

# **Quick Hits** Ramadan starts next week

### **By Charles Sercombe**

Many in Hamtramck's Muslim community will soon be observing Ramadan, which (according to Google) starts on March 22, and goes through April 21.

The starting day could change, though, depending on the sighting of the moon over Mecca.

Last year Nabil Nagi of the Hamtramck Public School District wrote a guest editorial describing the holy observance. We'll let him explain

the holiday:

"Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic Calendar that is observed

# For the next several months, keep doing the Caniff dodge

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

For residents on Caniff between Conant and Buffalo, it's been a rough several months - traffic-wise that is.

New water lines were installed on the north side of the street that required blocking off the westbound traffic lane.

That meant residents there could not park in front of their homes.

For the moment, the street has re-opened, but not for long.

In the coming weeks, the entire street will be torn up and repaved, and this construction could last until September. The project also includes new storm drainage facilities, new sidewalks, and the placement of sidewalk ramps.

The project is being funded by the federal government, to the tune of almost \$1.2 million. An additional \$171,000 will be spent for an engineering company to next month on Caniff is the inspect and oversee the installation of new water project (Hennessey Engi- lines under the north side neers, Inc.).



ing of Caniff. In 2021, another federal grant, \$1.7 million worth, funded the reconstruction of Caniff from the I-75 service drive up to Jos. Campau.

After this second phase, the remainder of Caniff, from Jos. Campau to Conant, will be the last section to be repaved. That is scheduled for next year.

Also happening for the

Above: Caniff's westbound traffic lane, between Conant and Buffalo, recently opened up. That area of Caniff is scheduled to be repaved starting in the coming weeks. Below: A new water line is being installed on Caniff between Jos. Campau and Conant, causing more traffic headaches.



# **Rep. Aiyash** supports civil rights expansion

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Michigan Democratic legislators promised voters that, if they became the majority in the state legislature, they would take swift action to make changes.



State Rep. Abraham Aiyash

One of those changes included amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include protections for the LGBTQ community.

In other words, gay and transgender rights will be protected from discrimination. Predictably, this has led to push back from conservatives, including from some in Hamtramck's religious community.

by Muslims worldwide. Ramadan is considered holy because Muslims believe it is the month when the first verses of the Quran were revealed to the Prophet Muhammed more than 1,400 years ago.

"Ramadan also marks a month of fasting from sunrise to sunset. Fasting is focused on five duties: testimony of faith, prayer, charitable giving and, if physically and financially possible, making a pilgrimage to Mecca.

"It ends with Eid al-Fitr-Festival of the Breaking of the Fast-a three-day celebration that brings families and friends together to enjoy delicious meals and exchange gifts."

Happy Ramadan!

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school board pay raise

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had it easier: they didn't

And, taking some of that heat is Hamtramck native State Rep. Abraham Aiyash who was a co-sponsor for the amendment. The state senate previously also approved the amendment, and it now heads over to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for her approval.

Aiyash, whose district includes Hamtramck, is no ordinary Democrat. He's the Democratic Majority Floor Leader - the person who helps schedule what issues will be considered, and who organizes legislative plans.

Aiyash is the first Yemeni-American from Hamtramck to be elected to the state house, and he **Continued on page 4** 



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groups: The city council **Boardmembers** Morstipend increase requires tadha Obaid and Regan voter approval to change Watson voted against the the city charter regarding increase, saying that the positions are largely vol-

untary.

**HPS teachers take issue with** 

"We all came to this position as a volunteer job," said Obaid.

Watson stressed that board meetings need to be more focused and go on too long. Sometimes the meetings can last two hours or more.

She added that the board needs "to get better at what our actual tasks are here, and I think we'll move a lot quicker that way."

The pay increase was

first revealed on the HPS teachers' Facebook page. The board had been paid \$700 a year, while the board secretary and treasurer received \$750 each.

The initial proposal was to increase boardmembers' salaries to \$5,000, and \$6,000 for the board president. But the board agreed with new member, Victor Farris, who suggested upping it to \$6,000 per board mem-**Continued on page 2** 

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# HPS teachers take issue with school board pay raise

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bers and \$7,000 for the president.

His reason?

