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## Quick Hits

### It's strawberry season this weekend

By Charles Sercombe

It hasn't seemed like it's festival season this past week, what with the gloomy and rainy weather we had.

But temperatures will be flirting with 70 this weekend, and weather forecasters promise no rain.

So with that said, once again it's time to brush away those winter doldrums and come out this weekend for the St. Florian Strawberry Festival, this Saturday and Sunday.

The festival kicks off Saturday with the annual firefighters' procession to St. Florian Church, starting at 3:30 p.m., followed by a special Mass at 4 p.m.

The procession starts at the Polish Sea League, located at Brombach and Edwin.

St. Florian is the patron saint of firefighters.

After that, it's time to enjoy live music, Polish dinners, Polish beer, Polish folk dancers and all sorts of things to do.

Of course, there will be strawberry desserts as usual.

According to a press release issued by the parish:

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## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# For now, the city has reversed its dip into the budget surplus

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's budget projection continues to look rosy.

But, just for the next few years.

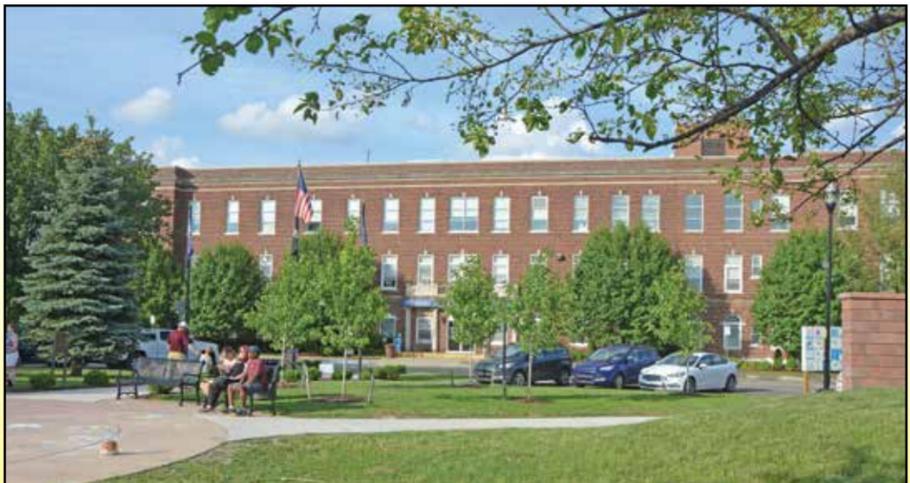
At a recent city council meeting, Brian Camiller from the city's financial auditing firm, Plante Moran, said the forecast for the next five years predicts that city will collect more money than it spends, through 2025.

After that, the costs go up, and the city will have to go back to dipping into its budget surplus.

For the immediate future, Camille said, "Better is not great. Better is better."

The biggest boost in the revenue came from an unexpected source: city income tax collection.

Plant Moran credited both the city's "increased collection effort," as well as the return of GM work-



**City officials recently received good news about the health of Hamtramck's finances. At this point, the financial forecast says the city won't have to go into deficit spending for another few years.**

ers to its Hamtramck-Detroit plant, where EV vehicles are now being manufactured.

Income tax collection, Camiller said, "is the exciting one."

Specifically, income tax collection rose by \$1.4 million in 2022, and another \$1 million

extra is expected to be collected this tax season.

In total, the city will realize \$5 million this year from taxes, which will continue to increase to over \$6 million a year by 2028. To those new to the city, yes, Hamtramck obviously has an income tax, one of 20 communi-

ties in the state that collect incomes taxes.

For those who live here, the city imposes a 1 percent income tax on your earnings, no matter where you work, and a ½ percent for those who work here but don't live in Hamtramck.

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**Podcasting has returned at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, among several other developments.**

## Historical Museum has been busy, busy this year

By Alan Madlane

This has been quite a year for our local historical museum.

The Hamtramck Historical Museum is a busy, buzzy hive these spring days. They recently, opened a new display, "Play Ball! - Baseball in Hamtramck."

