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## Quick Hits

### There's a new police chief in town

By Charles Sercombe

This coming Monday (May 13) will be a historic day in Hamtramck.

That's when the city's first Yemeni-American will be sworn in as the city's new police chief.

Over a month ago, the council appointed Jamiel Altaheri as the next police chief after a short search was conducted.

He replaces former Chief Anne Moise who retired several months ago.

Altaheri recently retired from the New York Police Department where he served as chief inspector.

Altaheri immigrated to this country when he was 4 years old, and was inspired to become a police officer following 9/11, saying:

"I always saw myself as an American and I believe there is no conflict between that and being a Yemeni-American and a Muslim."

"I wanted to protect my country and to lead a campaign to help face the challenges that Muslims face. My presence in the NYPD was needed at the time. Many felt they were being targeted for their race and religion."

The ceremony starts at noon in Zussman Park, weather-permitting, and it will also include the swearing in of officers Jameria Clark and Eida Hussain.

If the weather does not hold out, the ceremony will take place inside city hall, in Hamtramck 31st District Court. Hamtramck Judge Alexis Krot will be presiding.

As of Thursday, the day we went to press, the weather forecast for Monday called for it to be partly sunny with a high of 72 degrees, but hey, this is Michigan in May and one never knows.

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# City officials have taken the first steps in creating special tax zones

By Charles Sercombe

In an effort to spur home development and offer tax breaks to homeowners, the city council is on its way to creating three special tax zones.

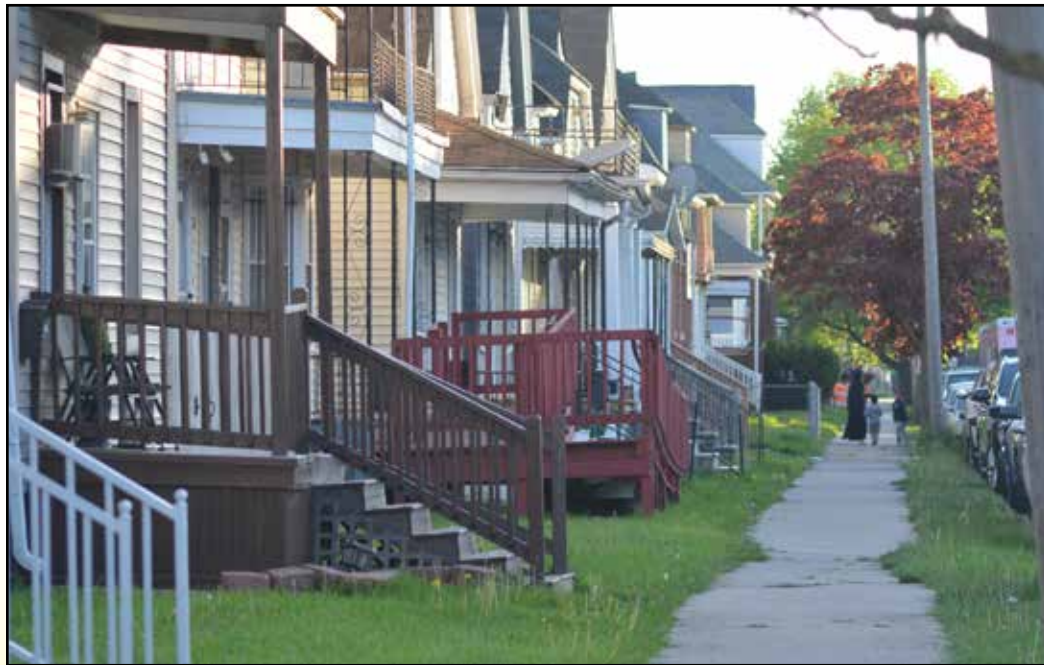
Officially, the areas are called Neighborhood Enterprise Zones (NEZ), and it's a program that has been offered nationally for many years.

These zones offer tax breaks on home additions, as well as for the construction of new homes. The tax breaks vary, according to a complex formula.

However, for those who live in an NEZ but take no steps to either improve their homes or build new ones, there is no tax break. In other words, you will continue to pay the same tax rate.

