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Quick Hits

Caregivers take a break in new program

By Charles Sercombe

Anyone who has ever cared for an elderly family member or friend knows how exhausting – both physically and emotionally – it can be.

The Ralph C Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Michigan Health Endowment Fund are offering to extend helping hands – to the tune of \$3.7 million.

The program is called Exhale – as in, giving caregivers some time out to take a deep breath and recharge their batteries.

The program has operated since 2019, primarily working with organizations and businesses in New York, and will now make grant monies, totaling \$3.7 million, available to organizations, communities, and businesses located in Wayne, Monroe, St. Clair, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, and Washtenaw counties.

It's estimated that there are more than 1.7 million family caregivers in Michigan, with 44% residing in Southeast Michigan.

Interested in getting assistance?

Exhale is hosting two virtual information sessions to kick off its 2024 Southeast Michigan program. These sessions will provide attendees with an over-

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

HPS teachers say board members have 'walked away' from their job

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Public School teachers say they come to work every day, and they are now demanding school board members do the same thing.

Last Wednesday, about 40 members of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers (HFT) met in the parking lot adjacent to the district's administration building, where board meetings are held, to protest the board's absenteeism.

The board had scheduled its regular meeting for last Wednesday, which was the day after Hamtramck voters once again overwhelmingly rejected the district's request for a millage renewal.

But that meeting had previously been canceled without explanation.

"Tonight, they will not face the public," said HFT President Toni Coral.

"They are not doing their job. We want the board of education to remember we show up when they don't show up."

The HPS Board of Edu-



Toni Coral, President of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers, speaks at rally for HPS teachers to protest school boardmembers for canceling a series of monthly meetings.

cation has canceled four of their regular monthly meetings this year, and six of their monthly Committee of the Whole meetings.

The board's next scheduled regular monthly meeting is for Dec. 13.

The Review reached out to Board President Jihan Aiyash and Vice President Salah Hadwan for comment, but neither responded.

Aiyash, who is the sister of state Rep. Abraham Aiyash (D-Hamtramck), was also absent for just about

all of the board's meetings in 2022 but never gave an explanation for her absence.

Boardmember Regan Watson has not attended a board meeting since February when, in an unprecedented moved, she was stripped of her position as Board Treasurer.

She was removed – after the board initially re-appointed her to that position – when new boardmember Abdulmalik Algahaim objected to her for following the board's long-standing policy on

the treasurer's role. Algahaim was then appointed to that position.

After the beginning of this year, Hamtramck School Board members gave themselves a yearly salary raise of over 700 percent, justifying it by saying that it would attract quality candidates to run for the office.

Board members had been paid a nominal \$700 a year stipend, but raised it to \$6,000 a year, with the board president getting an additional

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For some candidates, voting early made the difference

By Charles Sercombe

Once again, absentee ballots played a significant role in last Tuesday's city council election.

For the two top vote-getters, Councilmember Mohammed Hassan and newcomer Muhtasin Sadman, it proved to be the winning ticket.

Both outdistanced their competitors by getting their supporters to vote early, via absentee ballots. Hassan, who won re-election, garnered 1,035 votes by absentee, while Sadman came in



Mohammed Hassan

with slightly less at 1,004.

On election day, Hassan received 583 in-person votes, and Sadman got 234 votes that day.

All candidates, except for Nasr Hussain, received more support via absentee ballots.

The next highest vote-getter, Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri, attracted 825 absentee ballots.

The candidate with the fewest, and who was the most active on social media, was Hussain, who had 425 absentee ballots.

Absentee ballots proved to be the death knell for the Hamtramck Public School District, which failed – for the second

time – to win voter approval for a property tax millage renewal.

That went down to defeat with 1,595 absentee ballots and, overall, lost by 70 percent of the votes cast.

The use of, and now standard reliance on, getting voters to vote early with absentee ballots calls up suspicions of possible ballot harvesting – the act of having people fill out their ballot and then the candidate in question gathering them

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Mayor: No comment on appointee

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Mayor Amer Ghalib is declining to weigh in on controversial comments made by one of his appointees.

