

Quick Hits

Take a hike for

There are usually few

things nicer than a May

weekend day in Southeast

Michigan. So, why let things

get away with being that

You see, you could

choose to hike it for health

– as in, the annual Ham-

This year is the 14th

time it's being held, and the

event is overseen by the

Hamtramck Drug Free Com-

munity Coalition, a program

of the Piast Institute here in

The event this year will

be held on Saturday, May

20, from 9:30 a.m. until

noon, beginning and ending

at Zussman Park in front

of city hall (3401 Evaline

St.). Show up early, be one

of the first 350 people to

tramck Health Hike.

Hamtramck.

your health

By Alan Madlane

easy?

By Charles Sercombe

American Axle & Manufacturing might be returning a portion of their business back onto Hamtramck soil.

The auto manufacturer is "considering" – according to a Crain's Detroit Business report – creating a \$460 million electric vehicle research and supply park next to its headquarters.

If the plan comes to fruition, Hamtramck could, "could" being the key word, once again collect property and income taxes from the company.

Asked about the possibility, City Manager Max Garbarino was succinct in saying: "We shall see."

Hamtramck's relationship with American Axle has taken several twists and turns in the past.

Back in 2013, in our article about the death of American Axle founder Richard "Dick" Dauch, we



The city lost tax money several years ago when American Axle & Manufacturing demolished its plant on the Hamtramck side of the Detroit border. The company is now considering to expand its site back into Hamtramck to get into the EV market.

Axle plant, which GM had planned to close down.

At the time, Dauch promised union workers that he would honor their contracts, and persuaded many to stick with him and not transfer to another GM plant. Union workers largely supported Dauch.

Dauch and his investors went on to turn the and closed businesses that had surrounded the plant's complex.

Dauch's aim was to make the complex more like a campus. The company built its world headquarters at the site of Holbrook and the I-75 service drive, another sign that he was committed to Detroit.

Hamtramck benefitted

the years.

But things took a sharp turn in 2008, when UAW workers went on strike. After six months of a bitter standoff, the workers agreed to a 50-percent pay cut. Dauch was rewarded with a several million dollar bonus.

Shortly after settling, the company unexpected-

Charter changes hit a snag

By Charles Sercombe

The State of Michigan is saying 'not so fast' about three ballot proposals the city council wants voters to consider.

In a not-unusual move, the state is insisting on minor changes in the language of the ballot proposals, which is something a number of cities stumble over.

City Manager Max Garbarino said he would come back with the modified changes in the coming weeks. He did not specify what changes the state is seeking.

The council wants these three changes to the charter, which was adopted in 2004 – replacing the city's original charter from 1922.

Councilmembers are seeking a pay raise from \$3,249 a year to \$9,749.

The mayor pro tem's increase would go from \$4,874 to \$11,374 per year. Councilmember Mohammed Hassan is the current mayor pro tem, whose duty is to chair council meetings when the mayor is absent, as well as fill in for the mayor as needed. Finally, for the mayor, the current salary of \$6,499 a year would go up to \$12,998.

register, and get some nifty swag (howzabout a T-shirt, some lunch, and raffle tickets?).

All ages are encouraged to participate.

As to the event itself, well, you don't have to be a championship runner to join in – you can run, jog, race-walk, walk or otherwise locomote yourself with your legs. It's a lot of fun, and it's all about raising awareness for healthier living.

And they'll time it this year, so if you're the competitive type, you can check your time against that of others.

To register online today, go to: https://runsignup. com/Race/MI/Hamtramck/HealthHike

You can even register up through the day of the race, and even after it's started.

So, come on out, and join your neighbors in some fun for a cause.

You never know, you might win that raffle to boot.

reported: Back in 1993, Rich-

ard Dauch was hailed as a hero for purchasing the failing Chevy Gear & plant around and make it profitable. He also won the praise of local officials for tearing down dozens of blighted houses greatly from the plant's existence, as part of it was located in the city. That produced millions of dollars in property taxes over ly closed down the plant and transferred work to its Mexico location.

After that 2009 closure, **Continued on page 2**

Taking Care of Business... It's Showtime!

By Charles Sercombe

For rock-n-rollers, there has been one go-to shop for clothing for many years.