City officials are proposing three zones, two of which are in the southend. The locations for the proposed zones are as follows:

- The area bound by Caniff on the north, Yemens to the south, Nagel to the west and Brombach to the east.



The city council has taken the first step in creating three Neighborhood Enterprise Zones, of which two are in the southend. The zones will give property owners tax breaks for making additions to their house or for constructing a new house.

- The area bound by Hewitt to the north, Denton to the south, Lumpkin to the west and Jos. Campau to the east.

- The area bound by Jacob to the north, Goodson to the south, Jos. Campau to the west and Gallagher to the east.

The proposal will take over a month to get finalized. Those who are in the designated zones who apply for a tax break for their additions or new housing have to first get approval by

both the city and then the state.

City officials are proposing the tax breaks to last for 15 years. The proposal comes at a time when some homeowners here in Hamtramck have been complaining about huge increases in their property tax bills.

Some increases have, for example, gone from perhaps \$2,000 a year to as much as \$6,000 or more. But City Manager Max Garbarino said the jump in tax bills

reflect significant home additions that have substantially raised property values.

Councilmember Khalil Refai is behind the NEZ proposal. He said his goal is to make Hamtramck affordable to live in.

"There are residents who are trying to stay in Hamtramck, but unfortunately our city is not showing support or helping these individuals to build houses in our city," Refai said.

# Recovery center strikes a chord for those in need



Passenger Recovery recently opened and held an open house. The center, located on Caniff, offers help to people struggling with substance use disorders.

By Alan Madlane

Christopher Tait knows rock'n'roll; he's been a member of one of the premier Detroit-based combos, The Electric Six, and trust us, they rock.

Often, there are temptations when one is in a band, and playing the bars and clubs and festivals and so forth. That can lead to one feeling like they may need to find a way back out of the madness. When fighting that battle, nothing can help like having a good support system around you.

Cue Passenger Recovery, a program with a link to The Phoenix, a national recovery movement.

We caught up with Tait to ask a few questions about this program.

The Review: Your Facebook page says that you've been working toward this in different ways since 2016 – can you briefly describe the journey to getting this center operational?

Christopher Tait: Passenger started as a non-profit in Hamtramck in 2016, relaying the message to local venues and promoters that we were a support system for musicians and crew in recovery, and would provide transportation to support groups, plus coffee, laundry etc.

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## Councilmember has filed to be a state Rep.

By Charles Sercombe

State Rep. Abraham Aiyash's unexpected withdrawal from being re-elected has left one city councilmember upset.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said Aiyash's bowing out means there will not be a Hamtramck resident in Lansing after this year.

Hassan said Aiyash should have given locals a heads-up so they could run for his seat.

Aiyash dropped out in order to position himself for a run as a state senator next year, political observers say. He did not answer an email from The Review as to why he dropped out.

Hassan, who is currently a candidate to win the Wayne County Commission seat that Martha Scott has long held, questioned why Aiyash did not let anyone know he was going to drop out.

"I called Aiyash a month ago to talk about the election, but he never returned my call," Hassan said. "Is he jealous and doesn't want anyone to go there (Lansing), or was he forced out?"

Hassan declined to elaborate on what he meant by Aiyash being "forced out" of the election. Aiyash did not respond to an email from The Review asking him whether he is, indeed, being forced out by someone.

However, according to state election law, in order for Aiyash to qualify to serve two terms as state senator, he had to withdraw from his re-election bid.

On Tuesday, Hassan has filed to be a write-in candidate for the Aug. 6 primary election. He faces three other Democratic challengers – all of whom are Detroit residents.

Hassan has also filed to run as a challenger to Wayne County Commissioner Martha Scott. Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri is also

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challenging Scott.

If he were to win both elections in the August primary, he would have to withdraw from one of the races, according to the Wayne County Elections Office.

During Aiyash's tenure in Lansing, he championed expanding the civil rights of the LGBTQ community, but faced backlash for that from the conservative Muslim community here in town.

Aiyash, a Democrat, is the first Yemeni-American to represent the city in the legislature, and he is the first Arab-American to be appointed Majority Floor Leader.