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He said that, after doing some research, he concluded that the current pay rate is "probably why the board might not be so good," and added that it would attract more "serious" members. Those voting in favor of the pay raise included Farris, President Jihan Aiyash, Abdulmalik Algahaim and Daz'Shavon Hall.

Vice President Salah Hadwan was absent.

While board policy calls for regular attendance, Aiyash missed most of the meetings last year, and never provided an explanation for her absence.

Teachers blasted the pay raise, and also the fact that, at a previous meeting the board held during an ice storm that closed the district for the day, they did not broadcast it, and did not include a resolution to bring back Superintended Jaleelah Ahmed from an indefinite suspension on the agenda.

George Hloros said that, while boardmembers talk about being open and transparent, their behavior "contrasts that."

He said the board includes non-agenda items as a way "to avoid democratic debate."

Hloros also criticized the board for twice refus-

ing to fill a special education teacher position that is needed in the high school because of financial concerns, yet voted to increase their salary.

Toni Coral, president of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers, said the board opted to "enrich" itself, "instead of using the money to do something for students."

Jessica Madden said she has volunteered her time taking students on ski trips without financial compensation. In tears, she lashed out at the board, saying "Now I know what you stand for. ... You created division tonight."

Madden added: "I can't trust you have the best interests of our students."

Superintendent Ahmed called for unity.

"I hope we can come together as a unified force to focus on the true issues at hand," she said.

Ahmed further said that she hopes the district "partners together and tackles the issues, not each other."

Ahmed has previously

filed a lawsuit in federal court, last May, against some members of the board, past and present, and the teachers' union for conspiring to get her fired and other issues.

During her suspension, which lasted over a year, Ahmed was still paid.

Asked if she could provide the status of the lawsuits, Ahmed told The Review that she "cannot comment on legal matters at this time."

Ahmed also stressed that "I can say that the district continues to focus its attention on further strengthening its academic programs and making critical improvements to our buildings to ensure our students have access to the resources they need to thrive.

"We continue to review how best to utilize the ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds available to the district so that our students are learning in a safe, warm and welcoming environment that helps them reach their potential."

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**Louis 'Amour:** This author was born on March 22, 1908. If you like westerns, then you will most likely take kindly to the writings of this author. Classic stories from the Frontier can be found in amenable paperback upon the shelves of fiction.

Zoom Presentation: For those interested in doing their own research, the Library of Congress without a doubt has tons of materials that would come in handy. Well, our very own Library of Michigan will be showing folks how to find what they might be looking for amongst the nation's digital collections. Tune in to this ZOOM presentation Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 Please pm. visit www.michigan.gov/lmpublicprograms for more info and a link to register.

**Together we read:** There is an online book club that connects participants with others from all over the country. It lets you jump in at any hour. All that is required is your trusty library card. It is Together We Read. See a preview of the upcoming book chat title "River Woman, River Demon" by author Jennifer Givhan before the discussions set for March by giving the website <u>www.togetherweread.com/us/</u> a visit. It has got a bit of murder, a bit of mystery, and a bit of magic.

Group Exercise: Yoga and Tai Chi

sessions at the library have returned. Get your Yoga fix on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm. Tai Chi makes a comeback on Fridays starting at 10 am. The program is provided by the RIM Foundation. Instructors are health professionals that accommodate the whole range of activity levels. These meet ups are senior friendly. Free to all participants, registration required.

**Story Time:** Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 4 pm. It will put a smile on everyone's face, including yours. Presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

**Game Night:** Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Friday's at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play.

Shetan Noir: Join us on Wednesday, April 19th at 6 pm as we welcome Shetan Noir of Squatch GO Magazine for something else that makes our BIG MITTEN great. We will be diving into the cryptozoology of the Great Lakes region. Attend this presentation & discover what is out there.

**ESL Classes in the Library:** The ESL classes organized by Horizon School are held in the library (Monday to Thursday). There are two sessions with the first staring at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am.

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# Second Front Page



### Spotlight on HPS staff



**Courtney Fezzey** 

Say hello to Nurse Practitioner at the DMS School-Based Health Center, Courtney Fezzey!

Courtney has 10-plus years of experience as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, with six of those years running a schoolbased health center at Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School.

