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## Quick Hits

## It's a busy, busy Saturday

**By Charles Sercombe**

Saturday (April 24) in Hamtramck has plenty to offer.

To start off, volunteers are needed to participate in a citywide clean-up – and by the looks of things, there is plenty of street litter to be picked up.

The Hamtramck Beautification Commission is sponsoring the event.

It kicks off with a gathering at 9 a.m. in front of city hall. From there, you can team up with other volunteers or strike out on your own.

Be sure to bring your own gloves – and trust us, you'll need them.

You can take pride in making Hamtramck look a little better, and it's also a great way to meet other community members.

Also on Saturday, there is a prescription drug take-back happening in the Dollar Tree parking lot.

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Whatever you do, don't ever flush your old drugs

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## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Caniff repaving project is now underway – prepare to complain

**By Charles Sercombe**

Get ready for a summer of doing the Caniff dodge.

Last week, construction began on Caniff, starting at the I-75 service drive, and it's likely going to take pretty much the entire summer for the street to be repaved up to Jos. Campau.

The eastbound lane of the street is, at times, open for traffic. The repaving will be done one side at a time. When the westbound side is completed, it will be opened and the eastbound side will be closed.

The city is calling for patience.

"In the end, we'll have a new street," said Mayor Karen Majewski during her weekly Monday Facebook update on the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

By now, Hamtramckans should be used to this sort of thing.

In the last two years, construction tied up Holbrook Ave. when that



**The Caniff Ave. street rebuild project has begun, and yes, it is tying up traffic and causing many inconveniences. Better work out alternative routes because it's going to take a few months to complete.**

street was repaved from Lumpkin to Conant.

Businesses along that stretch of the street all suffered, and residents were forced to cut through alleys to leave home and return. Expect the same thing to happen to businesses and residents along Caniff.

Not only is there a new street coming, but also lead water lines will be replaced for homes and commercial buildings. Notices were delivered to residences and businesses informing owners, informing them that they must sign off on allowing the city to replace their water lines.

The project is largely being funded by a \$1.4 million federal grant. The city has to kick in about \$300,000 from its annual state-funded road sign repair grant.

At the same time, the county will be repaving Conant through Holbrook.

So far, final plans for creating a bicycle lane on

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# So, just what are the laws about street harassment?

**By Charles Sercombe**

There has been much talk in town the past couple of weeks regarding the street harassment of women.

It's a problem that has plagued women in Hamtramck for decades – which ranges from cat-calls to aggressive sexual propositions.

Recently, a local reporter, Simon Albaugh, inquired about the issue on social media resulted

in an avalanche of women – and men – responding.

The experiences shared were harrowing.

At the last city council meeting, Councilmember Ian Perrotta proposed a resolution to begin exploring the issue, with an eye toward possibly proposing city ordinances to crack down on the behavior.

(Perrotta also announced his resignation from council after the

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## Hamtramck's law about street harassment

**By Charles Sercombe**

So, what do Hamtramck laws say about people being subjected to unwanted sexual propositions, or otherwise verbally harassed, while minding their own business on the city's streets?

Hamtramck does have a definition of harassment, and it reads:

"Knowingly harass any other person. Harass is defined as any repeated non-verbal conduct which specifically intended to frighten, embarrass or anger the person or persons who are

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## Election season has begun

**By Charles Sercombe**

And now, the question of this political season is known.

Yes, Mayor Karen Majewski is seeking another term, and, if elected, she will be Hamtramck's longest serving mayor.

But she has some competition – as usual.

As of Tuesday – the deadline for candidates to file for the offices of mayor and city council – Majewski is facing the following challengers:

City Councilmember Saad Almasmari, Review Publisher John Ulaj, perennial mayoral candidate Asm Rahman, and newcomer Amer Mahmoud.

This could change by the Friday deadline for candidates to withdraw.

