motives of outsiders, and to consider that influence when deciding on local issues.

There is no law against non-residents getting involved in local politics. It happens everywhere, and Hamtramck is not immune.

That’s the American way, folks.

### Mayor’s report stresses that COVID precautions are still needed Cont. from page 4

The disease is simply not going anywhere, nor showing any signs it is diminishing.

“It’s shocking,” Majewski said.

Once again, she stressed the need to wear masks when going out in public – including while we are outside. She said there is evidence that the virus stubbornly persists in the air, and that it also attaches to hard surfaces.

Health experts are saying the pandemic could hang around through the winter.

Majewski didn’t speak long on Monday, but touched on a few other issues, such as a tree planting that took place on Tuesday morning on Nagel St.

She had some good news about the construction going on at Holbrook

and Jos. Campau, the intersection of which had been blocked off for several weeks: It is now back open.

A touch of Hollywood is coming to town. This coming Monday, filming will take place in the Jos. Campau-Evaline area, which may require periodic street closures, Majewski said.

City officials still don’t know what time exactly filming will take place on Oct. 26 (and again on Nov. 2). But if you stop by, you might see some movie-making taking place.

The film is a period piece set in 1950s Detroit, and features several major stars.

Majewski also urged residents to check out the city’s website for various openings on boards and commissions. As you can imagine, the city is having

a hard time finding folks to volunteer their time.

“Recruitment can be hard,” Majewski stressed.

Have some old prescription drugs you don’t need anymore, or which perhaps are out of date? Majewski said the Piast Institute will be sponsoring a drug take-back program this Saturday (Oct. 24), in front of its office (located at 11633 Jos. Campau), from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

With the Nov. 3 election coming up, Majewski reminded folks that they can vote early via absentee ballot. She said that it’s already late to mail your ballots, and that the best thing to do is drop them off at city hall, which can be done after business hours at an outdoor drop box.

Other than that, Majewski had little else to report for the week.

## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Hamtramck voices will be heard in the 2020 election

By Anita and Gary Saganski

August Gitschlag is Hamtramck’s City Clerk and he is facing a monumental task in the 2020 Elections: MAKING EVERY VOTE COUNT.

Tabulating election results with Integrity and Accuracy in an election like no other demands an extremely competent City Clerk supported by committed and experienced Election Workers.

This is exactly what we have in our city!

Our Hamtramck Election Team has been problem solving for months on how to Make Every Vote Count in a limited amount of time, with limited resources and yet respect COVID 19 precautions for public gatherings. Hamtramck voices will be heard in the 2020 Election.

August Gitschlag is one of 1,500 City Clerks who together will deliver Election Results from Michigan on the night of Nov. 3. In a recent training session for new poll workers, our city clerk explained the specific challenges all election workers are facing.

In 2016, there were roughly 700 absentee ballots to be counted in Hamtramck. SO FAR, IN THIS ELECTION, OVER 5,000 VOTERS HAVE REQUESTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

As mandated by Michigan law, absentee ballots cannot be processed or counted until election day. While the state legislature recently ruled that cities of over 25,000 people could begin PROCESSING votes on Nov. 2, Hamtramck did not qualify for this extra time. Our election team must

process and count all absentee ballots on Nov. 3.

Processing means a series of mechanical steps: check the voter’s signature with the official state data base, open the envelope, remove a perforated ID tab, flatten the ballot. Only then, can a ballot be scanned and counted. In the August primary, Hamtramck’s election team began the process of counting absentee ballots when the polls opened and finished 21 hours later!

Election officials locally, state wide and even nationally, have been fervent in their requests for what is needed to count substantially more votes fairly and accurately in November: TIME and TOOLS.

TOOLS: Automatic letter openers, high speed ballot scanners, PPE for poll workers (and voters!) are critical with high volume ballots and little or no increase in time to count them. Our City Clerk has increased our number of high-speed scanners from one to three for the upcoming election and that will make a real difference.

TIME: While TIME and PLACES for casting votes has generously expanded through early voting and ballot drop boxes, TIME FOR COUNTING VOTES has not.

Michigan city clerks made a strong case for needing 5 days prior to Election Day to process all absentee ballots to minimize rejected ballots and to make tabulation on Election Day so much easier.

For example, if the signature on a 2020 Ballot does not match the one on state voter rolls, it

gives time to contact the voter so they can do what is necessary to make their vote count!

Our Republican-dominated state legislature refused giving five days of extra time. They granted one day to cities with over 25,000 people.

Up until one week ago, any mail- in ballot postmarked by Nov. 2 and received within 2 weeks of Election Day would be counted. A Michigan judge ruled that given ongoing postal delays of mail, ballots and medicine, extended time to count absentee or mail-in ballots was necessary.

