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Quick Hits

State offers financial help to HPS students

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Public Schools just got a huge financial helping hand to pay for high school graduates to go to college or get career training.

That financial award, worth over \$208,777, will go toward students who complete the Universal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Challenge to graduate.

The grant comes from the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) program.

Hamtramck was one of 75 school districts to receive such an award.

“We commend the 75 districts that have embraced this initiative to help more students complete their FAFSA,” said Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea, director of MiLEAP, in a press release.

“This funding reinforces MiLEAP’s commitment to ensuring that every learner has the tools and resources they need to succeed. By increasing FAFSA completion rates, we are creating more affordable pathways to higher education opportunities, so more Michiganders can earn a college degree or skill certificates, and go on to thrive right here in Michigan.”

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— HAMTRAMCK’S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD — Business owners agree parking meters do more harm

By Charles Sercombe

The verdict is in about the city’s controversial parking meters.

They have to go, or be swapped out for different meters, or else the city must extend the current policy for free parking.

That was the hodge-podge of opinions about the city’s parking meters on Jos. Campau, which, from the moment they were installed and up and running, have had people complaining about them.

In other words, welcome to Hamtramck.

But Hamtramck is not alone in its beef about these high-tech meters, installed by Municipal Parking Services.

The City of Royal Oak also contracted with the company, and then ended up yanking the meters out after numerous complaints about how the meters chased business customers away because they are hard to use, or that the app does not work, or that they are not providing enough time for people to get out



Business owners have a lot of complaints about the high-tech parking meters on Jos. Campau, and city officials are deciding whether to continue its contract with the meter company or end it.

of their vehicle and actively feed the meter.

There were also many complaints from people who received tickets despite paying to park.

All of those complaints were echoed here in Hamtramck.

Hamtramck is now at a crossroad. The city’s five-year contract with the company is about to come to an end in July. So it’s decision time for the city council on whether to continue con-

tacting with the company, possibly negotiating for better terms, or else tell the company to come and collect the meters and get out of town.

If the city were to end its contract with the meter company, it would represent a loss of about \$200,000 in revenue per year. City officials are already struggling in how to deal with the loss of \$1.4 million a year from Wayne County operating its jail here.

At a recent town hall meeting about the parking meters, residents and business owners packed the city council chambers and all of them complained about the meters.

“I’d like to see no meters,” said Dan Tatarian, the owner of Showtime Clothing Jos. Campau at Edwin. “I’d like to see an environment for people to go shopping and enjoy their shopping experience.”

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Mayor takes a very special call from the president



Mayor Ghalib received President Trump’s endorsement for another term.

By Charles Sercombe

Mayor Amer Ghalib now has a key endorser for his re-election.

And it’s the biggest political player in the nation: President Donald J. Trump.

On Tuesday, Ghalib posted on his Facebook page that Trump called him, and that they discussed “a number of issues,” including Trump’s support for Ghalib to seek another term as mayor.

There has also been much speculation that Ghalib would be offered a position in the Trump administration.

nistration.

So, is Ghalib heading to Washington D.C.?

It’s not exactly clear if an offer was made, but Ghalib said Trump “asked me to accept a dual role that will help our community and our great country as a whole.”

The Review reached out to Ghalib for an explanation on what he meant by serving a “dual role,” but as of Thursday when we went to press, he had not responded.

As for other parts of

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Mayor looks ahead to one more term

By Charles Sercombe

It’s official now. Mayor Amer Ghalib will seek re-election for another term.

That ends weeks-long speculation about whether he would. On top of that, he no longer has City Councilmember Mohammed Hassan as a potential challenger. Hassan bowed out of the race on Tuesday.

Here’s what Ghalib had to say on Facebook on Tuesday:

“Without hesitation or fear, I proudly announce my candidacy for Mayor of Hamtramck for a second term, and to continue to serve our community with honesty, dedication and sincerity, through this position, and through other prestigious future positions.

“With no hesitance and no fear, I’m proudly announcing that I’m running for the mayoral office for a second term.

“I’ll continue to serve my city and my community with sincerity, commitment, and integrity, through this position and through other potential prestigious future positions.

“Let the journey continue.”

Prior to Tuesday’s announcement, Ghalib conducted a poll on his Facebook page, asking whether to seek re-election.

Here’s what he had to say, verbatim:

“As the deadline to register for local elections draws near, do you support the re-election and election of Mayor Amar Ghalib as Mayor of Hamtramck City for a second term?

“Do you support the re-election of Mayor Amer Ghalib for a second term?