It's an extensive look at the sport as it relates to Hamtramck, at every level, down through the decades - from Little League National Championships

to profiles of those talented few who made it all the way to the bigs.

And, they've got some other stuff on the burner as well.

For example: Check out their new signage - they've got two new museum logos on a couple of the windows, and a door sign as well. They feel that not only are they attractive, but they help establish the museum's identity on Jos. Campau beyond

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## Candidate list is finalized

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's city council election is all set to go forward.

Last Friday was the last day for any candidate who had second thoughts about the election to drop out of the race.

As it turned out, no one quit the election, although one candidate, Armani Asad, was disqualified earlier last week because he had not paid a \$30 late fee for a previous campaign financial report.

Let that be a lesson to would-be candidates: You have to follow the rules.

Six challengers will now be going up against incumbents Mohammed Alsomiri, Nayeem Choudhury and Mohammed Hassan.

The three councilmembers will be facing: Lynn Blasey, Muhtasin Sadman, Nasr Hussain, Ruhel Amin, Sari Ahmed, and Yousef Saed.

Blasey is the only female candidate running for a seat on council, which is currently all male. The mayor is also male.

She previously had run for council, but came in last place.

Hussain has been a frequent critic of city officials, and is a former member of the Hamtramck Public School District Board of Education. He resigned from that post in mid-term.

The candidates will initially face-off in the Aug. 2 Primary Election. At that election, the field of candidates will be whittled down to six, who then advance to the November General

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# For now, the city has reversed its dip into the budget surplus Cont. from front page

And just in case you think you can simply not tell the city about your taxes, the state has an agreement where it shares tax returns with Hamtramck from those who report to the state that they live and/or work here.

In other words, Hamtramck cross-references those who report state income taxes but don't report to Hamtramck.

Another increase came

from district court collections in fines and fees, which Camiller said was a "matter of catching up" for the court in this post-pandemic period.

Court revenue peaked in 2022 to over \$2 million, according to Plante Moran, but revenue collection will be under that amount for the next several years.

Another major revenue source has been from the Wayne County jail, locat-

ed on Conant and Hamtramck Dr.

Hamtramck is expecting to collect almost \$1.4 million from the county this year, but there is no forecast for the years ahead because it is believed the county will transfer prisoners to its new jail in Detroit this coming year – meaning no more revenue.

While revenue has been increasing in recent years, so have expendi-

tures, such as the city's yearly pension payments and other fixed costs.

"There's really not anything there to cut," said Camiller.

While the city is enjoying a revenue boost, Camiller stressed: "You still have a revenue problem."

Why? "You don't have control," Camiller said.

As for piloting through the next few years, Camiller was upbeat, albeit cautiously.

"I'm very confident you

can manage that," he said. "Things are much better than they were. You're in a stable-ish place."

There is one immediate way the city can smooth out the ups and downs of the budget year, and that is through passing a special tax millage to help with the yearly pension obligations.

The city would require a 12-mill property tax increase to make a difference.

But there's a major

obstacle to that: voters have twice rejected that proposal. Would the third try be the charm?

That's doubtful, considering the anti-tax mood of many in the city. In fact, no one in the city has even proposed a third attempt at convincing voters to help cover the pension costs.

All totaled, the city's annual budget is over \$20 million. July 1 is the start of the city's new budget year.

## Historical Museum has been busy, busy this year

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what it had been.

Need more?

The "Hamtramck Now and Then" podcast is back on-line.

After some months off dealing with persistent production issues, things have been ironed out it would appear, and the museum is lining up coming guests for future shows.

The programs are a combined brainchild of Production Supervisor Philip Digby, museum Board Chairman Joe Kochut, and museum Executive Director and general factotum Greg Kowalski.

You can find "Hamtramck Now and Then" on Spotify.

Still more?

The museum was excited to announce the donation of a beautiful handmade violin from Donna Kutyloski Czeski – a violin with, you guessed it, a (local) history, and then some.

Donna, incidentally, is the director of the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society, and president of PNA Council 54 and also Lodge 2525.

