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**Flooding** 

strikes

**By Charles Sercombe** 

The summer of 2021

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history books as the year

On Saturday evening,

a torrential downpour in

the metro area caused

widespread flooding - for

the third time in several

Weather experts say

these downpours may be-

come the new norm, be-

cause of climate change.

Residents are under-

standably fed up, and

vented their frustrations

"The citizens of Ham-

tramck don't deserve this.

We need to have a Town

Hall Meeting with City Of-

Administration,

on social media.

again

of the flood.

weeks.

ficials,



### **Quick Hits**

### **Saturday** night is for football

By Charles Sercombe

Feel like seeing soccer this weekend, while helping out a good cause?

Of course you do, especially if it's two local championship teams squaring off at Keyworth Stadium.

Get yourself over to the stadium this Saturday, July 31, to watch the Hamtramck City Football and the Detroit City Football Club battle it out.

The game is a benefit for war-torn Yemen. Admission is \$10, and game time is at 7:30 p.m.

The humanitarian need in Yemen is staggering, the situation is messy and the result has been, in part, a world-wide refugee crisis, as many former residents of the beleaguered country have tried to flee the untenable situation.

The Hamtramck club has a strong Yemeni contingent. There will be Yemeni music played, as well as a special half-

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### It's a grand slam for Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium

**By Alan Madlane** 

Hamtramck's baseball lovers and fans just hit the jackpot.

The Wayne County Commission approved \$850,000 grant toward the renovation of historic Hamtramck Stadium, one of only five existing former Negro League ballparks.

"Hamtramck Stadium is hallowed ground, essential to both Black history and baseball history," said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans in a county press release. "I am thrilled that we are restoring Hamtramck Stadium to its former glory so that the next generation of Hamtramck and Detroit young people can learn to love this game on the same field where legends like Turkey Stearnes, Satchel



A Wayne County grant for over \$800,000 will allow renovation of Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium to move ahead. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Photo by Jenny Risher

once roamed."

for the in-total \$2.6 million project has also been spoken for, via a combination of funds partially from the Friends of Historic Ham-

Paige, and Josh Gibson tramck Stadium and the troit Tigers Foundation -The rest of the money vancy, but in larger part Charities; the Ralph C. from other more high-profile, diverse sources, according to the county press release.

These include: The De-

Hamtramck Parks Conser- which is one of the Ilitch Wilson Jr. Foundation; the Kresge Foundation; the Michigan Municipal League Foundation; and perhaps

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#### Council and the Mayor and maybe State Officials," said Diane Elizabeth, on a Facebook page called Hamtramck Square.

"Enough is Enough. Many of us don't have resources or assistance with continuous flooding. Most of us are renters. We have lost time, money, property and items. But it doesn't matter, we're all suffering!"

Some residents are blaming the recent road reconstruction of Holbrook and Caniff for the continued flooding.

Others are blaming Mayor Karen Majewski, even

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Voters will be going to the polls next Tuesday, Aug. proposed city tax millage.

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### As election day nears, the mayoral race tightens up

### By Charles Sercombe

Next Tuesday, Aug. 3, will be the first step in setting a new course in Hamtramck politics.

The primary election features eight city council candidates and four mayoral candidates, including the incumbent Mayor Karen Majewski.

Out of the eight council candidates, the top six to face-off on the November General Election bal-

The top three winners of that election will become

new councilmembers.

That will possibly bring three fresh new faces to the city council, because Councilmembers Saad Almasmari and Fadel Al-Marsoumi are not seeking re-election, and newly-appointed Councilmember

### vote-getters will move on Carrie Beth Lasley is not 3, to cast ballots for the mayor, city council and a **Continued on page 3** Continued on page 2 FUNERAL DIRECTORY & Waffles atio is Open We Cater! Gift Certificates **HOURS:** Pick-ups & Delivery **Open Monday-Saturday**

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### It's a grand slam for Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium cont. from front page

most impressive of all, from an African American Civil Rights Grant of the National Park Service/Department of the Interior.