“Survey for residents of Hamtramck and who has connections or interests in the city? Survey is for Hamtramck residents and

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The exhibition was compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis, who died at age 15 and will be canonized as a saint in April 2025.



Business owners agree parking meters do more harm

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rience.”

Instead, Tatarian said, he’s lost about 200 customers because of the difficulty they experienced with the parking meters.

“A lot of my customers have gotten tickets, and they’re not coming back,” he said.

Co-owner of the Florian East Brewery, Milo Madole, echoed what a number of other business owners on Jos. Campau have complained about: that it’s unfair to have parking meters on Jos. Campau and not in other business districts in the city.

“These meters are a specific tax on the businesses on Jos. Campau,” Madole said. “We’re the only ones who have to deal with this.”

City Councilmembers Khalil Refai, Abu Musa and Mohammed Alsomiri, who are the council’s sub-committee to review the meter contract, hosted the event.

Refai stressed that a final decision about the meters will be based on

“What you guys want.”

Following opening remarks at the meeting, a city administrator ran through some statistics about the city’s 292 meters, such as:

- There are 66 no parking zones, which includes spaces like crosswalks, in front of fire hydrants and bus stops.

- About 10 people each day park in prohibited spaces, which are painted yellow.

- 50-60 percent of the meters are used every day.

- The percentage of people who used the meters and got a ticket was 5.1 percent in 2022; 3.99 percent in 2023; and 3.4 percent in 2024.

Councilmember Refai said there will be more meetings in the near future about the meters.



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February 20

Julian Calendar: On February 24, 1582 Pope Gregory XIII corrected mistakes on the Julian calendar by dropping 10 days and directing that the day after October 4, 1582 would be October 15th. The Gregorian, Or New Style calendar, was then adopted by Catholic Countries, followed gradually by other nations.

TreeTop Branches Play Day: On Friday, February 28 at 4 pm, TreeTop is organizing a play day for children. The program will include games, prizes, snacks, refreshments and is free to all Hamtramck residents.

Story Time: Get your kids together and drop in on our Wednesday noon programs with library staff, and on first Mondays of the month at 3:45 pm (usually) with members of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Growing Detroit: This organization will be holding a program on Thursday, February 27 at 5 pm, which teaches how to plant vegetables, flowers and trees. They also distribute seeds and plants to interested individuals. Come and learn how to grow your own produce in your back yard.

Exercise in the Library: The Yoga classes returned on Tuesdays at 2:30 p. The Tai Chi classes will return in February. The program is sponsored by the RIM Foundation.

ESL Classes: The Horizon school is sponsoring ESL classes at the library, held Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday at 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. They

are free of charge to Hamtramck residents. Registration required. There is an additional class on Thursdays ant 9 am and 12 noon that is conducted by ESL assistant.

Copernicus: On February 19, 1473, famous astronomer, Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland. He is considered the founder of modern astronomy. He Theorized that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the solar system.

Stream on Hoopla: There are tons of shows and movies available for you to stream on Hoopla. Cooking competitions, rom-coms, thrillers, cand comfy holiday classics. Selection is massive. If that is not enough, give Kanopy a try. They provide a specially curated collection of foreign films, domestic cinema classics, award winning documentaries, and educational media that is topnotch. Look to the eResources tab on our website for a quick link to all this awesome content.

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 invited.

George Washington: February 22 1732 was the day he was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He served as commander of the Continental Army during the American Revolution and became the first U.S. President.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Recall elections often cause more division

Hamtramck has been no stranger to the recall election efforts of elected officials.

In the 1990s, there was a flurry of recall petitions and elections, as a new generation of elected officials were challenging what was then called the “old guard” in Hamtramck politics.

Now there is a recent recall effort – which has been dealt a setback – against Hamtramck School Boardmember Regan Watson over her ongoing absences from board meetings.

We understand the concern over those absences, and the lack of an explanation from Watson as to why she failed to attend meetings. And we understand why parents would be especially concerned about this.

Whether the recall eventually moves forward will be up to voters.

But one thing we found, in covering past recall elections, is how divisive they become – and how they can often end up pitting community members against each other.

Recalls are tools to use when elected officials fail miserably at their job.

But we urge caution when using this tool, because we’ve seen in the past what damage it can cause to a community.

To paraphrase President Abraham Lincoln’s famous “Nation Divided” speech: A community divided against itself cannot stand.

In the meantime, the issue of attendance on the school board can be addressed at any time by the board. By that we mean, the board can set an actual policy on board member attendance.