We're talking about Showtime Clothing, and its Facebook page says everything you need to know about what kind of clothing in particular: "It's like an L.A. 'rock store' without the drive." For years, proprietor Dan Tatarian has been dressing rockers and other performers since 1981 – with a two-year break living in New York City – at his various outlets in the

Wayne State area, and lastly on Woodward in what's called "Midtown" these days.

He got chased out of that location several years ago when the Q Line was being constructed. Well, not kicked out by the powers-that-be, but rather by the inconvenience of the construction and its encroachment on his business.

Flash forward to today, and Dan is back in business, this time in Hamtramck, at 9704 Jos. Campau between Evaline **Continued on page 2** The total increase for the council and mayor is \$45,500 for the year.

The yearly salaries are based on a percentage of the governor's salary. For council, it's currently 2 percent, for the mayor pro tem it's 3 percent and for the mayor, 4 percent.

The changes, if approved, would move that to 6, 7, and 8 percent respectively.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, who is mayor pro tem, proposed the changes, and justified the increases because **Continued on page 2**





Dan Tatarian has re-located his popular store Showtime Clothing here in Hamtramck.

American Axle 'considering' major redevelopment of its site

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the other shoe dropped for Hamtramck. The city realized it would lose \$500,000 a year in taxes formerly collected from the plant.

The company's closure also coincided with the ending of a tax abatement Hamtramck had granted it.

That bit of history has also fueled anti-tax abatement advocates here in Hamtramck, who have argued against any future tax abatements.

However, city officials have ignored those protests in recent months and OK'd tax abatements for two redevelopment projects.

These recent abatements are different from earlier models. Instead of the city cutting property taxes, often in half, the property taxes in these two cases will remain the same for a number of years, and then adjust up to where they should be after the redevelopment

is completed.

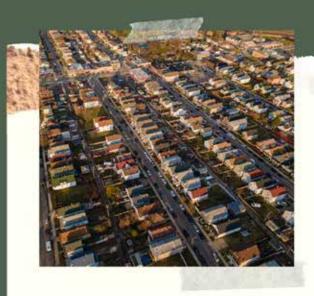
For the city, it means blighted buildings will be repurposed, and new businesses will be locating here – a far better deal than with the old-style tax agreements.

As of now, the area that once housed manufacturing plants at the American Axle site is being used by auto manufacturers as a place to park their unsold pick-up trucks and yet-tobe fleshed-out chassis.



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MUSLIM FAMILY SERVICES Free Iftar At Our Food Pantry



Charter changes hit a snag

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the cost of living has inhere. creased.

"It's not only money, it's charter change would time and respect," Hassan said.

Another change in the charter would remove the restriction of making councilmembers and the mayor wait at least two years before being appointed as city manager to a mayor who wants to

And the third would-be strike down the requirement for a councilmember who wants to run for mayor to first resign from council no later than 60 days prior to the filing

deadline to run for mayor. The same would apply

run for council while still in office.

In both instances, no resignation is needed if they are in the last year of their term.

If the modified changes in the ballot proposal are made in time, voters will have their say on the matter in the August Primary Election.

Taking Care of Business... It's Showtime! Continued from front page

and Norwalk

Showtime offers plenty of pants, shirts, jewelry, shoes and gear for stage performers of all stripes.

Need a pair of leather pants or a new leather bike jacket? Step on in.

Any magicians out there? If so, and you need a top hat to pull a rabbit out of, Showtime has you covered.

Musicians who are on the run can even grab guitar strings, drum sticks and other items. Eventually, there will be live performances upstairs in the store.

We caught up with Dan recently on a cold and gray Saturday afternoon, and chit-chatted about his retail journey and even things like the city's parking meter system (his customers are struggling with them like everyone else).

Take it away, Dan.

Review: How did you get involved in the clothing business?

Dan: When I was younger, I spent all my money on clothes. I've met a lot of great people in the business.

One of the great people he met was the legendary Detroit clothing retail trend setter, Mark Keller.

He was kind of a mentor, Dan said.

Review: Why locate in Hamtramck?

Dan: I like the different ethnic groups, Blacks, Arabs, Asian, Polish – I love them all.

Review: Do you offer online shopping for those who live outside of the metro area?

Dan: No. The corporate world wants us to shop on the internet. I want to keep all the small businesses in business. I want community.

Review: Any advice to

would-be retailers?

Dan: Just do it. You'll be successful eventually. There's no failing, just learning.

Review: Advice to shoppers?

Dan: Some people don't understand the difference between quality and a cheap piece.