For council, which has three wide-open seats, the following candidates are running: Amanda Jaczowski, Adam Albarmaki, Cody Lown, Lynn Blasey, Khalil A. Refai, Armani Asad, Muhith Mahmood, and former councilmember Abu Musa.

They, too, have until Friday to withdraw from the race.

All of the terms are for four years.

Those staying the races, and word is one or more will be dropping out, will all face off in the Aug. 3 primary election, which is where the mayoral field of candidates gets whittled down to two, and the council race down to six.

There are three open council seats because two councilmembers resigned recently, and Saad Almasmari has opted to seek the mayor's position.



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# So, just what are the laws about street harassment?

meeting.)

However, several women advised against this resolution, fearing that any new law might end up giving officers the green light to single out minorities and harass them.

A bare majority of the council agreed to postpone voting on the resolution to further explore it – much to the objection of Perrotta. (Councilmember Saad Almasmari also sided with Perrotta, and voted against the postponement.)

As it turns out, there are a number of state laws on the books that cover the subject.

So, what are some of those laws, and what are the constraints?

We searched several online sites that addressed the issue, and found one in particular, at [stopstreetharassment.org](http://stopstreetharassment.org), had the most information about Michigan’s laws on the subject.

Some of the state’s laws seem outdated in their language and how women are viewed. They’ve been labeled as sexist by some.

There are also laws that prohibit up-skirt photo taking, following a person, indecent exposure and groping.

According the website, there are six Michigan laws that specifically zero in on street harassment.

Here are the laws outlined by the website:

- “Cursing and Swearing §750.103 – Cursing in public is illegal in Michigan. If a street harasser is using foul language or calling you swear words, you can report him/her.
- “Note: The law states that a prosecution can only be sustained if it is commenced within 5 days of the incident, so if you intend to report someone for cursing and swearing, you’ll want to do so right away.
- “Penalty: Cursing and swearing is a misdemeanor in Michigan, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to 90 days in jail.”
- “Disorderly Person §750.167 – Michigan addresses disorderly conduct by defining who is considered a ‘disorderly person.’
- “The list of ‘disorderly persons’ includes a range of offenses, but those relevant to street harassment are:
  - Window peeping.
  - Engaging in indecent or obscene conduct in a public place.
  - Being intoxicated in a public place and either endangering the safety of another or causing a public disturbance.
  - Loitering in or about a place where illegal business is being conducted (this might be someone buying or selling illegal substances, vending on the street without a permit, or soliciting prostitution).
  - “Penalty: Disorderly conduct is a misdemeanor in Michigan, punishable by a
- fine of up to by a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to 90 days in jail.”
- “Improper Language in the Presence of Women and Children– §750.337 It is illegal in Michigan to ‘use any indecent, immoral, obscene, vulgar or insulting language in the presence or hearing of any woman or child.’
- “This law is rather sexist, but it’s a law on the books. If you’re a woman or a minor and a street harasser is using this kind of language toward you or in your presence – whether cursing, insulting you, or making obscene or vulgar comments – you can report him/her.
- “Penalty: Using improper language in the presence of women and children is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to 90 days in jail.”
- Soliciting Prostitution §750.448 – Soliciting, inviting, or accosting another person to engage in prostitution is illegal in Michigan. If a street harasser solicits sexual activity from you, you can report him/her.
- “You can also make the case that harassers who yell, “How much?!” or offer you money, or anything else, for sex, even in jest, are soliciting prostitution.
- “Penalty: Throughout Michigan, soliciting prostitution is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to 93 days in jail.”
- “Unlawful Filming/Photography Surveillance of an Individual Having Reasonable Expectation of Privacy §750.539j – It is illegal in Michigan for a harasser to surveil, photograph, or otherwise record or capture an image, and/or disseminate or share that image, of you in your underwear, of your underwear, or of your unclad genitalia, butt, or breasts under circumstances in which you have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
- “The Michigan statute doesn’t define what the circumstances under which you can reasonably expect privacy are, but those circumstances usually include being in:
  - Your home or another private place
  - A dressing room
  - A locker room
  - A restroom – It also usually includes the private areas of your body that are covered by clothing.
  - “If a harasser peeps on you, take an up-skirt or other inappropriate photograph, or records you inappropriately, you can report him/her. Penalty: Surveillance of or photographing or recording an individual having a reasonable expectation of privacy is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.”
  - “Indecent Ex-

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# Second Front Page

## HPS students once again shine in oratory competition

By Charles Sercombe

As usual, the students in the Hamtramck Public School District's oratory program racked up another impressive year.