The Detroit Tigers annually celebrate Negro Leagues Weekend, paying tribute to the contributions of the Negro Leagues and African Americans to the game of baseball. This season's recognition will take place this weekend at Comerica Park.

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation has also been financially supportive of the renovation of Keyworth Stadium and Veterans Park.

"The renovation of Hamtramck Stadium is a huge win for the youth and families of Hamtramck and broader metro Detroit community to have a safe and accessible space to play and gather," said Jim Boyle, VP of program & communications of the Wilson Foun-

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Work on the project is slated to start soon, and is expected to be finished by year's end. The renovations will include installing a new roof above the grandstand, restoring the seating and the brick exterior, and installing accessible seating.

"We are proud to have

the support of so many committed partners who are contributing to the restoration of historic Hamtramck Stadium. This work will both honor the site's history as one of only five remaining Negro Leagues home fields still standing and gives new life to the stadium as was prioritized by the community in the Hamtramck Recreation District Plan," said David Palmer, Interim Executive Director of the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy, in the Wayne County press release.

"Reactivating this critical

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space in the Hamtramck Recreation District will serve the community for years to come, and provide an important stop on the new Joe Louis Greenway where all visitors can learn about our shared experiences and history."

The stadium was built by John A. Roesink and opened in 1930. It was home to what was called at the time the Negro League. That was an era when Blacks were not permitted to play in the all-white Major Leagues.

The stadium was home to the Detroit Stars, which featured many legendary players, including Detroit's own Norman Thomas "Turkey" Stearnes.

As well as hosting those many historic games, the stadium has also hosted a 1934 football game between predominantly Black colleges Wilburforce University and West Virginia State University; has been bought by the City of Hamtramck in 1940, and renovated in 1941 (along with the rest of Veterans Park, wherein it stands); has had buildings added, including a concession stand, in 1955; has seen a local Little League champion crowned on its home turf in 1959; and has been renovated or expanded again at least twice, in 1973 and

Eventually, though, the stadium fell into disrepair,

1976.

and there were talks of tearing it down every once and awhile.

But a game-changer occurred when the stadium's historical significance was discovered several years ago, thanks to the research of the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium's Gary Gillette and some residents of Hamtramck.

"The history of Hamtramck Stadium and the Negro Leagues is an integral part of the history of both Detroit and Hamtramck, and the rehabilitation of the grandstand will make that history accessible," said Gillette in the county press release.

Hamtramck Stadium was added to the National

Register of Historic Places, almost a decade ago, in 2012.

While restoration of the stadium has progressed, a group of volunteers called the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew has been maintaining the new field that was installed last year and this year, and has hosted vintage baseball games at the site.

Which brings us 'round to the great news of the day: that this noble and storied stadium will, too, come phoenix-like out of its own ash heap, and so will the city be the better for it, just in potential tourism alone.

Soon the aged beauty will get the full facelift it so badly needs.

### As election day nears, the mayoral race tightens up cont. from front page

seeking to be elected to council.

Lasley was appointed to council to fill a seat vacated by Ian Perrotta. That position's term ends this year.

Almasmari is taking another stab at running for mayor.

Those running for council include:

Adam Albarmaki, Armani Asad, Lynn Blasey, Cody Lown, Amanda Jaczkowski, Muhith Mahmood, former councilmember Abu Musa and Khalil Refai.

In the mayoral race, the top two vote-getters will square-off in the November election.

Mayor Majewski has been in office for 16 years, and if she is re-elected, she will become the city's longest-serving mayor.

But her chances of serving another four-year term are looking shaky.

The word among political circles is that this is her toughest-ever challenge, and that there is a good chance one of her challengers could win.

If so, Hamtramck would have its first Muslim mayor - either its first Bangladeshi-American or Yemeni-American mayor.

Her challengers, besides Almasmari, include Asm "Kamal" Rahman and Amer Ghalib.