Aiyash also drew the ire of some state Democrats for encouraging voters to withhold their vote for President Biden in the state's Presidential Primary.

Aiyash and other Arab-Americans urged voters to be "uncommitted" in the primary election as a sign of protest against Biden supporting Israel in its invasion of Gaza.

Biden has actually been critical of how the Israeli government is handling its war in Gaza.

Many have termed it, at this point, a genocide. Israel retaliated aga-

inst Hamas in Gaza after the latter invaded into Israel on Oct. 7 that killed 1,200 Israelis and resulted in hundreds more people taken as hostages, some of whom were also killed.


So far, in the retaliation, much of Gaza has been destroyed, and well over 30,000 Palestinians have been killed – many of them women and children.

As of Thursday, the day The Review went to press, there was talk of a possible ceasefire.


In other election news, congressional candidate Adam Hollier might have an issue with what looks like forged signatures on his nominating petition.

It's unclear, at this point, whether he has enough valid signatures to guarantee him a spot on the August ballot.

Hollier, a former state senator, is challenging first term U.S. Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-Detroit).



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## This week at the Library . . .

May 10, 2024

**Big Library Read** is making a comeback. There is a new title to talk about "Wild New World" by Dan Flores. Chronicling the widespread changes to ecology following humanity's entry into Americas, borrow a digital audiobook or ebook copy of this award-winning new release at [www.biglibraryread.com](http://www.biglibraryread.com) and be a part of the chats when they go live May 9-23rd.

**Library Garden Volunteers:** Calling all volunteers with green thumbs. Plan for this year's community garden are on the way. The new project coordinator is looking for some helping hands. If you are looking for a patch of land to work your magic, sign up for a plot or two. Stop by the front desk and register.

**Story Time:** Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 3:45 pm and Wednesday Story Time at 12:00 noon. The programs are presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

**Game Night:** We are moving to Wednesdays. Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Wednesday at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play. Everyone is invited.

**Exercise in the Library:** Adaptive Yoga is back on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm and Tai Chi on Fridays at 10 am. PLEASE NOTE: Friday, May 24th class has been moved to Thursday

23th at 3 pm (for one week only). These beginner friendly, weekly exercise sessions are sponsored by the RIM Foundation. Please wear comfy shoes and stretchy clothing for maximum enjoyment.

**NERF Games:** Experience the NERF energy boost on Wednesday, May 15th at 5 pm with team based NERF blaster madness. We move the furniture out of the way, set up obstacles for cover, and let the foam darts fly. A summertime favorite, get an early taste now and be sure to come back when we do it all again during our Summer Reading Program.

**Summer Reading Program:** The library will have weekly activities for kids all summer long. Children will once again be able to earn tickers for our awesome prize raffle just by finishing their favorite books. There will be personalized reading trackers to chart their progress. All the fun begins at the end of June. More information coming soon.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Housing lawsuit ending has one key missing piece

There's a saying in legal circles that goes:

"Justice delayed is justice denied."

That saying is certainly true in the case of the Hamtramck housing discrimination lawsuit filed 56 years ago.

The lawsuit was finally put to rest last week in federal court, when attorneys met with a federal judge, but there was an important component missing in this historical moment: The plaintiffs who were wronged by the City of Hamtramck.

They have long been

deceased, and they never experienced a ray of hope of receiving justice.

How, and why, the federal court allowed this case to drag on is a mystery – a maddening one.

For those unfamiliar, the lawsuit was filed by hundreds of African-American residents who saw their neighborhoods razed, in the late 60s, under the guise of "urban renewal."

City officials, at the time, used that federal program as a cover to eradicate African-American neighborhoods.

Those city officials are also long deceased, and they will never experience the shame they so richly deserved.

The city eventually built hundreds of housing units to atone for its sins, and fortunately the children and descendants of the plaintiffs were able to take advantage of purchasing the housing units at a subsidized cost.

The case is now officially over, but one has to wonder if the hurt and ill feelings it generated will ever also go away.

## Odds & Ends

**Jail trouble...** Wayne County's Dickerson Jail in Hamtramck continues to make the headlines.

There have been a series of allegations of sexual abuse and numerous other problems in the jail when it comes to dealing with juveniles who are being detained.