Review: Parting comment?

Dan: I try to take care of my customers. Just don't give me s--!

(Showtime Clothing is open on Fridays and Saturdays, starting at 11 a.m.)



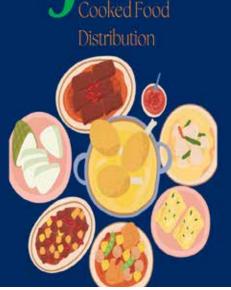
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April 14, 2023 This week at the Library

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.

Group Exercise: The classes are currently on spring brake but will return in May on a new schedule; Adaptive Yoga on Tuesdays at 3 pm and Tai Chi on Fridays at 10 am. Classes limited to 10 individuals.

Focus on Military: Are you a member of a Michigan family that has a military background? Consider streaming the Library of Michigan's next ZOOM presentation on Thursday, May 4th, at 6:30 pm. The hosts will be discussing the variety of military-focused print resources available in the LOM's collections. Register for this event by visiting www. michigan.gov//lmpublicprograms and weatch the full schedule of monthly ZOOM programs

Together we read: It is an online book club. 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 www.togetherweread.com/us/ a visit.

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.

Sean Gaskell Concert: This music event is scheduled for May 10th, 2023 at 5:30 pm. in the library's main hall. This acoustic style music experience showcases the kora (African harp).

Monthly Meeting of Library Board: The next meeting of the Library Board will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm. in the library's main hall.

Alzheimer's & Dementia: As many families find themselves caring for loved ones with mental decline, we would like to inform you of these upcoming presentations. Please join us for a pair of evenings with representatives from the Alzheimer's Association. Keeping you body healthy helps to maintain a sharp mind, as well. Give us a visit on Tuesday, July 18th at 6 pm for an overview of the research into diet, nutrition, exercise, social engagement, and cognitive activity that supports healthy aging. Then, consider attending the conversation highlighting differences between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and factors, current research, and resources available which will take place on Tuesday, August 15th at 6 pm.

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

City officials OK the purchase of a street sweeper

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is getting back in the street sweeping business.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, the city administration got the green light to purchase a street sweeping truck.

For the past few years, the city has relied on a private contractor to do the job, but only major streets were cleaned a few times a month, and secondary streets received one sweeping per month.

There had been a number of complaints about the quality of work by the contractor.

The city was spending \$60,000 a season. The new sweeper the city will purchase will cost \$330,000, which will come out of the city's road fund.

City Manager Max Garbarino said the sweeper will pay for itself in a few years.

"So buying our own, providing better service, and more sweeping, makes good sense for us," Garbarino told The Review.

The truck is a regenerative air street sweeper, which according to Carolina Industrial Equipment, are the "most environmentally-friendly street sweepers."

"Since these machines air-blast the pavement across the entire width of the sweeping head, regenerative air sweepers tend to do a better job of cleaning over the entire covered surface," said CIE in its website.

The city's truck is made by Elgin and sold through the Bell Equipment Company, located in Lake Orion in Michigan.

John DeAngelis, the director of Public Services for Hamtramck, said the truck will arrive sometime in June. The truck will also be able to clean out sewer catch basins, which will save the city thousands of dollars being paid to a contractor for that service. "It's a multipurpose vehicle that will offer us a lot of benefits," DeAngelis

said. This isn't the first time the city got into the street

sweeping business. In the 1990s, the administration of then-Mayor Gary Zych purchased one, but his political opponents, which were many, said he had purchased the wrong kind.

His critics insisted that the street sweeper he purchased was made for cleaning highways, but those in the street sweeping truck industry said, at the time, they had never heard of the separate designation of a "highway"-type sweeper.

Some 30 years have passed since then, and there are still those who are critical of the city purchasing a sweeper.

Several weeks ago, former City Councilmember Carrie Beth Lasley submitted an email to the city council regarding the proposal.

At the time, she said the purchase of a street sweeper would be a "waste of money," and one that "aggravates your constituents" when the city tries to get people to move their cars on the day that their street will

be swept.

Getting residents to move their vehicles has been a bugaboo for the city, despite signs being posted days before a street was to be swept.

Residents have countered, saying that there is nowhere else to park their cars.

Some have suggested a solution to this problem is to ticket or tow away cars that are still parked on the street on the day it's to be swept. That's sure to go over big with residents.