"I decided to work in school-based health settings because I love helping children in underserved areas. Having health clinics located inside of schools is a great benefit to these families. The services provided at the clinic range from immunizations, well checkups and hearing screenings to vision screenings and sick visits."

Don't hesitate to reach out to the clinic if you need anything. Ms. Fezzey looks forward to meeting everyone!

### Speech competition

On Wednesday, March 15, several Hamtramck and parents work togeththe annual speech competition known as the Optimists of Downtown Detroit's Oratorical Contest. Erna Balija, 8th grader at Kosciuszko Middle School nabbed first place and will advance to Area Level competition on April 22, via Zoom. Dickinson East 5th grader Zareen took second, Begum

while Ali Ahsan, 7th grader at KMS, tied for third place with 7th grader Tasfia Ahmed (formerly of KMS, recently moved to Sterling Heights).

Students began working on this year's topic, "Discovering the Optimism within Me", back in October. Highlights include Erna's success as a public speaker within three years of immigration to USA.

Zareen is the sister of previous champ Fahim Uddin, and she is our youngest competitor for several years.

Tasfia is navigating the tumult of a major move during middle school.

Ali spoke about the endless opportunities to develop and demonstrate optimism online and in person. Each student took a unique approach with personal connections.

While many signed up, few persevered; they are to be commended!

### ECE

March started with much excitement because many new programs started.

The after-school program offers students the Arabic Club and STEAM Club. Students learn not only the language in the Arabic Club, but customs, holidays and traditions observed. In the STEAM Club, students are making engineering projects with Legos and different kits. Students, teachers children participated in er make many wonderous creations with switches, tools and more.

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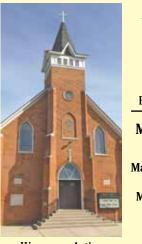
Students smiled and giggled as "Mr. D." used various voices for the characters in the book, The Pout Pout Fish. Everyone laughed at the ending as the Pout Pout Fish gave everyone a big kiss at the end.

There are many other special days coming too next week. Teachers will be reading books in a round robin way to all the classes from preschool to second grade. We look forward to hearing these stories as we celebrate the joy of reading.



Above: HPS students recently participated in a speech competition. Below: Comedian and educator Joe Dombrowski recently read to ECE students in celebration of Reading Month.





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On March 13, comedian and educator Joe Dombrowski took time from his busy schedule and read to the school, via Zoom from Seattle Wash-

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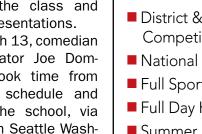
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# Rep. Aiyash supports | Historical museum to feature a civil rights expansion

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is the first Arab-American to be the floor leader.

While he has championed progressive causes, there are some in the socially conservative Yemeni community -- and others - who do not agree with some of those positions, such as on gay rights.

On Hamtramck-based social media. Aiyash has received pushback.

"Disappointed that a bunch or Narcissists have their own laws above and beyond the rest of us. The Homosexual Mafia strikes again," said Mouhamad A. Naboulsi, on the Facebook page called Hamtramck Square."

Stephanie Butler added: "What a gem he is. You sold your community out. You sold our daughters out. Way to GO."

But there were others who praised Aiyash.

"Thank you, Majority Leader Aiyash, for standing on the correct side of history and leading by example of coexisting peacefully," said Aleksandra Nowak.

Former Hamtramck City Councilmember Scott Klein, who was behind a proposed human rights city ordinance, which included gay rights, that failed to gain voter support, also congratulated Aiyash.

"Let's all thank Abe for his leadership and yes vote on this issue," Klein said.

The Review asked Aiyash for his comment on the amendment, and he said:

"We had a productive week in Lansing. We eliminated the third grade reading law that held kids back through punitive measures for not meeting literacy standards; restored worker protections and the prevailing wage law; amended the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act; and passed historic universal background check laws for gun purchases

"As we head into the second guarter of the vear. I'm looking forward to securing millions of dollars for Hamtramck during our budget negotiations in Lansing."

Asked specifically about some of the pushback on his support of providing LGBTQ civil rights protection, he did not respond.

(Rep. Aiyash will host a "Coffee Hour" this Saturday, March 18, 10-11:30 a.m., at Dose of Sugar, located at 3630 Caniff. The event is being billed as "an opportunity for discussions and questions," and the public is welcome to attend.)

# SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

### By Charles Sercombe Get ready for some

Hamtramck history. In its latest newsletter, the Hamtramck Historical Museum outlined its upcoming list of events. Let's get to it:

Coming up first on Thursday, March 23, will be "Powerful Voices: The Women of Hamtramck."

This is a Hungry for History PowerPoint presentation that will highlight women who have made a powerful impression on Hamtramck. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; dinner is at 6 p.m., and the program is at 7 p.m.

The cost for the program and dinner is \$25; for current Friends members, \$20; and, program only, \$5.

Reservations should be made in advance by Monday, March 20.

Next up is "Play Ball:

Baseball in Hamtramck," an exhibit that will open 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 16. The exhibit will focus on Hamtramck's relationship with America's National sport.

number of upcoming presentations

From sandlot baseball, to the Little League and Pony League champs, to the Negro League to the major leagues (including the Detroit Tigers), this comprehensive display will focus on the players from Hamtramck who made the diamond shine.

Admission is free, and "ball park style food" will be available for purchase. The exhibit will run through the end of the

2023 baseball season. Along the way, associated special exhibits will be held, focusing on the Little League and Pony League champions and the Negro League.

On Thursday, June 8,

noted author and historian Armando Delicato will present a Hungry for History PowerPoint program on the Cass Corridor.

Delicato is a popular speaker who offers fascinating views of Detroit neighborhoods.

During Labor Day weekend, the museum will mark its10th anniversary. An exhibit on how the museum has evolved over the decade will open and run through the rest of the year.

In addition, the museum will host several events not open to the general public, but still worth noting.

In March, the Detroit Chapter of the Michigan Archaeology Society will meet at the museum. Museum Board Member and professional archaeologist Samuel Burns will make a presentation at

the meeting.

The museum has participated in three archaeological digs with students and staff of Wayne State University, so they will have a lot to talk about.

Other programs are also on tap, with final details to be confirmed. Additionally, the museum has received an unprecedented number of requests to present programs at sites across the metro Detroit area.

There is a lot of interest in Hamtramck these days, and the museum is preparing new PowerPoint presentations to address a host of topics.

Plans also are being made for more programs and presentations, going well on into 2024. There is an exciting world of Hamtramck history waiting to be explored.

# Covid update: In Michigan, it's one of the leading causes of death

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

COVID-19 cases are steadily trending down in the U.S.

But in Michigan, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, covid is the third leading cause of death.

It has now been a full

three years since covid came to these shores.

In that time, there have been over 3 million cases in the state, and over

In the U.S., there have been 103 million cases, and 1.1 million deaths from the disease.

Covid's origin and long-

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term effects are still being researched.

One of the stranger long-term effects is what's called "face blindness." This is where people can't recognize people they know, and, in severe cases, can't even recognize their own face.

Some people are born with this condition, which is called prosopagnosia.

In the meantime, you have probably noticed that fewer and fewer people are masking up while out in public. You are not alone.

Even covid experts, the Washington Post reported, are no longer – or just occasionally - masking to 6,000.

in the efficacy of vaccines and boosters. And, speaking of boosters, when will the next one be available?

That is a matter being worked out by health experts. The covid variant keeps evolving, and it's been shown that boosters' protections fade away.

The prevailing thinking now, health experts have said, is to treat covid like a yearly flu shot.

Meanwhile, the number of covid cases in Hamtramck for the past week was 19, which brings the total number of cases, for the past three years, up

42,000 deaths.



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up. Even more, they are now travelling, too. Why? Because they believe

The number of covid deaths for that same period there was 82 deaths.

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# **Review:** Opinion Page

# In Our Opinion

# Putting up road blocks to common sense development

Every election season, here in Hamtramck, there's one thing you'll be likely to hear from local candidates.

Candidates are always saying how important it is to attract businesses, and encourage economic development.

Despite these claims, we've seen time and again elected officials and others putting up barriers for businesses to actually flourish.

The marijuana dispensaries, for example, still face constant backlash from some who think their product is immoral or attracts crime. There is no evidence that dispensaries have become crime magnets.

