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**Interim city** 

manager

appointed

**By Charles Sercombe** A familiar face will be filling in as city manager. In a special city council

meeting Wednesday, Max Garbarino was tapped as interim city manager.

Garbarino is currently

serving as the city's direc-

tor of community safety

City Manager Kathy An-

gerer recently announced

her resignation, effective

July 15. She has said that

she has a new job, but

**Max Garbarino** 

former police chief.

Mohammed

Garbarino is the city's

According to the council

resolution hiring Garbari-

no, which was presented

by City Councilmember

Garbarino will be paid

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## **Quick Hits**

### **Summer** programs at **Veterans Park**

This is going to be a special summer for adults and kids.

And it's all in celebration of Hamtramck's centennial.

The Hamtramck Parks Conservancy (HPC) announced a series of events planned for its "Summer in the Park" series, which features programs for kids and adults at Veteran's Park, located at 8648 Jos. Campau Ave.

The HPC is partnering with GHD, General Motors and Hamtramck Public Schools to sponsor a free three-day STEAM Camp for students from Hamtramck and Detroit, for ages 9-14, on July 12-

The event will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

"The STEAM Camp will be a fun and active learning space for students who are interested in Science, Arts and Sustainability around the park," says Dichondra Johnson, **Executive Director & CEO** of Hamtramck Parks Conservancy.

A daily lunch and a camp T-shirt will be provided for each student. To register for this fun and affordable summer camp experience, use the following link:

https://hamtramckparks.com/em-event/ steam-camp/

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# A day of poetry and a night for a blowout

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

Poetry was in the air Saturday afternoon. The first cultural event

in a series called "Our City Series" kicked off in the rose garden area of Immaculate Conception Church, and was sponsored by the Hamtramck Arts and Cultural Commission.

About 50 people came out on a blistering hot day, but they were able to sit under a tent and in a largely shaded yard. It wasn't bad at all, as long as you stayed out of direct sun-

Plus, there were plenty of fresh beverages to keep you hydrated.

Several readers presented poetry and other writings. They represented the ethnic make-up of the city: Yemeni, Bangladeshi, Polish. Ukrainian and more.

The first reader was Hamtramck's own Mayor Ameer Ghalib. The mayor, a practicing nurse by trade, is a poetry writer himself, but he chose to read a poem by fellow Yemeni poet Dr. Abdulaziz Almakaleh.

Ghalib read the poem in both Yemeni and English. It was titled "Sanaa," a tribute to Yemen's largest city that the poet was forced to leave because of political unrest.

The theme of oppression was a thread through a few of the writings offered for the day – something many immigrants in Hamtramck can relate to.

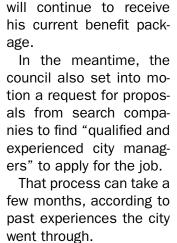
Another set of verses called "Poems from the Gulag" was read by Myroslava Stefaniuk.

Later that night, Cathie **Continued on page 2** 









Angerer has held various roles in the city, until she was appointed interim city manager in 2017 after former City Manager Katrina Powell's contract was not renewed by the then-council.

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### A day of poetry and a night for a blowout continued from front page

Gordon hosted her bar's last night blowout. Toast of the Town couldn't attend, but from the photos we saw posted on Facebook, it looked like a ton of fun.

One post from former Hamtramck police officer Dennis Whittie caught our attention. He recounted his first introduction to Cathie while he was on pa-

We won't get into the

bawdy greeting he had with Cathie at the bar, but it's safe to talk about his request for something to quench his thirst.

Cathie handed him a soda, but in one sip Dennis realized it was so much more than plain old soda. Being on duty, he found a way to discreetly pour it out in the bathroom.

That's pure Cathie - always making her guests feel at home. Dennis, by the way, is now an attorney with an office in Ferndale.

Here's to a happy retirement for Cathie and her hubby Lew.

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events throughout the city

### **Quick Hits**

#### Cont. from front page

Hamtramck Veteran's Park tennis courts will be in action as well. The USTA Tennis Association is partnering with local tennis enthusiasts to bring the tennis magic back to this popular and historic tennis venue this summer.

The tennis program is hosted by the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy, Hamtramck Parks & Recreation Department, and Hamtramck Community Tennis Association.

