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Another historic day in Hamtramck and its police department

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's new police chief got a rock star's welcome to the community.

On Monday, a swearing-in ceremony was held for the city's first Yemen-American police chief, Jamiel Altaheri.

Altaheri, who was greeted with hugs and kissing on the cheek from many in attendance, was sworn in along with two new officers, Jameria Clark and Eida Hussain.

It was a historic moment in a number of ways. Besides Altaheri being the first Yemeni-American, Clark and Hussain now bring the total number of female officers in the department up to six.

In the past, there might have been just one woman on the force – at most.

Former Police Chief Anne Moise, who retired a few months ago, was the department's first female police chief.

The swearing-in ceremony was held in Zussman Park under sunny skies and amid a summery 80s degrees. A number of those attending, out of a crowd numbering about 100, or more, came from out of state to witness the moment.

Altaheri is newly retired from the New York Police Department, where he served for 20 years, the last several in the role of chief inspector.

Mayor Amer Ghalib, who also happens to be the city's first Yemeni-American to serve as mayor, said the hiring of Altaheri and the two new officers is continuing a trend of diversifying the police department and the employees who work in city hall.

Altaheri's hiring, as well as those of the two female officers, Ghalib said "confirms our mission to diversify city hall and the police department has been accomplished, and a promise has been fulfilled."

As for the perception of some in the community "that the police is the

enemy of the community; we want to correct that ... and prove the police department is here to ensure your safety – not to punish you but to protect you."

Ghalib continued: "No one should feel unsafe in Hamtramck, and no one should feel inferior, and no one should feel entitlement to preferential treatment or superiority in our community. Everybody is equal under the law, and we are here to serve everyone equally."

The mayor closed his remarks on a lighter note, saying: "I want to take this opportunity to invite you all to my next inauguration in 2026."

After being sworn in, Altaheri said a few words, calling the day "a beautiful time to get sworn in with two amazing female officers ... two proud women here serving Hamtramck."

Coming from a city like New York to Hamtramck, he said offers him a new opportunity.

"I'm really excited to serve this community – this diverse community. ... I'm here to serve everyone," he said.

Altaheri then introduced Diana Higgenbottom who had traveled from Wisconsin to be there. She recounted a story about how Altaheri went out of his way to "steamroll" a path for her and her husband in 2015 when they were in Times Square on New Year's Eve to witness the dropping of the famed ball.

She and her husband, who was sick with cancer, traveled to New York City, as part of her husband's "bucket list" wish before he died, to witness the event. Without knowing Altaheri, she turned to Altaheri, who was on duty, for help and he obliged.

"I was left in awe of the goodness and kindness of somebody in that moment when he didn't have to (be)," she said. "He (Altaheri) went above and beyond to shower us with kindness."

Do not adjust your screen

By Charles Sercombe

If you have been watching recent Hamtramck School Board meeting broadcasts, you may think there is something wrong with your screen.

There is no need to adjust your screen, because that blocked out figure you see is Board President Jihan Aiyash, who insists on not having her image shown.

Even though she wears a face covering, Aiyash refuses to be shown, in broadcasts, for safety reasons.

Why?

A few years ago, her brother, State Rep. Abraham Aiyash, was criticized when he allegedly threatened Monica Palmer, one of the Republicans on the Wayne County Board of Canvassers. Palmer, and other Republicans on the Board, had initially refused to certify the Michigan 2020 presidential election results that declared Democrat Joe Biden as the winner.

Aiyash denied he made any threats, and the Associated Press backed him up, saying those allegations were false.

But Jihan Aiyash apparently feared she would face backlash, and continues to insist on her image being obscured, and further that no photo of her be published in The Review.

(Until recently, a photo of her had appeared on the school district's website.)

Some have questioned whether blocking out her image in broadcasts violates the Open Meetings Act (OMA), but attorneys with the Michigan Press Association say there is nothing in the Act that prevents her from taking this action.

