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## Quick Hits

### Firefighters prepare for distress

Hamtramck firefighters are constantly preparing for the worst when not actually fighting fires.

Fire Chief Matthew Wyszczelski has provided an update on the latest in the department. Here is what he wrote:

"Mayday, Mayday, Mayday is the radio call used by firefighters when they are in distress on a fire scene.

"Recently, several Hamtramck firefighters received training on how to handle a Mayday situation, and how to perform a self-rescue. The Firefighter Safety and Survival class was given by the International Association of Fire Fighters.

"It ran for four days at the Detroit Regional Training Center, and was attended by firefighters from the tri-county area as well as Windsor, Ontario.

"The class taught several skills, including wall breaching, bailing out of windows, commanding a Mayday incident, and basement rescue situations.

"This class was a train-the-trainer class that allows the firefighters who attended the class to come back and teach these valuable skills to the rest of their departments.

"Research done by Project Mayday says that, in 86 percent of firefighter Maydays, the firefighter calling the Mayday either self-rescues or is assisted by other firefighters who are already in the fire building.

"The self-rescue skills learned in this class can be invaluable if our firefighters ever find themselves in trouble at a fire."

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Hamtramck's newest park marks an injustice finally made right

**By Charles Sercombe**

After a year's delay in dedicating Hamtramck's newest park, it finally got done last Wednesday.

But then again, in the case of this park, delays and waiting are a common theme.

We're talking about the dedication of the Sarah Sims Garrett Park, and the monument to the woman, and others, who were being honored with this park. A dedication ceremony was going to be held last year but that was canceled due to a citywide flooding that happened after heavy rains.

The story about the park and monument is the legacy of a long story – over 50 years long – that involves an ugly episode in Hamtramck's past.

The park and monument are dedicated to a long-gone group of people, 200 people to be exact, who filed a class-action lawsuit against Hamtramck in a housing discrimination lawsuit in the early 1970s.

The lawsuit was the result of city officials in the



Last Wednesday, a dedication ceremony was held for the city's newest park, Sarah Sims Garrett, and the monument that honors Garrett and other plaintiffs involved in a housing discrimination lawsuit filed against the city back in the early 1970s.

1960s razing neighborhoods where a majority of the residents were African-Americans.

That action was done under the guise of a nation-wide, federally-funded program called "Urban Renewal." The program was meant to remove blight in the inner cities and improve community life.

When the residents wised up to the fact that they were being racially targeted, they filed a lawsuit in federal court.

A Detroit federal judge, Damon Keith, an African-American civil rights champion, called the action by city officials "Negro Removal," in an obvious reference to the Urban Renewal program.

And so, a decades-long lawsuit was born. Sarah Sims Garrett was one of those people who were wronged, and, as the story goes, she volunteered to have her name used for the class action lawsuit.

Garrett died long before the lawsuit was finally settled. But that settlement ultimately required the city to build 200 housing units – one for each plaintiff. The last three houses are just now being built.

The plaintiffs, like Garrett, are now deceased, but some of their descendants are still alive, and qualify to purchase the

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## Deadline to register to vote is nearing

**By Charles Sercombe**

The next election in Hamtramck is Aug. 8, and if you are not registered to vote here yet, time is ticking.

Those who qualify to vote here have until July 24 to register through the mail. You can also register in-person any day after that, including the day of the election.

To register to vote in Hamtramck, you must be a citizen, at least 18 years old on the day of the election, as well as have proof of residency in Hamtramck.

The August Primary Election will feature a runoff of city council candidates and a school millage renewal.

In the city council race, there are nine candidates, but three will be eliminated for the final faceoff in the November General Election. The top six vote-getting candidates will vie for three seats on council.

Incumbent councilmembers Mohammed Hassan, Nayeem Choudhury and Mohammed Alsomiri are facing challengers Lynn Blasey, Muhtasin Sadman, Nasr Hussain, Ruhel Amin, Sari Ahmed, and Yousef Saed.

Blasey and Hussain have regularly attended council meetings for over a year, and have been active politically.

As for the millage renewal, the Hamtramck Public School District is seeking 3 mills – down from 4 mills for the past 10 years. The renewal would be for another 10 years.

That millage is called a sinking fund, which allows the district to spend money on repairing and updating buildings, security improvements, and tech-

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The marijuana dispensary 3Fifteen has now closed its doors permanently, leaving three other marijuana facilities still operating in town.

