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# **Quick Hits**

# **Mayor and** council get special honor

### **By Charles Sercombe**

Mayor Amer Ghalib and city councilmembers are about to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event.

They are going to the White House to meet with President Biden in a celebration of Eid.

The mayor and city council appear to be a first in this nation: They are all of the Muslim faith, and represent the growing Muslim community here in Hamtramck.

Plenty of media outlets have descended on Hamtramck to cover this milestone in the last few years.

And now, the mayor and council have the rare honor of being guests at the White House to meet the president.

Hamtramck continues to be the exceptional community we all know that it is.

The last time city officials had the honor to visit the White House and meet the president was back in the 1970s when Jimmy Carter was in office. They went to the White House in hopes of receiving financial help in the wake of the city's then top-taxpayer the dodge Main plant abruptly clos-Continued on page 4

# — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Bike lane critics, you have a political ally in high places

By Charles Sercombe

Critics of Hamtramck's bike lane, you are not alone.

U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-Utah) also has strong words against them, saying they are "the height of stupidity."

In this case, Romney was talking about proposals that would support e-bike sales.

One of the most vocal bike lane critics in Hamtramck is Bill Meyer, who has said the bike lane in the southend, specifically at Jos. Campau and Goodson, has hurt businesses because they have lost customer parking.

"Parking is primary, not bicycles," Meyer said at a recent city council meeting.

He further went on to disparage the bike lane, saying: "What the heck are we ... going to wipe out all the parking spac-



There has been steady criticism of the city's new bike lane in the area of Jos. Campau and Goodson where a few businesses lost customer parking. City officials say there is little the city can do to alter the route.

es, and let people park in of Hamtramck." Highland Park?"

non-profit group called OneHamtramck that describes itself as "an independent non-govprogressive ernmental organization dedicated to bringing communities together in the diverse city

Meyer heads up a tion is part of a multi-city complete. project called the Joe Louis Greenway, which is a 27-mile bike/walking path that connects Hamtramck to Detroit, Dearborn and Highland Park.

This is mostly a federally-funded multi-million dol-

lar project that is expect-The bike lane in gues- ed to take a few years to

> Hamtramck is still finalizing its plan for the path. As of now, it comes down Jos. Campau, on the west side, from Carpenter to Caniff, where it is proposed to jog over to the

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# **Candidates** line up for election

**By Charles Sercombe** 

Hamtramck's three city councilmembers who are seeking re-election will have some challengers to face.

City Councilmembers Mohammed Alsomiri, Mohammed Hassan and Nayeem Choudhury are facing challengers Lynn Blasey, Muhtasin Sadman, Nasr Hussain, Ruhel Amin, Sari Ahmed, Yousef Saed, and Armani

Blasey, who has sought a seat on council before, is the only woman in the field of candidates.

Asad has also run for office in previous elec-

Hussain has been a frequent critic of city officials, and is a former member of the Hamtramck Public School District Board of Education.

All candidates, except for Blasey, paid a \$100 filing fee instead of submitting nominating petitions with the signatures of registered Hamtramck voters.

Candidates had until this Friday to pull out of the election, which was the day after The Review went to press.

The terms are four years each.

The number of candidates running will require a primary election in August, where the field gets reduced to six candidates who will then faceoff in November.

Choudhury wasted no time in announcing his re-election effort. At Tues-

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# The lore of Hamtramck



Back in the 1970s, city officials visited the White House and met with President Carter to seek financial help for the city.

# Another meeting with another president

By Greg Kowalski

"Wow!"

That summed up the meeting the Hamtramck Common Council members and the Mayor had with the president in his office. Only it wasn't uttered by any visiting Hamtramck official, it was the first thing President Jimmy Carter said when then-Mayor Robert Koza-

ren strode into the Oval Office in the White House.

Kozaren, who topped six-foot-seven, had little difficulty impressing people with his large presence – even presidents.