But DeAngelis told the city council that as residents get used to a schedule, they will cooperate eventually.

"There will be a learning curve," he said.

Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiro recommended that tickets with a \$100 fine should be issued to those who do not comply.

Despite the division of opinions on the matter, there is one thing residents do agree on: the city's streets are filthy, and something needs to be done about it.



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9:30 am

Blessing of Food Baskets 11:00 only

Apr. 10 – Holy Mass (In Polish –

Msza Św. w j. polskim) 10 am

Apr. 11 – Holy Mass 9 am



Covid update: A 'roadmap' on dealing with future outbreaks

By Charles Sercombe The U.S. government has a battle plan for future COVID-19 outbreaks and developments.

It's called the National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. In a statement released by the White House, it was said the plan would "enable Amer-

roadmap to help us fight have to protect ourselves COVID-19 in the future as we begin to get back to our more normal routines. We look to a future when Americans no longer fear lockdowns, shutdowns, and our kids not quote according to the going to school."

The plan has a fourpronged approach.

and our loved ones from vaccines, to tests, to treatments, to masks, and more."

Here's a synopsis of what each does, and we government's statement:

Prepare for new variants: "The CDC will con-



ica to move forward safely, sustaining and building on the progress we've made over the past 13 months.

"This plan lays out the

"As the country emerges from the Omicron wave, our path forward relies on maintaining and continually enhancing the numerous tools we now

tinue to improve COVID-19 data collection, reporting, and analysis so America is better informed and ready to respond to new **Continued on page 4**



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variants.

"And if new variants emerge, the federal government will leverage established playbooks to assess a new variant's impact on our vaccines, treatments, and tests, and rapidly deploy the tools, personnel, and resources Americans need. America will also retain a significant stockpile of tools to combat COVID-19 that remain ready for deployment."

Prevent economic and educational shutdowns: "The path forward in the fight against COVID-19 is clear: schools, workers, and workplaces have resources and guidance to prevent shutdowns."

Continue to lead the effort to vaccinate the world and save lives: "Fighting this virus abroad is key to America's effort to protect people and stay ahead of new variants.

"To do so, we will continue to lead in providing vaccines to the world, helping to get those vaccines into arms, and deploying emergency supplies to countries experiencing surges in COVID-19. We will also continue to advance sustainable capacity and financing for health security to fight COVID-19 variants."

In other developments, the number of new covid cases last week in Hamtramck is four, according to county health officials. That brings the total number of cases for the past three years up to 6,057.

The number of deaths from the disease for this period remains at 82.

School Bell

HPS in the news

Hamtramck Public Schools (HPS) recently announced that 37 students from the Class of 2023 earned a Michigan Seal of Biliteracy. This recognition is for high school graduates who exhibit language proficiency, verified by the Michigan Department of Education, in English and at least one additional world language. Out of the 37 recipients, 23 speak Bengali, 13 speak Arabic and one speaks Bosnian.

"At Hamtramck Public Schools, our mission is to ensure each student leaves with a sharper mind and a greater love of learning," said HPS Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed in a press release. "We are proud of these 37 students for dedicating time and energy to achieve bilingual or multilingual excellence this year." HPS waived all fees associated with the ALTA Language Services testing requirements to ensure there were no barriers to students looking to earn a Seal. The evaluation had two parts: listening/speaking and writing. Additionally, students must also demonstrate Intermediate High School proficiency on Michigan Department of Education-approved world language assessments and meet the English Language Requirements for graduation. "The Seal of Biliteracy

requires district, teacher, leadership and familial commitment," continued Superintendent Ahmed. "Bilingualism and multilingualism are an incredible asset to students and schools and we are so proud of the prevalence of multiple languages, cultures and identities within Hamtramck Public Schools."

To learn more about Hamtramck Public Schools, visit Hamtramck-Schools.org.

DECA

Congratulations to Hamtramck High School's DECA chapter for a successful year of development and growth! Six members will attend the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Florida at the end of April. DECA is a program that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in high school and college around the world for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Students compete in various projects or scenarios in the field/topic of their choice. Join us in celebrating Naser Karim, Amy Panczysyzn, and Farisa Zarin for their work on the "Chapter Award", and Tasmi Chowdhury, Christian Floyd and Syeda Khatun for their work at the school store and wishing them all good luck at ICDC later this month.