Donna's aunt passed the violin to her after receiving it from another of Donna's aunts, a Ms. Celia Sadowski. Ms. Sadowski had once rented a flat in her home on Goodson St., some 50 or so years ago, to a Mr. Joseph. He was the original crafter of the donated instrument, which he signed "pan Josef," i.e. "Mr. Joseph."

Nothing is known of him beyond that.

But hey, come to the museum and check this gorgeous instrument out.

The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau Ave. They open at 11 am on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and stay open until 3 pm (except on Saturdays, when they keep the fires burning until 4 pm).

Call them at (313) 893-5027 or check out the website, [hamtramckhistory.com](http://hamtramckhistory.com).

## Quick Hits

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"There will be activities for children, games of chance and other attractions. The Polish Muslims will perform Saturday evening, a highlight of the weekend that serves as a reunion for those who attended St. Florian schools. The musical entertainment also includes the popular Kielbasa Kings on Sunday and several Polish dance groups and DJs on the two days.

"This year we are dedi-

cating the festival in memory of Alex Pietrzak, one of the founders of the Strawberry Festival (which began in 1968), who passed away last year. He was a beloved teacher and lifelong parishioner. We will have a memory book that those who knew him can sign and express their fond memories.

The activities take place on the grounds of St. Florian at 2626 Poland Street. Admission is free and all are welcomed."

Festival hours are: 5-10 p.m. on Saturday, and 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

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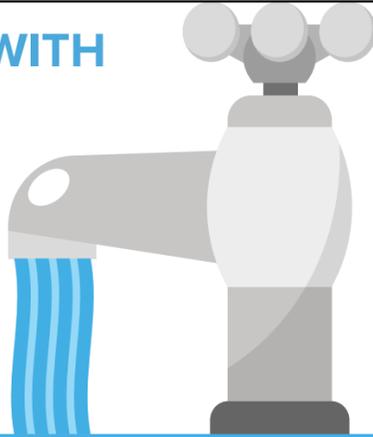
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## This week at the Library . . .

May 5, 2023

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**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/Impublicprograms](http://www.michigan.gov/Impublicprograms) and watch 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 experience showcases the kora (African harp).

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

**Sky Covington:** Join us for a very special musical performance by local jazz mega-talent, Sky Covington. It is scheduled for June 7th at 5 pm and admission is free. The concert is funded in part by National Endowment for Humanities and Michigan Arts and Culture Council

**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.

**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 starting at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am.

**Hamtramck Public TV:** On air broadcasting 24/7. To watch Comcast Channel 19 on your computer or smart phone anywhere in the world, Google "Hamtramck Public TV"

**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.

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# Second Front Page

## Crime Watch...

### Auto thefts were on the increase last week

By Charles Sercombe

Crime trends come and go each week, and last week was no exception in Hamtramck.

While there are constants during the warmer weather season, such as noise and animal complaints, fights, and thefts, last week there was a unique streak of car thefts.

And over a week ago there was another car-jacking. (The police department has not yet released details of that incident.)

Auto thefts are usually listed in the police department's daily incident reports as a UDAA, which is an acronym for Unlawfully Driving Away an Auto-

mobile.

It essentially means someone didn't have permission to drive away in it. Basically, it's treated the same as a car theft, which is a felony.

Here's how Michigan legally describes it (MCL 750.413):

"Taking possession of and driving away from a motor vehicle—Any person who shall, willfully and without authority, take possession of and drive or take away, and any person who shall assist in or be a party to such taking possession, driving or taking away of any motor vehicle, belonging to another, shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment

in the state prison for not more than five years."

Not only were there car thefts last week, but also the ongoing trend of people stealing things from cars, which is known in police jargon as Larceny From Auto (LFA).

Preventing your car from being stolen by people who do it "professionally" is a challenge, but there are simple things to do to prevent the amateurs from succeeding:

- Lock your doors
- Remove your keys from the vehicle
- Do not leave a spare key near your vehicle
- Close the windows
- Park in well-lit areas
- Install an audible alarm system and an-

ti-theft device

- Install a vehicle immobilizer system
- Install a tracking system

As for preventing someone from stealing items from your car, a determined thief is hard to foil. But these tips might help:

- Secure your vehicle. Roll your car windows up all the way and engage the car alarm.
- Keep your car free of clutter
- Park in well-lighted areas, if possible

As always, be observant of the goings-on in your neighborhood, and don't hesitate to call 911 if you see someone, or something, suspicious.