**Current Hamtramck City** Council members, along with Mayor Amer Ghalib, will have a chance to make their own impression with their planned





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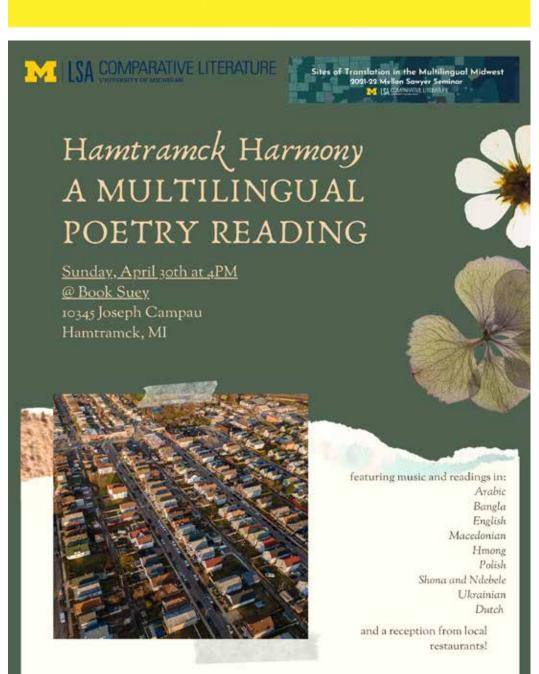
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# Another meeting with another president

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visit with President Joe Biden soon, but they will not be breaking new ground.

In February, 1980, several city officials were invited to meet with President Carter and discuss the plight that Hamtramck was in at the time.

The Dodge Main factory had closed, and Hamtramck was teetering on the edge of bankruptcy. Dodge Main provided nearly one-fourth of Hamtramck's operating revenue through the taxes it paid to the city. Its closing by the Chrysler Corporation, which itself was on the verge of financial collapse, left the city groping for help.

The echoed story around the world. It was the tale of the American Rust Belt, of prosperity fading to poverty, of aging industry left in the dust of history. Journalists from England and Germany came to Hamtramck to chronicle the story.

But, at the time, it looked like only big government could come to the rescue. That led to the invitation for the Hamtramck officials to come and meet with the president.

"It was fantastic," said City Treasurer Joe Grzecki, Jr., after the meeting. "It was an unbelievable day," Mayor Kozaren said. "This is what makes this country great, when a small town mayor can meet with the president of the United States. This is what makes America, America."

Perhaps.

But, practically, the meeting was a photo shoot. The city officials

presented President Carter with a St. Florian Strawberry Festival T-shirt, a beer mug and copies of The Citizen newspaper from the week before that blazed with the banner headline: "City Officials Endorse Carter."

The intent, of course, was to win favor with the president who was up for re-election that year.

And it did.

Mr. Carter was gracious, and appreciated the gifts. And he did appoint a special task force to find ways to help the city. The city officials also met with the president's staff members to discuss the city's situation. How successful it all was is debatable; even then there were skeptics. Hamtramck was in the worst crisis of its history. The cure was not in bureaucracy or taskforces - it was in cash.

The city desperately needed new sources of revenue. It needed a solution to the long-standing Urban Renewal lawsuit, and it needed to overhaul its operations to make them more efficient.

But before any of the systemic problems could addressed, be Hamtramck needed money. And that was something government taskforces were not going to supply, at least not in any great amount.

But General Motors could and ultimately would. The visit with President Carter helped set the stage for the proposal for the GM factory to be built in the old Poletown neighborhood of Detroit and the Dodge Main site in Hamtramck.

That became the answer to the cash question, as its operation replaced the tax revenue lost with the closing of Dodge Main.

That's another dramatic tale, but in February, 1980, no one in Hamtramck could have imagined what was to come. And, for a time, they could put the problems of Hamtramck in the background and bask in the thrill of traveling to Washington to meet face to face with the President of the United States.

As Ralph Carbonero, The Citizen newspaper general manager who also was on the trip, noted, "It was the chance of a lifetime."

(Greg Kowalski is the Chairman of the Friends of Historical Hamtramck. He is also Executive Director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum, located at 9525 Jos. Campau. You can reach the museum at (313) 893-5027.)



# This week at the Library.

**Group Exercise:** The group exercise sessions are on their way back. Adaptive Yoga returns May 9th and will take place every Tuesday at 3 pm. Tai Chi will start up again on May 12th and continue every Friday at 10 am. The program is conducted by the RIM Foundation.