The school district recently installed a new camera and audio system that now shows Aiyash and the full board. Previously, the district had only one camera for its board meeting broadcasts, and it was placed behind, and away from, Aiyash.

In other recent board developments, there is now a question as to whether Boardmember Salah Hadwan is still living in the state. He has not attended

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Quick Hits

Take the challenge

By Alan Madlane

There is still a bit of time left to take part in a "Commuter Challenge" supported by your city.

This month-long competition actually began May 1, and it goes through the end of the month. Sponsored by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, along with other partners, the idea is to get folks thinking alternatives to driving their car alone.

"By reducing the miles we drive, we improve air quality for Southeast Michigan," said Karolynn Faulkner, Community & Economic Development Director for Hamtramck, in a press release.

You can sign up at commuterconnectmi.org, and from there, see a variety of green travel options and ideas for the area; record your trips; and more.

Options could involve: to car- or vanpool; take the bus; ride your bike; skateboard or rollerblade or skate; walk; work from home; etc.

Prizes that will be disbursed following the contest's closing include: Visa gift cards (five for \$100 and one for \$500); \$50 gift cards to Buddy's Pizza, Avalon Bakery or Sister Pie; a bike from Detroit Bikes; a complimentary night's stay at the Westin Book Cadillac hotel; to name those highlighted.

According to a chart, begun in 1990 and found at a website called ourworldindata.org, worldwide, air pollution – both that found outdoors as well as indoors – accounts for the third worst risk factor for premature death, behind only high blood pressure and smoking (although high blood sugar is gaining quickly).



Above: Scenes from the swearing-in ceremony for the city's new police chief and two new officers.

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the past two meetings.

Hadwan responded to an email and told The Review that he is, indeed, still living here, and that the reason for his no-shows is "due to the board's ongoing blatant violations of the OMA, and lack of inclusion on any district matters."

Recently, the board proposed stripping Hadwan of his position as vice president of the board, but Hadwan resigned from the position before a vote could be taken.

The board did not explain why it was going to remove Hadwan as vice president. This is the last year of his term, which ends on Dec. 31.

He is not alone in boycotting meetings or having his board position being taken away.

About a year ago, Boardmember Regan Watson was removed as treasurer, after having been just re-appointed to that position. Since then, she has not attended any board meetings.

Her term ends in 2026.

The board does not have a policy on unexcused absences.

Hadwan and Watson haven't been the only no-

shows. Board president Jihan Aiyash spent several months not attending meetings. She never gave an explanation for her absences.

Boardmember Victor Faris has also recently had spotty attendance, having missed the last two meetings, leaving the board with just four members to conduct business.

It takes at least four members to attend a meeting to qualify it as a quorum in order for the board to conduct business.

And, speaking of conducting business, the board has once again canceled its one and only meeting for the month of July, again with no explanation.

According to state law, school boards must hold at least one meeting per month. Last year, spread throughout the year, the board failed to meet in three separate months.

That spurred the teachers' union to hold a protest against the board's inaction, demanding that they come to work.



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This week at the Library . . .

May 17, 2024

Foreign Language Books: Looking for books in languages other than English? Give LOTE4Kids a shot. This digital collection has thousands of children's titles in dozens of languages including Arabic, Bengali, and Ukrainian. Digital books also mean that you can access them anytime from the convenience of your smart device or computer. In addition, your child also gets access to fun, vocabulary building activities. Being a library card holder lets you make use of LOTE4Kids for free, so check out the link by visiting our website www.hamtramck.lib.mi.us and peeking under the eResources tab.

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 and be a part of the chats when they go live May 9-23rd.

Mary Pope Osborne: This author was born on May 20, 1949. In her writings readers can find out about various fascinating time periods and can learn about far away places.

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.

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 director served our community well

Recently, the longtime director of Hamtramck's Housing Commission, Kevin Kondrat, retired.

Mr. Kondrat took over the job after a tumultuous era before him, and managed to turnaround a difficult situation. Under his leadership, the commission, which oversees operations at the Senior Plaza and the Col. Hamtramck apartments, has officially been designated as a top performer year after year.