The program starts in

Three classes will be offered: Tennis 101 for youth (ages 6-10), Tennis 101 for teens (ages 11-17), and Tennis 101 for adults (ages 18+). These introductory tennis classes will be led by a USPTA Elite Tennis Professional, Brian Antecki and his staff.

New and returning players are encouraged to register and have some fun on the courts, using the following link:

https://form.jotform.com/USTAsoutheastmichigan/hamtramck-summer-prog

In addition to the STEAM Camp and the USTA Tennis Program, baseball enthusiasts and spectators are invited to visit the newly refurbished

Hamtramck Stadium for free, open-to-the public baseball tournaments, sponsored by the USSSA (United States Specialty

Sports Association) and the FAAST (Fun American Amateur Sports Tournaments). The tournaments fea-

ture travel teams from around the state and Midwest every weekend during the summer. Visit the HPC events

calendar: (https:// hamtramckparks.com/ events/) for more information.

The HPC and the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium (FHHS) are working to provide a vital community resource and recreational asset.\

"We are creating an inclusive space here in Hamtramck, where future stars can shine bright, like the park's legacies before them, through educational, cultural and recreational programming honoring the history of Negro League Baseball, competitive, and amateur sports in Hamtramck and Detroit," says Johnson.

The Hamtramck Parks Conservancy (HPC) is a collaboration between the city, the public schools, and other community partners seeking to improve green spaces and facilities for public use; and to provide health, educational and recreational opportunities for city residents.

Historic park tours and info on stadium facility rentals for events are available upon request.

For more information ot to see a schedule of upcoming events and park ambassador (volunteer) opportunities, visit the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy website at:

https://hamtramckparks.com



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### This week at the Library.

Summer Reading Life Under the Sea: Get ready to practice you science skills, Wednesday, July 6th, kids can take part in the "Life Under the Sea Lab" to gain some nautical knowhow. Event begins at 3 pm. Don't forget to pick up a flyer to see the full schedule of weekly, summertime children's activities. By registering for the Summer Reading program kids will be able to earn tickets for an end of summer prize raffle, just for reading books. Find out more by visiting the

"The Girl in his Shadow": There is still time to check out audiobook or digital copy of this novel by Audrey The digital book discussion will be held on July 13th to July 27th on www.biglilbraryread.com.

David McPhail: This author and illustrator was born on June 30, 1940. If you are looking for wonderful stories to share with your children, consider picking up one of his works on your next visit to the library.

Adaptive Yoga: During the summer months on Thursdays at 10 am you can take part in a fitness program featuring adaptive yoga. The classes are presented as a courtesy of RIM Foundation. Participation is limited to 10 individuals.

Read Up & Meet Up: The next meeting is schedules for Thursday, July 7th at 11 am. Share with us you

hot takes on what you have been read-

ing lately with the little group we have

going. If you are looking for a free,

online, country-wide book discussion, suggest www.biglibraryread.com. They will be looking at Audrey Blake's novel "The Girl in his Shadow". Book chat is set for July 13th to 27th.

U.S. Constitution: On July 2, 1788, Congress announced that the United States Constitution has been ratified by the required nine states and that a committee had been appointed to make preparations for the new American government.

Story Time: Stories are a bridge between generations. Let us learn together from those who came before us. Bring your kids to the library and experience an exciting new tale every Monday at 4 pm.

Game Night: Drop in on a Friday Game Night, starting at 4 pm (open to

Library Quest: The Michigan Library Quest contest will run to July 31st. Combining on line sleuthing with offscreen problem solving, it's a great way to keep teens engaged. Plus there will be prizes to win! Visit www.milibraryquest.website/quest1 to register and learn more.

**INFRAME:** Unapologetic book discussion for teens and adults. We welcome you to comment critically on part 1 of the novel "Atlas Shrugged". Pick up a copy of this 1000 page epic and aim to read through the first 300 pages for the preliminary chat on Thursday, July 21st at noon.

Library is located at 2360 Caniff Avenue, Phone (313) 733-6822 Or visit its website at <a href="http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us">http://hamtramck.Lib.mi.us</a> for on line catalog Attachments for printing, faxing or scanning send to hamtramcklibrary@gmail.com

# Second Front Page

## Covid update: Lax health safety measures have led to Covid deaths

By Charles Sercombe

The number of weekly Covid-19 cases in Hamtramck remains in the double digits.

There were 31 new cases here in the past week, according to Wayne County health officials.

