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HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD



State Rep.

says big bucks

coming to city

has hinted at a financial

windfall coming to Ham-

And by big, he said state

In a June 29 posting

on Facebook, he said

that day was a "historic"

moment for Detroit and

Hamtramck, as the state

legislature was wrapping

"We secured tens of

millions of dollars in fund-

ing for our schools, in-

frastructure, for revenue

sharing and this will be a

very historic budget that

the governor will be sign-

In about a two-minute

message he recorded

while in a budget session

"Hamtramck and De-

troit are set to get a

whole lot of money to

start fixing the problems

that have plagued (these)

communities for so long."

in Lansing, he added:

ing soon," he said.

up a budget.

funding will be to the tune

of millions of dollars.

(D-Hamtramck)

By Charles Sercombe For the past few weeks, State Rep. Abraham Ai-

## **Quick Hits**

#### **New election** law expands voters' rights

By Charles Sercombe

Michigan voters now have expanded rights and services, thanks to a package of legislative bills signed into law this week.

On Tuesday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office announced a number of changes into election law, and they include:

Creating a website to track voter ballots. It will ensure voters are notified when their vote is received and counted, and inform them if there are any errors and, if there are, offer a solution to remedy them.

There is now at least nine days of early voting before each statewide and federal election, so people can find a convenient time to vote that works for them without facing lines on Election Day. This also authorizes pre-processing early tabulation of absentee ballots, ensuring a timely result after polls close on Election

Voters can now fix clerical errors with their ballots. This also requires prepaid postage for all absentee ballot applications and envelopes, saving voters time and trips to the Post Office.

You can now use your **Continued on page 4** 



replaced. Instead of seeing all the flags that represent the many countries from where residents come from, there is only one kind now: the American flag.

This is the latest chapter in an ongoing debate on what flags are appropriate to display on the city's 18 Jos. Campau flagpoles and on public property.

A huge flap arose when a pride flag was raised on one pole last year, and the mayor and city council recently took action to prevent that from happening.

They were prompted by some in the community who were offended by the pride flag - an issue that has polarized a number of communities.

Hamtramck's population majority is now made up of socially conservative Muslims, who view the flag as promoting values

**Business partners Noaman Nagi (left) and Alhareth** 

Malik recently opened a new restaurant in town, Hel-

lo Shawarma, located at 3124 Caniff.



Recently, the city removed the international flags that had been flying on the Jos. Campau flagpoles and replaced them with American flags. This is the latest twist in an ongoing debate about what flags are appropriate to display.

they consider sinful.

The pride flag represents the LGTBQ community, and those in favor of it say it represents acceptance and recognition of a segment of the community.

The issue resulted in the council passing a resolution banning all flags being displayed on public property except: the American, state, city, and prisoner of war flags, along with flags that represent

countries where the city's immigrants come from.

The council took this action, they said, in order to remain "neutral" and not have to be forced to display flags such as ones for the confederacy or the

That action resulted in an immediate backlash from critics, and also attracted state, national and international media attention that is still ongoing.

Michigan Attorney Gen-

weighed in, saying the city's ban on pride flags made the city a "national embarrassment."

eral Dana Nessel even

Nessel, who is openly gay, implored the city to rescind its resolution.

Others say that, by claiming to be neutral, it only leads to discrimina

ly held in Hamtramck, the Rev. Roland Stringfellow

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#### Hamtramck has no shortage of needs, with At a recent pro-pride ralthe greatest being then

updating of its sewer service. The city has suffered from widespread flooding in basements because of

the current sewer system configuration.

The estimated cost to fix the flooding problem (caused by the sewer system being over loaded during heavy rains) is about \$50 million. Hamtramck has already taken some initial steps toward fixing the problem, thanks to various grants.

The city is under a court settlement agreement to fix the problem, but there has been no funding source offered.

Aiyash addressed the big news again on July 14 with another Facebook posting, saying:

"I am proud to have lead

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#### Taking Care of Business ... TCB (Taking Care of Business) explores Hamtramck's business community. At this Mid-East restaurant, the specialty is Shawarma and much more

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

Say "hello" to a new eatery in town.

Recently, a swarm of local dignitaries and invitees attended a grand opening for Hello Shawarma, located on one of the city's main business arteries: 3124 Caniff.