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 weatch the full schedule of monthly ZOOM programs

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 experi-

ence showcases the kora (African

harp).

Alzheimer's & Dementia: Please join us for a pair of evenings with representatives from the Alzheimer's Association. 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

**Monthly Meeting of Library Board:** The next meeting of the Library Board will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm. in the library's main

Summer Reading: Kids are itching for summer to start, but you don't want them to be glued to the screen all day. That's where we come in. Our Summer Reading Program starts June 28th and will be packed with science programs, wacky games, awesome crafts, and tons of reading.

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# Second Front Page

# Crime Watch...

# Did kids playing with fireworks cause a house fire?

**By Charles Sercombe** 

Hamtramck firefighters had another busy week.

Although there is no suspected crime involved in the latest incident, such as an alleged arson incident last week, the possibility exists that kids setting off fireworks may have – and we stress may have – been the cause of a Grayling St. house fire.

According to Fire Chief Matthew Wyszczelski, the fire started around 3:30 p.m. last Sunday at a two-family house located directly across from Holbrook Elementary School.

The fire started in the rear of the house, and destroyed stairs leading to the attic, thus preventing firefighters access to the attic. The roof eventually collapsed.

As usual, Hamtramck was assisted by Detroit and Highland Park fire-fighters as part of the three cities' mutual aid agreement.

On social media, there was speculation that kids

playing with fireworks nearby set off the fire.

"The fire investigation is ongoing, but the fire marshal says the fire appeared to have started outside the home and caught the home on fire," said Wyszczelski.

"There are unconfirmed reports of children shooting off fireworks in the area, but no witnesses have come forward with any concrete evidence."

Anyone with information is asked to call the Hamtramck Fire Marshal at (313) 305-4503, extension 225.

No injuries were reported, and the house is a complete loss.

This fire also ignited concern about fireworks in general on social media.

As you might suspect, plenty of people are annoyed by them.

"There were essentially toddlers and their siblings only a few years older than them a few houses down from me, doing



A two-family house on Grayling St. was destroyed by fire last Sunday. There is a suspicion that kids playing with fireworks accidently caused the fire.

fireworks with no adult supervision at all yesterday and the day before," said Andrea Augustine on a Facebook page called "Hamtramck Square."

"... To see a little children doing it unsupervised is always shocking and happens every year at least on my street."

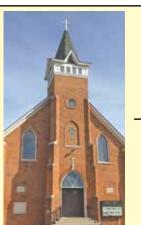
While there are strong opinions about fireworks, the state allows them during certain holidays, and Hamtramck was able to expand those days to

include the celebrations of the two Muslim Eid holidays.

Eid was celebrated last Friday, and fireworks are allowed for a few days before and after holidays.

Crimewise, domestic assaults are still on the rise, as well as reports of disorderly customers at various businesses.

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# Covid update: More long-term covid side effects have been reported

### By Charles Sercombe

Notice anything different since coming down with covid or receiving a vaccination?

Like a ringing in the ears, to be more specific?

If this is indeed happening, you are not alone.

According to the Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention, the agency has received over 16,500 complaints of tinnitus from those who came down with COVID-19 or got a vaccination.

There are now enough claims to prompt scientists to look further into the matter.

So, what exactly is tinnitus?

According to the Mayo Clinic, it is described as a ringing, or buzzing, in one or both ears, and is common among seniors (and also musicians).

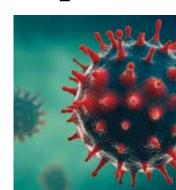
It affects about 15 to 20 percent of the population.

Symptoms include:

- Buzzing
- Roaring
- Clicking
- HissingHumming

Some common causes include, according to the Mayo Clinic:

- Hearing loss (which can also be a natural part of aging)
- Ear infections or ear
- canal blockagesHead or neck injuries



Medications

If you are experiencing tinnitus, it's suggested that you make an appointment to see your doctor.

And in the meantime, wear ear protection to block out loud external noises, and cut down on your intake of caffeine and alcohol, as both can trigger ringing in the ears.

In the meantime, there is now a new COVID-19 subvariant known as "Arcturus," and its symptoms includes pink eye and high fevers. The variant was first identified in India, but has since quickly spread to 29 other countries so far, including the U.S.