Hamtramck Plan Commission member Nasr Hussain has drawn local and national media attention for posing what he says is a hypothetical scenario of Jews being punished in the Holocaust for actions they are now taking in Gaza.

Some have accused Hussain of being anti-Semitic.

Hussain lost his bid to be elected to the city council on the Nov. 7 election.

Here's what Hussain, who campaigned for Mayor Ghalib and was paid over \$2,000 by Ghalib for printed campaign material, posted on the Facebook page Hamtramck Square:

"Was the Holocaust God's advance punishment of the 'Chosen People' for the savagery they're committing today against the innocent Palestinians children and civilians?"

"A heinous act proving that they're as savage and cruel as the Nazis themselves, or even worse. (Take into consideration that God isn't confined by space or time and that they believe in reincarnation.)"

Both Hussain and Ghalib are Muslim immigrants from Yemen. Asked about Hussain's comment, Ghalib told The Review:

"You can ask Nasr about that. What do I have to do with his posts? I don't have to comment on every resident's opinion, otherwise I would have commented on some posts that insult Islam and other religions, which are posted frequently by some residents on that same Facebook group."

Ghalib didn't hold back on commenting about another appointee for their

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\$1,000. ing after another. The board's failure to meet comes at a time of crisis for the district. Not only did voters

After rewarding themselves with a salary hike, the board then mysteriously canceled one meet-



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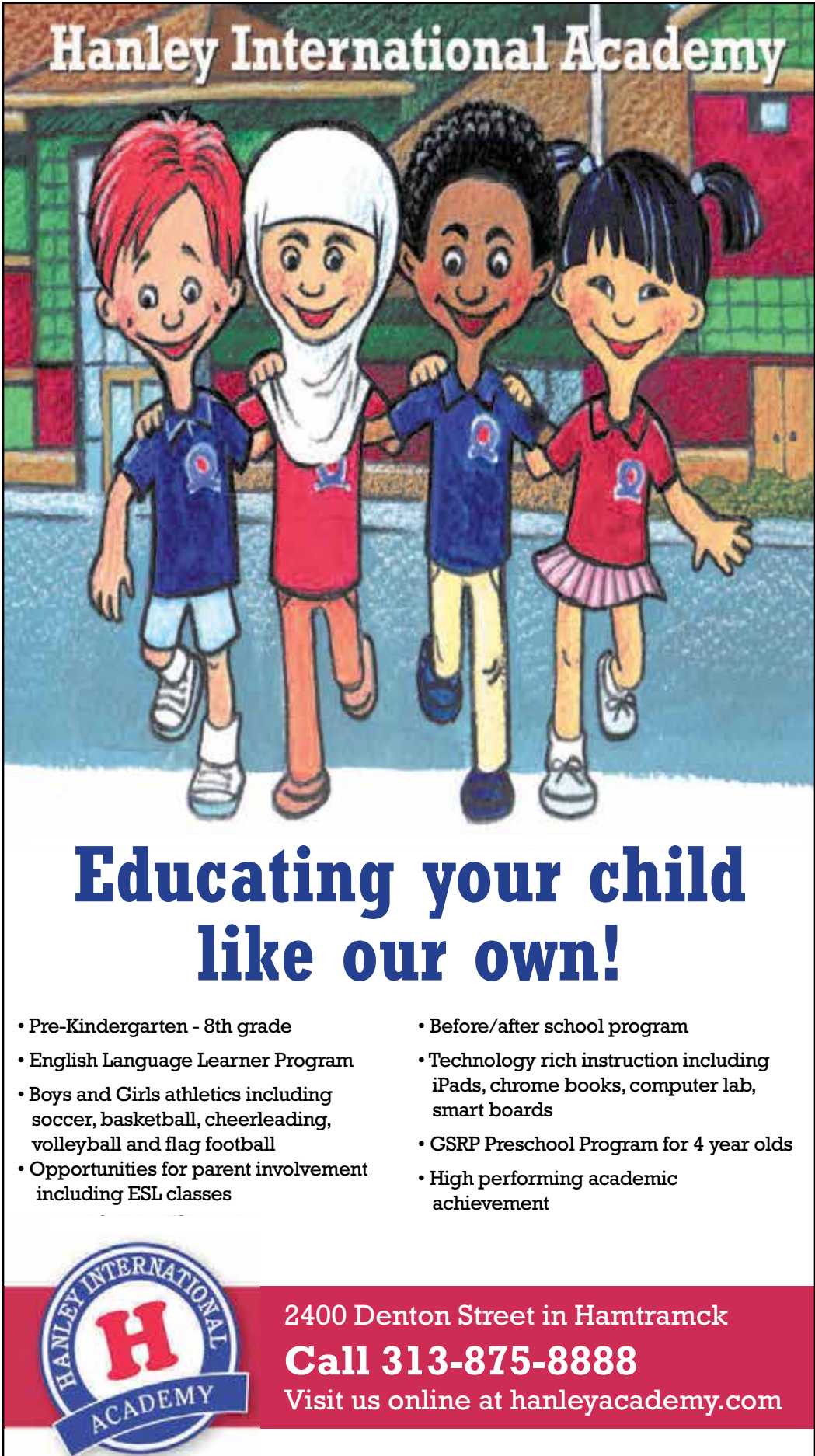
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twice rejected the district's millage renewal request, but teachers and staffers continue to resign from their jobs. A number of former employees have cited a "toxic" work environment, created, they say, by district Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed and some members of the board. Ahmed also spent the year 2022 away from work, first on a medical leave and then after be-