We talked to co-owner Alhareth Malik about the Middle East cuisine he dishes up, and take it from us, this is the real

Here's an email Q and A we had with him:

Review: Tell us about your background, and what your business has to offer.

Malik: I came here when I was 17 years old to live the American dream. I have loved to cook since I

# **HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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## **WEDNESDAYS** [July 19, 2023 - August 23, 2023



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Hamtramck Housing Commission (HHC) does not discriminate on the

### For now, Jos. Campau flagpoles will only fly the American flag

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(who also said that he, too, is gay), said:

"That's not 'neutral," that's taking sides, and it gives people a license to be hateful towards other folks."

The issue took another turn a couple of weeks ago, when the chairman of the city's Human Relations Commission, Russ Gordon, raised a pride flag on a Jos. Campau flagpole in defiance of the city council's resolution banning such flags.

That flag was subsequently removed within two-and-a-half-hours, and Gordon was later fired from the commission by the city council. Also at that flag raising was Human Relations Commission member Catrina Stackpoole, who was also removed from the commission.

Removed along with the pride flag were the Cherokee Nation flag and the

Pan-African flag.

As for why the international flags were taken down this week, City Manager Max Garbarino said that they belong to Gordon, and that the mayor and council "just want the American (flag) for now. ... (It) seemed like an easy temporary solution."

Garbarino said the city purchased the American

#### State Rep. says big bucks coming to city

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the negotiation to secure one of the largest infrastructure investments in Hamtramck's history."

Aiyash went to say that this is the first time in 40 years "Michigan's budget finally addresses some of the state's biggest challenges caused by decades of detrimental under-funding."

The 40-year reference is to this being the first time in 40 years that Democrats control both the legislature and occupy the governor's office.

Aiyash ended that Facebook post with the tease: "Stay tuned for more announcements in the coming weeks,"

Aiyash is the city's first Yemeni-American ed into the legislature, and is the state's first Arab-American to be appointed as Majority Floor Leader.

The Review reached out for more details, and Aiyash said he would get back. As of Thursday, the day The Review went to press, there had been no follow-up.

In the meantime, not evervone welcomed the good news. Aiyash has been getting

backlash from some in the local Yemeni community for co-sponsoring a bill to include LBGTQ civil rights protection in the state's Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act.

Commenting on Aiyash's recent Facebook posts about the financial news, a person who goes by the name of Fares Alhalemi said:

"He thinks that he can buy our votes and trust by getting more infrastructure budget for the city, but he forgot that humanity comes first. Nothing worth risking our kids future."

He added: "I can't vote for him again and trust him for our kids future." Stephanie Butler of

Dearborn, who has been leading a crusade against LGBTQ literature in schools, and is an opponent to having a pride flag on city flagpoles, also weighed in:

"Once a traitor, always a traitor!!!"

Aiyash has not spoken publicly about the mayor and city council banning the display of pride flags on city property.

In the meantime, Aiyash is hosting a "coffee hour" this Saturday, July 22, at Kitab Café (2727 Holbrook) this Saturday, July 22 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The event is open to the public.

#### July 21, 2023 This week at the Library ....

Summer Reading: This coming Wednesday, July 26th at 2 pm the theme of the program is Telecom Science Workshop. It will answer some of the questions related to the technology that allows us to communicate at great distances. Following weekly programs will be packed with science wacky games, awesome crafts, and tons of reading. Everyone will get a chance to earn tickets to participate in the end of program raffle with plenty of prizes. Summer adventures await.

Adaptive Yoga: Summer exercise programs are offered on Tuesdays, at 3 pm. The summer sessions will end on August 15th. The programs are sponsored by the RIM Foundation.

Let's Make Music: Join us in July on Thursdays at 4 pm for family song and music time. Presented by musicians and teachers, the whole family can learn new songs and a little bit about music theory. You are welcome to share you own traditional songs and bring along your instruments to play

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Wednesday afternoon Story Time at 12 noon. 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 at 4 pm.

Stop by and let us know that you have come to play.

**Property Records**: Learning how to

access this data is part of the next Li-

brary of Michigan ZOOM presentation. Catch this event on Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 pm. Please visit www.michigan.gov/lmpublicprograms to register.