We reached out for comment from Majewski about her thoughts on her own re-election chances but she did not respond.

Amer Ghalib's campaign issued a press release boasting that he raised the most money in the months leading up to the primary.

\$17,805, and having more residents contribute to his campaign than to the other mayoral candidates. There were 40 contri-

He reported receiving

butions made to his campaign, of which 19 were from Hamtramckans.

Majewski reported receiving contributions from 17 people, out of which eight are residents. Percentage-wise, that

works out to 47 percent of the contributions coming from locals for both candidates.

Majewski received \$6,839, of which \$600 she loaned to herself.

Almasmari reported receiving \$9,296 in contributions, which all came from people living in California. The only Hamtramck resident to contribute was Almasmari, who loaned himself \$514.

Asm Rahman did not submit a campaign finance report to Wayne County, which usually means that he received a waiver to not file because he did not expect health is not good. The to spend, or receive, over city is in deficit spending,

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\$1,000 for the primary election.

In his press release, Ghalib, a Yemeni-American, said he is optimistic he will win.

"I am proud to say that our campaign has garnered the most support from inside of Hamtramck, and it is clear that the momentum is behind us. From the beginning of this campaign, I have asserted that this will be a campaign that uplifts the voices of all Hamtramck residents; the finance disclosures are just another indication of that."

Besides the mayor and council races, voters are being asked once again to OK a property millage tax increase of up to 10 mills to fund the city's police and firefighter pensions.

The first time around the city asked voters to do this, it was overwhelmingly rejected.

The sentiment in the community is that the millage proposal will once again be voted down, mostly because owners simply can't afford a tax hike of that amount.

Hamtramck's financial

This week at the Library

and it is burning through its budget surplus. At this rate, the city will be in the red by this time next year.

If the city defaults on its pension obligations, there will likely be a lawsuit that follows, and it's possible that a judge could place a court-ordered tax judgment on the tax rolls to pay for the pensions.

That means there could be an even higher millage rate than the one the city is proposing.

Polls open at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, and close at 8 p.m. Many voters have already voted via absentee ballots.

For those who usually vote at precinct 6 at People's Community Services (8633 Jos. Campau Ave), that building is now closed. Voters in that precinct will now vote at the Hamtramck Senior Plaza, located at 2620 Holbrook

There will be transportation throughout the day for voters who live in the area near the former People's Community Center area to the Senior Plaza.

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## Second Front Page

### Mayor: A sudden uptick in Covid cases is cause for concern

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

Is there a COVID-19 variant spreading through Hamtramck?

In her weekly talk with the community, via Facebook, Mayor Karen Majewski had an "alarming" update on her Covid report: there was an outbreak of 19 new cases last week.

That's quite an increase from recent weeks, such as the previous week's six new cases.

"Our cases are increasing exponentially," Majewski said.

There is a Delta variant of the coronavirus that has been reported in the country, and it appears to be targeting young adults and children. It is known to be highly contagious.

The new outbreak brings the total number of cases for the last year and a half up to 2,746.

The only good news was that there were no new deaths reported. The total number of deaths for the same period of time stands at 54.

For those who have not yet been vaccinated, you can get a vaccine at the following locations here in Hamtramck:

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- · CVS Pharmacy, Jos. Campau and Holbrook
- Health First Medical 9324 Conant, Center, Suite A

As we have mentioned before, there is an attractive incentive to get a shot: The state is sponsoring a lottery drawing for those who have received at least one vaccine shot.

The program is called "MIShotToWin," and you

can register by going online to mishottowin.com. or you can call (888) 535-6136 (and then press 1).

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There are several drawings, and daily drawings worth \$50,000.

Kids can also get into the act. The sweepstakes allows those who are 12 to 17 years old to win a college scholarship.

And to further spread the word, Majewski said Wayne County health officials will be sending out folks to go door-to-door, who will be encouraging residents to get vaccines.