As for what one believes to be immoral or unhealthy to consume, if you don't like it, don't use it. That goes for alcohol, tobacco, pharmaceuticals, caffeine, you name it. marijuana? Against Fine. Don't use it, but don't push your morals and objections on others.

And, we should point out, the city's four dispensaries brought in over \$200,000 in taxes and fees last year to Hamtramck. Do you think four food markets produced that kind of revenue stream? Or that four pharmacies (of which this town has plenty) pay that much in taxes?

Heck, no. And then, there are the recent requests by two developers who sought a special kind of tax abatement for their major investments. Unlike tax abatements in the past, these abatements simply freeze property taxes at the current rate for X number of years.

And once that abatement period ends, the city would then be able

to collect an increase in taxes, thanks to having a revitalized development.

What in the world would a city have to lose in this deal? Well, if rejected, the city would lose more tax revenue and still have a blighted, dilapidated site.

Yet, we see city officials put up roadblocks time and again. One councilmember, Nayeem Choudhury - who is a businessperson himself - said that, if they keep granting these requests, it would open the door for similar requests by would-be developers.

Oh, what a horror! Hamtramck opening its doors to developers who want to revitalize dilapidated and vacant old buildings.

If Hamtramck wants to be business-friendly, like some candidates campaign for, then we need elected leaders who live up to their promises.

# **Other Voices:** Guest Editorial **Historical Museum is** planning for a lively future

#### By Greg Kowalski

Hamtramck Historical Museum Executive Director

I found an Australian \$2 coin on Jos. Campau recently.

I wasn't surprised. We've had guests at the

Much of our city's history directly ties to the Polish immigrants who began arriving here in the early part of the 20th century. But even then, they weren't the only people to live here. Germans,

ly for a historical museum.

This will range from the Negro Baseball League, which has strong ties to Veterans Memorithe al Park, to Bangladeshi crafts, to the culture of the American Indians who once lived here.

These programs are go-

# dds & Ends

Food drive ... This Saturday, a Ramadan food drive will be held in the Hamtramck Town Center parking lot, located at Holbrook and Jos. Campau.

It starts at 1 p.m. and goes until the supplies run out. There is a limit of one food package per family. It is being sponsored by the Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote.

Charity hoops... OZ Media is once again sponsoring a charity basketball game in Dearborn, tonight (Friday, March 17) at 6 p.m.

The game will between Hamtramck and Dearborn. We're told Dearborn Mayor Abdullah Hammoud will be suiting up. Also planning on attending, but not playing, is Hamtramck Mayor Amer Ghalib.

The game is at Dearborn High School, 19501 W. Outer Dr. Adult tickets are \$10 and kids can get in for \$5. All proceeds will be donated to worthy causes in Yemen, Turkey and Syria.

Hamtramck's own Omar Thabet, who owns OZ Media, is an organizer.

**DIA exhibit...** They say the medium of print is a dinosaur, slowly returning to the muck from whence it first appeared.

A current exhibition of printmaking at the DIA begs to differ.

Oh, and did we mention that the exhibit is free, as part of the daily ticket?

And, by the way, if you're a resident of the tri-county (Wayne / Oakland / Macomb), your tax dollars are

Lynne Avadenka is the director of Signal-Return, a community letterpress printshop located in Eastern Market, and she is a book artist and printmaker in her own right. She has a piece in exhibit as well.

High school art ... The DIA has put out the call, once again, to local high school artists in Wayne County.

But you'll have to hurry to get your entries in for consideration – they stop taking them this year after March 23.

Julie McFarland, the DIA's executive director of Public Affairs and Engagement, stated, "We are excited to bring the Wayne County High School Art Exhibition back for a second year."

Last year, 84 pieces - representing the work of 60 Wayne County high school artists from across 21 different schools were chosen for the inaugural exhibition, from exactly twice that many entries.

This year, they'll make it even a tad more competitive, by choosing only 70 pieces for entry.

So, why should you sweat it out?

Well, if one or more of your pieces are chosen for the exhibition, you'll not only receive an invite to attend the swanky private opening event, you'll also receive a really cool print catalog of the exhibit.

Best of all, your works will be displayed for a full month, from June 16 to

Contact the DIA for more details.