That's high praise from the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which oversees all housing commissions.

Mr. Kondrat never sought the spotlight or praise, both of which he deserves.

Prior to being appointed to the commission, he was in the private sector, and started his career with the Hamtramck Police Department where he rose to be the head of the detective bureau.

That's an impressive work history, and obviously he has a deep

dedication to the City of Hamtramck.

We wish his successor, Chris Cornwell, who has been with the commission for a number of years, similar success. He's got some pretty big shoes to fill, as the saying goes, but we are confident he will carry on the work legacy of Mr. Kondrat.

We wish Mr. Kondrat a restful and joyful retirement, which he so richly deserves.

Thank you for your service.

Odds & Ends

Message from the chief... Hamtramck's new police chief, Jamiel Altaheeri, posted this message on the police department's Facebook page:

"It's a great honor and privilege to be sworn in as your Chief of Police alongside two of Hamtramck City's finest Police Officers - Police Officer Jamaria Clark & Police Officer Eida Hussain.

"As the Chief of Police, I look forward to working with our honorable Mayor, City Council, City Manager and Community in developing a police department that is technologically savvy, professionally trained, effective in crime-fighting through community collaboration and most importantly - gaining the trust of the diverse community they serve."

Get healthy... Get your walking shoes ready because tomorrow, Saturday, May 18, is the annual Health Hike, starting at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Ring out your dead... Now, here's a fun idea, and a great way to honor those you love who have gone before you.

The DIA has announced a call for submissions, through May 24, for its 12th annual "Ofrendas: Celebrating el Dia de Muertos" exhibition. The DIA partners on this with the Consulate of Mexico in Detroit, the Southwest Detroit Business Association, and the Mexicantown Community Development Corporation.

The event is billed as being intended for "artists and community members to celebrate the lives of close relatives, friends or community members who have passed away."

The idea is to design, or propose the design for, ofrenda altars or offerings that reflect the spirit of the person, or persons, that are being commemorated.

The selection committee will choose those that will be included in the exhibition by July, and then notify the artists. The altars and related materials will be installed Sept. 10-13, and the exhibit will

then run from its official opening on Sept. 28 to it closing, with artist talk and reception, on Nov. 3 - just after the actual holiday itself.

Dia de (los) Muertos, or The Day of the Dead, is typically actually two days - Nov. 1 and 2 - and may include Oct. 31 or even Nov. 6, depending on the culture.

In Detroit's Mexicantown, there is normally a colorful and gently macabre parade, featuring the traditional skull masks associated with the holiday.

Southwest Detroit buzzes with activity during this time, with many local events planned, and stores peddling all manner of related items appropriate to the holiday.

Among some psychics and others, the period of late October and early November is thought to be a time when the "veil between the worlds of the living and the dead" is at its thinnest, thus making it theoretically easier to communicate with those who have passed on.

No-shows... For those wondering, the city council meeting that was supposed to happen this past Tuesday was cancelled.

Why? It's because three councilmembers were unavailable to attend. Councilmember Muhtasin

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Crime Watch:

Warm weather ushers in a series of domestic assaults

By Charles Sercombe

When the weather warms up, it's not unusual for domestic assaults to increase.

And that was the case last week. The daily incident reports issued by the Hamtramck Police Department offer few details on each assault, other than they happen in various sections of the town.

Domestic assault is a cycle that is on constant repeat. These assaults most often involve women being victimized, but there are occasional times when it is men who are the victims.

We have reported on this phenomenon before, and offer again a few tips on how to deal with tensions at home that can escalate to domestic assaults:

- Going outside is one way to catch a break from one another, but there are also other techniques to

diffuse tensions.

- Develop a code word to cool off an argument that is beginning to escalate in anger. That word, which can be any word, gives a signal to a partner that it is time to separate and cool off for a period.

- Look out for triggers, such as certain times of the year that are known to prompt emotional outbursts - for example, an anniversary of something tragic that happened, or bill-paying times.

If you are in immediate danger, call the police emergency line at 911.