- Award Winning Lego Program
- Award Winning Robotics Program
- District & State DECA Competitions
- National Honor Society
- Full Sports Program
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Summer Recreation Programs
- Technology & Career Prep Courses

- Honors & Advance Placement Classes
- Dual Enrollment
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11680 McDougall (313) 591-7410 Pre K – 2nd Grades

Holbrook Elementary

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3225 Caniff (313) 591-7404 9th - 12th Grades Place an Ad in The Review Today Call (313) 874-2100

In Our Opinion Is buying a street sweeper the answer?

It's been about 30 years since the city had its own street sweeping truck.

At that time, Hamtramck was locked in political turmoil, and those who opposed the mayor (who favored having a sweeper) at that time heavily criticized the purchase of a truck.

Flash forward to today, and city officials are unanimous in wanting to purchase a sweeper. Why?

There has been ongoing criticism that the city's contractor for sweeping the streets

has not been doing a good job.

Purchasing the truck will give the city the ability hit the streets more often, advocates say.

But one obstacle remains. How do you get residents to move their cars on the day their street is scheduled to be swept?

With parking extremely limited here, it's next to impossible to get people to move their vehicles. And it's not residents who are purposely being stubborn, folks. The problem for many is: 'Move my car to where'?

There's also the question of cost for the sweeper – they're not cheap, and neither is the cost of upkeep. However, the cost of a contractor for a season is \$60,000 and the cost of the truck is \$330,000. In a few years, the truck will pay for itself.

We think it's worth another try for the city to undertake its own street sweeping duties, and we are confident that sooner or later, we can get enough residents to cooperate on moving their vehicles.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial Three HPS students head to state MDOT design challenge

By Jaleelah Ahmed HPS Superintendent

Hamtramck students consistently demonstrate their innovation and intelligence in classrooms and extracurricular activities.

This month, three Hamtramck High School students were selected to compete in the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Design and Build Bridge Challenge.

The Design and Build Bridge Challenge is part of the MDOT Transportation and Civil Engineering Program, developed to introduce students to the variety of career opportunities 20 teams from the entire state of Michigan. This year, the challenge was to build a tied arch (bowstring) bridge.

The competition introduces a variety of math and science concepts as well as allows students to identify and evaluate the social and environmental impacts associated with the development of new transportation systems within their communities.

Students Farhana Begum, Uday Parom and Nazma Begum spent the past several months building their bridge, closely following guidelines that known as "Cosmos Builders," will be attending the statewide competition at the Lansing Center on April 27.

Winners will be eligible for college scholarships in civil engineering and other STEM careers. We are so proud of these three bright students and their achievements thus far and know they will represent the Hamtramck Community well in April.

We are especially proud that this news comes during Women's History Month, as two out of three members of the Cosmos Builders team are young

Odds & Ends

Frania (Frances) Furmaniak

Vote Michigan organiza-

Here's what the organi-

"APIAVote-MI is proud

zation had to say about it:

and grateful to serve our

community by providing

decorations that reflect

the qualities and tradi-

tions of Ramadan," said

Rebeka Islam, Executive

Director, APIAVote-MI. "It

is important to ensure

that every community

holiday can have its own

method of expression in

celebration, as we gather

The organization also

thanks Aynaa Events and

Decor LLC., City of Ham-

tramck, Lynn Blasey for

Hamtramck and their en-

tire team for making this

Expungement update...

The State of Michigan re-

cently gave an update on

the state's "Clean Slate"

program, the program to

help those with misde-

meanor and certain felony

convictions expunge their

records in order to move

According to a press re-

"Michigan State Police

are launching a new auto-

lease issued this week:

on with their lives.

together."

possible.

tion for arranging them.

Condolences... Our heart and prayers go out to the family of Frania (Frances) Furmaniak who for many years volunteered at the Queen of Apostles food pantry.

Frania died recently at the age of 101, and until just a few years ago she had still been volunteering at the food pantry where she cooked for the soup kitchen as well.

We visited her last year as she celebrated her 100th birthday. At that time, we asked

what kept her going. "Work all the time

and keep busy," is what she told us. Words to live by, indeed. Hamtramck has lost a

generous and giving soul.

Free parking... On Wednesday, the city announced that there is free parking at meters from Friday, April 14 through Sunday, April 23 for Ramadan.

Play ball... Baseball season has already started at the Hamtramck Stadium.