## In a competitive market, a dispensary shuts down for good

**By Charles Sercombe**

Once again, the marijuana dispensary 3Fifteen has closed down.

But this time, a sign on its door says it's permanent.

Just a few months ago, the Jos. Campau store, located between Zinow and Pulaski, reopened after being closed temporarily.

A spokesman for the company did not return emails for comment on

this latest closure.

This now leaves three operating dispensaries in the city.

The business license still lists Victor Kattoula, of Sterling Heights, as the owner of 3Fifteen. The Review also reached out to Kattoula for comment, but he could not be reached.

According to Hamtramck's ordinance regulating dispensaries, the

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# Hamtramck's newest park marks an injustice finally made right

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new housing (with the assistance of federal funding).

Although Garrett never saw the conclusion of the lawsuit, city officials and others involved in the federal lawsuit created this park out of vacant land on the southbound side

of the I-75 service drive at Caniff.

Vera Burk, an African-American who was chairman of the Grand Haven-Dyar-Dequindre Corporation, one of the two corporations set up to mediate a settlement with the city, said the

road to settling the lawsuit "was a struggle."

"I love my Hamtramck, but it was a struggle," she added.

At the park ceremony, attended by about 50 people, several spoke.

Hamtramck Mayor Amer Ghalib was one of the first

to settle the lawsuit for 16 years as this lawsuit progressed.

Her statement was read by city council candidate Lynn Blasey. Majewski said:

"We come to dedicate this park in order to help rebuild community, to rebuild trust, to rebuild hope; we do so in partnership with, and in honor of, the African American community which has suffered, and which has prevailed.

"A park is not an answer to that injustice. But it is an outstretched hand, a place for contemplation and healing, where we can all be reminded that restitution has no expiration date, and that those who've fought the good fight deserve to be remembered, and honored."

Former city manager Kathy Angerer, who helped create the park, said all credit for the park belongs to "the tenacity of the plaintiffs" of the lawsuit.

Angerer said that this park represents "a place of peace, a place of contemplation so we never forget the injustice that happened many years ago, and we don't repeat such an injustice in our time."

Little is known about Sarah Sims Garrett, but a childhood friend was at the dedication. Barbara Bradford said that Garrett was "first and foremost a Christian, and child of God."

Asked what would be going through Garrett's mind on the day's park dedication, Bradford said her friend would have surely said one word: "Hallelujah."



Above: Vera Burk was one of many people who were instrumental in settling a housing discrimination lawsuit filed against the city by African-American residents. Below: Scenes from the dedication ceremony.



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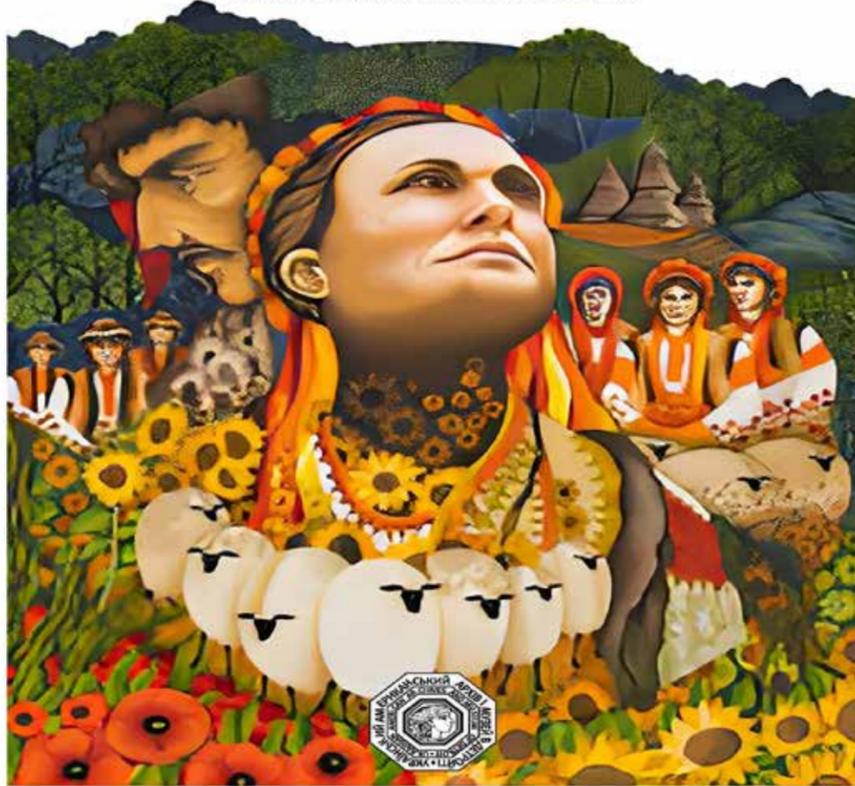
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to weigh in.