ing suspended by the board for reasons never explained (other than to keep saying that there was an ongoing investigation). During her leave, Ahmed was still paid her salary. When Ahmed returned this year, she was awarded with an extended contract and a salary boost of \$50,000 a year. She now makes \$195,000 a year, plus an additional \$24,000 a year to super-

vised the district's Recreation Department. Ahmed also has a pending lawsuit against the teachers' union and some members of the board of education. The board did not require her to withdraw her lawsuit in order to come back to her job. During the teachers' protest, they frequently broke into a chant: "Give back the money," in reference to the superinten-

dent's and board's pay raises. HFT President Coral said the board has "walked away" from their jobs. "We need a whole new board," she said. Rounding out the half-hour protest, teachers chanted: "Who are we? HFT. What do we do? We show up."

Mayor: No comment on appointee

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comments. Ghalib had former mayor Karen Majewski removed from the city's Downtown Development Authority after she made a series of critical comments about Ghalib and the city council. The apparent breaking point for Ghalib, who appointed Majewski to the DDA, came when she criticized him and the city council for banning the display of pride flags on public property. Majewski posted this comment on her Facebook page: "I hope our governor's new LGBTQ Task Force will take a look at this, and take it into consideration as the State of Michigan makes decisions about grants and other funding." At the time of her removal by the city council, at the mayor's behest, Ghalib said that her encouraging

the state to cut funding was "crazy." He also said that he removed Majewski because she is "being a divisive member of the community." Ghalib has also removed other mayoral appointees. He had made a campaign pledge to make the city's various boards and commissions more racially and ethnically diverse, and also remove appointees who had spotty attendance records. He removed two white males and an African-American male from the Housing Commission. They were replaced by

a Yemeni-American male, an African-American woman and Bangladeshi male, who also worked on Ghalib's campaign. Ghalib also fired two members of the Human Relations Commission after they raised a pride flag on a city-owned flagpole on Jos. Campau. Those members, Russ Gordon, who was chairman of the Commission, and Catrina Stackpoole, said they raised the flag in protest to the city's then-new policy on banning the display of pride flags on city property. That policy was supported by Ghalib and the city

council, who are all male and all Muslim. Asked if he will remove Hussain, Ghalib said: "I don't remove people based on their opinion on international affairs as long as they don't violate rules and regulations of the city. I didn't remove people whom I disagree with regarding politically controversial issues. They still serve in some boards and commissions as long as they keep their opinion away from their city job. "I only removed those who challenged me and tried to undermine my power."