Recently, it was reported that Farmington Hills resident and former worker at the jail Svetlana Kuryanova, 33, has been charged with sexually assaulting two boys.

Kuryanova is a former employee of the jail who allegedly sexually assaulted a 16-year-old and a 17-year-old at the jail in April.

If convicted she faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison. She was recently arraigned here in Hamtramck 31st District Court.

The charge prompted Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans to release this statement:

"Wayne County will not tolerate the intentional exploitation of our youth. We will continue to prosecute any staff who compromises the safety and preys on the vulnerability of our young people and staff. We remain committed to upholding the integrity of public service. ...

"This single bad actor is not representative of the values of Wayne County and the hardworking men and women of the Juvenile Detention Facility. Furthermore, she intentionally circumvented policies, procedures, and security measures that have been put into place to ensure the safety and security of the youth in our care.

"Wayne County is committed to ensuring that all bad actors are prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

**Reminder...** The annual Hamtramck Health Hike is just around the corner and coming on Saturday, May 18, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, rain or shine.

It's sponsored by the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HD-

FCC), which is part of the Piast Institute here in town.

The course for the run both begins, and ends, at Zussman Park, right in front of City Hall at 3401 Evaline. All ages are welcome to attend and participate, and it is free to either run, or simply watch others do so.

A fun perk is in store for the first 400 people to register and attend, where a limited number of prizes await, including T-shirts, lunches, ice cream, and more.

There will also be face painting, henna tattoos, photo booth and an inflatable slide.

HDFCC Director Shannon Schafer said, "We're grateful for the support of our community leaders and partners in making this event possible.

"Together, we're working to promote healthy lifestyles, and prevent substance abuse disorders among our youth."

The HDFCC was founded in 2007. Check out their website for more details.

**A new way to hoe...** May 4 is a lot of things nowadays, in the good ol' U.S. of A.: It's Star Wars Day ("May the Fourth be with you..."), and it's the day before Cinco de Mayo. It is also, apparently, Nude Gardening Day.

Now, before you all go tugging on your carrots and lettuce, let's reflect, shall we, on just what that means: Who even decided such a thing?

Well, it all started, as far as we're concerned, with a media release by LawnStarter, an all-things-outdoorsy website, which put together a whole lot of criteria to rank the 500 largest cities in America by friendliness to the concept of "Nude Gardening."

They considered seven overall factors on different scales. And that is five rated aspects of "friendliness" by the communities to the concept, and two other factors related to perceived community interest.

Coming out on top? Per-

haps not surprisingly, Miami, at number one.

After that came Philadelphia; New York City; Austin; Asheville; Los Angeles; Pasadena; Sacramento; Albuquerque; and Pittsburgh.

The bottom 10 made less sense: Anchorage (okay, really cold and mosquito-ey); Sparks, Nevada (?!); Duluth, Minnesota (again, brrr); Layton, Utah (right); Billings, Montana (hunh); Orem, Utah (yep); Provo, Utah (yep); Daly City, California (?!?!); Missoula, Montana (hunh again); and Reno, Nevada (?!?!).

So, where does the Detroit area, and Michigan in general, fit in?

About in the middle, or a bit behind it. For cities in the greater Detroit area, Dearborn, 365 (makes sense); Detroit, 299; Sterling Heights, 288; Warren, 286; Westland, 267; Livonia, 246; Troy, 231; Farmington Hills, 229; Southfield, 220; and Rochester Hills, 189 (whoa! So much higher ...?)

That long-time hippy enclave of Ann Arbor blows every other Michigan city out of the water at, no jokes please, 69. Lansing, only 324 (maybe they should have asked in East Lansing). Outstate, Grand Rapids was 313 (hey, that's us!), and its suburb Wyoming 324.

In general, cold weather brought scores down in those areas. Lax laws, conversely, helped scores (Miami, NYC, Philly, Austin and Asheville all have lax, laxly enforced, or no laws on their books).

Lack of interest hurt scores (eight cities tied for least interested, including Toledo and Tallahassee – Florida? But, wait, Miami won?! (That's just weird.)