The mayor said the county has people who speak Bengali and Arabic, to make doubly sure all of the community gets the word.

Moving on, Majewski gave an update on the city's flooding issues.

Last Saturday's storm once again caused citywide flooding. In other words, basements once again got soaked.

"Good lord – three floods in less than a month!" Majewski said, exclamation with an point.

The mayor said the city will heed a call, recently being put forth on social media, for a town hall meeting to address the

"People need answers," Majewski said. "People need to know what the city has done so far."

The mayor said there will be a meeting in the very near future.

Long story short: The city already has an engineering study on how to fix the problem, and what the cost would be to do that repair work (hint: \$\$\$\$\$), and city officials are working with both county officials and Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence to try to route federal dollars this way.

Moving on, Majewski gave a nod to a homegrown litter collection effort by residents who go by the collective moniker the "Hamtramck Trash Team."

She also plugged an upcoming soccer match between the Hamtramck City Football Club and the Detroit City Football Club. The game is a benefit for war-torn Yemen. Admission is \$10. The game is this Saturday, July 31, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Majewski also recapped a number of assistance programs, as she has done for over a year now. For more information on assistance, go to the city's Facebook page.

"There's a lot going on out there," she said.



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time dance presentation. DCFC will be considered the "host" team,

although both teams use the stadium for their regular matches.

(Review writer Alan Madlane contributed to this report.)



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He is concerned that parents will pull their students out of the district because the new building is too far away from the current site at Kosciuszko Middle School.

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#### Fun Fair

Yes, summer is fast coming to an end, and the new school year is just a few weeks away.

In order to prepare for the return to school, the district is holding a "Family Fun Fair" on Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It will be at the Hamtramck High School Community Center, 11350 Charest St. Teachers and commu-

nity organizers will be on hand to meet, and answer questions. You'll also be offered free backpacks, school supplies, school information, snacks, and face paintings, and there will also be balloon animals and an appearance of "Jazzy the Clown."



Artist Dennis Orlowski sketches a portrait of girl at Wednesday's last literacy pop-up program, sponsored by the HPS District.

And it's all free.

### **Recreation news**

The splash pad at Pulaski Park is now open.

The splash pad has been closed due to the pandemic and ensuing staffing issues for most of this summer, but it's back now.

The school district's recreation department says "Thank you for your patience."

The splash pad will be in operation as long as temperatures are 75 degrees or higher. Also, it operates Monday through Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.,

and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Enjoy it while you can,

#### Literacy program

The last presentation of the district's summer literacy pop-up program was held on Wednesday at Pulaski Park.

And, once again, kids and adults were offered a wide variety of entertainment and physical activities.

After being quarantined for most of the school year, the kids enjoyed being outside and seeing their friends.

### Flooding strikes again

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though she does not do the day-to-day management of the city.

Nasr Hussain, a critic of both the mayor and city administration, had this say on Facebook:

"How a new mayor and council can solve the flooding problem?

"1: Identify the low

spots in Hamtramck where flooding occurs.

"2: Buy former American Axle property and turn it into a huge retention reservoir, in addition city owned vacant lots can also be used.

"3: Connect all these low spots directly to this pond to store water there and release it after the storm is over.

"Stop listening to the city lies that the problem can't be solved. Vote for a new council and mayor who will work together to solve our flooding problem."

Mayor Majewski said she realizes residents are upset, but stressed the problem is bigger than Hamtramck.

"People are frustrated and stretched to the breaking point. It's become very clear that the nonstop flooding is a systemic issue across the region, the result of old and inadequate infrastructure and increasingly severe weather events brought on by climate change," Majewski told The Review.

"These problems require not only a lot of money to fix, but regional, even global, solutions. Hamtramck has a plan to address our problem incrementally, but lacks the funding for more aggressive solutions.

"So we will continue to work with our county, state, and federal partners to not only secure funding, but to be part of what has to be a system wide investment."