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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Board of Education is part of the district’s ‘dysfunction’

By Toni Coral
President, Hamtramck Teachers Federation

The Hamtramck Federation of Teachers (HFT) was dismayed, but not surprised that the Hamtramck Public School Board of Education canceled both its regular and committee of the whole (COW) meetings for the month of November.

We urge voters to remember that this is the school board:

- with a current president who was absent for 15 meetings for all of 2022 while attending only three meetings.
- with a current vice-president who told staff that if you don't want to be here – go ahead and leave.
- that held its first meeting of the year while the district was still on break, thus ensuring that the meeting would not be live-streamed.
- that held a meeting in the middle of an ice storm, when school was canceled, thus ensuring that the meeting would not be live-streamed – again.
- that gave itself a raise of more than 700 percent in March, 2023
- that continues to cover-up the results of an investigation into sexual harassment

The board's dysfunction is reflected in how the district has been functioning:

- a revolving door at central office
- inconsistent communication with staff
- no collaboration with HFT
- a still steady stream of staff resignations
- a bond that did not pass because district leadership did not create a team to garner public support in a timely and consistent manner.

The HFT wants to encourage residents and voters in Hamtramck to get involved in the democratic institution that is public education. Attend school board meetings, talk to the staff, run for office.

Most importantly, remember this board's failure on Election Day 2024 when both the current school board president, Jihan Aiyash, and current vice-president, Salah Hadwan, are up for re-election. Neither of them deserve the job.

Hamtramck Explorer takes history to a new level

By Greg Kowalski

The multilayered history of Hamtramck is coming to light, thanks to an innovative venture involving a partnership of Wayne State University, Michigan Technological University and the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

It's called Deep Mapping, and, with it, not only can you view the past, you can help preserve it.

“This has been a community creation,” said Prof. Krysta Ryzewski, who chairs the Anthropology Department at Wayne State University.

The idea, she said, was to have people contribute their personal stories and memories of Hamtramck, to be folded into a digital mapping site spanning the city.

Ryzewski was speaking at the introduction of the project on Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Hamtramck Historical Museum. Also speaking was Dan Trepal, associate professor at Michigan Technological University in the Upper Peninsula, who has introduced a similar project in the Keweenaw Peninsula. But what's envisioned for Hamtramck may be much more sweeping.

Essentially, for this project – christened The Hamtramck Explorer – historical sites around the city have been identified on a digital map of Hamtramck. By clicking on the sites, you can see photos of buildings and objects associated with these sites through the years. At the core of it all are Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

Such maps have been used for decades, for insurance purposes, to show what buildings existed in town, and these maps include specific information on size, use and what they

were made of, for example whether they were wood or steel construction.

For urban archaeologists, they are gold mines of information.

You can see for yourself. Go to www.mapping-hamtramck.com. You can switch between drawings of buildings across the city and aerial photos of the sites. Then, you can focus on individual sites.

But this is just the beginning: the website has tabs leading to “Artifacts,” “Historical Maps,” “Historical Photos,” “Historical Records,” and “Report Documents.” These are being added to on a continuous basis. And the public is being invited to contribute their personal stories of life in Hamtramck as well.

Such stories can be emailed to the Hamtramck Historical Museum at hamtramckhistory@gmail.com, or mailed to the museum at 9525 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

“The public has a lot of information,” Trepal said. “You can say, ‘I know something about this,’” and add it to the information bank.

“Memories come back,” Trepal said, as people get more involved in the process.

Trepal, along with MTU professor Don Lafreniere, led the mapping project in the Upper Peninsula. Lafreniere is also involved in the Hamtramck project, but could not attend the presentation at the museum due to his commitments at the university.

Wayne State University already has a deep knowledge of Hamtramck. Anthropology students under the direction of Ryzewski have conducted three archaeological digs in the city – two at the site of

the old village hall on Jos. Campau, between Grayling and Alice streets, and on a lot just south of the viaduct at Denton Street.

The digs have produced a vast amount of material uncovered by the students. And their work has greatly increased knowledge of the city's development in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Items found there are being processed and fed into the Hamtramck Explorer website.

And this is just the beginning. “Our goal is to digitally map all of Hamtramck, open it up so that any of you who have stories of Hamtramck can upload the information too,” Ryzewski said.