Over the past two years, since the pandemic broke out, Hamtramck has had 5,122 covid cases (as of Monday).

at 74.

Given the city's population of almost 30,000, this number of cases represents 17 percent of the population.

For many in the nation, the covid issue has faded into the background as a virus that can be caught like any other. But, it remains a top killer in the US. About 300 people are The number of deaths still dying each day from

during this period remains Covid-19 in this country.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services said that last week there were 174 deaths from the disease. During the past two years. Michigan, almost 37,000 people have died from Covid.

Health officials still recommend masking up in public, keeping a distance from others and washing your hands often.

The public seems oblivious to these recommendations. In the metro area, you see most people are going unmasked, and congregating in large numbers in restaurant, bars and public events.

Vaccinations and boosters are also recommended, and vaccinations are now available for youngsters 6 months old and



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# School Bell

#### **Summer activities**

Are you looking for fun activities to do with your student this summer to keep them engaged in learning?

Consider taking them to the Michigan Science Center, a young-student friendly place to learn about science through visual and hands-on activities.

Your family could also attend a community event at a local park, such as Campus Martius Park. Check out the events page at https://bit.ly/3IA7Ikz for more ideas!

#### **Enrollment**

At Hamtramck Public Schools, we offer both in-person learning options and the Virtual Learning Institute for children in grades K-12.

The VLI gives your student the choice to take

appointed

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Angerer eventually be-

came the city's full-time

city manager in 2018.

Her current contract has

no expiration date. Ac-

cording to her contract,

she had to give at least

a 30-day notice that she

Hamtramck has had

four city managers, and

would be leaving.

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To learn more and enroll your student in our Virtual Learning Institute, visit HamtramckSchools.com.

#### **Art exhibit**

Hamtramck High School students are included in an art exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Some 60 students from Wayne County high schools are included.

The show features over 80 works of art including photography, mixed media and paintings. The exhibit runs through July 31.

To attend, the DIA requires you to wear masks and provide proof of vaccination and/or a negative covid test.

#### STEAM camp

The Hamtramck Parks

also a few interim city

managers, since the city

changed its charter to a

city manager form of gov-

The city had been under

the control of state-ap-

pointed emergency man-

agers because of past

financial crises.

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#### Recreation

Tennis anyone?

The HPS Recreation Department is offering a tennis program for youngsters and adults.

Here's the breakdown of what's being offered:

Dates & Times:

Tennis 101 for Youth: For **Beginner Players** 

Mondays and Wednesdays, July 11 – Aug. 3 Ages 6-10: 4-5 p.m. Ages 11-17: 5-6 p.m.

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Full and complete text of the changes is available on the City of Hamtramck's website through Boarddocs (Resolution 2022-67). The public is invited to view and comment on the amendment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before July 11, 2022 to the City Clerk RFaraj@hamtramckcity.com.

The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids, and services for individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon advance notice by writing or by calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x343. Please contact the Clerk's office at least 10 days in advance.

Rana Faraj **Hamtramck City Clerk** 









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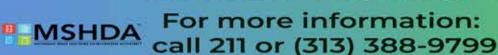
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#### A look back at Hamtramck's history...



The Cosmos cheerleaders sat for this photo in 1956. These young ladies helped propel the Hamtramck High School teams to championships.

see that the team was inclusive at a time when racial segregation was still common in schools.

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present pictures like this. Donate to the Friends of Historical Hamtramck, which owns and operates the museum, located at 9525 Jos. Campau, Ham-And it's refreshing to tramck, MI 48212.

Visit our website www. hamtramckhistory.org. And for those of you who have donated, thank you so much. We deeply appreciate your support.

### Hamtramck cricket team competed in tourney



Hamtramck Recreation Cricket team competed against the Michigan Youth and Cricket Association (MYCA) in a T20 game at the Historic Hamtramck Stadium. Although MYCA won the game by a big margin, the boys from

On June 16th the Hamtramck are very skilled, talented and eager to play cricket by all means.

The department will continue to partner with MYCA to help hone the skills, groom, and transform the Hamtramck team into professional cricketers.





# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### **Rededication of stadium** ushers in a new era

Things just keep getting better and better for the historic Hamtramck baseball stadium.

Last week, officials from Wayne County, Detroit and Hamtramck, plus a host of special guests, were part of a rededication of the stadium.