Solidarity... A new memoir, put out by the Associated Press - and written by one of their own former editors, Sonya Zalubowski – chronicles the heady days of Lech Walesa and the Solidarity movement.

The book is titled, "Eye on Solidarity: Reporting a Turning Point in Poland and Finding My Roots."

One of the early and most significant movements that began the dismantling of the former Soviet Union. Solidarity. or "Solidarnosc," was a trade union formed on the docks at the Lenin Shipyards, located in the port of Gdansk, on the Black Sea, in northern Poland.

The writer gained entry to the country under the guise of a student visa, and was assisted in smuggling out the story, bit by bit, with the assistance of a diplomat in the U.S. embassy.

As the union began to flex their muscle with national strikes, and after seeing their ranks swell to some 10 million members and sympathizers, the Soviets rolled in the tanks and put on the economic squeeze, depriving the Poles of basic livables.

Undeterred, the union held a national convention, and this author was there to cover it all, at some peril to her own well-being.

Along the way, she tracked some personal history.

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Hamtramck Historical Museum from Australia, New Zealand, England, South Africa, France, Poland, Japan, Yemen, Bangladesh, Bosnia and other countries.

It's reflective of how diverse Hamtramck is today. People from around the world come here to visit; some even stay, putting down roots here.

Sometimes, I think we take that for granted.

For us, diversity is a part of the landscape of Hamtramck. But few towns in the nation are as religiously, culturally and socially diverse as we are, inside the mere 2.1 square miles that make up Hamtramck.

Hamtramck is an exciting place, but it also is a challenging one, especial-

African Americans, Russians; people from many countries have lived here. More recently, the city has experienced a new influx of immigrants, chiefly from Yemen and Bangladesh.

So how does a historical museum connect with this variety in a meaningful way? That's the chief challenge facing the Hamtramck Historical Museum today, and one that we are devoting great time and effort to study and address.

At least part of the answer, we have learned, is in our programming. In the coming months, and even years, you are going to see a spectrum of programs, presented at the museum, that will address the different cultures represented in Hamtramck.

ing to explore facets of Hamtramck's collective culture that have never been shown in such a manner before. We are developing creative ways of presenting our programs and exhibits that will be fresh and exciting.

And this is just a sampling of what is being planned as the museum explores new territory, and reveals faces of Hamtramck that are new or have long been overlooked. We are going to show you a Hamtramck that you may not know even exists, or ever existed.

I am very excited about the direction we are going, and the historical landscape we will explore together.

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getting you in free for the day pass as well. It just gets better!

The exhibit is titled "Printmaking in the Twenty-First Century," and features approximately 60 pieces, many of them already purchased by the museum.

The artists are both local and national, and work in a variety of styles, from older, more-organic methcomputer-aided ods to ones.

Two of the local artists with works being displayed are well-known about town.

Tyanna J. Bule is an assistant professor and section lead of printmaking at CCS, the College of Creative Studies situated just east of the DIA. They have a pair of pieces in the exJuly 16, to the public.

That means a tremendous amount of exposure and promotion.

And who knows? The DIA has been known to buy local artists works before.

It could happen to you.

resistance sounds vaguely familiar, well, it's no coincidence that the book appeared on Feb. 24, the one-year anniversary of the current Ukrainian conflict.

Solidarity, indeed.



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# **Historical Museum is** planning for a lively future

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Our goal is to take historical interpretation to a ical Museum is located new level as we reveal the story of Hamtramck and its remarkable past, and prepare for the future.

So hang on ... This is going to be a lively ride.

(The Hamtramck Historat 9525 Joseph Campau. Hours are, Fridays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; or by appointment.)



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# Notice of Public Hearing – City of Hamtramck

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NOTICE is hereby given The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to view and comment on the amendment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to the City Clerk at RFaraj@hamtramckcity.com.

The subject of the hearing is: Consider the proposed rezonings of multiple parcels on the south side of Caniff St. between Nagel Ave and Joseph Campau. These parcels are currently zoned R (Residential District) and the City administration seeks rezoning to C2 (Multi-Use District).