The Hamtramck Explorer already is attracting attention in the world of professional anthropology and archaeology. Ryzewski said that, at a recent professional conference in Lansing where the site was demonstrated, it attracted a lot of attention.

The Hamtramck Historical Museum has been a part of the project from its inception, and even earlier. The museum has been working closely with WSU students on the dig sites, which were identified by the museum. The museum and WSU have an official operating agreement, and a portion of the museum has been set aside for the museum students and volunteers to archive material into the site database.

Future archaeological digs are already being planned, and will no doubt contribute to The Hamtramck Explorer.

(Mr. Kowalski is the Executive Director of the Hamtramck Historical Museum.)

Odds & Ends

Size matters... The way some folks were carrying on at Tuesday's city council meeting you'd think the world is on fire.

Well, actually, the world is on fire, and on the slippery slope toward being consumed with war.

What was brought up at the meeting was the number of people who attended the recent rally for Palestine. Folks said The Review's guess of about 200 was waaaaa off.

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The more accurate number, said several folks, is more like 1,000.

We made the appropriate change in the online version of the article about the event.

Having said all that: was there really such a need for Tuesday night's histrionics?

A big thanks... On the city's Facebook page, a big shout-out went to the students in the L.E.A.P (Leaders of Environmental Awareness and Preservation) program who joined up with members of Hamtramck Mutual Aid.

These volunteers spent a Saturday helping a resident in need to clear out a yard with dead trees.

Here's what the city had to say:

“Sometimes, all it takes is having someone who cares. We are very grateful for the dedication these young men and women have to helping their neighbors and to the future of the environment.”

Be on the lookout... Hamtramck's own Pat Frick will be part of the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Pat will be a dressed up as an elf and carrying a banner.

If you can't make it downtown Detroit on this coming Thursday, you can look for her on TV station WDIV Channel 4. The parade, which is called “America's Thanksgiving Parade,” starts at 9 a.m.

And speaking of Thanksgiving... Once again the good folks over at Friendship House are asking for donations to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the many needy families and individuals in the area.

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Or, it could be this is their idea of sport and fun.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 7-13.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

- At about 11 p.m., officers responded to a call from a woman in the 12000 block of Dyar who was screaming into her phone.
- Officers investigating an allegation of a parental kidnapping in the 3800 block of Evaline determined that the child in question was with their grandmother.
- An assault was reported in the 9400 block of McDougall.
- A neighbor dispute was reported on Mitchell.
- An incident of fraud was reported on Florian.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

- A fight was reported in the 3100 block of Caniff.
- A theft from an auto was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- Following a traffic stop, a driver was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant, and for having an improper license plate.
- A break-in was reported in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.
- An auto theft was reported in the 11500 block of Nagel.
- A theft was reported in the 11600 block of Fleming.
- An illegal dumping was reported on Holbrook.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Buffalo.
- An assault was reported on Evaline.

Thursday, Nov. 9

- At almost 3 a.m., officers responded to a call about a male suspect who refused to leave the porch of a residence in the 2600 block of Pulas-ki.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Neibel and Mackay.
- A break-in was reported on Holbrook.

- A theft was reported at a business on Jos. Campau.
- A break-in was reported on Trowbridge.
- A suspect with a semi-automatic handgun robbed a person at Falcon and Evaline. The suspect fled in a silver Nissan.
- A domestic assault was reported on Fleming.
- Retail fraud was reported at a business on Jos. Campau.

Friday, Nov. 10

- A disorderly person was reported at Jacob and Conant.
- Family trouble was reported in the 5000 block of Trowbridge.
- A hit-and-run accident happened at St. Aubin and Caniff. Another hit-and-run accident occurred at Caniff and Klinger.
- A business on Jos. Campau reported property damage.

Saturday, Nov. 11

- No incident report was available for this date.

Sunday, Nov. 12

- Gunshots were reported in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- A trespassing complaint was made in the 12100 block of Conant.
- A theft was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- A loose dog was reported on Poland.