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## School Bell

KMS

The Piast Institute and the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC) recently released this press release about KMS students.

Here's what they had to say:

"The Kosciuszko Middle School All Star Junior Coalition joined HDFCC in a field trip to the Youth Coalition Leadership Retreat, Monday, April 17, held at historic Camp Copneconic in Fenton. Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC) is a program of the Piast Institute in Hamtramck.

"Alex Wray, certified prevention specialist (CPS), and a coordinator for the Prevention Network, explained the significance of the event. 'We were so excited to host the youth coalition leadership retreat as part of our new Michigan Youth Coalition Network (MYCN) program at Prevention Network. We had nearly 100 youths attend and a lot of great feedback about the day. We look forward to hosting this event again next year for middle school and high school youth.'

"From across the state, middle and high school youth coalition members gathered to brainstorm ideas to aid in their prevention work of substance use among their peers. They learned more about helping their friends who might be struggling with addiction or in need of mental health support.

"Representing HDFCC were Lara Girdwood, director of HDFCC and a certified prevention specialist; and Shannon Schafer, C3 coordinator, C3 refers to Community Support Coalition Change grant. The newest team member who attended was Sara Zaveta, Ameri-

Corps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America).

"Violetta Kuzniar, Kosciuszko Middle School Mathematics teacher who accompanied the students, reported: 'We had five students attend from the KMS All Star Coalition. They were Maryam, Tasbeh, Sharif, Muhamed and Tishiya.'

"One of the day's highlights was to create a public service announcement or PSA video. According to Ms. Girdwood, main speaker Nigel Wrangham, CPS, a trainer and facilitator of customized prevention training said the key pieces of a PSA were S=Simple, K=Know your audience, E=Emotional and A=Action.

"According to Ms. Schafer: The video submission from our Hamtramck All Star Coalition won first prize! This video PSA focused on vaping prevention, emphasizing that statistics show the majority of peers their age do not vape, and vaping is not worth missing time with friends.

"Our Kosciuszko Middle School is only for 7th and 8th graders, with Dickinson West on the other side of the building with K-6, and our junior coalition noted that vaping within their school tends to start when students transition from Dickinson West to Kosciuszko. With this in mind, this video targeted the Dickinson West side of the building to encourage a prevention of vaping before they make that transition.

"The Hamtramck students won an all-expense-paid trip and invitation to the CADCA 2023 Mid-Year Training Institute held in Texas, July 16-20, for creating the winning PSA video. CADCA refers to the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America.

"A nonprofit organization, the Piast Institute has grown for 20 years into a national research and policy center for Polish and Polish American Affairs and is one of 48

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**Candidate list is finalized**

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Election.

At this point, it's not clear if there will be other items on the primary ballot. In the November election, Hamtramck voters will also be asked to approve three changes to the city charter:

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 a year. Councilmember 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.

And for the mayor, the current salary of \$6,499 a year would go up to \$12,998.

The total salary increase for the council and mayor would be \$45,500 for the year.

The yearly salaries are based on a percentage of the Michigan governor's salary. For council, it's cur-

rently 2 percent, for the mayor pro tem it's 3 percent, and for the mayor it's 4 percent.

The amendment, if approved, would change that to 6, 7, and 8 percent respectively.

Another potential change in the charter would remove the restriction of making councilmembers and the mayor wait at least two years before being eligible to be appointed as city manager here.

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

The same would apply to a mayor who wants to run for council while still in office.

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

**School Bell**

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Erna Baliya

cured a third place title at this competition, which concludes the season for her.

We look forward to celebrating the season with her, the other students, as well as club members and guests, at a Winners' Circle Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on May 15. It will be great hearing what she composes in the next competitive season. Congratulations, Erna, and keep up the great work!