He prefaced his remarks saying that he took "time away" from his family to attend the dedication. He promised that housing injustice "will never happen again."

"In this city, we all belong to minorities," said Ghalib, the city's first Yemeni-American to become mayor.

Gilda Keith, a daughter of federal judge Damon Keith (who went on to oversee the case for many years, but died before the last of the housing was built) said this case was the definition of the saying: "Justice delayed is justice denied."

Former mayor Karen Majewski, who was unable to attend, was in of-

## This week at the Library . . .

July 7, 2023

**Summer Reading:** This coming Wednesday, July 12th at 2 pm the theme of the program is "SECRET AGENT SCIENCE WORKSHOP". Children will find out what's its like to be a spy. 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 begin on Tuesday, July 18th at 3 pm. The summer sessions will end on August 15th. The programs are sponsored by the RIM Foundation.

**Afternoon with Songs and 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 your own traditional songs and bring along your instruments to play along.

**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.

**Alzheimer's & Dementia:** Please join us for a pair of evenings with representatives from the Alzheimer's As-

sociation. Give us a visit on Tuesday, July 18th at 6 pm for an overview of the research into diet, nutrition, exercise, social engagement, and cognitive activity that supports healthy aging. Then, consider attending the conversation highlighting differences between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and factors, current research, and resources available which will take place on Tuesday, August 15th at 6 pm.

**Property Line Records:** The Library of Michigan ZOOM presentation on Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 pm will discuss land ownership and property line records. Please visit & register at [www.michigan.gov/Impublicprograms](http://www.michigan.gov/Impublicprograms) to get info about upcoming presentations.

**Apollo 11:** On July 16, 1969, Apollo Lunar landing mission begun with a liftoff from Kennedy Space Center at 9:37 am.

**25th Amendment:** On July 18, 1947, President Harry Truman signed an executive order determining the line of succession if the president becomes incapacitated or dies in office. Following the vice president, the speaker of the house and president of the Senate are next in succession. This became the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified on February 10, 1967.

**Ernest Hemingway:** This author was born on July 21, 1899 in Oak Park, Illinois. Awarded the Nobel Prize in 1954, he died on July 2, 1961.

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# Second Front Page

## Covid update: New covid strains will be met with new vaccines

By Charles Sercombe

For those who plan on staying up to date on covid booster shots, there will be new ones available as early as this September.

That's the word from the Food and Drug Administration, which said that drugmakers will have a new booster shot that targets the newest covid strain: XBB.1.5.

In a press release, the FDA said:

"Based on the totality of the evidence, the FDA has advised manufacturers who will be updating their Covid-19 vaccines,

that they should develop vaccines with a monovalent XBB 1.5 composition."

Just who should be getting these booster shots has been the subject of debate among health officials throughout the world.

Some are saying that only those who are considered to be in high-risk groups – such as health care workers and seniors – should bother.

The thinking is that, for those of us who received previous vaccines and survived coming down with covid, there

is enough built-up resistance.

While the new boosters are being rolled out in the fall during the time yearly flu shots become available, covid does not act like the flu bug.

There is no seasonal aspect to the new variants.

Several weeks ago, the U.S. has declared an end to the covid pandemic. However, there are pockets throughout the country where there are upward spikes in new cases.

Also, in China, it's expected that waves of new

covid cases will happen every six months, affecting millions of people there. For travelers, that means taking precautions when out in public there.

In the latest update on new covid cases in Hamtramck, Wayne County health officials report that there were four new cases in the past week here in town. That brings the total number of covid cases for the past three years up to 6,114.

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



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**July 11 – Holy Mass 9 am**

**July 8 – Take-out Only Soup Kitchen 2-4 pm Everyone Welcome!**

## City cuts ties with former deputy city manager

By Charles Sercombe

Former Deputy City Manager Maali Luqman is now permanently gone.