For those who are in an abusive relationship, there is help available at YWCA/Interim House Metro Detroit. You can call them at (313) 862-3580.

Also, in Wayne County, First Step is an organization for victims of domestic violence. They can be reached 24 hours a

day at (734) 722-6800 or (888) 453-5900. The organization provides shelter for women and children, as well as also providing counseling and legal services.

Women in Touch offers a 24/7 Hotline at (313) 737-7168.

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries has an emergency shelter, and can be reached by calling (313) 993-4700.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Hamtramck, Wayne County, in conjunction with the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, has applied for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the City of Hamtramck Phase 1B Sewer Relief Construction Project. The objective of HMA programs is to fund mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future hazard events or disasters. The City of Hamtramck Phase 1B Sewer Relief Construction Project will construct a relief sewer system to convey combined sewer overflows and provide in-pipe storage and controlled discharges in response to a rain event.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, EO 11988 and EO 11990, public notice is required of any federal actions that may affect floodplains or wetlands. Under the National Historic Preservation Act, public notice is also required for some projects which have the potential to affect historic properties. All necessary permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction and completion of the project.

Public participation is encouraged. Those interested are invited to comment within 30 days by e-mail to fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov or by mail to:

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers May 7-13.

Tuesday, May 7

- Family trouble was reported in the 3800 block of Evaline.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- An assault was reported on Holbrook.
- The driver of a silver Toyota Corolla sped off after being pulled over for a traffic stop. The vehicle had been stolen out of Pontiac.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.
- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

Wednesday, May 8

- An unwanted guest was reported at a residence in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- An auto was reported stolen.
- A suspicious incident was reported on Mitchell.
- A trespassing complaint was made at the baseball stadium.
- A theft was reported in the 3900 block of Edwin.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 2300 block of Danforth.

Thursday, May 9

- Officers responded to a break-in occurring in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- A theft was reported in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 9500 block of Jos. Campau.
- A theft from an auto was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- At 12:30 p.m., a domestic assault was reported at Evaline and Lumpkin.
- At 1 p.m., a domestic assault was reported in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.
- An assault involving a juvenile was reported in the 2400 block of Danforth.
- A domestic assault was reported, in the 2300 block of Danforth, that resulted in one arrest.
- A theft of an auto was reported in the 2600 block of Trowbridge.

Friday, May 10

- An assault was reported in the 2300 block of Andrus.
- An auto was stolen in the 5100 block of Trow-

bridge.

- At 8:30 a.m., a male was arrested for trespassing at the baseball stadium.

- A neighbor dispute was reported in the 12000 block of Charest.

- An incident of road rage was reported in the 11900 block of Jos. Campau.

- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

- A theft was reported in the 5000 block of Evaline.

- Gunshots were reported in the area of Commor and Dequindre.

- Officers investigating an auto theft located suspects, and, after a foot chase, arrested one of them.

Saturday, May 11

- Family trouble was reported in the 11500 block of Mackay.

- At a little after 1:30 a.m., a complaint was made about noise in the 2600 block of Carpenter.

- A sexual assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

- A theft from a vehicle and an incident of fraud were reported in the 11600 block of McDougall.

- A juvenile in the 11700 block of Mackay was reported as a runaway.

- A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Jos. Campau and Goodson.

- A male suspect was arrested for an assault in the area of Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

Sunday, May 12

- A break-in was reported in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau.

- Following a traffic stop, a suspect was arrested for possessing a stolen vehicle.

- A loose dog was reported on Woodland.

- A business on Jos. Campau reported an incident of retail fraud.

- An auto was stolen in the area of Jos. Campau and Caniff.

- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3100 block of Roosevelt.

- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 2300 block of Yemans.

- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 11700 block of Conant.

Monday, May 13

- Officers investigating a suspicious circumstance

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Subject: Name change of Haima Hammam Saleh to Haima Al Najjar

DOB: May, 17 2018

We the undersigned are requesting that the name Haima Hammam Al Najjar to be changed to Haima Al Najjar.