Monday, Nov. 13

- At 2:30 a.m., officers investigating an incidence of a man, in the 3500 block of Caniff, who had been stabbed in the hand by his girlfriend arrested the suspect.
- An assault was reported in the 5200 block of Belmont. An assault was also reported in the 3100 block of Jacob.
- A complaint was made about an animal on Belmont.
- An incident of fraud was reported on Roos-evelt.

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For some candidates, voting early made the difference

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up and dropping them off at city hall. That practice is illegal, as candidates can only handle absentee ballots of their immediate family members (or those of unrelated persons they reside with).

According to sources, Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury, who unexpectedly lost his bid for re-election, told the city clerk's office that 200 absentee ballots had not been counted.

Asked why he made this claim, Choudhury told The Review:

"I don't know, the whole community is shocked and saddened because they voted for me by absentee ballots – over a thousand. They don't know why I lost

against a candidate that came in fifth place in the primary."

Nothing came of Choudhury's accusation, at least so far.

One can't blame Choudhury for believing something was amiss. In the August Primary Election, he was the top vote-getter but, by last week's election he fell to fifth place – an unheard of drop off for a top contender.

And as Choudhury pointed out, Sadman rose from fifth place in the primary election to the number two spot in the Nov. 7 election.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) to receive comments from the public on the following topics:

The purpose of the public hearing is to request public comments on the following proposed zoning text amendments:

- A) Amendments to Sections 155.066 and 155.165 to modify the site plan review and approval process.
- B) Amendments to Section 155.050 to modify the size of the minimum required floor area for a single-family dwelling and the approval process for dwellings less than the proposed minimum required floor area standard in the R, Residential zoning district.
- C) Amendments to Section 155.050 to modify the size of the minimum required floor area for a multi-family dwelling unit and the approval process for dwellings less than the proposed minimum required floor area standard in the R, Residential zoning district.
- D) An amendment to Section 155.065 to list apartment houses as permitted uses in the C-2, Multi-Use zoning district.
- E) Amendments to Section 155.007, 155.050, 155.080 and 155.111 to allow for and regulate accessory dwelling units in the R, Residential zoning district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed text amendments may be examined at the Clerk’s Office in the City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing. The public is invited to view and comment on the amendment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before December 11, 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.

Rana Faraj
Hamtramck City Clerk

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC HEARING RESULTS

The City of Hamtramck held a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7pm.

RESOLUTION 2023-158B APPROVING THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE AMENDMENT AND PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO CHAPTER 96- FORECLOSED, VACANT OR ABANDONED PROPERTY

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, WAYNE COUNTY,
MICHIGAN THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.**

Full and complete text of the changes is available on the City of Hamtramck’s website through Boarddocs.

Rana Faraj
Hamtramck City Clerk

Obituaries

SZYMANSKI



Edward Szymanski, 89, died Nov. 8, 2023.

Beloved husband of Barbara. Loving father of Edward Szymanski and Michael (Celena) Szymanski. Proud grandpa of Sydney Szymanski. Dear brother of the late Joseph (Delores) Szymanski, the late Tony Szymanski, and the late Roy Szymanski.

Edward served four (4) years in the United States Air Force during the Korean war, prior to returning home to his civilian career as a police officer where he spent twenty-five years before

retiring as sergeant from law enforcement. Ed was an avid traveler throughout his years and loved adventurous vacationing. He was a generous and loving person and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation was on Saturday, November 11, at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Twp. In lieu of flowers the family will be accepting donations to be distributed to the wonderful workers that cared for dad during this difficult time. Memorial tributes may be shared with the family at www.wasikfuneralhome.com

Quick Hits

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view of the Exhale program; information about the grant application process, including eligibility requirements; and the opportunity to hear from current Exhale grantees.

They will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST and Monday, Jan. 8, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST.

To register for the work-

shop series, the Dec. 12 information session, and the Jan. 8 information session, go online to ExhaleForCaregivers.org, or contact Lisa Simon at LSimon@tpi.org.

The Ralph C Wilson, Jr. Foundation is no stranger to Hamtramck. It has pumped millions into the renovation of Keyworth Stadium, and Hamtramck’s historic baseball stadium.



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