District teacher Raniel Housey-Johnson has been the main coach of the kids for a number of years. She is also a member of the Optimists Club of Downtown Detroit.

We'll let her explain what made this year stand out for five students.

**Review: Let's start with a brief background about yourself, and how long you have been with the HPS district.**

Housey-Johnson: This is my 21st year of teaching in Hamtramck Public Schools. I have taught various grades in various buildings over the years, with the longest stretch being 12 years at Holbrook. I am currently teaching 7/8 EL Science at Kosciuszko Middle School.

**Review: How many stu-**

**dents have you coached in oratory skills over the years?**

Housey-Johnson: I can't answer that question with an exact number, but I would estimate about 150 students.

**Review: What has happened to them? Did they continue their education in college? Did they continue participating in oratory competitions?**

Housey-Johnson: Unfortunately, not a lot of students stay in contact after high school, so I am not sure, but I am very proud of one student who called to thank me for encouraging him to public speaking, at a young age, when he was accepted to Harvard with a full ride! I just trust in the belief that this endeavor plants tiny seeds that grow into something good that I don't see; yet I know SOMETHING grows from this.

**Review: Why is developing oratory skills important for a student?**

Housey-Johnson: Not only do these students need to deliver a speech, but they also had to compose an original speech that meets a set of criteria.

This, along with any extracurricular activity, requires dedication and perseverance that embodies a calling. Not everyone is called to give a speech. For some people, it is downright terrifying; a thing to be avoided at all costs. These students elected to gain exposure to presenting to an audience at a young age, thereby getting the experience under their belts.

**Review: What were the highlights this year?**

Housey-Johnson: It was very uplifting to see these five students pursue the competition, after the great delays and uncertainty related to the pandemic.

They remained optimistic, and pursued the delivery of their important messages to the finish line. The topic was so

current! Healing the world with optimism is a topic that makes us all look toward coming out of the pain and suffering, toward a better future.

**Review: Who are the students who stood out this year, and what is it that happened?**

Housey-Johnson: We had two teams of students ready to compete at two events in March 2020. One event was postponed and one was cancelled.

In December 2020, I decided to invite all of them to combine into a Zoom event. Some decided to resign or had moved, so we went forward with the remaining eight.

I then immediately invited those students to create a new speech for the March 2021 event, which was held via Zoom on March 17, 2021.

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# So, just what are the laws about street harassment?

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posure Indecent Exposure§750.335a – Michigan law prohibits knowingly making an open or indecent exposure of one's person or the person of another.

“That means it is illegal for anyone to flash or expose him or herself and it is illegal to expose a non-consenting person’s body, for example by lifting up a woman’s skirt.

“If someone flashes you or exposes him or herself to you, or exposes you in some way, you can report him/her.

“Penalty: Indecent exposure is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to 1 year in jail. If the harasser was also fondling his or her genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or, if female, breasts at the time of the incident, the penalty rises to a fine of up to\$2,000 and/or up to 2 years in prison.

(Note: “If you think someone is following you, you can call 911 right away, the first time it happens. You do not have to wait for that person to commit a crime.

“Attempt to Commit Crime§750.92 – Michigan has a provision that holds

any person accountable that attempts to commit a crime, even if s/he doesn't succeed.

“If you are being harassed or followed and you think the harasser may try to commit a crime -such as sexually assaulting you -you can report him or her to the police.