As for the latest update for new covid cases in Hamtramck, Wayne County health officials reported seven cases in the last week. That brings the total number of cases for the past three years up to 6,068.

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





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# Bike lane critics, you have a political ally in high places

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west Jos. Campau alley down to Holbrook, and then jog back onto the west side of Jos. Cam-

And that's where the issue begins. Once you get past the shopping center, there are a few small businesses that have lost customer parking in front of their stores.

There is a counter-proposal to have the path go down Lumpkin, but Greenway proponents say it defeats the purpose to bring more people into the downtown business section.

It's not clear if Hamtramck really has that much say in the course of the bike lane/path.

Jos. Campau is actually a Wayne County-owned road, and Hamtramck has had to get the county's approval for any street redesigning, such as when bumpouts at some corners were installed between Caniff and Holbrook.

Furthermore, since there are federal funds involved, there might not be much wiggle room in saying where the bike lane can go.

City Manager Max Garbarino told The Review that, if the city were to alter the lane at the southend of Jos. Campau, there's a chance the city would have to pay back \$400,000.

"We can do anything we want," Garbarino said. "It just will cost money, and may mean having to pay back the grant as well. It's not advisable to change the route. We are exploring multiple options to help the businesses with parking."

# Candidates line up for election

#### **Continued from front page**

day's council meeting, he asked for the support of the community "so I can continue to do my due diligence."

Mayor Amer Ghalib joked back: "It's too early to start campaigning."

To which Choudhury replied that he hopes his visit with Biden will result in an endorsement.

"That'll be a dream," he said.









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# **Quick Hits**

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ing.

Current Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury echoed that hope at Tuesday's city council meeting.

"Maybe we can bring money for the City of Hamtramck," Choudhury said. "I've been in the city for 20 years and things need to be fixed, but it wasn't due to financial crises or whatnot."

You can read all about the White House experience of city officials in the 1970s in this week's "Lore of Hamtramck" right here on the front page.

Hamtramck's historian, author and director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum Greg Kowalski writes about that trip.



# **City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing**

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The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading of the proposed 2023-2024 budget on Tuesday May 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The proposed budget is available for inspection via the City's website: Hamtramck.us. The property millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

# Review: Opinion Page

# In Our Opinion

# County owes city an explanation about jail plan

Amid the good news city as it has been precity officials received Hamtramck's about yearly budget projection, there has been one lingering dark cloud hanging over things.

Wayne County is expected to transfer its jail operations in Hamtramck to a new county jail that is about to open in Detroit.

Once that happens, according to terms it has had with the city, the county will no longer be obligated to pay roughly \$1 million a year to the

viously doing, in lieu of paying property taxes.

That's a healthy chunk of the city's \$20 million budget. While some here say it's a hit that the city can absorb, that's nonsense.

According to budget projections, in a few years the city will once again face spending more money than it takes in, with absolutely no room to cut costs.

What the city needs to know from county officials is, what are they going to do with the jail?

Despite meeting with the county continuously, no concrete plan has been shared with our city officials.

For goodness sake, county officials, you owe it to Hamtramck to give us something. No city should have to twist in the wind, financially-speaking, like Hamtramck is having to do.

Hamtramck deserves an answer, so that our own officials here can start their planning in

# Other Voices: Guest Editorial

# A day to remember...

By Greg Kowalski

a nearly perfect day at the Hamtramck Historical Museum. No foolin'.

The day started on a bright note. The sun was shining after a night of rain, and just a few minutes after I arrived at the museum, I got a call from John King Books.

Whenever they acquire something related to Hamtramck they call us to give us the first chance to buy it. This was a winner, a rare little booklet with some interesting observations about Hamtramck in 1928. King Books is only 15 minutes away from the museum so I was there and back in time to open the doors on schedule.

A short time later artist Dennis Orlowski came by with a painting of a mural we commissioned him to do for the upcoming baseball exhibit, which opens April 16. A few minutes later Joe Kochut, the chairman of the museum's board of directors, stopped by with some items for the exhibit.