Check out naturisteducation.org for more that you might ever want to know about the topic.

And you're welcome.

(This last Odds and Ends entry was written by Alan Madlane.)

## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Health agency lends helping hand to mothers

By Eric Doeh  
DWIHN President and CEO

The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) knows that one of the greatest joys in life is bringing a child into this world, but it can also be a very scary time too. Mothers manage a myriad of health concerns by bringing a healthy baby into the world, which can be overwhelming.

That's why DWIHN is working to help support moms by partnering with the Southeastern Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition (SEMPQIC).

The initiative, funded by SEMPQIC, trains clinicians within the DWIHN network to help them identify mothers who may be struggling with Postpartum Depression (PPD). The training includes a new and enhanced screening process to catch early signs and symptoms of PPD.

With this new initiati-

ve, DWIHN is expanding access to care to support families dealing with PPD. We know mothers are impacted emotionally, physically, and mentally during this time and detecting the signs early is one more way to protect mom and baby.

Every year, nearly 800,000 mothers struggle with PPD, including 16% of mothers in Michigan, according to the 2023 Health of Women and Children Report. Symptoms include ongoing feelings of anxiety, irritability, and even guilt. Some physical issues mothers may experience include changes in appetite, weight, or sleep patterns.

This initiative gives DWIHN the opportunity to raise awareness of PPD, foster conversations that are often avoided, and offer solutions. The new approach is designed to detect PPD earlier and provide specialized care. Programming also will provide critical tools to

fathers and other individuals in the mother's circle of support.

(The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is the largest Community Mental Health system offering integrated health care in Michigan. Through programs and services that utilize promising best practices we promote a community that is supportive and embraces people with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use disorder. We offer help with Infant Mental Health, Supportive Housing, and Recovery to support self-determination and improve the health, safety and quality of life for nearly 123,000 people and their families. For more information, download the myDWIHN mobile app, [www.dwhn.org](http://www.dwhn.org) or contact our 24/7 Access Helpline, 800-241-4949.)

### Volunteers are signing up to help their neighbors

By Max Gilginas

We are absolutely overwhelmed by the support we have received from the community for our program. We've had nine people commit to the Core Volunteer Crew, dedicating four hours a month to helping their neighbors. Six people have committed to acting as casual or occasional volunteers, and we can always use more!!

We are also incredibly grateful for those residents who have sent anonymous donations from our wish list!! Every single thing helps us help others and we are so grateful.

We completed 13 pro-

jects in April, and are currently working on 22 more. This involves anything outdoors that helps our elderly and disabled neighbors keep their homes safe and up to code. If you can cut grass, pull weeds, paint, help TNVR feral cat colonies, do small repairs, pick up trash, or any other skill or desire to help, we can use your expertise.

One of our most successful projects was the evaluation of feral cat colony for a resident. They were in desperate need of care and feeding, as are many cats in Hamtramck, and the resident needed our help.

We collected 200 pounds of cat food, treated all the cats for fleas, cleared and cleaned the yard where they were living, and are working on trapping them and getting them to the vet.

The Every Neighbor program is funded by a grant from Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, and supported by One New Humanity and The City of Hamtramck.

We serve our elderly and disabled neighbors by helping them age in place safely by taking care of the outside of their homes to the best of our ability. We

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# Recovery center strikes a chord for those in need Continued from front page

From there, we connected with orgs locally and nationally with similar missions. In 2022, we were accredited as a Recovery Community Organization, and were approved by the MDHHS (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) to open a Community Center for people struggling with substance use disorder in 2023.

**The Review: You list a lot of partner organizations – MusiCares, Sims Foundation, The Roadie Clinic, Families Against Narcotics, Recovery4Detroit, Rise Recover Live – how does The Phoenix**

**and its philosophy intersect with these other groups?**

Tait: All of these organizations work towards enrichment for people in different ways. Whether it's funding for treatment, improvement of the individual's quality of life, or support for the families around them, these orgs work to educate the individual, and help give structure to the journey.

These organizations celebrate the journey, advocate for the change, and provide encouragement. We're fortunate to be among great company!