Alzheimer's Association: The next discussion to be presented on Tuesday, August 15th at 6 pm. The program will present an overview of Alzheimer's disease and dementia as well as introduction to resources for caregivers and patients. The programs is presented by Alzheimer's Association, Michigan branch.

Robyn Carr: This author was born on July 25, 1951. Her works have grown in popularity, even making the jump to the screen with Netflix's "Virgin River" and mor recently "Sullivan's Crossing" series. Find all he drama and romance you could want in paperback on our shelves when you come to visit.

Jackie Kennedy: She was born on July 28, 1929 in Southampton, New York (as Jaqueline Lee Bonvier). She was married to John Fitzgerald Kennedy and after his death later married, Aristotle Onassis.

Henry Ford: This automotive pioneer was born on July 30, 1863 in Dearborn Township, Michigan. He developed an assembly line production system and introduced a \$5.00 per day wage for automotive workers.

U.S. Patent Office; On July 31, 1790 the patent office first opened its doors. First patent was issued to Samuel Hopkins.

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## Second Front Page

## City council committee formed to look into property tax hike

**By Charles Sercombe** 

City officials have heard your concerns and complaints about the recent property tax bills.

This summer's tax bills include a court-ordered judgment for three legal issues that add on another 4.5 tax mills.

For some, that one-time hit could cost homeowners a few hundred to a few thousand extra this summer.

At last week's city council meeting, a few residents spoke out in frustration.

"This is not stable, not normal," said Michelle Cameron about her \$300 increase.

Cameron is a plaintiff in a housing discrimination lawsuit filed against the city decades ago, and she was able to purchase one of the 200 housing units built to settle the issue.

She questioned whether the plaintiffs were being singled out with the tax increase.

"Are all the homeowners getting the same treatment, or are there any differences ... with the plaintiffs in the Gar-

rett case? Are we getting for himself, said there is hit harder?" Cameron questioned. "no reason" for the tax increase because the

Cameron was referring to the housing discrimination named after its lead plaintiff, Sarah Sims Garrett.

The court judgment is for the following:

- Legal fees for the Sarah Garrett housing discrimination lawsuit.
- Settlement in a lawsuit over sewer flooding that caused home damages
- Settlement for a police brutality case.

Cameron also had another question:

"Why do the taxes go up every year when the values of our houses are going down?"

By state law, Michigan property taxes can go up either by 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

As for her claim that housing values are going down, Hamtramck's values actually continue to increase wildly – according to yearly sales reports.

An unidentified man, who said he spoke for several others as well as

ou Know?

"no reason" for the tax increase because the roads are in bad shape and "not enough money is going into our schools, many of alleys are disgusting and scary and unpaved, and there's still lead issues in our water.

Ultimately, he said, the city is "chasing out" homeowners.

But Konrad Maziarz, the city's Assistant Assessor, said the city has to follow state law in updating housing values and passing on yearly tax increases.

"We have to follow state rules, and that's what we're doing," he said.

Maziarz noted that housing values increased greatly in the last 5-6 years, with houses that cost \$60,000 back then now going for \$180,000.

And, for houses that cost \$90,000 to \$100,000 five or six years ago, he said, those houses now sell for over \$300,000.

When new owners purchase a house, their taxes are then based on 50-percent of the cash value of that house, according to state law.

what is causing us to raise the assessments," Maziarz said.

"Those numbers are

And if the city refuses

to make that adjustment, Maziarz said the county or the state would step in and do it, and that that action "would threaten my license" as well as the ability of the Assessor's Office "to do our job."

Maziarz also pointed out that the average taxable value for a house in Hamtramck is about \$30,000. But if you purchased a house for \$300,000, which some Hamtramck properties are now fetching, your tax bill is going to be much bigger than a lot of other homeowners.

Still, having heard that explanation, Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury, who is seeking re-election, insisted that "there's got to be something done, they (homeowners) can't afford it. The city is poor."

Mayor Amer Ghalib also said he is frustrated by the increases.

"We noticed there is an issue, and we have to figure out what it is," he said.

The council then agreed to form a sub-committee, with Councilmembers Choudhury, Khalil Refai and Mohammed Hassan as members, to look into the matter.