**Oratory competition**

On Saturday, April 22, Miss Erna Baliya, 8th grader at Kosciuszko Middle School in Hamtramck, represented the Optimists of Downtown Detroit at an oratorical competition.

The competition was held via Zoom, with the top 6 contenders from across the southeastern Michigan Zone.

Her original speech, with the assigned title, "Discovering the Optimism within Me," was alternately heartbreaking and inspiring, enough to secure her the first place position at the Downtown Detroit Club's competition in March. Erna se-

**Varsity club**

On behalf of the Hamtramck High School Varsity Alumni Club, I would like to invite all graduating seniors who have earned a Varsity Letter in any sport at Hamtramck High School to apply for our Scholarship.

We are looking for graduating seniors who plan on continuing their education at any 4 year college/university, 2 year college or vocational training school.

Please go to the HHS Counseling Office to obtain the application.

GO COSMOS!!!

**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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# Review: Opinion Page

## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Wayne County Treasurer halts home foreclosures

By Eric Sabree

*Wayne County Treasurer*  
 Recently, I successfully petitioned the 3rd Circuit Court to stop foreclosures of owner-occupied residential properties in 2023. The motion filed with the court requesting that the redemption period be extended to March 31, 2024, was granted Thursday by Honorable 3rd Circuit Court Chief Judge Patricia Fresard. Our number one priority remains keeping people in their homes, and we want to give Wayne County property taxpayers—many of whom are still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 virus—additional time to apply for funding that can assist them with holding on to their property. Approximately 3,400 owner-occupied residential properties could have

faced foreclosure without the order, the treasurer's office indicated Friday. Only owner-occupied homes with principal residency exemption will qualify to be withheld. All homeowners must still make property tax payments, Sabree noted. A state program, The Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund (MIHAF), provides American Rescue Fund dollars to help Michiganders pay back taxes and for other needs. To date, more than \$13 million has gone to assist 5,500 Wayne County residents pay back property taxes. We continue to strongly urge Wayne County residents to apply because MIHAF can provide significant help to residents who were impacted by COVID-19. To qualify for MIHAF, ap-

plicants must have experienced a qualified financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic after January 21, 2020, or had a qualified hardship that began before January 21, 2020, and continued after that date. They also must meet income eligibility requirements, and the property must be owner-occupied. The maximum amount of assistance available through MIHAF per household is \$25,000. The Wayne County Treasurer's Office has payment plan options to help residents stay in their homes. For more information, go to treasurer.waynecounty.com or contact the office by email at taxinfo@waynecounty.com, or call (313) 224-5990.

### DWIHN to expand behavioral health treatment capacity

By DWIHN

Today, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) announced a four-point comprehensive plan to improve behavioral health treatment care capacity in Metro-Detroit by seeking the state's support to invest \$227 million in crisis care and residential housing. DWIHN President and CEO Eric Doeh was joined by Mayor Mike Duggan, Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, and state health officials to address gaps in mental and behavioral health services for vulnerable residents. The plan includes increasing capacity for short term and long-term inpatient housing by providing an additional 450 beds at a newly developed Crisis Care Center and specialized holistic

and integrated resource center. DWIHN knows that behavioral healthcare changes are needed throughout our community. The need to improve mental health capacities and the infrastructure in Metro Detroit is essential. "Creating more opportunities for our region's most vulnerable persons by including step-down approaches to long-term care, expanded residential services, and the ability to offer behavioral health interventions for families are critical, and

the time to act is now." Eric Doeh, President, and CEO of DWIHN. DWIHN is the largest community mental health organization in the state and is currently in the process of expanding needed behavioral healthcare services with the goal of establishing a fully integrated crisis continuum care system to best serve our vulnerable residents. This infrastructure will help persons suffering with mental illness, intellectual and development disabilities, substance use disorders and children with serious emotional disturbances. By utilizing a data-driven, solution-minded approach, residents will benefit from increased access to recovery-oriented care through a person-centered and trauma informed model of health-



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## Odds & Ends

**New business...** By now, you likely have noticed that the former Krot Funeral Home on Caniff has gone through quite a transformation. Months in the making, the building has been converted into Motor City Pawn Brokers. This becomes the company's fifth store. The new outlet is now already open, but the grand opening is May 13. You might want to get there earlier than the 9 a.m. door opening. The store is offering a \$100 gift card to the first 33 people who enter.