**The Review: We're fascinated by some of your offerings, such as "Keyboard Catharsis" (great title) – how does something like that work? Would one need to bring their own keyboard, presumably?**

Tait: Keyboard Catharsis was an idea that I cooked up with poet, actor and local legend Jimmy Doom, many years ago. We discussed it first while crossing paths at Steve's Party Store during the pandemic.

Jimmy offers basic guidance and tools during the writing session, discusses the writing process, and lets people dig in. It's a very positive atmosphere, and Jimmy is a fantastic teacher. Notebooks are provided, no keyboard

necessary!

**The Review: How did you end up getting to be in the space that was the old St. Lads convent? Is this space proving to be good for the needs of the group so far?**

Tait: I've been part of the group Electric Six for over 20 years, sober for 13. Being in bars and venues for decades was a big part of my life, and I've always loved Hamtramck because of the crazy musical history here. (My first gig in all of Detroit was at Paychecks in 1997.)

I was working at The Belmont in Hamtramck between tours when I got into recovery. Darren Grow and Mark Hausner ran The Belmont, and have both

been very supportive of Passenger's mission as we've grown from assisting musicians in recovery, to using music and the arts as tools to advocate for people in our local community.

When I approached Mark about a space, he put us in contact with Ed and Linda Wolyniec from the convent. The convent is perfect for our purposes, because it provides discretion for people who are looking for support.

**The Review: Do you see expanding into any other avenues, such as for example sex addiction, gambling addiction, shopping addiction, etc? As these are also all forms of response to loneliness**

**and modern world isolation?**

Tait: Passenger recently began a meditation meeting, and an SLA (Sex & Love Addiction) meeting has been a weekly fixture since we opened in February. We also have a hybrid family meeting (Stronger Together) through our partnership with Families Against Narcotics, which supports friends and family members of those struggling with substance use disorder.

However, we can also direct people to resources for any of the concerns mentioned above. Part of being a Recovery Community Organization is to provide support on the ground level, and to have Continued on page 6

**CORRECTION:**

City of Hamtramck

Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will have a public hearing scheduled for May 28, 2024, 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:

- Revised Amendment and Proposed Ordinance to Chapter 96: Foreclosed, Vacant or Abandoned Property

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. May 28, 2024, to the City Clerk at RFaraj@hamtramckcity.com.

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# St. Florian Festival ushers in a fun warm season

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck's spring/summer festival season officially kicked off last weekend.

That's when the St. Florian Festival was held, and people were ready for it.

The weather was perfect with sunny skies and warm temperatures, and the homemade Polish food proved to be a per-

fect combination.

There is more to come this season.

Enjoy the photos, and thank you to Thomas Mann for contributing some of his fantastic photos.

**Photos by Thomas Mann except for bottom two photos.**



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Hamtramck Public Schools will be receiving sealed bids for "Asbestos Abatement for 2024 Renovations at Dickinson East Elementary School". This project will be completed in June/July 2024, prior to building demolition and renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos window systems throughout the building. Bids will be **RECEIVED** until 10:00 am local time Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to: Sealed Bid: Asbestos; Asbestos Abatement – Asbestos Abatement for 2024 Renovations at Dickinson East Elementary; Attn: Mr. Bruce Coltman, Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds, Hamtramck Public Schools; 3201 Roosevelt Street, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212. The **OPENING** of the bids will take place at that time. Bid documents are available from Arch Environmental Group, 37720 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, (248) 426-0165, [www.archenvgroup.com](http://www.archenvgroup.com), starting Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 129.313, certifying that the bidder is not an Iran linked business. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include sworn and notarized copies of the familial relationship disclosure statement and affidavit of compliance with the Iran Sanction Act. Hamtramck Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids either in whole or in part or to waive any informalities or irregularities that may be in the best interest of the School District.

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### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers April 30-May 6.

#### Tuesday, April 30

- A hit-and-run accident was reported at Caniff and Gallagher.
- An auto theft was reported in the 2000 block of Trowbridge. Another auto theft was reported on Pulaski.
- A dog was reported running loose on Faber.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the area of Jos. Campau and Dan.
- An assault was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.
- An instance of illegal dumping was reported in the 5000 block of Yemans.
- A theft was reported in the 1100 block of Sobieski.