The stadium has come a long way in recent years. Once the stadium's historical past was discovered several years ago, the city began to receive several grants to renovate it.

The stadium's grandstands have been repaired, and a new field was installed - and

once again, baseball is being played there.

Its history is wrapped up in a dark period of the country, when African-Americans were not allowed to play in the allwhite Major Leagues.

So, African-Americans formed their own league and quite frankly, boasted far superior players who made the game even more exciting.

Hamtramck Stadium was built in 1930 for the Negro League. The Detroit Stars played their showered on the stadihome games there.

That era died when, in the 1950s, more and more African-Americans were hired by Major years for the stadium.

League teams. Unfortunately, the stadium slowly began to fall into disrepair.

It is now a jewel for the entire metro area to enjoy. Down the road, it is hoped more funding will come in to finish transforming the park to not only host baseball games, but also all sorts of sports competitions, as well as other entertainment such as live music.

The amount of love um over the past week was heartwarming, to say the least.

Here's to many happy

# dds & Ends

**Election help...** The Aug. 2 Primary Election is coming up quickly in Hamtramck.

And if you can spare some time, the city needs election workers, which are paid positions. The pay is \$200 for poll workers and \$250 for precinct chairs, plus \$20 for training.

If interested, give the city clerk a call at (313) 800-5233, extension 821.

Eid festival... Mark your calendar for July 13 and 14. That's when the Hamtramck Eid Festival will take place, in the Veterans Park area.

The festival is geared to families, and features rides, games, food and live performances.

It's hosted by the Iman Islamic Complex.

**Discussion...** The always-piquing Profs and Pints lecture (with drinking) series is having another event, again at the Ant

For this one, Schoolcraft College Associate Prof of Philosophy and conspiracy theory expert Dr. Mark Huston will offer up a tantalizing quickie course on, not so much "what" to think about various assertions, but rather "how" to think, well, better about them.

Dr. Huston is said to garner consistent rave reviews from his college course students.

This all goes down (like a frosty beverage) at the Ant Hall on Sunday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open then, with the talk beginning by 7 p.m.

Check out advance tickets on planetant.com, or by going to the Ant Hall (they're open many evenings, but we'd say to call first to 313-365-4255; they're located at 2320 Caniff St.).

Those early tickets are only \$12, but they'll be \$15 at the door on the day of (or \$13, with a student

Dr. Huston will even bring into the discussion examples from popular works such as The Manchurian Candidate, National Treasure and The Da Vinci Code to make points about what we can, and cannot, know about areas of religion, politics, and

Sounds invigorating! See you there!

business.

### Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Hamtramck farewell letter: A reflection on home and community

**By Michele Oberholtzer** Zimmerman

I will be moving from Hamtramck soon.

This is a move with a rea-

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the life my husband Jeff and I are trying to build. But for all the reasons my head understands, the thought of it still hurts my I used to do like a knight in a game of chess- jerking across the board in a mixture of defense and offense without any obvious



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#### Hamtramck farewell letter: A reflection on home and

#### **COMMUNITY** Cont. from page 5

and often easy.

This move feels more like a transplant. I'm wincing already in anticipation of the roots I will have to rip and tear to leave this place. I am mourning both my memories of the past and my dreams of a future here that will never be.

After years of wandering, I let myself make a home in this house, so no wonder it hurts to leave it. As one of my favorite authors, Thomas Lynch, says: "grief is the tax we pay on our attachments."

I thought I was ready to leave but as winter changed to spring, the move got closer and Hamtramck got more precious to me. Trees and gardens were flowering, my neighbors and I spent our evenings outside, cross-pollinating each other's lives with conversation, gardening tasks, and shared food.

I am eight months pregnant, and they marvel at my growing belly, asking me questions about how "we" are doing and encouraging me on.

These people would love my son just by virtue of watching him grow up but most will be strangers to him. And, yes, there will be neighbors in the new neighborhood too, but there is just something about the particular density of Hamtramck that makes it spe-

I have become extremely comfortable with exactly this level of spacing that allows for conversation across the street, yard to yard, or from porch to sidewalk. The sheer presence of so many families means more pedestrians, more kids at play, more life, move living.

As neighbors we are witnesses and participants in each other's lives. Many of my neighbors I don't know by name, but I care about them, and they me. This is the essence that lets me sleep so soundly at night, with my door unlocked, and that brings extra joy to my life in countless spontaneous, small, special ways.