The city reached an agreement with Luqman for her to part ways with the city in a deal that gives her six months' pay – worth about \$60,000 – and a mutual agreement to not seek further legal action.

Luqman and City Manager Max Garbarino had a falling out within months of her being hired. Luqman lasted less than a year on the job.

She was hired, by the prompting of Mayor Amer Ghalib, despite not having any of the qualifications posted for the job by the city.

A person who actually

had active experience in the job was not even considered for the job.

Luqman's previous experience was in education at a charter school. She has a master's degree in international relations from Harvard University.

Garbarino said he may seek an assistant, but said he was unsure if that position would still carry

the title of deputy city manager.

Luqman had also faced an accusation by the city's head of the Human Resources Department, Mashana Burton, for creating a "hostile work environment" in city hall.

That matter has been dropped with Luqman's exit.

## In a competitive market, a dispensary shuts down for good

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license for the business cannot be transferred. However, Kattoula can remain the business license holder for a new

on the closure.

Marijuana sales in the state generated \$59.5 million in 2022, according to the Department of

a high-profile role in the city, and none have done local public promotions for their business.

Marijuana sales competition in the metro area is stiff, with dozens and dozens of outlets competing for consumers to shop at. The market has become oversaturated, causing prices for various cannabis products to be greatly reduced in recent months.

There had been an initial pushback here by religious conservative members of the community against allowing dispensaries to operate, and there are still calls for shutting them down.

All four of the dispensaries moved into vacant commercial buildings, and, in some instances, did extensive remodeling and updating of those buildings.



This isn't the first time that 3Fifteen closed down. A few months ago the dispensary abruptly closed, but only temporarily. At the time there was speculation that the store would eventually close for good.

dispensary.

Each of the dispensaries produce about \$50,000 a year in taxes and fees for the city.

City Manager Max Garbarino had no comment

Treasury.

The total sales from adult-use cannabis in Michigan was \$1.8 billion.

None of the Hamtramck dispensaries have played

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**Notice of Public Hearings**

The City Council will have three first readings on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on the following topics:

- A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE HAMTRAMCK CITY CHARTER TO REMOVE SEC. 9-18(c) CITY MANAGER; APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS; COMPENSATION AND THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT**
- A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE HAMTRAMCK CITY CHARTER TO REMOVE SEC. 4-04 COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO RUN FOR MAYOR & SEC. 4-05 MAYOR WHO RUNS FOR COUNCIL AND THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT**
- A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE HAMTRAMCK CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE SEC. 7-01(a) COUNCIL, COMPOSITION; COMPENSATION & SEC. 9-03 COMPENSATION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM AND THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

If resolutions are approved after the first reading, the City Council will hold public hearings and second readings on Tuesday July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212).

Full and complete text is available on the City of Hamtramck's website through Boarddocs. The public is invited to view and comment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before 4 p.m. July 25, 2023 to the City Clerk at RFaraj@hamtramckcity.com.

The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids, and services for individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon advance notice by writing or by calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x343. Please contact the Clerk's office at least 10 days in advance.

NOTICE OF  
REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

To the Qualified Electors of the  
CITY OF HAMTRAMCK - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Hamtramck on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified elector of the City of Hamtramck who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the Hamtramck City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at [www.expressSOS.com](http://www.expressSOS.com).

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the Hamtramck City Clerk is Monday, July 24, 2023.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office, located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212 at the following times:

Regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Election Day, Tuesday, August 8, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts 1-7 in all regular locations or by mail at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication>

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the City of Hamtramck electors will be voting to elect candidates for the Hamtramck City Council.

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

Hamtramck Public Schools  
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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 <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index>

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Rana Faraj  
Hamtramck City Clerk

## Deadline to register to vote is nearing

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nology updates, among other items.

The millage, however, may not be used to pay salaries, or pay for supplies or regular maintenance.

The school district previously tried – unsuccessfully – to get voters to approve a 30-mill tax a few years ago, but voters twice rejected it. That was during the covid pandemic when homes finances were a concern for many.

It's hard to tell what the mood of the voters will be for this renewal, but there is one council candidate, Nasr Hussain, telling voters to reject all millages.

Hussain is a former school boardmember for the district, although he resigned from the board before his term expired.

To register to vote, you can go to the city clerk's office in city hall Monday

through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You can also register to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and still be able to vote.