#### Wednesday, May 1

- At about 12:45 a.m., family trouble was reported in the 12100 block of Charest.
- A suspect was arrested in a call about a domestic assault in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- A dog was reported running loose on Oklahoma.
- A neighbor dispute was reported on Selfridge.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Jos. Campau.
- A drug overdose was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.
- Officers investigating a domestic assault, in the 2600 block of Belmont, arrested a female suspect.
- An incidence of retail fraud was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 5000 block of Caniff.

#### Thursday, May 2

- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 3900 block of Caniff.
- A missing person was reported in the 11700 block of Mackay.
- An unarmed robbery was reported at Jos. Campau and Caniff.
- A landlord/tenant dispute was reported in the 11000 block of Nagel.
- A fight was reported in the 2400 block of Hewitt. One suspect was arrested.

#### Friday, May 3

- At 1 a.m., a break-in was reported in the 3200 block of Lehman.
- A complaint about noise was made in the area of Evaline and Yemans.

- A domestic assault was reported in the 2600 block of Casmere.
- A suspicious person was reported to be following a juvenile in the 2300 block of Burger.
- Officers recovered a stolen vehicle in the 2200 block of Poland.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- Reckless drivers were reported in the 2700 block of Norwalk.
- A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

#### Saturday, May 4

- Officers investigated a complaint about noise in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- At about 1:30 a.m., a fight was reported in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau.
- An assault was reported in the 3900 block of Trowbridge.
- Officers attempted to stop a reckless driver in the area of Jos. Campau and Commor, but the driver sped off.
- Family trouble was reported in the 11700 block of Mackay.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 9100 block of Conant.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Conant.

#### Sunday, May 5

- A fight was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- A break-in was reported in the 5600 block of Trowbridge.
- Family trouble was reported in the area of Brombach and Caniff.
- A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Burger.
- An assault was reported in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2600 block of Caniff.
- A theft was reported in the 2600 block of Pulaski.
- A complaint was made about an animal on Norwalk.
- Officers investigated a verbal dispute on Danforth.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported.
- Trespassing was reported at Veterans Park.

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## Volunteers are signing up to help their neighbors

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are a small group of volunteers with start up funding, so we are limited in our work. To receive aid, you must live in an owner occupied home. Those in danger of code violations will take priority, but we will do our best to reach every one we can. We hope to grow further and reach every neighbor in need. You are important to us and central to all we do. To volunteer or receive help please contact: mgilginas@hamtramc-

kcity.com; or everyneighborhamtramck@gmail.com; or join the Every Neighbor Hamtramck -Volunteer Team on Facebook. If you do not have computer access, you can call (313) 800-5233, extension 326 on Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. for active intake. Any other time, you can leave a message and a volunteer will contact you as soon as possible. (Max Gilginas is the city's Volunteer Coordinator.)

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## Obituaries

### RENKIEWICZ



Mary A. Renkiewicz, 90, died May 2, 2024.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late Richard W. Renkiewicz; loving mother of Teresa (John) Guarascio, Ann (Mark) Kay, Joseph (Kathy) Renkiewicz, Nanette Renkiewicz & David (Cindy) Renkiewicz; cherished grandmother to Christie (late Edward) Fabinski, Philip Garbacz, Stanley (Denise) Garbacz, Lori (Shane) Davidson, Stephanie Kay, Joseph (Sarah) Renkiewicz Jr., Kimberly Renkiewicz, Gabriel (Jenifer) Kay & Richard Renkiewicz and great-grandmother to Justin, Payton, Nolan, Ethan, Evelyn, Benjamin, Jocelyn, Abigail, Jaxson, and Zachary, also survived by brother Carl Tierno and sister Gloria (late Ted) Burzynski.

Mary was born in Sioux City, Iowa. As a child, Mary survived polio and a ruptured appendix, and after the care she received from nurse Sally Nassif, this is what led Mary to her career in nursing. The nursing classes from high school gave her a fast track into nursing. Mary attended St Francis Hospital of Nursing in West Virginia, graduating in 1954. She stayed on staff until 1955, then moved back to Sioux City, Iowa where she worked as a staff nurse at St Vincent's Hospital from 1955-1957.