Here's the schedule for this month:

• Monday, April 17, Lincoln King games & LL Diamond, 3-7p.m.

• Thursday, April 20, Hamtramck High School vs. S.L.A. High School, 3-6 p.m.

• Saturday, April 22, USSSA Battle of the Bats Tournament, 8a.m. to 7 p.m.

• Sunday, April 23, USS-SA Battle of the Bats Tournament, 3-5 p.m.

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"My department has been travelling the state for years, hosting expungement fairs to help eligible residents clear their records in the hopes of improving employment and housing eligibility, as well as significantly reducing the chances of that resident winding up back in the court system.

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"Today, that process becomes a whole lot easier. I am grateful to our partners in law enforcement and the legislature who have worked diligently alongside us to make expungements more accessible to the Michigan public. These efforts will undoubtedly lead to a stronger state."

Eligible residents may have up to four misdemeanors punishable by 93 days or more automatically expunged once 7 years have elapsed since the date of the imposition of a sentence.

There is no limit on the number of misdemeanors punishable by less than 93 days that may be automatically expunged following the same waiting period.

For the eligible (non-violent) felonies, up to two convictions may be automatically expunged following 10 years after either the date of the imposition of the sentence, or the completion of any term of imprisonment with Michigan Department of Corrections – whichever occurs later.

There are several additional requirements for a conviction to be eligible

available in the engineering field.

The competition allows Michigan high school students to be recognized for their skills and showcase their work to a statewide audience.

This event is open to all ninth and tenth-grade students but only accepts required them to design a bridge that would ultimately be tested for strength-toweight ratio.

They used a provided kit with balsa wood, wood glue, string and Bently PowerDraft Student Software to construct the bridge.

The Hamtramck High School team, proudly

women. Farhana and Nazma are serving as wonderful role models for fellow HPS students to pursue their interests and passions.

For more information on upcoming efforts and initiatives, please visit the district website at www. hamtramckschools.org Hamtramck High School vs. Arbor Prep High School, 3-6 p.m.

• Saturday, April 29, USSSA May Day Classic Tournament, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• Sunday, April 30, USS-SA May Day Classic Tournament, 8a.m. to 5 p.m.

Looking good... Have you noticed those Ramadan celebration banners on Jos. Campau and Conant?

We can thank the Asian Pacific Islander American

matic expungement program, which will search the state's Criminal Historical Record database system daily for eligible convictions to automatically expunge.

"It is anticipated that over 1 million residents will receive automatic expungements on this, the first day of the program's rollout, and 400,000 residents are expected to end the day completely conviction free.

Also, state Attorney General Dana Nessel had for automatic expungement, including the requirement that the resident not have any criminal charges pending against them. The Michigan State Police will pass on information about any convictions which have been automatically expunged to the court system on a daily basis.

Residents who believe they qualify for automatic expungement can check the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (IChat)

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Boys Baseball Schedule 2023

All games start at 4:30 p.m.

- 4-17 Hamtramck vs. UPSM/ABT (away)
- 4-20 Star vs. Hamtramck (home)
- 4-24 Hamtramck vs. Ceaser Cheavez (away)
- 4-27 Arbor Prep vs. Hamtramck (D.H., home)
- 5-1 D.C.H. vs. Hamtramck (home)
- 5-4 Hamtramck vs. River Rouge (away)
- 5-8 UPSM/ABT vs. Hamtramck (home)
- 5-11 J.R.L.A. vs. Hamtramck (D.H., home)
- 5-15 Make Up Days
- 5-18 Semi Finals
- 5-20 Finals/Conf. Games

Head Coach: Dave Farver Assistant Coach: Daniel Gubin

Lady Cosmos Girls Soccer Schedule

All Games Start Times Are 4:30 p.m.

4-14 Lady Cosmos vs. Dearborn ATA (away)

- 4-19 River Rouge vs. Lady Cosmos (home)
- 4-21 Cass Tech vs. Hamtramck (home)
- 4-26 Taylor Prep vs. Lady Cosmos (home)
- Lady Cosmos vs. River Rouge (away) 5-3
- 5-10 Dearborn ATA vs. Lady Cosmos (home)

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Wayne County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) makes funding available to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utility bills.

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What can this program cover? Utilities

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- 5-17 Lady Cosmos vs. Taylor Prep (away)
- 5-19 Lady Cosmos vs. Rudolf Steiner (Ann Arbor, away, 6 p.m.)
- 5-24 Thurston Lady vs. Cosmos (home)

EMERGENCY

To be eligible:

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The Look...