Dennis and Joe dis-Saturday, April 1, was cussed the mural while I met with a visitor. As Dennis left, Greg Gromek came in. He is the son of baseball great Steve Gromek, a Hamtramckan who pitched a winning game for the Cleveland Indians in the 1948 World Series. Joe and I did a recorded interview with Greg Gromek as he related stories of his father for the display.

> I could sit in on the recording only sporadically as I had to greet a steady stream of visitors to the museum. Among them was a teacher from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, who had contacted me earlier. She is doing a special study of the amazing assortment A museum has no reason of languages present in Hamtramck. We are going to work closely with her on this project.

Even though it started to rain heavily, more visitors were coming to the museum. Among them was Gary Saganski, a member of the museum's **Education Committee.** 

He had a proposal to

bring in some new equipment to help with the massive archiving project we are doing. Joe, Gary and I discussed getting the equipment and agreed to go forward with

They left.

More people arrived, some from Hamtramck, some from the metro area and some from as far away as Ohio. By the time I closed the museum at 4 p.m. we had logged nearly 30 visitors. It was a good day's total. and I realized that we had been busy virtually every minute we were open.

We accomplished much and we interacted with many people. That's the way every day should be. for being if people don't visit it. They breathe life into it. We need people -

all of you - to give us life. Come and visit. You are vital to our existence.

(Mr. Kowalski is the Executive Director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum, located at 9525 Jos. Campau.)

# dds & Ends

Polonia on TV... Don't forget to tune into WDIV Channel 4's "Live in the D" program this morning (Friday, April 28) at 11 a.m.

At some point in the show Polonia Restaurant, owned by Review Publisher John Ulaj, will be showcased.

An interview was taped last week at the restaurant where several signature dishes were shown and explained.

There will also in an in-studio sampling of

We're getting hungry just thinking about it.

**Cleaning up...** The word from Hamtramck Community Involvement Coordinator Max Gilginas about last Saturday's Earth Day celebration here in Hamtramck is that it was a success.

"We had a wonderful Earth Day! GM Cares came out to help us get our tools in shape, and volunteers cleaned Veterans Park and Zussman Park.

"We are very grateful to all our volunteers, who, despite the weather, came out to help beautify our community.

"To get involved, email mgilginas@hamtramckcity.com."

drop... **Population** According to the state, Michigan is experiencing a population decline.

To be exact, the population count has dropped by over 43,000 people since 2020 - mostly in southeast Michigan, which includes Hamtramck.

Not only that, but out of the total number of people born in the state during the past 10 years, over 400,000 no longer call Michigan home, according to the latest Census count.

Get this: out of 83 counties, 76 counties re-



**Employees with GM Cares helped out at last Satur**day's citywide cleanup.

ported more deaths than births.

So why this decrease, besides people exiting from Michigan?

Blame it on COVID-19 deaths for the past few years, and the state's aging population.

Michigan had the fifth highest number of covid deaths in the nation.

Plus, a number of people are simply leaving the state - for what reasons being not entirely known.

In light of this, Gov. Whitmer is doing a survey to find out what Michiganians (yes, that's a word, unofficially) want and desire in our state.

We have one guess why folks might be moving out: Our miserable winters!

Fundraiser... Hamtramck wants to celebrate Juneteenth in a special way this year, and also honor the establishment of the Sarah Garrett Park.

Whoa, that's a lot of things packed in there.

So let's back up a bit. The park was created just a few years ago, located on the west side of the I-75 service drive at Caniff (well, just north of Caniff, not to make this more confusing).

Sarah Garrett was Hamtramck resident whose name given to a class action lawsuit against the city regarding a housing discrimination action taken upon by city officials back in the 1960s.

City officials, at that time, decided to plough down a neighborhood where mostly African-Americans lived, under the guise of "urban renewal."

Flash forward: the city agreed to construct 200 housing units to settle the lawsuit.

In honor of Sarah Garrett and the injustice she and others endured, the park was created. Sadly, Garrett never lived to see the court settlement, nor did most of the 200, or so, people who were part of the discrimination law-

So now, the Hamtramck Community Initiative (HCI) is holding a fundraiser, through the online donor site Donorbox.org, to raise money to hold a Juneteenth march on June 19.

The goal is to raise \$10,000.