Mary's nursing career continued at the "old" Children's Hospital of Michigan, in January 1957 as a staff nurse. Mary continued to work part time from 1960-1965 while starting her family. From 1969 to 1980 Mary, was the Pediatric Nursing Supervisor and was instrumental when they moved from the "old building" to their current location in 1971. In 1980 Mary was named Administrative Nurse Manager and held that position until 1985.

Mary's education continued from 1983 to 1986 when she earned her Bachelor of Science in Allied Health Services from Mercy College of Detroit and completed her master's degree in health services administration from the University of Detroit in 1986. She continued up the chain of command to become the Director of Clinical Nursing from 1985 to 1997. But Mary did not stop there...from 1997 to 2000, Mary was the Manager of Nursing Staff, before retiring (for the first time) in 2000. Mary took a few weeks off, returning to CHM as a staff nurse 2000-2019 working in the Audiology Department performing newborns hearing screening. Mary officially retired from Children's Hospital in October 2020.

If life was not busy enough, Mary was a member of the CHM Auxiliary; was a member of the Hamtramck Board of Education where she served as Secretary and Vice President from 1976-1988 and again in 1990-2002. Mary

also served on the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit from 1998-2000 and is still a member emeritus; she was also a Red Cross Volunteer where she coordinated blood drives for the Hamtramck Public Schools from 1976-1985. Mary was also a vocational instructor at Hamtramck High School from 1974 to 1976 where she taught a Co-Op Nursing Aides program. All her students during these 2 years went on to nursing careers.

A few of Mary's greatest honors were when she received the Sparky Anderson's CATCH Hall of Fame Award in 1985 for her Dedication and Advocacy for Patients and Families, and the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit Distinguished Volunteer Award in 2002.

Mary was predeceased by her parents Rose (David) Tierno and Dominic Tierno, and sister Jeanine Keys.

The memorial visitation is Friday, May 17, 2024, from 3-8 p.m. at Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren, MI. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, when the memorial service begins.

NO FLOWERS PLEASE – in lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate in Mary's name to The Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, MI at RMHC-Detroit.org or Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation "Nursing Endowment" at <http://www.yourchildrensfoundation.org>.

## From the Office of Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree

### PROBATE ASSISTANCE

If you are facing foreclosure and need assistance in starting a Wayne County Probate Court Case because a property is in the name of a deceased family member, please contact one of the following community partners for assistance:

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## Recovery center strikes a chord for those in need

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resources available for people who are curious, or concerned, about life changes.

**The Review: There are some photos (on the Phoenix main website) from out West that appear to suggest that part of the ongoing healing process is to do things out in nature together – photos of a canoeing trip, for example. Do you have any plans for events or activities like this here at the Detroit location?**

Tait: We don't have any field trips planned at the moment (look to The Phoenix app for that). However, our program director, Bryan Wolf, is working on music programming that discusses the health benefits of music while celebrating our vast local cultures here in Hamtramck. Please stay

tuned!

**The Review: Feel free to use this space to summarize; talk about any aspect we didn't ask on; give shout-outs; or whatever.**

Tait: A big, BIG thank you to Tim Price of the Hamtramck Arts & Culture Commission, Lynn Blasey of the Hamtramck Community Initiative, Kurshida Hossain of Detroit Friendship House, State Representative Abraham Aiyash, and Virginia, Lara, Shannon, and ALL of the Piast Institute/Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition. We would not have been able to grow to serve the local community with impact if not for the guidance of these fine folks!

(Passenger Recovery Community Center is located at 2697 Caniff.)

## Coming Events

**SATURDAY, May 11, 2-4 p.m.** –Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

**FRIDAY, May 31, 5 p.m.** – A Community Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Hamtramck Community Initiative, will be held at the Gates of Columbus Hall at 9632 Conant, Hamtramck. Tickets are \$25 and can be paid in advance or at the door. Further ticketing information will be available next week.