Parcel addresses: 1944 Caniff ; 2000 Caniff ; 2016/2024 Caniff ; 2042 Caniff ; 2048 Caniff ; 2054 Caniff ; 2114 Caniff ; 2120 Caniff ; 2132 Caniff ; 2360 Caniff ; 2650 Caniff ; 2600 Caniff

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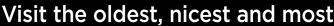
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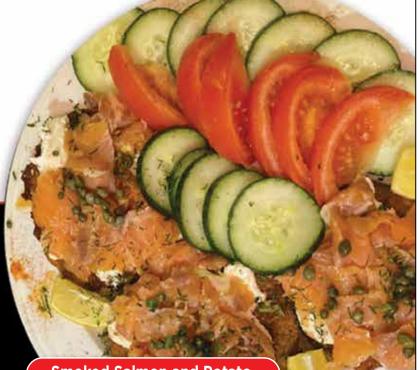
The City of Hamtramck will hold a public hearing for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWRF) loan for the City of Hamtramck lead service line replacement and water system improvements program. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Clean Water and Drinking Water System Improvements and to receive comments from interested parties. The hearing will be held during the Hamtramck City Council starting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Interested residents may attend the meeting at the City Council Chamber at the City of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

The public is invited to attend and comment or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Address written comments to City Clerk Rana Faraj and email them to rfaraj@hamtramckcity.com or mail them to: City Clerk, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212.

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### March 17, 2023

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#### By Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log

covers March 7-13.

### Tuesday, March 7

• A noise complaint was made in the 3400 block of Yemans.

• A juvenile in the 12000 block of Dequindre was reported to be a runaway.

• Officers investigated a report of a male running around outside in the 10000 block of Dequindre.

• A report was made, in the 1900 block of Edwin about a male passed out behind a steering wheel.

• Family trouble was reported on Yemans.

### Wednesday, March 8

Officers investigated
 a suspicious person in
 the 2000 block of Caniff.
 A theft was reported

on Faber.

• A Botsford St. resident reported a theft from their vehicle.

• A resident on St. Aubin reported an incident of fraud.

• A theft was reported on Hamtramck Dr.

• A hit-and-run accident was reported on Lumpkin near Holbrook.

• An assault was reported on Roosevelt.

• A suspicious incident was reported on Charest.

### Thursday, March 9

• A complaint was made about an unwanted guest in the 1900 block of Edwin.

• A person on Edwin reported being harassed.

• Family trouble was reported on Trowbridge.

• A theft was reported on Neibel.

• Multiple parking tickets were issued for cars parked in a bike lane on Jos. Campau. for drunk driving, having open intoxicants in their car, driving without a license, and for having an improper license plate.

• A hit-and-run accident happened on Denton.

• A disorderly person was reported on Conant and Caniff.

• A resident was arrested, in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau, for retail fraud, and for possessing drugs.

• A complaint was made about a large crowd gathered in the 11400 block of Charest.

• A Detroit resident was arrested for assault and obstruction.

#### Saturday, March 11

• Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 12100 block of Conant.

• An assault was reported in the 9500 block of Conant.

• Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

An assault was reported in the 2300 block of Caniff.

• A fight was reported in the area of Trowbridge and Jos. Campau.

### Sunday, March 12

• A male was arrested in the 3200 block of Holbrook for domestic violence.

• An unwanted guest was reported in the 10000 block of Dequindre.

• A male who caused trouble at a business in the 2000 block of Caniff was taken to a hospital for treatment.

• A neighbor dispute was reported in the 11500 block of Nagel.

• A theft was reported in the 9400 block of Conant.

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A domestic assault
 was reported on Evaline.
 A complaint was
 made about disorderly juveniles on Casmere.

• A person was arrested on Selfridge for domestic assault.

#### Friday, March 10

• Gunshots were reported inside a building in the 8600 block of Jos. Campau.

A male was arrested is

• An assault was reported in the 3200 block of Holbrook.

#### Monday, March 13

• An assault was reported in the 3800 block of Caniff.

• Officers investigating two suspicious males reported to be looking into vehicles in the area of Conant and Trowbridge arrested a juvenile for obstruction.

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# **Coming Events**

**SATURDAY, March 25, 4-6 p.m.** – Drive-thru Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. \$12 Adult/\$6 Children 12 & under. Menu: Pork chop, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Stewed Cabbage (Bigos), Mashed Potatoes/gravy, Dessert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church.

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