This ruling has been overturned in the courts so now, your mail-in vote must arrive by 8 pm Nov. 3. The Republican Party of Michigan spearheaded and financed this legal effort to in effect suppress votes that may come in late due to USPS delays.

Is it not in the interest of both parties and all Americans that we grant our election officials the time, tools and resources to hear every voice and count every vote?

Whomever you vote for in this election, make sure their record on supporting the right to vote is solid.

As these limitations on TIME and TOOLS are real, our job in this battle to get our votes counted is to fill out our ballots extremely carefully and get them to The Hamtramck City Clerk’s Office in person or put them in our secure ballot drop boxes TODAY!

Anita and Gary Saganski are longtime Hamtramck residents and believers in voting rights as human rights.

## Your vote – your voice

By Edgar L. Vann  
Pastor of Second Ebenezer Church

A paraphrased quote attributed to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., says “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

The current zeitgeist has cast a pall of perplexing uncertainty for many over the status of the soul of this nation. It is a seismic moment of truth for us all.

The malaise of mistrust.

The nightmare of division and hyper-partisanship. The maelstrom

of racial and economic inequity and injustice. The ongoing crisis of the pandemic and other issues that cloud the atmosphere of democracy.

And yet, through it all, a fundamental tenet of that democracy remains the most powerful individual engagement toward the quality of life in America.

It’s your vote and your voice.

The energy surrounding this election both nationally and locally is most critical to the trajectory of our lives now and for years to come. Voting is your voice in that process.

Why vote?

You’ve heard a lot of people respond to this question by saying elections have consequences. Elections are bigger than personalities. Voting is designed to establish public policy that governs us all. Elections guide and decide the American quality of life and our nation’s place in the world.

You have a life, and your voice matters. Contrary to what it may often seem like, it is also your government. Your taxes pay for it and elected of-

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## How to better understand your media literacy

No matter where we may be in the election cycle, people would be well served by increasing their media literacy.

In its essence, media literacy is the study of our exposure to mass media and how we process and understand the media we are exposed to. Increasing one's media literacy allows readers the ability to better analyze the sources from which they are getting their information.

Identifying bias and motivation behind the stories that appear in our feeds, the advertising posing as news that have infiltrated local news sites, and the media outlets we choose to trust takes a bit of skill, but allows us the ability to

be better informed on the world around us.

The impacts media can have on us can be immediate, like when we are reading an article or opinion piece that makes us angry, or they can be gradual based on repeat exposure to an idea.

We can feel the impacts in physical ways, as when our hearts race when watching a scary movie, or in mental ways like the emotional toll we take on ourselves from doom-scrolling through social media while getting more and more anxious about current events.

People who have low levels of media literacy may think while they couldn't possibly be influenced by

media, other people must be. But, to some extent, everyone is changed by the news and information invading our lives from all angles.

Which media outlets do you frequently get information from? Do they provide balanced reports, or are they pushing an agenda? Which Facebook groups do you belong to? Are they uplifting and share positive stories about our community, or are they riddled with crime reports and complaints? How does your media intake impact the way you see your community? Your neighbors?

Has the media you consume desensitized you based on extensive coverage of crime, violence, and trauma?

People tend to search out information that validates how they already think and feel about a situation, reinforcing the beliefs they already hold.

Depending on where we get our news in Hamtramck, our viewpoints about the ballot proposals, Councilman (Ian) Perotta, Freedom Village, and any number of other local issues can be vastly different.

To get to the root of how our beliefs were formed, we must work to become more media literate. The journey to media literacy doesn't have to be complicated, but it can be confronting. As consumers of media, we are responsible for acknowledging our current media habits, and exploring why they are the

way they are.

To learn about a local new item, are we turning to the same one or two sources for information every time? Would our understanding of the issues be the same if we were to expand our search? When we are searching for news about Hamtramck, is the goal to search for stories that support our preconceived notions about our community and its residents, or are we striving for a broader understanding of the issue?

One easy first step towards being more media literate is to consider the truthfulness, neutrality, and accuracy of the news we read. While real journalists may hold themselves to real journalistic standards, so much the con-

tent shared now is based in opinion.

If a party with a vested interest wanted to write about the ballot proposals, they may add an idea that will call the reader to act, but is not based in the truth, they may willfully distort reality to make the issue seem more dire, or they may not tell the complete story.

The journey to media literacy can begin with questioning the motivation within yourself for seeking out the information, the motivation of the author who created the content, and the reaction you have to it.

Becoming more media literate may not change your mind, but it will surely expand it.