By Suraj Bhamra

her veil dancing against

one another and getting

darker with each brush of

The cane sways like a

metronome in front of the

boy, lightly tracing the pe-

their fingers.





rimeter of a raised curb A woman and child until the woman notices walk in rhythmic unison, me and quickly pulls him his silhouette rising and in closer by the wrist, falling softly over her leaving me just enough shoulder with each step, time to catch her eyes the shades of black in and slink past them with

shutter. (Suraj Bhamra is a Detroit-area photographer who specializes in street photography.)

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Here's what the museum folks have to say about the event:

Think "Hamtramck" and baseball probably will not be the first thing that pops into your head. Yet this unique enclave of Detroit has an amazing association with America's Favorite Pastime. From kids playing in sandlots, to the Negro League, to Little League and Pony League to professional ballplayers, Hamtramck has sent them all out onto the fields in Hamtramck. In the early days, they literally played on fields that had just a few years earlier produced wheat and corn. That blossomed into real ballfields where youngsters and adults honed their baseball skills. Along the way, Hamtramck hosted the Negro League (one of the remaining few stadiums where the Negro League played is still in use in Hamtramck), and produced the 1959 Little League and 1961 Pony League World Champion teams. And some local players, like Steve Gromek and Tom Paciorek among others, even played in the pros, including for the Detroit Tigers. You can get the full ros-



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webpage to view their public record. There is a \$10 fee to do so; residents will need to use a valid debit or credit card.

Those residents with convictions which do not qualify for automatic expungement may still be able to go through the traditional expungement application process, provided that the requirements for that process are met.

For more information about expungements in the state of Michigan, visit the Department of Attorney General expungement webpage.

Tax time... The deadline to file your income tax to the federal and state government is coming up fast - this coming Tuesday, April 18.

"Although this year's individual income tax season is rapidly coming to a close, there is still time to file your return," said State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks in a press release.

"Taxpayers who owe taxes should make their payments on time to avoid penalties and interest. I encourage those taxpayers who may be owed a

refund to not wait to file their returns."

Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file a return beyond the April 18 deadline can request an extension to Oct. 16, 2023.

Taxpayers requesting additional time to file should estimate their tax liability and pay any taxes owed by April 18, 2023, to avoid additional interest and penalties.

Individuals who are low-income, have disabilities or are 60 years of age or older may qualify for free tax preparation help from IRS-certified volunteers. For information about free tax help, go to irs.treasury.gov/ freetaxprep or dial 2-1-1. By the way, Hamtramck also has an income tax. For residents, it's 1 percent of your income, and for non-residents who work here it's a 1/2 per-

Hamtramck's deadline to file is April 30.

cent.

Reminder... The Hamtramck Historical Museum has a special presentation, called "Play Baseball" coming up on this Sunday, April 16.

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Hamtramck Review



By Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log covers April 4-10.

Tuesday, April 4

 An incident of fraud was reported in the 2200 block of Evaline.

 Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 3000 block of Caniff. Family trouble was

reported in the 12000 block of Dequindre.

 Officers investigating a report of reckless driving, in the area of Dequindre near Commor, located the vehicle in question and saw the suspects run away. The vehicle had been stolen out of Detroit.

Wednesday, April 5

• A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 2300 block of Goodson.

· Family trouble was reported in the 3200 block of Caniff.

• A theft was reported in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.

· A suspicious situation was reported in the 11300 block of Moran.

 Thefts were reported in the 3200 block of Hanley, and in the 2300 block of Commor.

• A report was made about a child walking away from their home in the 2300 block of Holmes.

• A disorderly customer was reported at a business in the 10300 block of Jos. Campau.

Thursday, April 6

· A Detroit resident reported that their laptop was stolen from their parked car, at Conant near Harold.

· A loose dog was reported in the area of Conant and Holbrook.

A resident on Jacob

Caniff, for being disorderly.

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· A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 8800 block of Lumpkin.

 Neighbor trouble was reported in the 11700 block of Sobieski.

· Gunshots were reported in the 2900 block of Trowbridge.

• A hit-and-run accident happened in the area of Latham and Holbrook.

Saturday, April 8

· A noise complaint was made in the area of Lumpkin and Commor.

· Family trouble was reported in both the 12000 block of Dyar and in the 11600 block of McDougall.