“That person will be held accountable in proportion to the crime s/he intended to commit. This applies whether the person was apprehended in the process or simply fails to complete the crime.

“Penalty: The penalty for attempting to commit a crime is proportional the crime that was attempted. For example, if it is found that a harasser attempted to commit criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree (groping), the penalty for his or her attempt would be up to half of the penalty for that crime: a fine of up to \$250 and/or up to 1 year in jail.”

Once you make a report to the police department, be sure to get a report for your own records.

Check out the organization’s website for a number of other helpful tips.

# Hamtramck’s law about street harassment Cont. from front page

the object of such conduct or which the person accused has reason to know is likely to produce such reactions, or as any repeated verbal communications which, by its very utterance, inflicts injury or tends to incite an immediate breach of peace.”

Also, the city’s law addressing disturbing the public peace seems to address the issue of street harassment. It outlaws:

“Persist in disturbing the public peace and quiet by loud or aggressive conduct, having once been clearly informed by persons affected that she or he is, in fact, unreasonably causing such a disturbance, provided, however, that notice need not be given when such persons affected reasonable believe that to do so would constitute a risk to their personal safety.”

# Caniff repaving project is now underway – prepare to complain Cont. from front page

Jos. Campau are still to be worked out, but lane installation was expected to take place sometime this summer.

Or maybe not. According to one insider familiar with the project, it’s getting complicated, in a way that only county bureaucrats can muck things up.

And yes, Jos. Campau is a Wayne County-owned road – just like most of Conant.

Just to make this summer even more of a challenge, the city OK’d the repaving of the following alleys this summer:

- Alley 1 – West of Jos Campau between Belmont and Yemans
- Alley 3 – West of Conant between Trowbridge and Belmont
- Alley 4 – West of Conant between Belmont and Yemans
- Alley 5 – West of Conant between Yemans and Evaline

Also included in this year’s alley repair project is the repaving of the parking lot at Caniff and McDougall.

This project is costing the city \$440,000, which is being paid by the city’s yearly state-funded road repair grant.

City of Hamtramck

FY 21-22 Budget Notice and Public Hearing

On Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm., the Hamtramck City Council will hold the first reading of the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 budget via a virtual meeting. The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading of the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 budget on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm, via a virtual meeting. The proposed budget is available for inspection on the City of Hamtramck website. The property millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The City of Hamtramck website (hamtramck.us) has information regarding virtual City Council meetings and budget information.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## *In Our Opinion*

### Police reform begins with civilian oversight

Police reform has been on the minds of many folks nationwide following a spate of police shootings of unarmed suspects. Recently, a Hamtramck-based writer proposed, in an opinion article in modelmedia.com, to abolish the Hamtramck Police Department. As you would expect, writer Elizabeth Garrett's editorial drew a lot of attention and blowback. No matter what you think of Garrett's proposal, she did correctly point out Hamtramck's long history of officers being abusive, and costing the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees and lawsuit settlements throughout the years. She incorrectly, however, claimed that Hamtramck has a low rate of crime – especially violent crime. While Hamtramck is relatively safe, it is an inner city surrounded by some of the poorest neighborhoods in Detroit. It was just recently that Hamtramck was victimized by armed suspects who were viciously attacking and robbing people on the streets. Good old-fashioned police work led to their arrests. There has also been increased pressure for officers to crack down on careless and speeding drivers. Certainly, it's always worth discussing what

we want our police department to do every so often. To that end, it has been proposed to establish a civilian police commission to tackle the many thorny issues policing raises. For some reason, this never gained traction. It is a proposal that is long overdue for the city council and administration to tackle. Residents need a voice – and oversight – on what we want our department to do. We disagree that the solution is to eliminate the department – which, as the old saying goes, is like “throwing out the baby with the bath water.”