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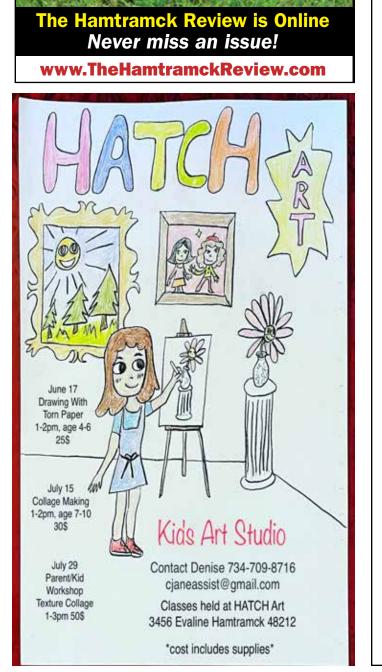
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রানা ফারাজ (Rana Faraj) হ্যামট্রামেক সিটি ক্লার্ক



#### At this Mid-East restaurant, the specialty is Shawarma and much more cont. from front page

was a little kid.

My mom helped me a lot when I was young, by teaching me the old fashioned-ways to make a certain dish. I worked for La Shish restaurants back in 2004 - that was my first official job.

Looking back to so many cultures and people I have met, and worked with, has made me realize that everyone has a unique perspective and taste.

My partner, Noaman Nagi, is actually the one

me get where I am now. Even though he might not be a cook, he's a good eater. Ha-ha.

He knew what I can do, and wanted to be with me on this journey. When you have a good partner who understands, it makes things go smoothly.

#### **Review: What is unique** about your restaurant?

Malik: I have put in my 20-plus years of experience to bring something new to my home city HAM-

who stood up and helped TRAMCK. We are more like a family in this, and I love to see my customers as my family.

> We have a variety of different types of food since we have a lot of different cultures and food tastes. We are different be-

cause we are. The flavor of the seasonings we add is a mix of all sorts.

**Review: About that** name for your business, **Hello Shawarma? How** did that come about?

Malik: It might sound

like we are a shawarma place. But we are not.

The name came to me one day when I realized that everyone has to put kabobs on their menu to show they make Middle-Eastern food.

Actually, the most famous dish is the SHA-WARMA.

We may appear to have shawarmas only, but we are more than that. We make the best cheese burgers in town, the best steak-N-cheese subs. We also have baked lamb,

kabobs all different types (beef.chicken, kafta).

We also offer free tea, and we also make smoothies.

#### **Review: Anything else** to add?

Malik: Come try us out. I promise to give the best in everything. And if you're not happy with what we make, it's money

back guaranteed!

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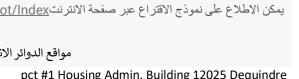
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#### **Playground** update

Hamtramck's newest playground is about to break ground, and your help is needed.

Starting July 25, and going through July 28, the construction of the park will begin in the back section of Veterans Park.

"No matter your experience level, there's a role for everyone. From structures assembling to landscaping, painting, and everything in between, every contribution counts," said organizers in a Facebook blast.

"This is a chance to showcase the power of teamwork and demonstrate the incredible things we can achieve when we come together."

To volunteer or for more information, please register through Eventbrite: https://tinyurl.com/HamtramckBuild

Or send an email to Roni Rivera: rriveracontractor@kaboom.org.

#### **Summer activities**

With summer vacation little past the half-

way point, some parents might be running out of ideas to keep their kids

The folks at learningtogive.org have a few suggestions to keep your kids engaged and not bored through the next several weeks:

- Host a lemonade stand and donate the proceeds to a cause of your choice.
- · Plant a tree to positively impact the environment. If planting a fruit tree, share the fresh fruit with a local food bank.
- · Visit a nonprofit arts organization's play or musical performance.
- Host a bake sale and donate the proceeds.
- Craft and create homemade animal toys out of old fabric and recycled items for animal shelters.
- · Practice math with license plates.
- Instead of having a garage sale, host a book drive for those who can't afford books.

Enjoy your summer, kids!

## **Quick Hits**

#### Cont. from front page

US passport, tribal photo ID card, military ID card, or student ID to identify yourself when you show up to vote.

There will now be at least one secure drop box for every municipality, or at least one drop box for every 15,000 registered voters in municipalities with more than that many regis-

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tered voters. These drop boxes will be used to return absentee ballots safely and securely, and must be accessible 24-hours-a-day 40 days before an election and until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

There is now an increase in the maximum size of an election precinct, from 2,999 active registered electors to 5,000, lowering costs for local governments.