Other locations to register to vote, except on the day of the election, include the county clerk office; any Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency.

Not able to get to an office? No problem. You can get a registration form through the Secretary of State online at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote). You can then mail it to the Hamtramck City Clerk.

For those who want to get a sneak peek at the ballots, sample ones are also available at the clerk's office.

## Crime watch... It's summer in the city and tempers are flaring

By Charles Sercombe

Regular readers of this column will notice one area of the city that keeps popping up.

Those streets – Selfridge, Circle Dr., Oklahoma, Dyar and others – are all to be found in the Col. Hamtramck Housing project, located off the I-75 service drive on the west side.

The projects were built in the 1940s, and for years there have been incidents of fights and thefts. Those living there have their rents partially federally subsidized.

While the Hamtramck Housing Commission, which manages the projects and the senior apartment building on Holbrook, has an excellent rating, problems have persisted.

Housing Executive Director Kevin Kondrat has said the commission has a strict zero-tolerance policy for misbehaving. Meaning, such tenants are kicked out.

Despite that policy, there continue to be numerous reports of fights, in particular.

Kondrat said in the past that, despite occasional flare-ups, the housing projects are safe. It probably doesn't help that the projects are isolated from the city due to the I-75 divide.

But, much like the rest of Hamtramck, people living there are living side-by-side and crammed against one another. That constant physical closeness naturally leads to neighbor arguments and fights.

The 1960s folk/pop band The Lovin' Spoon-

ful had a hit tune about summer that pretty much describes life in the city. The lyrics, in part, said:

*"Hot town, summer in the city*

*Back of my neck getting dirty and gritty*

*Been down, isn't it a pity?*

*Doesn't seem to be a shadow in the city*

*All around, people looking half dead*

*Walking on the sidewalk, hotter than a match head"*

In other crime trends this past week, complaints about fireworks spiked up due to both the Eid holiday and the Fourth of July. Fireworks are allowed to be shot off during these holidays, but a number of residents have complained that they are going off late at night.

There is also ongoing concern that stray fireworks could land on house roofs and spark fires. However, that concern has yet to be borne out in recent years.

In the meantime, state legislators are considering amending the law regulating fireworks to shorten the time period they can be in use. That issue is being driven largely by pet owners, who complain that their fur buddies live in terror every time fireworks go off.

Also, with hot weather settling in as summer progresses, the number of domestic assaults and public fights continue to increase.

There has also been an uptick in the number of stolen vehicles, now that more people are out and about.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### In Hamtramck, we still welcome immigrants

Last week, this page questioned whether Hamtramck can still be considered a welcoming place.

That was in reference to the mayor and city council supporting a ban displaying a pride flag – and others – on city property.

The backlash in the metro area, state and nation was immediate.

It's not known what the final impact of this decision will be – and there are people outside the city who fully support the city's posi-

tion – but we know one thing: Despite what may be perceived as a step backwards, Hamtramck can, at the same time, extend its hand to newcomers.

Take, for example, the recent picnic and celebration of our immigrant community. That event, held at Veterans Park, was sponsored by the non-profit organization Samaritus.

The good folks at Samaritus were instrumental in relocating immigrants to this country, and specifically here in

Hamtramck. The organization also played a key part in securing funding to have new housing units built for the immigrants – most of whom are refugees from war-torn countries.

It's moments like that where Hamtramck truly shines as a model city.

That is the spirit of giving and accepting that certain city officials need to pay attention to, and learn from.

Be sure of one thing, however: the pride flag issue is far from settled.

## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Is the pride flag issue really about 'neutrality'?

By Linda Wolyniec

At first I was angry. OK, I was angry several times.

I put up pride stickers at my building. They were torn down. I put up fabric in the semblance of the pride flag on my fence. It was torn and ripped down.

Someone went into my yard and took stickers off my building, several times. A man scraped grooves into the stone at the front. (I saw you! I have your photo!).

All this over the rainbow flag. There is clearly anger and a lack of respect and tolerance for those that choose to express their views. That is a very startling and oppressing situation.

I have the right to fly any flag I want on my property. At this point I feel I MUST. For those among us who are afraid, for those that are unaccepted, for those that are hiding. The vandalism only emphasizes this need.