**Why 33 gift cards?** That represents the number of years since the first store opened in 1990.

According to a press release issued by the company: "In addition to offering short term cash loans, Motor City Pawn Brokers is a shopping destination for luxury handbags, high end jewelry, firearms, designer eyewear, electronics and more."

You can find out more at [motorcitypawnbrokers.com](http://motorcitypawnbrokers.com).

**Catchy name...** On a recent perusal through Facebook, we stumbled on a post from Hamtramck's own Rat Queen Vintage shop.

The owner, Komajda Smith, came up with a catchy name for the Jos. Campau shopping strip: "The Sustainable Mile."

Smith came up with that name because, as she said in her Facebook post, "Hamtramck is home to a plethora of resale THRIFT and VINTAGE shops! Clothing and records and books (and more!). Oh my!"

The central business district includes her shop, as well as Detroit Threads, Tekla Vintage,

Public Thrift, Joy Thrift, Lo and Behold, Woodward Throwbacks and Book Suey.

You can also include Record Graveyard, which is located on Carpenter, right around the corner (westward) from Jos. Campau.

Come visit on a Saturday afternoon and make it a fun shopping outing.

And hey, we can't forget Showtime Clothing on Jos. Campau. It doesn't offer vintage clothing, but it's right up there with offering funky and unique items.

**Meet your merchants...** The Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority is hosting a special night for merchants to learn more about their trade and to get to know one another.

It's being called "Shop Hamtramck," and the event will be held next Thursday, May 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hamtramck Historical Museum (located at 9525 Jos. Campau).

Here's what the DDA says to expect from the get-together:

"Experience a night of inspiration, education, and networking at the annual Merchants Meeting in Hamtramck!

"Mingle with local entrepreneurs, technical experts, and service providers while indulging in delicious food and light refreshments."

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To RSVP and learn more go online to: [www.shophamtramck.com](http://www.shophamtramck.com).

**MS and yoga...** For folks suffering from multiple sclerosis (MS), or for those with loved ones afflicted by this hideous disease, here's a rare chance to learn from national experts.

Holistic Health and Wellness Forum for MS on Wednesday, May 17, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Southfield.

According to a press release, here's what to expect:

"This second annual event, presented by Yoga Moves MS, offers those with MS and their care partners the best and the latest information on a "whole systems" approach to wellness, where holistic health principles are integrated into educational forums.

"The program is available virtually in real-time. Both in person and LIVE virtual events are FREE, but advance registration is required."

For more information about the Holistic Health and Wellness Forum, and to register, call (248) 417-5985 or email to [mindy@yogamovesms.org](mailto:mindy@yogamovesms.org).

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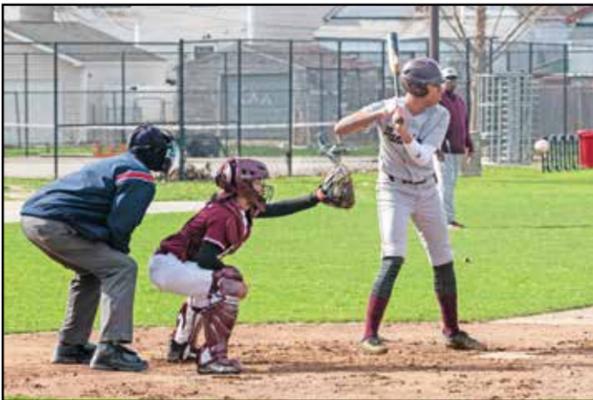
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# Cosmos baseball season is in full swing



**By Charles Sercombe**

The Hamtramck High School baseball season just started a few weeks ago.