And here's what for, according the HCI:

"Fundraising for this event will cover the materials, supplies and services associated with the Juneteenth March and Community Day. Fundraising is via the Hamtramck Community Initiative, serving as fiscal sponsor for this event. Unexpended funds will provide seed money to make this

For more information, and to volunteer, contact Veronica Smith at:vsmith6062@gmail. com, or (313) 872-6770.

an annual event."

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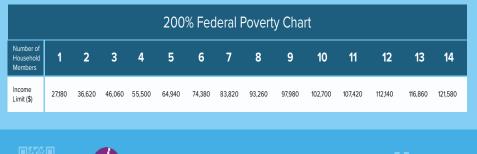
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# ()bituaries

## **HARRIS** (DRIVER)

Susan Harris, 75, a lifelong Detroit resident passed away on April 19, 2023

Susan Harris was born in Detroit. MI on July 18. 1947 to Dorothy (Ingle) and Dennis Driver. She was a member of Church of Resurrection. Sue enjoyed bingo, volunteering at the church and spending time with her grand children.

No services will be held at Sue's request.

Sue is survived by one son, Matthew Gregory, her lifelong caregiver, and one daughter, Dennise Gregory; 11 grandchildren, Jasmen, Lesley, Cara, Nicholas, Trey, Brent, Brianna, John, Lucas, Aaron, and Ashley; and 3 great grandchildren Donovann Jr, Donte Jr, and Harlow.

She was preceded in death by her son Johnathan Gregory, daughter Bobbie Gregory, her brothers Bobby & Tommy Gregory, and her parents.

### GRZYBEK

Barbara Grzybek, 46, died April 24, 2023.

Barbara was the daughter of Stanislaw and Ge-

nowefa; sister of Jozef (Iwona); dear friend of Dawid Mojsiejewicz.

Visitation is Saturday April 29, 2023, from 12 -4 p.m. Services to be determined, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

### RUSZKIEWICZ



Keith Ruszkiewicz, AKA BIG DOGG, died at home in Hamtramck March

2, 2023.

He was 50 years old. Keith was born December 7, 1972, to Joan (nee Kozlowski) and Mark Ruszkiewicz.

Keith was one of a kind, the life of a party, and full of personality. In his youth, he was a Boy Scout and a little-league all-star baseball player. He enjoyed making people laugh. His favorite saying was, "If you can't hang with the Big Doggs, then stay on the porch."

He had a heart of gold and loved his dog Titan and family dearly. Keith was a loving uncle to his nephews Lucas, Max, and Leo but extremely proud to be a Godfather to Lucas. He also grew up very close to his cousins, especially Michele Wojcik (Rich) and Paul Lary, spending a lot of time with them in his youth. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing with Corey. Keith was also a diehard sports fan always rooting for the Dallas Cowboys, Michigan Wolverines, and Detroit Tigers. A loving son and brother, he will be missed by many, and life will not be the same without him. May he rest in peace.

He is survived by his parents, Mark and Joan Ruszkiewicz, his brother, Corey Ruszkiewicz, and his sisters, Melissa Ruszkiewicz and Shelley Welch (Greg). He is also survived by his nephews, Lucas Ruszkiewicz, Max and Leo Welch, his Aunt Barbara Lary, and his Uncle Bernard Kozlowski.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Florian Catholic Church.

You may share memories and offer condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

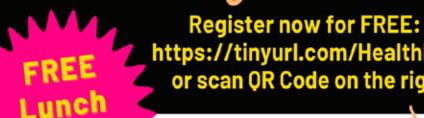
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### Earth Day

Last Saturday Earth Day, and the HPS District had these words of encouragement:

"On Earth Day, we acknowledge the work our students and community members do to promote a greener and more habitable planet. Hamtramck families can participate by reducing consumption, reusing and repurposing items."

# **Boys Baseball** Schedule 2023

All games start at 4:30 p.m.

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.

5-3 Lady Cosmos vs. River Rouge (away) 5-10 Dearborn ATA vs. Lady Cosmos (home)

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)

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### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers April 18-24.