As ordered by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Eric W. Cholack, Zoom Meeting ID: 936-938-1383, on May 24, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Thank you

Hamman Mosed M. Saleh
 Basmah Abdulkarim Saleh Ali Al-Najjar

May 17, 2024



School Bell

Virtual learning

Parents who are looking for some after-school tutoring for their students can now take advantage of an online course.

Michigan Virtual is offering a variety of courses that feature flexible scheduling, personalized support, and a vast array of subjects including core academics, world languages, and intriguing electives, students can stay engaged, get ahead or explore new interests.

In 2023, Michigan Virtual provided over 4,000 across all available summer courses. Over the last five years, Michigan Virtual has seen a noticeably steady increase in general summer enrollment, as students and parents have chosen to continue taking advan-

tage of online learning opportunities to maintain and supplement the momentum of the classroom.

Summer courses and programs allow students to have structured learning time to help them keep their minds active, bridge knowledge gaps and prepare for the next school year. Parents looking to keep their children learning this summer with safe and structured educational opportunities should explore Michigan Virtual's online summer courses for grades 9-12. Some of the offerings include over 150 online high school courses, credit recovery options, 21st-century home economics, a content creator course and more. For younger students, Michigan Virtual

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Odds & Ends

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Sandman, unfortunately, had to go to Bangladesh because his father had passed away.

Our condolences go out to him.

Councilmember Muhith Mahmood is also in Bangladesh, we are told.

And Councilmember Khalil Refai has said he is in Saudi Arabia to straighten out an immigration issue for his wife. Refai says he could miss anywhere from three to five of the next council meetings.

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Notice of Public Hearing – City of Hamtramck

Planning Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Hamtramck Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on **Wednesday, June 5, at 6:00 PM**. At the hearing, all interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Public comments will be limited to three minutes.

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

- A) Amendments to sections 155.007, 155.065, and 155.066 to add a definition for Event Halls and to allow Event Halls in the Central Business District (CBD) and the Multi-Use District (C2) with special land use approval.
- B) Amendments to sections 155.065 and 155.066 to permit security gates and grills on the street-facing façade of non-residential buildings in the Central Business District (CBD) and the Multi-Use District (C2).
- C) Amendment to section 155.066 to permit cedar as a secondary façade material in the Central Business District (CBD) and the Multi-Use District (C2).
- D) Amendment to section 155.114 and Appendix B to reflect parking requirements in the Multi-Use District (C2).
- E) Amendment to section 155.152 to increase the size allowed for projecting signs.
- F) Amendment to section 155.187 to modify a parking lot requirement for managing the first inch of stormwater on site.
- G) Amendments to sections 155.135 to permit double fences along a lot line.
- H) Amendments to sections 155.154 and 155.155 to allow for some limited types of LED strip lighting to be used in the Central Business District (CBD) and the Multi-Use District (C2).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed text amendments may be examined at the Building Department offices in City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to the Community and Economic Development Department, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212 or emailed to Acolson@hamtramckcity.com until 1:00 PM the day of the public hearing.

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 x821. Please contact the Clerk's office at least 10 days in advance.



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Bid documents will be available on or after May 16, 2024

Non-Mandatory Prebid Walk-Through: 9:00 a.m., Thursday May 23, 2024 - Meet at Hamtramck High School. Parking is limited so plan to arrive early. Meet at the main doors at the front entrance on Charest Street.

Bid Due Date: **2:00 p.m., Thursday May 30, 2024**
Bids will only be accepted on forms provided. Proposal forms must be in a sealed envelope, mailed or delivered in person prior by 2:00 p.m. EST on the due date to:

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arrested a suspect. The police department did not specify why the suspect was arrested.

- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

- A break-in was reported on Mitchell.

- An assault was reported in the 2300 block of Alice.

- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 5000 block of Belmont.

- A break-in was reported in the 2400 block of Neibel.

- A theft was reported in the 3600 block of Edwin.

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From the Office of Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree



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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.

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