Questions? Text or call Lynn at 586-804-7246

## Review: Opinion Page

### In Our Opinion

#### Hamtramck's ongoing culture war is taking a toll on the city

It's pretty obvious that bring in the state attor-Hamtramck is in a culture war - a war that has been brewing for months.

First, it was about whether the city should allow marijuana dispensaries, or the slaughter of animals in public, and now it's about LGBTQ rights. These disputes pit the city's socially conservative Muslim population against politically progressive-minded residents and their supporters.

This division has attracted the attention of local, state, national and international media - and, mostly, not in a good way. That is to say: Hamtramck looks like a bigoted, backwater town.

It doesn't help that we have a mayor claiming that former city officials on the other side of the issue have the power to ney general to weigh in on the pride flag matter, and also influence other state officials.

Mayor Amer Ghalib is calling them a "militia," which usually refers to a civilian armed military force that, in some instances, engages in rebellion or even terrorism.

That is some serious paranoid thinking

Attorney General Dana Nessel, who is gay, was offended when the city council voted to ban the display of pride flags on public property. She spoke at a price rally in Hamtramck recently, and called the city a "national embarrassment."

Does the mayor seriously think that Nessel was prompted by former local officials to attend a pro-LGBTQ rally? The city council's action on pride flags, with the mayor's

blessing, outraged many folks both in and out of the LGTBQ community.

Hamtramck does not exist in a vacuum.

Way to go, Hamtramck. The actions of local elected officials will only serve to alienate influential state government officials.

It appears to us that Hamtramck is trying to retreat from the modern world.

Hamtramck has long enjoyed a reputation of being a fun, culturally diverse city in the state - a microcosm of the world at large. It is now increasingly becoming a laughing stock.

We wish folks could take a breather and step back, but it appears the culture war here is only going to get worse – and Hamtramck residents will end up paying for it in one way or another.

## dds & Ends

Coffee talk... Have something on your mind about state or local issues? If so, head over to Kitab Café (2727 Holbrook) this Saturday, July 22, from 9 to 11 a.m.

That's where State Rep. Abraham Aiyash (D-Hamtramck) will be meeting the public.

**Election** charges... State Attorney General Dana Nessel, who is no stranger to Hamtramck, announced this week that 16 Republican operatives now face eight felony counts each for attempting to submit fake election results from the 2020 presidential election.

They are known as "fake electors."

Among those charged is Michelle Lundgren who may sound familiar.

She ran as a Republican for the State Rep. seat that Hamtramck's own Abraham Aiyash occupies. Aiyash is a Democrat and the first Yemeni-American to be voted into the legislature by Hamtramck voters.

For those in the Detroit area music scene, Michelle's last name may also sound familiar. Her husband, Carl Lundgren, is a well-known poster artist going back to the 1960s.

**Clean-up...** We received an email note from the city's Max Gilginas, who organizes community events, about last weekend's volunteer citywide and HQA for bringing out volunteers, and to everyone else who came out.

"We pruned a few dozen trees and collected a great deal of trash from Conant.

"Each of you make Hamtramck a better place, and we are very grateful.

"Please join us for the next clean up on Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. at City Hall. For more info or to reg-



Last weekend volunteers met up at city hall for a citywide cleanup. The next cleanup will be Aug. 19, starting at 10 a.m.

cleanup.

Here's what Max had to say about the day:

ister, contact mgilginas@ hamtramckcity.com."

#### Crime Watch...

#### When it comes to bicycles, lock'em up right

**By Charles Sercombe** 

Bike theft isn't the biggest crime trend in Hamtramck, but there is always an uptick in warmer months.

And, depending on the bike, it can be a costly loss. Some bikes carry a price tag of several hundred dollars and up. For some people, pedal power is their main - or only mode of transportation.

According to recent surveys by the U.S. Department of Transportation, bicycling in the U.S. has become increasingly popular, with many cities, including Hamtramck, creating bike lanes on their busy roads to accommodate the demand for safer streets for bikes.