Hamtramck's city administration has, in fact, done an exhaustive study of the city's water and sewerage system, and according to engineers, there is a fix.

ngineers, there is a fix. But it will cost \$40 mil-

That fix involves connecting the city's drainage

system to a large underground pipe that lies beneath Conant Ave.

The city has also taken the first steps toward making that goal happen.

But the question remains whether any system could handle the amount of water that rained down in just those few minutes. It's an issue many metro cities are grappling with, including the Gross Pointes, Dearborn and Detection

At Tuesday's city council meeting, City Manager Kathy Angerer gave a brief overview of what steps the city has taken to begin addressing the problem.

Thanks to federal grants, the city replaced sewer lines at Denton and Jos. Campau, and the city is about to replace lines on Goodson St. to Lump-

"It's been too long that Hamtramck has suffered this (flooding), but it takes money to fix this," she

Angerer said she has reached out to county, state and federal officials seeking financial aid to upgrade the city's entire sewer system. Some parts of the system are 100 years

"I wish right now to go build \$80 million-worth of sewer, but it's not possible for the city," Angerer added.

In the meantime, there is help for residents offered by the federal government through FEMA. Those who suffered damaged appliances and/or any housing structural issue can apply for financial relief.

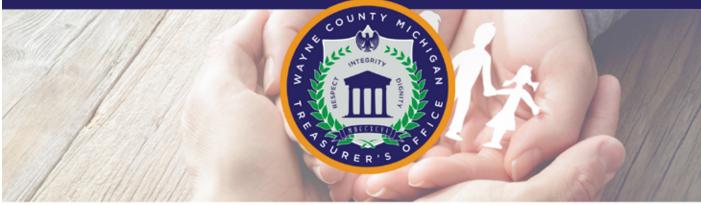
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## Review: Opinion Page

### In Our Opinion

### Fixing the city's flooding problem comes down to one thing

Once again, both Hamtramck and the greater greater metro area suffered another episode of major flooding.

This is now the third time, within just a few weeks, that residents have had to deal with their basements being flooded. It's become ridiculous, but weather experts are saying get used to it.

The ongoing heavy rains are being caused by climate change, they say.

The flooding has now become a political football, with some residents blaming the mayor, of all people, for this problem.

Folks, the mayor does not control the day-to-day management of the city. The position is largely ceremonial. No mayor can fix this problem.

What will solve – or at least limit - flooding, is the spending of millions and millions of dollars.

It's been said before, and apparently it needs repeating.

The Hamtramck water and sewer system is

about 100 years old, and can't possibly handle the volume of water that drenched many of the communities in the area in a very short amount of

As we have also reported, numerous times, Hamtramck needs to connect to a major drainage pipe that runs under Conant. Back in the 1950s, voters were asked to approve a temporary property tax hike to make that connection.

The voters rejected that proposal, and the city has been suffering with flooded basements ever since.

It's doubtful voters would be willing to fork over additional property tax monies today. People are on limited budgets.

It has been estimated that it would cost \$40 million to connect to that Conant system. That is an amount of money the city does not have, nor could it even save up that kind of money over a few

Instead, it will take

federal dollars to make that happen. The city has been successful in the recent past in getting federal funding to start this improvement project of replacing the sewer sys-

And yes, Mayor Karen Majewski was mayor at the time that the city got that federal grant.

Getting that money did not require elected officials to do the work of finding a grant and applying for it. That was done by the city administration.

To put it simply, we are the mercy of the federal government for the funding to fully fix this prob-

Anyone saying they have a plan to fix this, which doesn't involve getting federal funding, is either lying, or ignorant.

We are crossing our fingers in hope that President Biden will be able to get support for a massive nationwide infrastructure plan. Perhaps, then, Hamtramck can tap into that funding.

## Odds & Ends

**Election update...** Precinct 6 in the former Peoples Community Center (8633 Jos. Campau Ave) has now been moved to the Hamtramck Senior Plaza (2620 Holbrook Ave.)

The Center closed down, due to the Covid pandemic, and the building was purchased by the Hamtramck Public School District.