This current city government passed this poorly thought out, thinly veiled resolution singularly to ban the Pride flag. Many council members are not even trying to pretend this is about "neutrality" and admit it is a purely religious ideology issue.

There is a line between practicing your religion and forcing it on others. As far as what the "people" want, maybe if you reached out to a more broad constituency, you might have gotten a different response.

There is a mistaken impression that when you are in the "majority" (another subject altogether) that you don't have any obligation to anyone outside your supporters. Decent politicians are not "rulers."

They listen and make decisions based on what is right for the community overall. Not a segment, of which you answer to the most extreme and radical.

Respect is a two way street.

This will not stop me from respecting and loving my neighbors. This will not stop me from my right as a citizen to object to the reasoning and implementation of a poorly thought out action by my council.

This will not stop me from enjoying the rich life I lead here, many friends, walkable streets, conversations with people of all kinds, daily, hourly and by the minute.

I had a heated (my side) conversation with a very nice man walking through the alley to the mosque last evening. I was angry and aggressive. He was calm and I could see the concern in his response. He told me he was very sorry this was happening on my property and that it is not right. He completely changed my view of what is actually happening and important here.

The vandalism speaks for itself. Things are the same as always, rational people are here, we all have a place here and it

really is the outliers and radicals that are the problem. Which is true in most cities.

If there is one thing about Hamtramck that will never change is that it is ALWAYS changing. There is a huge amount of crowing and hubris in the "winning" that this administration THINKS that they are doing.

I see absolutely zero outreach by any of these politicians who obviously serve ONLY a segment of our society.

In truth, our Mayor continues to dial up aggressive rhetoric instead of cooling down the situation and looking for ways the community can come together. Most other politicians in this situation would be looking for damage control or even attempting the illusion of damage control. Instead, he keeps stating that he will not back down.

This is nonsensical in so many ways. This is done. This is what this group of men decided. This is the message: sit down and shut up. Well, we'll see how that works.

One of the council members keeps saying that this is what the majority wants. Ironic, in that many cultures here have come seeking a seat at the table.

Seeking understanding and the freedom from having decisions made for them. The freedom from being erased. This was

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## Odds & Ends

**Reminder...** Have some spare time?

If so, the city's Community and Economic Development is seeking volunteers for their "Every Neighbor" program.

This project helps residents who cannot keep their yards up to the City's code due to age or disability by providing emergency lawn care and yard clean up to those in need.

Currently "Every Neighbor" needs volunteers each weekend to help mow lawns and clear yards of tree branches and other small debris.

- Volunteers meet at Hamtramck Stadium and are assigned to specific addresses;

- Equipment such as gloves, mowers, trash bags, hedge trimmers, etc. will be provided for each site;

- If the resident requires help taking the re-

fuse to the curb on trash days, volunteers can assist with that too.

- Additionally, an AmeriCorps member will try to determine if the resident has other needs, such as housing, tax or food assistance, and then connect them with resources to help meet those needs.

Some residents need assistance during the week, so if you can't volunteer on a Saturday or Sunday we still have people who could use your help at other times.

So, if you can help – even for just a couple of hours one or two days a week – call Max Gilgins at Hamtramck City Hall at (313) 800-5233, extension 326, or AmeriCorps Service Member John Jakary via email at [jjakary@hannaireworks.org](mailto:jjakary@hannaireworks.org) to sign up.

**Fireworks trauma...** As of today, Friday, it is no longer legal to shoot off fireworks in celebration of the Fourth of July. The deadline for the last day to do that was on Tuesday, the Fourth.

But we all know that people still set them off all throughout the year – especially in warmer months.

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الى الناخبين المؤهلين في مدينة هامترامك، ولاية ميشيغان

يتم اعطاء هذا الأشعار بأن الانتخابات الاولى ستقام في مدينة هامترامك في يوم الثلاثاء ٨ اغسطس ٢٠٢٣ من الساعة ٧:٠٠ صباحاً الى الساعة ٨:٠٠ مساءً

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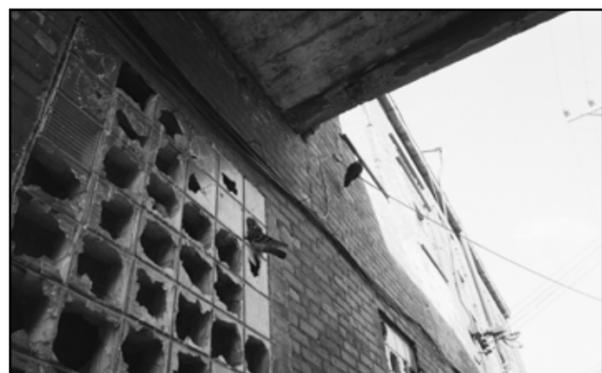


By Suraj Bhamra

An unintentional exposure after rattling another canister into the bottom of the camera catches the tip of a boot in mid step. To see the boot photographed, pushing away with protest, is to recall the cadence of the stride behind it and feel the impatience in the step on a searingly hot afternoon.