**Angela Haban Hamtramck**

## Questions are raised about those behind recall and proposals

Last week the Yemeni-American Newspaper ran an article with an embedded youtube video featuring former councilman Scott Klein.

In it, Mr. Klein, Councilman Mohammed Hassan, former Councilman Anam Miah, and former Councilman Saad Almasmari are seen at this meeting where they and the others listen to Mr. Klein tell all those present that the problem they have is that the political structure that supports the Fire Department is the same that supports Ian Perrotta.

Klein says, "Recalling Ian and the campaign for public safety puts a lot of pressure on their side. ... Ian's going to be like a pimple, if you can squeeze him it'll be all over."

After which, former councilman Anam Miah responds: "In my mind, I'm thinking councilmen should go ahead and make a motion at the next meeting that the majority of council demands resignation of Councilman Perrotta. ... Of course, he's not going to do it, but make that resolution, make that motion, you'll have a majority."

This video confirms to many of us what we were already fairly certain about: that the censures and recall of Ian Perrotta are more about eliminating and embarrassing a political opponent than anything else, and that Mohammad Hassan is trying to build his own Hamtramck version of a Tammany Hall political machine – a gov-

ernment within the government, where decisions are made before they ever appear before the elected city council.

American democracy and Michigan law demand open and transparent government. Our Open Meetings Act demands that city decisions be made in open sessions of the city council.

Instead, this video shows us that decisions are not being made in the light of day, but instead in the backs of restaurants and in secret meetings where they are away from the prying eyes of the public.

The campaign to amend our city charter is a good example of the arrogant, opaque decision making in action. Its supporters have

claimed that it will save money, but they don't say how. They want to change the charter but they don't tell us why they need this change.

And it appears much of the infrastructure for this support is coming from Scott Klein, a Novi resident who left Hamtramck years ago and has no discernible or legitimate stake in the city anymore.

Why are outsiders pushing this so hard? Where is the money coming from to fund the campaign for it? What do our councilmembers want to do if it passes?

It'd be nice to know but you and I, the tax-paying public, aren't invited to those meetings.

**Justin Jessop Hamtramck**

## Obituaries

### FELDMANN



Antoinette "Toni" Feldmann, 65, died the evening of October 9, 2020.

Antoinette Feldmann was born on August 11, 1955, to Eugene and Stella (Nowak) Stolarczyk in Detroit, MI. She is survived by her children, Matthew (Jennifer D.) Owens, Sarah (Marc) Benkoff; three grandchildren, Brooklyn, Ace and Ashton. She was preceded in death by her soul mate, Peter Klein; both of her parents; and her sister, Cynthia Stolarczyk.

Toni found true purpose in her life with her children. She worked extremely hard to make sure they were provided for and was always the 'cool' mom. She fell ill before her grandchildren were able to experience having the 'cool' grandma but she will live on through stories and pictures shared with Brooklyn, Ace and Ashton.

Toni was fortunate to be with the true love of her life, Peter Klein, for over 20 years before his death. The two of them met working at Kroger

and were inseparable. They enjoyed their annual trips to Siesta Key, FL, together in the spring, and Houghton Lake, MI, with the family in the summer. They are now together again watching over us all.

Toni was loved and will be truly missed by those that were closest to her. She battled various health issues for more than a decade and is now at rest.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, we ask you to please make a donation in Toni's name to the Oakland Family Services 'Treatment' Program. Please follow the link below and select 'TREATMENT' in the support drop down and copy/paste 'In memoriam of Antoinette Feldmann' in the box at the bottom. Thank you in advance. <https://www.oakland-familyservices.org/build-brighterfutures>

Toni chose to be cremated, and we welcome all to pay their respects to her and her family from 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at Jurkiewicz and Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff St, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

## Your vote – your voice

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ficials work for you. Voting is our collective privilege to choose, evaluate, and hold accountable those who have the stewardship of our government.

As never before, this election affords all of us as voters the preferred option of voting early. Just as everything in the culture has shifted – normal is behind us and next is now! Now is your time to vote – the earlier, the better.

More than 14 million ballots have already been cast in our nation and the numbers are rising rapidly. No more struggling to take time off work to get to the polls during specified times. No more antiquated polling machine breakdowns. No more

precinct location confusion. No more transportation issues for those voting.

So do it today. Avoid long lines. Make these important decisions in the comfort of your own home and space.

In Michigan, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has said at least three million ballots are expected to be cast by mail and more by absentee in-person voting.

This time don't wait and don't procrastinate. Be proactive. Vote Early.

Take full advantage of the immediate opportunity to exercise this most honored right. Many fought and died to secure it. There is no excuse.

Vote – and vote early.