The district said that the building was not safe to host the precinct, and that it needs refurbishing.

The city will provide free transporation on election day, next Tuesday, for those who live near the Center and normally vote there.

Summer fun... The City of Hamtramck will once more host a Safety Night, featuring members and vehicles from the city's police and fire departments.

Safety Night will take place on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Zussman Park, across from city hall.

Police cars and fire trucks will be available to inspect, and we all know most kids are fascinated by those, right?

The event flyer also promises "games and activities," so dress casually or sportily, and come prepared to get active.

The event is free, and billed as family friendly, so why not go on over and check it out?

Looking good... We have reported in the past about the amazing memorial garden that Dr. Sami Bilani created next to his dental office on Brombach near Florian.

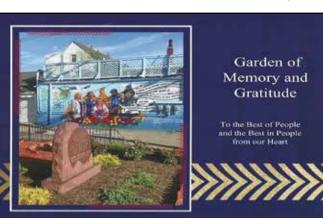
The garden was created in memory of the frontline workers who sacrificed their lives during the Covid pandemic while serving others.

He now has a book out, with colorful photos and a background on who he is, and his travels from Lebanon to America.

For those who lost appliances, or had structural damage to your house, the federal government is offering a helping hand if you have the patience to wade through the application process.

Hamtramck City Hall passed along this information:

To make a claim, go to the FEMA website. Some of the information you will need to fill out the application includes your name/address, ance information, along



Dentist Sami Bilani has published a book about his memorial garden to the frontline workers who lost their lives during the Covid pandemic. The garden is on Brombach near Florian.

The hard-covered book is called "Garden of Memory and Gratitude ... To the best of people and the best in people from our heart."

He also received a nice letter from President Joe Biden, thanking him for a copy of the book.

Stop by his office and take a look at both the garden and a copy of his book.

Reminder... While the recent flood damage is bad news, there is some good news.

with your social security number and other information.

Be prepared to answer questions about the damage in order to complete your claim. As the City of Hamtramck continues to learn more from federal, state and county officials, we will share that information with residents. The FEMA website has language assistance

available. You can find the web-

site at: https://www.fema.gov/

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### ( )bituaries

### HILLGER



Donna (née Baysdell), Hillger (age 75).

Wife of the late Robert (1997). Loving mother of Lisa Bays-Shirley Baysdell, Darrell Baysdell, Marie Studer, and Angela Gilbert.

Sister of Virginia (Ken) Helton and the late Walter Jr. Ronnie, and Son-

Daughter of the late Walter.

Donna is also survived by her grandchildren: Amy, Melissa, Kenny, Kate, James, Robert, mond, and Alexis and to the late Joseph and

Great Grandchildren: De Angelo and Dominick and many nieces and neph-

Donna was a resident of Hamtramck before moving to Madison Heights.

Memorial Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 5 -8 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

### **HUBKA**

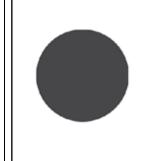
Josephine I. Hubka, age 91, of Hamtramck, passed away July 24, 2021 surrounded by her family.

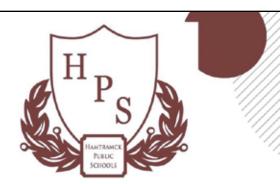
She was born on May Selena, Casey, Lily, Ray- 30, 1930 in Hamtramck Agnes Hubka.

She worked for the State of Michigan and later as a seamstress for Hudson's. She was a master seamstress and enjoyed her garden.

She is survived by her Visitation nieces; Alicia (Steve) Szczecinski, Paula Hubka, and Gayle (Dave) Findlay. She is preceded in death by her brother;

Stanley (Patricia) Hubka. Cremation will take place and private family services will take place. Arrangements by Young Funeral Home, China Twp. To leave the family a message of comfort please visit: www.youngcolonial.com





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disaster/4607

Swap meet... On Saturday, Aug. 14, a clothing and item swap will take place at the Community at 5664 Harold St. in Detroit, just east of the Hamtramck border.