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



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### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers June 27-July 3.

#### Tuesday, June 27

- A noise complaint was made in the 3800 block of Belmont.
- A complaint was made about an unwanted guest in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- An auto theft was reported in the 2400 block of Alice.
- A fight was reported at Jos. Campau and Pulaski.
- A break-in was reported at 12:40 p.m. in the 3000 block of Jacob.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- An incident requiring the involvement of Child Protective Services occurred in the 2400 block of Pulaski.
- A harassment complaint was made in the 2700 block of Florian.
- A landlord/tenant dispute was reported in the 2700 block of Florian.
- Two suspects were arrested in connection to a break-in reported in the 8900 block of Lumpkin.
- A neighbor dispute was reported in the 2900 block of Hanley.

#### Wednesday, June 28

- A fireworks complaint was made in the 2300 block of Evaline.
- A theft was reported in the 2600 block of Holmes.
- A fireworks complaint was made in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau. At 12:43 a.m., another fireworks complaint was made in the area of Florian and Lumpkin.
- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A noise complaint was made in the 2200 block of Poland.
- An auto theft was reported in the 3000 block of Trowbridge at 7:40 a.m.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3200 block of Evaline.
- An auto theft was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A complaint about extortion was made in the 3300 block of Caniff.
- A reckless driver was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Caniff.
- A theft was reported in the 2300 block of Edwin.
- A disorderly group of people was reported in the 3800 block of Yemens.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

#### Thursday, June 29

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau at about midnight.
- At 12:40 a.m., a domestic fight was reported in the 11000 block of Nagel.
- At about 2 a.m., an attempted theft of a catalytic convertor was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- At 4:30 a.m., a sexual assault was reported

in the 2000 block of Belmont.

- A domestic assault was reported in the 5200 block of Belmont.
- At 5:40 a.m., officers responded to a call in the 12000 block of Dequindre, where a man in a Chevrolet Malibu was brandishing a gun.
- A Caniff Ave. resident was reported missing.
- An incident of fraud was reported on Evaline.
- A theft was reported in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau.
- An illegal dumping was reported in the 11600 block of Gallagher.

#### Friday, June 30

- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- A business on Holmes reported a break-in.
- A stolen vehicle was reported on Belmont. Another stolen vehicle was reported on Commor.
- A resident on Carpenter was bitten by a dog. In another matter, officers responded to a call about a vicious dog in the 12100 block of Conant.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 11400 block of Moran.
- A break-in was reported in the 12200 block of Conant.
- A theft from a business was reported in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau.
- At about 7 p.m., officers responded to a call in the area of Circle Dr. and Dequindre about a domestic assault. When officers arrived, the person who made the call was uncooperative.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2600 block of Edwin.
- Complaints about fireworks were made in the 3300 block of Edwin and in the area of Jos. Campau and Grayling.

#### Saturday, July 1

- A fight was reported in the 2400 block of Andrus.
- Family trouble was reported in the 1900 block of Belmont.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11600 block of Klinger.
- During an investigation of an assault in the 12000 block of Grand Haven, two women were arrested for assault.
- A complaint was made in the 12000 block of Dyar about juveniles who were throwing balls.
- A fight was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Dan.
- An auto theft was reported in the 5000 block of Caniff.
- Gunshots were reported in the area of Evaline and Brombach.
- A complaint about fireworks was made in the 2300 block of Poland.

#### Sunday, July 2

- A complaint was made about an animal in the 3200 block of Belmont.
- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 12000

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**City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing**  
 City Council

**Public hearing to Amend the City of Hamtramck Code of Ordinances Chapter 51.004 Service Pipe Specification.**

The City of Hamtramck Code of Ordinances Chapter 51.004 Service Pipe Specification currently reads: All service pipes laid in the city shall be of not less than one-inch internal diameter and all pipes of one-inch and two-inch diameter shall be of copper tubing and of quality to conform to the standards recommended by the American Water Works Association for water service. All service pipes over two-inch internal diameter shall be of ductile iron and shall conform to the specifications of the American Water Works Association.