## Odds & Ends

**Moving on...** City Clerk August Gitschlag is moving up the career ladder, having been hired by the City of Clawson (known as the “Little City With a Big Heart”) to be their new city clerk. He will remain as Hamtramck's city clerk for another month. Gitschlag, the man-about-town, pirate impersonator (well, as far as we know, just for the annual Hamtramck “boat” race on Labor Day) and general “bon vivant,” has been clerk here for seven years. His new job has one major perk: it pays way more than Hamtramck does. And the answer to that burning question many of you have: Yes, he will continue to bartend most Friday evenings at Whiskey in the Jar.

**New start...** As of April 12, Michigan's “Clean Slate” Pilot Program kicked in, allowing many Michiganders the opportunity to expunge old crimes from their records that potential employers might see. The law is complex and

multi-faceted, and we would direct those interested in getting the full picture of eligibility – the who, what, when and more – to the Attorney General's office, under the Michigan.gov website. A press release from Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist's office outlines a further bit of help: the Michigan Dept. of Labor and Economic Opportunity has awarded funds to Michigan Works! agencies, to assist persons seeking work with trying to clean up their legal boo-boos. In short, if the crime(s) in question meet(s) the criteria for expungement, and the person is granted an order setting aside their conviction(s), they may then legally state (on any job or school application) that they have never been convicted, or arrested, of the crime(s) in question. Likewise, they may also legally state such on any applications for public benefits, housing or employment. The Clean Slate program is considered a temporary bridge program until auto-

matic expungements kick in. Those are rumored to begin in a couple of years. For more information on the Michigan Works! aspect of the program, go to MichiganWorks.org, or call (800) 285-9675.

**Federal help...** Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, of Michigan's 13th District, announced that her funeral assistance program portion of the American Rescue Plan had kicked in, allowing survivors of COVID-19 victims who died from the disease to petition FEMA for funeral expense funds. Michigan residents who bore the cost of funeral expenses after January 20 of 2020 (i.e., well over a year ago) for persons who death may have been caused, or was likely the result of, COVID-19, can apply for up to \$9,000 of assistance (per funeral) Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time through FEMA's call center number: (844) 684-6333. TTY users may use the phone number (800) 462-

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(DOLLAR TREE PARKING LOT)  
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**HamtramckDrugFree.com**

This service is provided by the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFFCC) and the Hamtramck Police Department and funded by the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network.

**— PUBLIC NOTICE —**

Please note that the Hamtramck Health Center on **9021 Joseph Campau is providing the FREE Covid 19 vaccination services for those 65+.** Exceptions can be made if under 65, but you need to call first.

**All must call 313-871-1926 to make an appointment.**

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Hamtramck Recreation Department

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Academy**

**APRIL 30 – JUNE 4**

No Class 5/14 & 5/28

Ballet (7+) - 4:45 p.m.  
Jazz/Hip-Hop (7+) - 5:30 p.m.  
Pre-Ballet (3-6) - 6:15 p.m.

**\$20** resident  
**\$30** non-resident

**Class Every Friday**

**Registration**  
Register before first class  
45 mins., mask required,  
10 spots/class

The Hamtramck Recreation Department is following the Governor's orders and CDC guidelines. All programs are subject to be changed, postponed, or cancelled. 1 parent allowed to wait inside building. No extra kids allowed.  
HHS Community Center  
11350 Charest St

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School Bell

**From the Superintendent**

HPS Superintendent sent a letter to student families regarding the recent murder trial of George Floyd and the Tuesday conviction of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. Her letter, read in part: “We encourage you to talk to your children about this issue, if appropriate. We know that these can be difficult conversations, so should you or your children need additional support, please contact our staff and counselors. “Our primary objective is, and will always remain, to ensure the safe and well-being of our students, as we are committed to their academic, social and emotional growth.”

HAMTRAMCK  
SPRING CLEAN-UP

APRIL 24, 2021 | 9:30 am

Meet @ Zussman Park / City Hall

3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck

Join the Beautification Commission for the annual spring clean-up!

Gloves, Bags, Hand Sanitizer, Snacks and Water Provided

There are a limited number of trash grabbers. If you can bring tools for yourself or to share with others, please do so!