City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing

Zoning Board of Appeals

The City of Hamtramck ZBA will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, November 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 Grace Stamper, ATTN: ZBA, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212. Information about how to log on to the Zoom meeting can be found at [Hamtramck.us](https://www.hamtramck.us) or by calling Grace Stamper at (313) 800-5233 ext. 307.

The subject of the hearing is:

- 8610 Conant is seeking a variance from the setback requirements for corner buildings and requirement for parking to be located a maximum 35 feet off the rear lot line and behind the main building per Article VI-1.05.2 a and 1.06 a, i. and III-5.06.11.1 of the Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance.
- 2024 Caniff is seeking a use variance to have commercial retail sales and services in a residential zone per Article V-1.02 and III-5.06.11.2 of the Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance

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By Charles Sercombe

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

Tuesday, Oct. 13

- At 2 a.m., a resident was arrested for an assault that occurred in the 12000 block of Dyar St.
- At 9:30 a.m., a resident was arrested for a domestic assault that happened in the 11300 block of St. Aubin St.
- Officers took a report of a missing person who lives in the 2200 block of Danforth St.
- Officers took a report of a missing person who lives in the 2400 block of Florian St.
- A juvenile possessing a taser gun was caught by officers and turned over to his parents, who were subsequently issued a parental responsibility ticket.
- A driver was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident that happened in the area of Yemans and Brombach, where a person had been injured.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

- At 1:30 a.m., a resident was arrested for driving with a suspended

license.

Thursday, Oct. 15

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau and Caniff.
- Two suspects fled after shoplifting at a store in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- A resident was arrested for driving on a suspended license.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license, and for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A resident reported that a person she knows was sending her harassing messages.
- A person was arrested for being wanted on a felony warrant out of Macomb County.
- An agent for a business in the 11300 block of Conant Ave. reported a theft.

Saturday, Oct. 17

- At about 2 a.m., a Southfield resident was arrested for drunk driving.
- At about 5 a.m., officers responded to a suspi-

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cious situation at Dequindre and Circle Dr.

- A resident of Farmington was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A resident reported being assaulted at a residence in the 12000 block of Oklahoma St.

Sunday, Oct. 18

- At almost 2 a.m., a witness saw a man fire three shots in the air from a gun.

The suspect then fled the scene in a red Dodge Challenger.

- At almost 2:30 a.m., a resident in the 2000 block of Yemans St. saw two males break out their car window. No items were taken.
- At about 2:30 p.m., a person was arrested for throwing objects off the overpass of I-75 onto the freeway.



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William “Bill” Diamond said the department has about 200 smoke detectors to give away, as well as about 90 batteries for them.

He said that many Hamtramck fires are the result of cooking accidents – as in, people forgetting that they have something cooking on a stove, and then walking away to do something else.

Such situations created 85 runs last year, he said.

A lengthy presentation was made by the city’s engineering company, Hennessy, about the ongoing sewer repairs.

John Hennessy said that

basement flooding, as a result of heavy rains, still happens, but mostly at households west of Jos. Campau to I-75.

After that presentation, the council OK’d allocating \$4.9 million for the next phase in sewer improvements. The funding will come from the city’s Water Department, which has a budget surplus.

During public comment, Bill Meyer first said that he is a “registered world citizen.”

He then urged the city to research why Hamtramck did not hook up to a sewer line located under Conant

- A resident was arrested on Danforth St. for being disorderly.
- A Selfridge St. resident reported that someone stole a handgun from their residence.

Monday, Oct. 19

At a little after 4 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for driving drunk.

A resident of Rochester Hills reported that a handgun was stolen from their car.

- An Edwin St. resident reported being the victim of fraud.

Ave. back in the 1950s, which was mentioned in Hennessy’s report.

He also questioned what happens to Hamtramck waste and sewage water that gets funneled into Detroit’s system.

Hennessy said that it does indeed get treated by Detroit, and that Hamtramck didn’t connect with the Conant line because of a distrust of Detroit officials at the time.

“We really did miss an opportunity,” Hennessy said.

A resident questioned why the city allows “decrepit buildings” to exist.

In a unanimous vote, the council approved updating the city’s zoning ordinance with minor changes.

In her city manager’s report, Angerer said she is working on getting funding for speed humps on some city streets.

“We’re very optimistic,” she said.

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If Wayne County continued to meet its obligation to the city until the jail property was fully repurposed, that would help.

It would also help if free loading publicly held corporations carried their weight and paid their fair share instead of stacking up tax breaks that ordinary people can’t get.

It would be nice if the state stopped handing out those tax breaks.

It would be even better if the state started contributing its fair share to the health of every community in Michigan.

The best thing to happen would be a complete reimagining of funding for local and county governments in the state.

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