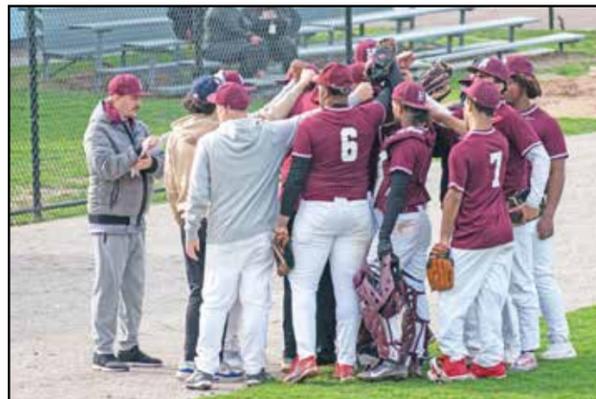
At the time we went to print on Thursday, the Cosmos were 2-2 this season. The team is young, and the players still have more to learn

about the game, which can be challenging at any age.

A few weeks ago, freelance photographer James McPike documented the team.

We hope you enjoy his photographs.

And, oh yeah, Go Cosmos!



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## Boys Baseball Schedule 2023

All games start at 4:30 p.m.

- 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.

- 5-10 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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# CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers April 25-May 1.

## Tuesday, April 25

- Officers investigating a suspicious vehicle in the area of Roosevelt and Gallagher arrested a resident for obstruction.
- Officers, responding to a call about a theft in progress in the 3400 block of Yemans, arrested two Detroit males for attempted theft from an auto, for obstruction and for violating their probation. A woman from Highland Park was also arrested for attempted theft from an auto, and for driving an unregistered vehicle.
- A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.
- A car theft was reported in the 2300 block of Edwin.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2700 block of Florian, and also in the 9300 block of Charest.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 11300 block of Sobieski.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly customer at a business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.

## Wednesday, April 26

- A woman was arrested for driving while drunk.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A car was stolen in the 11600 block of Lumpkin.
- A report was made about a domestic assault in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Conant near Yemans.
- A resident reported that they received harassing communications while in the 2300 block of Car-

penter.

## Thursday, April 27

- A break-in was reported on Dyar.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau and Casmere. Another hit-and-run accident was reported at Casmere and Charest.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- A disorderly customer was reported at a business in the 9100 block of Conant.
- A neighbor dispute was reported in the 9500 block of Conant.
- A suspicious incident was reported in the 9400 block of Conant.
- A suspect was arrested for stealing a vehicle, as well as for robbery in the 3400 block of Evaline.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 11600 block of Fleming.

## Friday, April 28

- A domestic assault was reported in the 11600 block of Lumpkin.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- A Selfridge St. resident reported an incident of fraud.
- Detroit police recovered a car stolen out of Hamtramck.
- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 2200 block of Poland.
- A fight was reported in the area of Dyar and Circle Dr.

## Saturday, April 29

- A Detroit resident was arrested in the 2000 block of Caniff for domestic violence.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 2700 block of Florian.
- Officers in the 3300 block of Caniff were flagged down about a child who was lost. Officers determined that the child lived in Detroit, and

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the child was turned over to Detroit police.

- A fight was reported in the area of Grand Haven and Selfridge.
- A theft was reported in the area of Caniff and Lumpkin.

**Sunday, April 30**

- Officers, investigating a report of an unwanted guest at a residence in the 2300 block of Andrus, arrested a male for being wanted on a misdemeanor or warrant.

- Suspicious circumstances were reported in the 9800 block of Conant.
- A noise complaint was made in the 3300 block of Norwalk.
- Gunshots were reported in the area of Evaline and Jos. Campau.
- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 3300 block of Norwalk.
- A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- Officers were sent to

Henry Ford Hospital to investigate a possible assault that occurred in the 11700 block of Gallagher.

- A possible fight was reported in the 2300 block of Alice.

**Monday, May 1**

- Family trouble was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- Complaints were made about a disorderly person in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau, and in the area of Caniff and Conant.
- An assault was reported at Veterans Park.

### Obituaries

#### ORZECZOWSKI

Denice "Dee" Orzechowski (nee Spokaeski), 68, died May 3, 2023.