\*Masks required\*

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/HamtramckBeautification> for more info.

RECYCLE IN  
HAMTRAMCK

24 Hour Drop off

3900 Christopher St, Hamtramck MI, 48212



The recycling bins are located just before the entrance to Priority Waste. It's bright yellow, you can't miss it.

MATERIALS ACCEPTED

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REDUCE → REUSE → RECYCLE

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**Enrollment**

Kindergarten enrollment at Hamtramck Public Schools (HPS) is now open. Parents can enroll their children Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the HPS Admin building, located on Roosevelt St., next to Keyworth Stadium. If parents register now, they will receive a free backpack with the follow-

ing:

- A workbook for at-home activities called, ‘Getting Ready for Kindergarten’
- A doodle book to express themselves and channel creativity
- School supplies, including crayons, scissors, glue sticks and writing utensils, and a mini frisbee to encourage time outdoors

HPS offers small class sizes, a culturally diverse environment of staff and students, 1:1 Chromebooks, certified teaching staff, lunch, and a free health clinic for residents available at the high school.

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## HPS students once again shine in oratory competition

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Three pulled out from the eight, leaving five, who persevered and wowed everyone! First place: Nura Uddin, second place: Taufiq Islam, third place: Shayera Choudhury, fourth place: Karima Ahmed, and fifth place: Maha Uddin. All attend KMS except Karima, who attends Dickinson East. The next level will take place April 24 at the state semi-finals.

**Review: How did COVID-19 impact your students this year, and the oratory program in general?**

Housey-Johnson: I did not recruit new participants, opting to draw from

established participants who already knew our LMS Google Classroom. I switched to an all-digital participation and submission a few years ago, so these students were already well-versed with the LMS before they had to use it daily for school! Unfortunately, we will again miss out on the annual Winners' Circle Luncheon as a fun outing, with what would have been a photo shoot at the Riverwalk! That has been a tradition that students have looked forward to for many years (and me also). We will have that, via Zoom, on May 5.



Karima Ahmed



Nura Uddin



Maha Uddin



Shayera Choudhury



Taufiq Islam

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

PROPOSED WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The City of Hamtramck will hold a public hearing for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWRFF) loan for the City of Hamtramck lead service line replacement and water system improvements program. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Water System Improvements and to receive comments from interested parties. The hearing will be held during the Hamtramck City Council starting at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 using Zoom, interested persons may attend either on-line or by phone.

Topic: City of Hamtramck City Council - Public Hearing  
Time: June 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87011747074>  
Dial by your location  
Meeting ID: 870 1174 7074  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)  
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide lead service line replacement as required by the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) in June 2018 requiring all cities in Michigan to replace all lead water service lines. The water service lines must be replaced from the City-owned water mains within the street to 18 inches inside individual houses. The water projects will involve water main replacement in through open cut in one (1) location and pipe bursting of the existing watermain in four (4) locations to upgrade the main in areas and not to disturb large sections of road, this work includes upgrading valves and hydrants in these areas. In addition, a looping water main project on the south end of the city from Joseph Campau to Conant will be installed to provide continuity within the water system. The estimated cost of all the projects is approximately \$6,896,000.00.

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed projects will be available for inspection by the general public at the Office of the City Clerk, 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, Michigan starting Friday, May 7, 2021. Written comments received before the public hearing is closed on June 8, 2021 will be reviewed for incorporation into the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to the City of Hamtramck's Clerk's Office located at 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, Michigan.

August Gitschlag  
City Clerk

## Quick Hits

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down the toilet. That waste goes into our water system eventually. The list of things you can't – yes, can't – drop off includes: anything sharp (like old needles), liquids, ointments or inhalers. To find out more, go online to [hamtramckdrug-free.com](http://hamtramckdrug-free.com). The drop-off will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dollar Tree is located at 9215 Jos. Campau Ave.