Still, not everyone in Hamtramck is pleased with sharing the road with bicyclists, and if some city council candidates had their way, the bike lanes would be gone or

moved to side streets. Last week, there were several bike thefts reported. Fortunately, there are ways to lessen the chance of having your bike stolen. The folks at the University of Ottawa

offer these suggestions: Always lock your bike with two quality locks; use a U-lock and a cable

Using the U-lock, lock the frame of your bike to the bicycle rack and then,

with a long cable lock, intertwine the cable lock around the bike frame, wheels and bike rack.

By using more than one style of lock, it will take thieves two types of tools and twice as much time to steal your bike.

If possible, also remove the seat of your bike. Without a bike seat, thieves won't be able to make a quick escape and ride away on your bike.

Remove all quick release items and bring them with you.

As proof of purchase in case of theft, save your receipt and serial number; also, take a picture of your bike. If your bike

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"We had a great turn out for the clean sweep on Saturday. Thanks so much to the DCFC Team



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#### Hamtramck Public School District













#### **2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** SINKING FUND MILLAGE RENEWAL

#### What is a Sinking Fund?



A Sinking Fund is a savings account into which a local school district can deposit voter-approved local millage revenue to pay cash for projects or building repairs.



A Sinking Fund millage is a limited property tax, considered a "pay-as-yougo" method for funding building maintenance and infrastructure projects. No debt or interest expense is incurred with a Sinking Fund.



Per current state law, a Sinking Fund millage must not exceed 3 mills and it can be levied for a period of up to 10 years.

#### What projects were completed since the 2014 Sinking Fund Millage?

A summary of projects s that have been completed within the District since the passage of the 2014 Sinking Fund millage are listed as follows:

- Parking Lot Improvements:
  - o Tau Beta
  - Holbrook Elementary
  - o Administration Building
- Playground Improvements
  - o Tau Beta
  - Holbrook Elementary





• District-Wide Safety / Security Improvements

A summary of projects that have been completed within the District since the passage of the 2014 Sinking Fund millage are listed as follows:

- Kitchen / Food Service Improvements:
  - Hamtramck High School
  - Kosciuszko Middle School
  - Dickinson East Elementary Holbrook Elementary

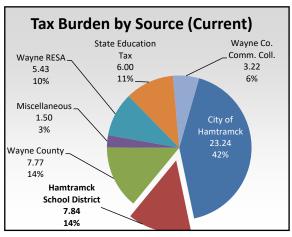




#### If approved, the money raised through the Sinking Fund Millage will:

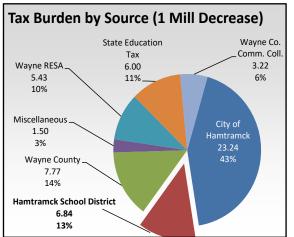
- Enable Hamtramck Students to learn and grow in a safe, secure and healthy environment.
- Protect the community's investment in the school district's buildings and facilities.
- · Reduce pressure on the general fund so that more of the school district's limited education operating funds are available to support student learning.

#### Tax Burden by Source



	Millage
City of Hamtramck	23.24
Hamtramck	
School District	7.84
Wayne County	7.77
Miscellaneous	1.50
Wayne RESA	5.43
State Education Tax	6.00
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Comm. Coll.	3.22
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	54.00

#### **VOTE TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH**

On Tuesday, August 8th, The City of Hamtramck will vote on a "Capital Improvement Sinking Fund Millage Renewal" that will generate revenue to improve and preserve our public-school buildings. The millage will allow the District to CONTINUE to improve its facilities without impacting the funding currently going towards our students' education.

Our current Sinking Fund expires with the 2023 tax

There is NO INCREASE to taxes with this millage. Actually, there will be a REDUCTION in taxes from 4 mills to 3 mills.

#### Sinking Funds CAN be used for:

- Construction, alternation or repair of school buildings
- School security improvements
- · Purchase of real estate
- Technology

#### Sinking Funds CANNOT be used

- Staff/administration salaries, wages or benefits
- General operating expenses
- Classroom supplies or books
- Routine Maintenance

#### What projects were completed since the 2014 Sinking Fund Millage?

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- Roofing Replacements / Refurbishments / Exterior Improvements:
  - Hamtramck High School
  - Horizon High School
  - Hamtramck Community Center
  - Kosciuszko Middle School
  - o Tau Beta
  - Holbrook Elementary
  - Dickinson East Elementary
  - Early Childhood Elementary
  - Bus / Maintenance Building