This is what I am giving

What a lot of moping! I have to shake myself out of this and remember that this is my choice. No one is forcing me to go, and I have an embarrassment of riches to look forward to.

I have an amazing husband. We will become parents in July, god willing, and man, Ben Jaros, who prewe have been working on a new home for a year that we get to make ours. It's all a beautiful gift except for the fact that to make a new home means to leave another behind.

Hamtramck is not perfect, right?

I am exhausted by the litter, the same old potholes, the constant anxiety of walking and driving amid terrifying speeding. I get antsy for open spaces, with a horizon, a view, and space for our dog to run. I hate the flooding and all the work I have not done (and will never do) on my



Michele Oberholtzer Zimmerman and her husband, Jeff, in front of their Hamtramck home.

old house.

I hate the casual racism that people feel so free to express "from one white person to another." I grind my teeth at the water bills, the stupid parking meters, the tyranny of the old assessor's office, the accidental libertarianism of a part-time government.

But even in many of our problems I find something to appreciate. I love how these local problems call us in. How natural it feels to try to tackle them, because addressing them feels accessible.

I got a thrill seeing my husband get "radicalized" last summer when the construction on Caniff routed countless careless speeding cars down our street.

We complain because we care, and something about our compact proximity contributes to the feeling that just maybe we can do something about it. There are so many ways to be involved here. I have intervened in domestic disputes, cleaned up trash, called out litter-bugs, helped with property taxes, water bills and foreclosure issues, mowed people's lawns, and given many a lecture from my car window to explain that the right lane on Caniff is not for passing but for turning.

Most recently, I've enjoyed knocking on doors downstream from the parking enforcement officer to warn people they are about to get a ticket on street sweeping day!

It goes without saying, many people here have helped me, too. This network of care, responsibility, and reciprocity is what I appreciate so much about this place.

I was full of doubt and fear when I first moved here. I really did not know if this was what I wanted, but I did know that I was sick of constantly moving, that this place had potential, and I was willing to give it a chance.

I was inspired by the old ceded me in this home after spending each of his 98 years here. It gave me the clue that home isn't something you find just by searching, it's something you build by staying. And that's exactly how it's been for me. I have grown up in this home.

I arrived as a jobless vagrant divorcee. Almost immediately after arriving, I found a job that actually paid me to do the work I'd been volunteering in for years. I was able to buy the house. I was able to offer shelter to countless

roommates, friends, peo-

ple in a tight spot, and a refugee family who loves this house as much as I do, since it was their first in America.

I have run for public office here, written articles and stories in the local paper, sang songs in the cof-

fee shops and knocked on hundreds of my neighbors' doors for various reasons. I had my first pet, dear Alto, who made me happy to come home every day. I wove myself and was woven into this dense fabric of community.

When I first met my husband Jeff, I was that groundless lost person. I needed him in a way that wasn't healthy. I saw the potential for a relationship with him, but it was as though we couldn't properly love each other because

he was too busy rescuing me and I was too busy trying to become someone who didn't need rescuing. We were apart for a long time. When we reunited,

I had been in this home a few years and I was a Continued on page 8

### إشعار بالتسجيل في الانتخابات التمهيدية المقرر إجراؤها يوم الثلاثاء ٢ أغسطس ٢٠٢٢

#### الى الناخبين المؤهلين في مدينة هامترامك,ولاية ميتشجن

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بالأضافه ,سيصوت الناخبون على المقترح التالي: المقترح j المقترح تجديد الأميال الضرببيه للسجون

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#### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Hamtramck on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Hamtramck who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Hamtramck City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the Hamtramck City Clerk is Monday, July 18, 2022.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office, located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212 at the following times:

Regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Election Day, Tuesday, August 2, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts 1-7 in all regular locations or by mail at https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication

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#### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers June 21-27.

#### Tuesday, June 21

- Officers investigated a suspicious vehicle in the area of Jos. Campau and Dan.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 2900 block of Belmont St.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person at Carpenter and Conant.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Evaline St.

#### Wednesday, June 22

- An incident of fraud was reported in the 2100 block of Trowbridge St.
- A juvenile was reported to have run away from their home on Selfridge St.
- Property damage was reported at Gallagher near Lehman.
- · A person was arrested on Selfridge St. for domestic assault.