· An attempted breakin was reported in the 2600 block of Holbrook.

 Officers investigated a report of a man in the 2600 block of Edwin cutting down a tree.

 A reckless driver was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Danforth.

Sunday, April 9

 A triple shooting was reported in the 2900 block of Carpenter.

 Officers investigated a suspicious person in the 2700 block of Holbrook.

 Officers investigated an incident involving the violation of a court restraining order.

Monday, April 10

 Officers, investigating a claim of a stolen car in the 2600 block of Carpenter, determined that the owner was intoxicated and had forgotten where he parked his car.

 A male reported that he was being followed, in the 3400 block of Evaline, by a suspicious vehicle.

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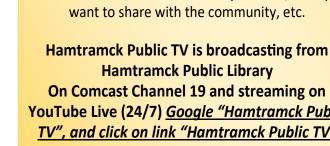
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St. reported an incident of fraud.

• A suspicious person was reported at Yemans and Lumpkin.

 A robbery was reported in the 2300 block of Carpenter.

· Family trouble was reported in the 1900 block of Belmont.

Friday, April 7

 Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 10300 block of Conant.

A noise complaint was made in the area of Gallagher and Doremus.

• Following a traffic stop, a driver was arrested for drunk driving, driving with a suspended license and for child endangerment.

• A break-in was reported on Dyar.

· A resident was arrested, in the 2000 block of

• A business in the 2000 block of Caniff reported that a man was bothering customers.

• An employee at a business in the 2000 block of Caniff flagged down officers about a woman needing help.

 A noise complaint was made in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the 2900 block of Evaline. Also, a neighbor dispute was reported in that block.

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

 A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 8500 block of Lumpkin.

 Following a traffic stop, a person was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, and for other misdemeanor offenses.



Odds & Ends

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ter of Hamtramck teams and players at the "Play Ball! Baseball in Hamtramck" exhibit at the



Hamtramck Historical Museum. Opening day for the exhibit will be Sunday, April 16, 1-4 pm, at the museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. It's free.

Baseball bats, autographed baseballs, cards, assorted memorabilia and many photos will highlight the exhibit. And, there will be some special features, including a mini re-creation of the seats in original Tiger Stadium, along with genuine chairs. A custom-made mural by artist Dennis Orlowski will serve as a backdrop.

And this will be a presentation that goes be-

yond artifacts. We'll look at the players from a personal standpoint.

Former Detroit Tiger Ike Blessitt will be on hand to sign autographs at the opening. Greg Gromek, son of the late Steve Gromek, will also be there. And, to add extra flavor to the occasion, special "baseball food," including hot dogs (with some ethnic variations), chips, nachos and more will be available for purchase.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

For more information, call (313) 690-9390. Email hamtramckhistory@ gmail.com.

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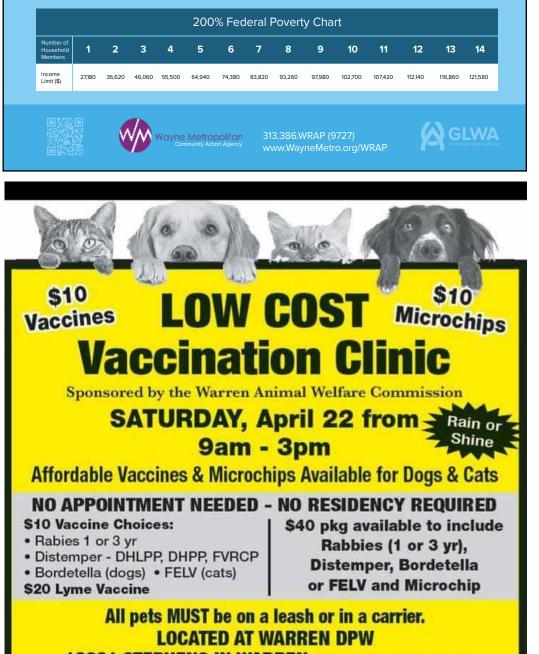
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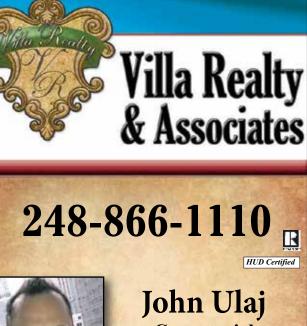


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