A summary of projects that have been completed within the District since the passage of the 2014 Sinking Fund millage are listed as follows:

- Interior Building Improvements:
  - o Hamtramck High School
  - O Kosciuszko Middle School
  - O Horizon High School Holbrook Elementary

  - Dickinson East Elementary Early Childhood Elementary
  - Administration Building





A summary of projects that have been completed within the District since the passage of the 2014 Sinking Fund millage are listed as follows:

- Mechanical Improvements:
  - Kosciuszko Middle School
  - Holbrook Elementary
  - Dickinson East Elementary Early Childhood Elementary





- Hamtramck Community Center Retaining Walls / Entry Improvements
- Hamtramck High School Pool Filtration Equipment Replacement
- Hamtramck High School Electrical Upgrades

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- Better buildings will mean a better education and a better community.
- Improvements made to our schools make Hamtramck a more desirable community to live in and boost all property values.
- Projects supported by the Sinking Fund millage will invite local contractors to bid on millions of dollars in new work

Hamtramck Public Schools have been in operation for over 130 years. Holbrook Elementary's building was built in 1896. Dickinson East was constructed in 1917. Several of our schools are historic treasures of the community. The Sinking Fund millage will contribute to preserving that historic

#### **Hamtramck Schools** 2023 Sinking Fund **Analysis of 1 Mill Reduction Impact on Homestead Properties**

<b>Additional Debt</b>	Home Cash	Taxable	Savings to Taxpayer			
Millage	Value	Value	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
1.00	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50.00	\$4.17	\$0.96	\$0.14
1.00	80,000	40,000	40.00	3.33	0.77	0.11
1.00	60,000	30,000	30.00	2.50	0.58	0.08
1.00	50,000	25,000	25.00	2.08	0.48	0.07
1.00	40,000	20,000	20.00	1.67	0.38	0.05
1.00	30,000	15,000	15.00	1.25	0.29	0.04
1.00	25,000	12,500	12.50	1.04	0.24	0.03

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#### **QUESTIONS?**

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Jaleelah Hassan Ahmed, Superintendent **Hamtramck Public Schools** 

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Hamtramck, Two family, 2639 Yemans, 3 br. lower, 2 br. upper, \$234,900, or best offer call (313) 505-4568. 8/11

Warren, Single family next to Muneer Academy/MIFTA-AH, 26547 Burg Rd. Brick ranch, Completely remodeled (2023), call M. Nasser, 313-505-4568. 8/11

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#### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers July 11-17.

#### Tuesday, July 11

- · A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- · A hit-and-run accident was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Belmont.
- Customer trouble was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- Officers investigating a disorderly group of people, in the area of Oklahoma and Circle Dr., arrested a male for being disorderly.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- · An auto theft was reported in the 2900 block of Roosevelt. · A break-in was report-
- ed in the 12000 block of Selfridge. A car theft was report-

ed in the 3200 block of

- Hanley. · Family trouble was reported in the 3100 block of Goodson.
- A complaint was made about a iuvenile in the 3900 block of Yemans.

#### Wednesday, July 12

- At almost midnight, a complaint about noise was made in the 9500 block of Conant.
- A car theft was reported in the 2200 block of Edwin. Another auto theft was reported in the 11600 block of St. Aubin.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge. · A theft was reported
- in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

#### Thursday, July 13

- · At a little after midnight, a complaint was made about an animal in the area of Fleming and Commor.
- · A break-in was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- At about 5 a.m., an auto theft was reported in the 12100 block of Klinger.
- · A theft was reported on Edwin St.
- A Charest St. resident reported being harassed. · A car was impounded
- on Prescott St. for having an expired license plate, and also for blocking a driveway. A theft was reported
- in the 2700 block of Norwalk. At about 9 p.m., an
- unarmed robbery was reported in the 2200 block of Faber. Friday, July 14

#### At 1:40 a.m., follow-

- ing a traffic stop, two suspects were arrested for being in a stolen car. Officers investigating
- a suspicious vehicle in the 3800 block of Belmont arrested a suspect at 2 a.m.
- At 3 a.m., officers responding to a call about

a gun arrested two sus-

pects in the area of Grand Haven and Circle Dr.