Here is what organizers have to say about the upcoming event:

"Come to take things you want or need; give away things you don't need anymore; or take extra things to share with

your community or favorite non-profit! This mutual aid event is free, and open to everyone from any city.

"If you have things to Healing Garden, located give: bring clothing, kitchenware, art supplies, non-perishable foods, or anything else that someone might find useful!

> "You don't need to donate anything to be able to take! If you only need things, this is definitely here for you!!! There's always plenty leftover from these events."

### Pet ()bituary

### **OBERHOLTZER**



Beloved tabby, En Voz "Alto" Oberholtzer passed

away this week in front of his home on Trowbridge Street. He was approximately 5 years and 9 lives old. Alto met his demise fleeing from the neighbor's uninhibited dog, only to collide with a car that failed to slow before (or after) impact. So ended a lifetime of unabashed independence roaming the streets of Hamtramck with more freedom than a songbird, which he was quite fond of.

Alto is survived by his loving caretakers, Michele Oberholtzer and Jeff Zimmerman, who called him theirs, but knew he was actually everyone's, and no one's.

Alto was likely born somewhere near the Highland Park-Detroit border. He joined Michele's family by serenading her in the parking lot of Detroit Unity Temple Church in a convincing display of orphanhood. He has subsequently used that move on approximately 35% of the residents of Hamtramck, who have alternately pet him, fed

him, and temporarily adopted him depending on their generosity and/or gullibility.

Alto did not experience boundaries. His turf ranged from Burger to Evaline, from Gallagher to Lumpkin, travelling solo or following Michele from his personal kitty sidewalk along the curb. He explored basements and scaled rooftops. He navigated city street and wooded forests. He frequented many local establishments including Whiskey in the Jar, Olomon Cafe, Best Deals Furniture and once, surreptitiously, Al Haramein. He loved few but was affectionate toward all. He rarely deigned to wear a collar.

Alto may or may not be a casualty of the excessive speeds on Hamtramck streets, maybe it was just bad timing. But, we who love him hope that his passing will be a reminder for all pedestrians to be so so careful, and to all drivers to slow down as though life was fragile, because it is.

If you knew Alto, share your memories, photos and monikers with us at jeffandmicheleoz@gmail.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

Time: August 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM Eastern Time Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88439115853 Meeting ID: 884 3911 5853

Find your local number: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdSuYshfhs">https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdSuYshfhs</a>

The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearing via Zoom to receive comments from the public on the proposed Ordinances:

The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading to approve the Inspection of Residential Dwellings Prior to Sale or Transfer ordinance. This will add City Code, Chapter 150, Sections 150.201 through 150.208. This ordinance will protect the purchaser, neighbors of the dwellings, and the community as a whole by allowing the City to ensure dwellings are safe in our community.

#### And

The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading for approval of the Boards and Commissions Revision ordinance. This proposed ordinance allows the city to better administer and oversee its many Boards and Commissions for the City of Hamtramck.

#### Also

Time: August 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM Eastern Time Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85254075322 Meeting ID: 852 5407 5322

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbq9IDiCeH

The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearing via Zoom to receive comments from the public on the proposed Ordinance:

The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading for proposed zoning ordinance. Proposed updates include removing the obsolete medical marihuana section, adding and clarifying some standards around front pedestrian entrances on commercial buildings, allowing administrative approval for some site plans, and allowing painted wall signs.

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.

Rana Faraj Hamtramck City Clerk

HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC SHOOLS

**PARTNERS 20-132** 

### **Advertisement for Bid**

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- Bids may be submitted via any mail service or carrier or dropped off in person to **PARTNERS in Architecture**, 65 Market Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043
- Bids may be submitted electronically by email to Rich Wawrzynski at Rwawrzynski@hamtramckschools.org Bids will be opened and read aloud by use of a virtual meeting shortly after receipt of bids. A link to the virtual meeting will be forwarded to plan-holders prior to bid day.