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NEIGHBORHOOD TESTING

Southwestern Church of God  
3032 Fort Street  
Detroit, MI 48217











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cant.

- A resident of Warren was arrested, after a traffic stop, for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.
- An Edwin St. resident reported the theft of their car’s catalytic converter. A Moran St. resident reported a similar theft.
- A Hamtramck resident was arrested for fleeing and eluding officers, and for driving without a license.
- A resident reported that their father was miss-

- ing. The man was later located in a hospital.
- A resident reported a theft that happened in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- Monday, April 19**
- At 2:30 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.
  - An assault was reported in the 2100 block of Trowbridge St.
  - Two residents were arrested in the 11400 block of Dyar St. for maliciously damaging someone’s property.

# Odds & Ends

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7585 for the same purpose.

Note that FEMA is not currently taking any online applications; everything is currently being handled by the above phone numbers only.

And, Hamtramckans note: the program services are available in multiple languages.

Learn more about what information you need, and get started, at the following web address: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq>

**Reminder...** There is still time to register for the Hamtramck Historical Museum’s treasure hunt, which takes place April 30 to May 2.

Yes, it’s a three-day hunt, but will only take about two to three hours per day.

Those participating will pick up a packet of clues at any time that weekend, from 11 a.m. on Friday, April 30, until 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 2.

You can even have already pre-registered on the museum’s website, [www.hamtramckhistory.org](http://www.hamtramckhistory.org).

It costs \$20 for a team of up to four participants. In addition to paying in advance online, you have the option of paying at

the museum (9525 Jos. Campau Ave., between Norwalk and Poland) during the aforementioned hours, and just picking up your clue packet then, too.

Then, have a leisurely time walking, biking, or driving around town (or using any mode of transport, really) keeping your eyes peeled as the city reveals its historical treasure

trove to you, layer by layer.

Just like a visit to the museum itself, the idea here is to gain a better understanding of Hamtramck – in this case, while having some fun, and getting outdoors to boot – something all of us stir-crazy pandemic heads could certainly use.



## City of Hamtramck Notice of Ordinance Adoption

Public Hearing was held at the Regular City Council Meeting on April 13, 2021 at 7pm via public Zoom for the purpose of hearing public comments on adding language regarding curb cuts and driveways to the Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance

### V – 1.06. Structure and Site Requirements.

- h. No new driveways or curb cuts in residential zones shall be permitted unless authorized by this Ordinance.
- V-1.06 H (1) A new curb cut for a driveway shall only be allowed on lots with a residential structure.
  - V-1.06 H (2) A new curb cut for a driveway may be approved if the driveway design meets the standards of IX-5.06.
  - V-1.06 H (3) A permit from the Building Department must be approved before construction begins on a new curb cut or driveway.

### IX-5.06 Requirements for Residential Driveways

- 5.06.1 Driveways in the residential district must hold at least 2 vehicles.
- 5.06.2 Pervious driveway surfaces may be utilized to meet the landscape requirements of V-1.06(i). Acceptable pervious pavements include porous asphalt or concrete and permeable pavers or others approved by the Building Official. Gravel and other loose aggregates are prohibited.

**August R. Gitschlag**  
**Hamtramck City Clerk**



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9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



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SEPTEMBER 8 – JUNE 30

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACK & SUPPER


9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



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11680 McDOUGALL, HAMTRAMCK, MI 48212

SEPTEMBER 8 – JUNE 30

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACK & SUPPER

9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



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11410 CHAREST, HAMTRAMCK, MI 48212

SEPTEMBER 8 – JUNE 30

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACK & SUPPER


9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



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SEPTEMBER 8 – JUNE 30

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACK & SUPPER


9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



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**SITES**

Hamtramck High School, Kosciuszko Middle School,  
Hamtramck Housing Commission, Early Childhood Elementary  
Tau Beta Elementary, Dickinson East Elementary

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9:30 am – 12:45 pm Mon-Fri



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