- · At about 5 a.m., a complaint was made about a reckless driver in the area of Jos. Campau and Jacob.
- A theft was reported on Dequindre.
- An incident of fraud was reported at a business on Conant.
- · A domestic assault was reported on Selfridge.
- Property damage was reported in the 3100 block of Jacob.

· At 7 p.m., an unarmed

- robbery of a bicycle was reported in the area of Trowbridge and Ellery. • At 10 p.m., a fight was
- reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

#### Saturday, July 15

- · An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven. · A business in the
- 2000 block of Caniff reported having trouble with a customer. A complaint was
- made about a disorderly person in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau. An incident of fraud
- was reported in the 2500 block of Goodson.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau and Belmont.
- A sexual assault was reported.
- Officers responding to a call about the theft of a bicycle, in the area of Holbrook and Brombach, later found the bicycle in the area of Lumpkin and Belmont.
- · A domestic assault was reported in the 5200 block of Belmont.

#### Sunday, July 16

- · At 2 a.m., a complaint about noise was made in the 9800 block of Conant.
- · At 2:45 a.m., a complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 2300 block of Poland.
- · Officers impounded an abandoned trailer.
- · A Klinger St. resident reported a landlord/ tenant dispute.
- · Officers, responding to a call about a missing 2-year-old, later located the child. The child was reunited with their moth-
- An incident of fraud was reported at a business on Conant.
- · An assault was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff. · A loose dog was re-
- ported in the 2300 block of Botsford. Monday, July 17

#### An attempted auto

- theft was reported in the 12100 block of Klinger. · At 1:30 a.m., officers
- arrested five juveniles in the area of Moran and Carpenter for curfew violation. · At 5:42 a.m., an at-
- tempted auto theft was reported in the 12100

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block of Moran.

- A hit-and-run accident that caused property damage was reported in the 12100 block of Fleming.
- · At a little after 6 a.m., a group of iuveniles was detained after fleeing from a suspected attempted auto theft.
  - · Officers responded to ported on Zinow.

a call about a gasoline spill at Conant and Doremus. Hamtramck firefighters

- were also on the scene. A Yemans St. resident reported that their vehicle
- A hit-and-run accident was reported at Caniff and Brombach.

had been stolen.

· Family trouble was re-

- · A sexual assault was reported in the 9100
- block of Jos. Campau. A complaint was made about an unwanted guest in the 3800 block
- of Yemans. · The theft of a license plate was reported in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau.
- · An auto theft was reported in the area of Buffalo and Caniff.
- · A neighbor dispute was reported in the 3900 block of Yemans.

#### Crime Watch...

#### When it comes to bicycles, lock'em up right

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is stolen and then recovered, the process of returning it to you will be easier.

Personalize your bike (with stickers, for example) so it's less attractive to thieves.

Keep an eye out for suspicious or unusual activity, and call 911 if you see it.

Never leave your bike unlocked or unattended, even for "just a minute." It only takes a minute to steal a locked bike; unlocked bikes are irresistible to opportunistic thieves.

Never lock your bike by the front wheel only. It will be too easy to steal.



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#### **NOTICE OF CITY OF HAMTRAMCK PRIMARY ELECTION**

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the Qualified Electors of the

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a CITY OF HAMTRAMCK PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in the City of Hamtramck, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, August 8th, from seven (7) o'clock in the morning until eight (8) o'clock at night (local time) at which time candidates for the following offices

#### HAMTRAMCK CITY COUNCIL

listed below will be voted upon.

**ADDITIONALLY**, City of Hamtramck electors will vote on the following proposal:

**Hamtramck Public Schools Sinking Fund Proposition** 

Full text of the ballot and proposal may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212. A sample ballot may be viewed at <a href="https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index">https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index</a>

The City Clerk's office, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212, will be open on Saturday August 5, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for the return of Absentee Applications and Absentee Ballots.

#### **HAMTRAMCK PRECINCT LOCATIONS:**

PCT #1 Housing Admin. Building 12025 Dequindre

PCT #2 Community Center 11410 Charest

PCT #3 Community Center 11410 Charest

PCT #4 Community Center 11410 Charest

PCT #5 Senior Plaza 2620 Holbrook PCT #6 Senior Plaza 2620 Holbrook

PCT #7 Senior Plaza 2620 Holbrook

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Rana Faraj

Hamtramck City Clerk