### Tuesday, April 18

- · Officers responded to a possible backyard fire in the 3400 block of Trowbridge.
- · A person in the 11000 block of Conant was robbed at gunpoint of their vehicle and other valuables.
- · Family trouble was reported in the 5100 block of Yemans.
- A resident in the 3200 block of Belmont reported that someone was banging on her windows.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.
- An assault was reported in the 11300 block of St. Aubin.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.
- A neighbor dispute was reported in the 12000 block of Charest.

### Wednesday, April 19

- A complaint was made about noise in the 3900 block of Yemans.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Burger. A complaint was made
- about a disorderly customer at a business in the 10300 block of Conant.

### Thursday, April 20

- · Family trouble was reported in the 5100 block of Yemans.
- A complaint about a reckless driver was made in the area of Conant and Holbrook.
- Officers responding to a call in the 5100 block of Yemans about suspects with guns outside of a residence were told that the suspects had left in a dark-colored van. Officers spotted the van, stopped it and arrested four suspects for carrying a con-

cealed weapon without a permit, and for being wanted on several warrants.

- · An assault was reported in the 2600 block of Caniff.
- A complaint was made about disorderly juveniles in the 3300 block of Doremus.
- An attempted auto theft was reported in the 2900 block of Hanley.
- · A person was arrested in the 2300 block of Holmes for domestic assault and for possessing narcotics.

### Friday, April 21

- A possible break-in was reported in the 3800 block of Dorothy.
- · A fight was reported in the area of Holbrook and Conant. · An incident of fraud
- was reported in the 3900 block of Oliver. · A trespassing com-
- plaint was made in the 2700 block of Holbrook. · A complaint was made about a disorderly cus-
- tomer at a business in the 11300 block of Conant. A complaint was made about kids setting off fire-
- works in the 2300 block of Burger. Following a traffic
- stop, a male was arrested for obstructing officers. · A report was made
- about two suspicious males knocking on doors in the area of Commor and Fleming.
- · A complaint was made about fireworks in the 2400 block of Florian. Another fireworks complaint was made in the 2300 block of Evaline.
- · A complaint was made about a suspicious females walking in and out of backyards.

### Saturday, April 22

· A fight was reported in the area of Conant and Casmere.

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April 28, 2023

# **Hamtramck Public TV-19**

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### What's on this coming week?

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### **Continued from page 7**

- · A domestic fight was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 3000 block of Belmont.
- A car theft was reported in the 3300 block of Doremus.
- A male was arrested in the area of Holbrook and Lumpkin for domestic
- A complaint was made in the 3300 block of Yemans about an animal.

assault.

 After a foot chase, a male suspect was arrested in the 12000 block of

- · A female was arrested in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau for being disor-
- A complaint was made about fireworks in the area of Lumpkin and Hewitt.
- · A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Burger.

#### Sunday, April 23

- A domestic assault was reported in the 3900 block of Caniff.
- · Family trouble was reported in the 9600 block of Dequindre.

arrested, in the 12000 block of Nagel, for drunk driving after causing an accident that resulted in an injury and endangered a child.

- A complaint was made about fireworks in the 3800 block of Comstock.
- · Gunshots were reported in the 2400 block of Commor.
- A complaint was made about someone trespassing in the 9500 block of Conant.
- A theft from an auto was reported in the 3800 block of Doremus.
- An incident of shoplifting was reported at a business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3100

block of Hanley.

- · A complaint was made about harassing communications in the 5000 block of Belmont.
- · Two males who implied that they had a gun attempted a robbery on Caniff near Sobieski. The suspects fled without taking anything.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly customer in a business in the 12100 block of Conant.

### Monday, April 24

- · A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 12000 block of Conant.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly customer at a business in the 11800 block of Jos. Campau.

- A theft occurred in the
- 2100 block of Trowbridge. · Child Protection Services reported a suspicious incident in the
- 11300 block of St. Aubin. · A theft from an auto

was reported in the 2900 block of Yemans.

 A complaint was made about an unwanted guest in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

# **Coming Events**

THURSDAY, May 11, 7-9 p.m. - The Hamtramck DDA sponsors its annual Merchants Meeting, at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Keynote speaker is Dominic Romano of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

SATURDAY, May 13, 2-4 p.m. -Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!









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