(Ord. 2010-2, passed 4-27-2010) Penalty, see § 51.999

We are requesting for the city to amend the City of Hamtramck Code of Ordinances Chapter 51.004 Service Pipe Specification to include plastic pipe material with grounding rods and to read as follows:

All service pipes laid in the city shall be of not less than one-inch internal diameter and all pipes of one-inch and two-inch diameter shall be of copper tubing or plastic material appropriately grounded and of quality to conform to the standards recommended by the American Water Works Association for water service. All service pipes over two-inch internal diameter shall be of ductile iron and shall conform to the specifications of the American Water Works Association.

(Ord. 2010-2, passed 4-27-2010) Penalty, see § 51.999

The hearing will be held during the Hamtramck City Council starting at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, July 25, 2023**. Interested residents may attend the meeting at the City Council Chamber at the City of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

The public is invited to attend and comment or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Address written comments to City Clerk Rana Faraj 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212.

Please note: This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.71 a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the Meeting to Individuals with disabilities at the Meeting or Public Hearing upon 10 day notice to the City Clerk's Office. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Hamtramck City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x. 821.

**Is the pride flag issue really about 'neutrality'?**

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completely understood when we became the first city to broadcast the call to prayer. That it is not understood in this case is truly ironic.

Now, the call to prayer is used as a muscle flex, decibels be darned. We live with it, complaining about the excessive loudness sometimes. When it was not being broadcast during covid, we acutely felt the disruption to what has become "normal" here.

Getting back to the "change" that is inevitable here, it's coming. I see it every day. I see it in speaking to reasonable neighbors and friends.

I see it in business owners who are concerned

about the bottom line, as our council should be, if they were responsible to the citizens. I see it in the children playing on the street, with each other, all different, all laughing and having fun with each other.

I see it in the interest young families have in being here. I see it in the many young people that want to live here for walkability, proximity, art and music and general quirkiness. I have seen it from the day I was born (here, in city hall!) to now that we have made this place our home, again.

The changes over those years have been many. The council has evolved and will evolve again. I am proud of being from this

place, of this place and in this place, no matter what crazy decisions get made and then are part of history.

I'm asking my fellow citizens to register to vote. I'm asking you to take a long, hard look at how each member of council represents you, your future, your children's future.

Your answer may be yes, and that is a good choice for you. But your answer may be finding other candidates, ones that reach out and actually RESPECT ALL your neighbors, friends and fellow citizens.

We are all in this together and I am truly thankful for that every day.

(Linda Wolyniec is a Hamtramck resident.)



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block of Grand Haven.

- An assault was reported in the 3800 block of Evaline.

- Family trouble was reported in the 3800 block of Prescott.

- At 2 p.m., an assault happened in the 2400 block of Andrus.

- A car theft was reported at 2 p.m. in the 3200 block of Jacob.

- At 3 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 2600 block of Holmes.

- At 5:30 p.m., a possible fight was reported at Keyworth Stadium.

- A theft from an auto was reported, at about 7 p.m., in the 3200 block of Lehman.

- A loose dog was reported at Veterans Memorial Park.

- At 8 p.m., a neighbor dispute was reported in the 5200 block of Evaline.

**Monday, July 3**

- A fireworks complaint was made at Jos. Campau and Dan.

- An animal complaint was made in the 9400 block of Gallagher.

- A noise complaint was made in the 2600 block of Belmont.

- A theft was reported on Burger.

- A business owner on Carpenter reported damage to their building.

- At a little after 1 p.m., officers stopped three juveniles from throwing fire-

works into stores.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Conant and Doremus.

- A suspect was arrested in the 3000 block of Holbrook for domestic violence. In another domestic incident, a suspect was arrested in the 12100 block of Lumpkin.

- A complaint was made about a disorderly group of juveniles in the 12000 block of Dyar.

- A landlord/tenant dispute was reported in the 2300 block of Botsford.

- A suspect was arrested in the 2200 block of Norwalk for domestic violence.

- A complaint was made about disorderly juveniles in the 2700 block of Yemans.

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