An optional Pre-Bid Meeting and Walkthrough for all contractors interested in submitting a bid will be held at the Administration Building, located at 3201 Roosevelt., Hamtramck, MI 48212, on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 9:30am. Attendees should gather near the main entrance and should be prepared to wear masks and follow State recommended COVID safety guidelines.

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All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship(s) that exist between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement. All bids must also be submitted with a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance regarding Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012 – Iran Economic Sanctions Act.

Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bid bond payable to Hamtramck Public Schools, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. Bids submitted shall fully comply in all respects to these instructions, published specifications, drawings, and other contract documents. Bid price shall include all costs associated with this project.

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The Architect will provide the documents to prospective bidders, electronically free of charge or in hard copy format at \$40.00 per set. Checks shall be made payable to: PARTNERS in Architecture, PLC. Bid documents will be available on or about <u>August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.</u> Interested contractors should request documents via email @. <u>JHoulihan@partnersinarch.com.</u> Questions may be directed to PARTNERS in Architecture PLC, 65 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (Phone: 586-469-3600), attn Pam Elderkin (pelderkin@partnersinarch.com).

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By Charles Sercombe

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Tuesday, July 20

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This week's Crime Log

to a call from Henry Ford

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· A Holbrook Ave. res-

A Sobieski St. resi-

An assault was re-

· A Detroit resident re-

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while in the 9100 block

losing their Green Card.

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· A St. Aubin St. resi-

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dent reported a theft.

Wednesday, July 21

of Conant Ave.

of Brombach St.

fraud.

Botsford St.

Thursday, July 22

block of Moran St.

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· Officers responded trol department. Three unrelated Hospital about a patient crashes were reported who had been stabbed at: 8350 St. Aubin; Caniff and Sobieski; and Hol-

> brook and Gallagher. · Two residents from Roseville were arrested for possessing narcotics.

 A resident reported their cellphone was stolen from their car while it was parked in the 3500 block of Caniff Ave.

#### Friday, July 23

· A suspicious incident involving a car that was taken without permission was reported in the 11900 block of Conant Ave.

 A resident reported the theft of a car in the 2100 block of Caniff Ave.

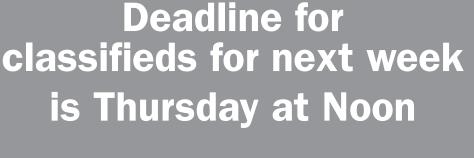
· A stray dog was found at Holbrook and Brombach, which it was then taken to the Humane Society.

licious destruction of property happened in the 3100 block of Caniff Ave.

An incident of ma-

 A resident was arrested in the 3200 block of Lehman St. for assault.

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## CRIME LOG

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#### Saturday, July 24

- · A home invasion in the 2200 block of Poland St. was reported.
- · A Belmont St. resident reported an incident of illegal dumping.
- · A Botsford St. resident reported that someone damaged their vehi-
- · A Yemans St. resident reported an attempted theft from their vehicle.

#### Sunday, July 25

- · A hit-and-run accident occurred at Dequindre and Caniff.
- · A resident of Grosse Pointe Park was arrested for drunk driving after causing a traffic accident.
- · A resident was arrested for domestic violence after assaulting family members.
- · A resident in the 11300 block of Klinger St. reported that someone damaged her prop-
- · A resident reported that their son's girlfriend was texting them threatening messages.
- · A resident in the 12000 block of Sobieski St. reported a break-in.

#### Monday, July 26

- · At 4 a.m., a suspect was arrested on Grand Haven St. for misdemeanor offenses.
- · At 4 a.m., a suspect was arrested, in the area

of Jos. Campau and Carpenter, for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

· A Detroit resident reported being harassed while at a Caniff Ave. business.

### **Coming Events**

SATURDAY, Aug. 14, 2-4 p.m. - Take-out Only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome.

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