Denice was the dear wife of Ken; loving mother of Ken Jr. (Fay) and Darren (Amy). Grandmother of Ashley, Miranda, Makenzie, Kaiden, and Marissa. Great Grandmother of Ava and Dominik. Sister of Johnny (Kelly), Patrice (Jack), Charisse (Al), Louise (Doug), Debbie (Karl), and the late Rodney. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Dee loved playing with her grandchildren and to travel by train since she did not like flying. Her favorite place to travel was to Disney World and she had many happy times there.

Visitation is Sunday May 7, 2023, from 3 - 9 p.m., Rosary to be determined, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. The funeral service will be Monday, May 8, 2023, lying in state at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 10 a.m., at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck MI 48212. Interment will be

at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

#### SLOWINSKI



Richard Donald Slowinski, 85, passed away February 21, 2023, at

Mission Point Nursing Facility of Big Rapids, Michigan. He resided under their great care for over fourteen years, due to a massive stroke.

Richard is survived by his ex-wife of 40 years, Helen Lucille (Dyki) Slowinski and their children Lynn Ulman of Bitely, MI, Gary Richard Slowinski of Detroit, MI, Edward Stanley Slowinski of Grand Haven, MI; along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Richard was "Always" looking for a new financial adventure. When he was a young boy, he and his little brother, Charles, raised different types of worms and sold them as bait for fishing. His first real job was painting fishing lures for a company in Detroit. He had a strong artistic side. He eventually became a Tool and Dye operator for the

Chrysler Corporation at the Hamtramck Plant. He started his own business called Rich-Craft Wholesale Tackle. He delivered all kinds of merchandise to Sport Shops all around the state of Michigan and in the Upper Peninsula. In the late '70's, Richard and his wife, Helen, bought a motel and retail store in Tawas City, Michigan and called it the North Star Motel and Sport Shop.

For about ten years before his stroke, Richard lived and traveled around the state of Florida. He was always chasing the sun and "the dollar". He loved being Polish and the Polka. He very much enjoyed fishing and was quite fond of the ladies.

In honor of Richards 86th Birthday, with much gratitude and appreciation for the Excellent care the staff has shown throughout Richard's stay at Mission Point of Big Rapids, a small Celebration of Life will be held on his birthday, May 12, 2023, at: Mission Point of Big Rapids. 725 Fuller Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307 at 2:00PM.

### DWIHN to expand behavioral health treatment capacity

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care service delivery.

DWIHN has been working with the Wayne County Executive's Office, City of Detroit Mayor's Office, and a coalition of community stakeholders to improve the resources available throughout our region.

By implementing crisis intervention training for first responders, emergency service personnel can intervene on crisis management, apply appropriate de-escalation skills, and triage cases that require psychological intervention rather than making arrests and incarcerating the mentally ill.

"DWHN's plan to rebuild mental health treatment capacity for our most vulnerable residents will fill the gaps in mental healthcare system that have existed for decades now," said Mayor Duggan. "Providing this added capacity will save lives by helping to prevent individuals experiencing a mental health

crisis from causing harm to themselves or others, or just getting caught up in a criminal justice system that is not equipped to meet their needs. We have the data to demonstrate the need for these additional beds and support DWIHN's efforts in working with the state to secure the funding needed to support them."

Currently, residents with severe mental health issues sit on waitlists for in-patient treatment. Law enforcement is often the first to engage with untreated individuals when families become overwhelmed with what to do with their loved ones. As a result, too often our emergency departments and jails are the first stop for persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

"It's no secret that I've spent more than half of my life in law enforcement. I've seen cases where mental health

was a factor. Since 1992, when Gov. Engler stopped state funding to the Lafayette Clinic, we've searched for ways to treat and care for those with severe mental illnesses who find themselves in the criminal justice system.

"These individuals do not need jails, they need resources, trained professionals, and a safe place where they can receive treatment. That's

why I'm proud to stand alongside DWIHN on the initiative to Expand Mental Health Treatment Capacity. This will not only serve the residents of Wayne County, but it'll expand our ability to truly impact an overwhelmed system," said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about DWIHN's programs and services, call (800) 241-4949 or visit www.dwihn.org.