#### Thursday, June 23

- Gunshots were reported in the area of Commor and St. Aubin. Gunshots were also reported in the area of Conant and Carpenter.
- · A report was made of two suspicious people in the area of Klinger and Caniff.
- A domestic assault was reported at a Yemans St. residence. The suspect fled before officers arrived.
- Officers helped a disabled motorist on Dequindre St.

#### Friday, June 24

- · A noise complaint was made in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- A report was made about multiple vehicles being stolen from a lot at Dequindre and Poland.
- A neighbor dispute was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth St.
- · A Mitchell St. resident reported that someone opened an AT&T account in their name.
- A Dyar St. resident reported being assaulted by the father of their child.
- A disorderly customer was reported at a Jos. Campau Ave. business. A vehicle was stolen
- on Dyar St.

#### Saturday, June 25 Officers investigated

- a report of a man in the 9200 block of Conant Ave. who was bleeding. A noise complaint
- was made in the 12000

block of Grand Haven St.

- · An intoxicated person was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth
- A neighbor dispute was reported on Whalen
- · A Commor St. resident reported that they lost their passport.
- · A domestic assault was reported on Selfridge St.
- · A customer dispute was reported at a business in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- A fight was reported in the area of Carpenter and Klinger.

#### Sunday, June 26

- Officers responded to a call about a car theft in progress at Poland and Dequindre. · A theft was reported
- in the 11400 block of McDougall St. · An assault was re-
- ported in the 9300 block of Charest St. · A hit-and-run accident
- occurred on Commor St. Family trouble was reported on Grand Haven
- A report was made about a group of juveniles fighting on Oklaho-
- ma St. A large fight was re-
- ported on Selfridge St. Reckless drivers
- were reported on Jos. Campau and Holbrook. A complaint was
- made about loud music on Yemans St.
- · An assault was reported on Dyar St.

#### Monday, June 27

- · Officers investigating gunshots being fired in the 3400 block of Doremus St. found a vehicle that had been damaged by fireworks.
- Gunshots were heard in the 12000 block of Oklahoma St.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth St.
- · Gunshots were reported in the area of Circle Dr. and Oklahoma.
- · A break-in was reported in the 5200 block
- of Yemans St. A theft was report-
- ed in the 5100 block of Yemans St.
- A neighbor dispute was reported on Trowbridge St.
- · A hit-and-run accident was reported on Jacob St.
- car on 8 Mile Rd. that had been stolen out of Hamtramck.

Officers recovered a

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tus. Aunt of Ashton, Layla, just being a nice person to Aaliyah, Olivia, and Marko.

She is also survived by cousins, and many dear friends, and her work family at Bern's Landscaping.

Please remember the good times, her compassion, her advice, kindness, bashfulness, inner and outer beauty, and over all

everyone she met.

Visitation Memorial Wednesday July 6, 2022 from 2 – 9 PM at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

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much more grounded person. With a lot of courage and chemistry, we gave it another shot, and this place has grown from being my home to ours. I'm so grateful I've gotten to share it with him.

A few weeks ago, Jeff was out late working on the new house and I took the dog for a walk. It was a beautiful night with a breeze. I had no less than three conversations with neighbors- all strangersenjoying the evening air. I came home to my gorgeous spiraea bushes that had just come into bloom and smiled to see them, one more year.

I started doing laundry and listening to music when a song came on that I hadn't heard in awhile,

"The Eye" by Brandi Carlisle. I used to love to sing it at Cafe 1923. I sang aloud while I folded until I arrived at a line in the third chorus that immediately choked in my throat: "you might make it further, if you learn to stay." I started crying on the spot. That was my line! That was the mantra that gave me courage to put down roots here. That was my thesis and final message in my first "Hamtramck Love Letter" and it's a lesson I take to heart.

After the tears passed, I went through another wave of fear. If I believe this lesson, how can I leave? Am I making a terrible mistake?

Throughout most of these past few months, I have been trying to figure out how to become absolutely sure that it is the right decision to leave, and the certainty has eluded

But now I recall another old lesson - I don't have to be sure. Does this new path have potential? Absolutely. And am I willing to give it a chance? Apparently so.

Today, as before, I have the courage to risk making a mistake. I will leave behind the shelter of this special place with eternal gratitude to it for helping me get something worth sacrificing it for.

(For more of Michele's writing about Hamtramck, including the original "Hamtramck Love Letter" visit www.Oberdoit.com search "Hamtramck.")



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