As of the time we went to press on Thursday, the board has yet to create such a policy, despite the fact that most public bodies have attendance policies.

See how easy this could be?

Mayor looks ahead to one more term

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those with interests in the city.”

Nearly 1,000 people responded, although a large number who commented live in other states. In a casual review of the responses, folks were overwhelmingly in favor of Ghalib running again.

Hussein Gelan is one of Ghalib’s supporters.

“I fully support you Mr. Mayor’ for re-election for a second term. You are the only and best leader for Hamtramck, and your leadership has made a significant impact in Hamtramck’s city,” Gelan said.

“Your dedication, vision, and hard work have helped move the city forward, and I believe you is the right person to continue leading the city toward a brighter future.”

Former City Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury also encouraged the mayor.

“The most qualified candidate we have now, charming, intelligent and honest person,” Choudhury said.

But another former councilmember, Phillip Kwik, who was in office in the 1990s, was succinct in his disapproval: “No. And I live in Hamtramck.”

Ghalib shot back: “I respect that. You said NO in 2021 too, and I still won with 69% of the votes, so not surprised!”

Ghalib is in his first term, and those who would like to run for mayor (or one of the three seats on city council) have until April 22 to file to run.

For the past few weeks, the mayor has been cagey about whether he would go for another term.

At the same time that

Odds & Ends

Division?...

We don’t know what this is exactly about because something got lost in the translation from Arabic to English, but there appears to be growing tension between Mayor Amer Ghalib and a Yemeni journalist in New York.

According to a Facebook post by Ahmed Sharaf Al-Din, of the YUC News Network, the journalist/activist Zaid Naji is criticizing Ghalib for his support of President Trump.

Naji refers to the mayor by a different name: Badr Haidara. The Review reached out to the mayor to confirm whether he is also known by this name, but he did not respond by the time we went to press on Thursday.

Stay tuned, this could get interesting.

Health hike...

The Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition just announced that it will indeed host another Health Hike this year.

We’re giving you a heads up so you can get back in shape. This year, the hike will be on Saturday, May 17.

Going round...

Hamtramck-area icon Buddy’s Pizza, incredibly now almost 80 years old (next year), is trying something new at a pair of locations on the state’s west side.

The chain’s stores in Grand Rapids and Portage (just south of Kalamazoo) are going to be trying out pizza in the round.

As most people around these parts well know, Buddy’s is the originator of so-called “Detroit-style” pizza, which is square or rectangular, depending on the number of slices (4 or 8), and features the sauce spread on top of the baked cheese instead of beneath.

These new circular pizzas are being dubbed “Rendezvous Rounds,” and the two west Michigan stores will be their initial test markets.

Buddy’s claims, according to a market alert released this past Monday, Feb. 10, that this is happening due to customer demand.

“Pizza should make people happy, and we were hearing and seeing... that they would enjoy more style options, sizes, and price points in their pizza with us at Buddy’s” said CEO Joe Dominiak, in the released statement.

“We are responding to that input,” he continued, “and we hope the addition of the Rendezvous Rounds menu is giving people just that... more to love about dining at Buddy’s Pizza.”

It remains to be seen whether it will prove popular enough to appear in the Detroit area eventually.

But we say, hey, it God’s perfect food, bring it to us in whatever shape you want – just bring it quick!

Paczki clean-up...

Do you love Hamtramck? Do you want to get involved in the Paczki Run without running?

The city is looking for volunteers to pick up trash along the Paczki Run route. The wearing of costumes are very highly encouraged.

You are guaranteed to have a great time, and we’re told the runners love to see the costumed folks all along the route. And let’s face it, who doesn’t like dressing up in costume in public?

Want to join in on the fun (yes, you do)? If so, send an email to:mgilginas@hamtramckcity.gov

Volunteers will meet in front of St. Florian Church at 2626 Poland at 7:00 a.m. The city will provide trash bags and other supplies.

From the desk of Community Involvement Coordinator Max Gilginas...

“We had quite the winter storm this past weekend.

“Working together, the Every Neighbor Program and the City of Hamtramck Code Department cleared the sidewalks of over 50 homes for our senior and disabled residents.

“Thanks so much to our Every Neighbor volunteers, who spent dozens and dozens of hours shoveling and salting: Rick Beall, Sean Cote, Allye Gaietto, Gordon, Emily Haase, Elise Koelsch, Phillip Kwik, Leo, Aarica Marsh, Elena Mosher, Matthew Piziali, Samuel, Julia Sosin, Joe Strzalka, Mason Vore, Glenn Watt, and Alex Zurowski.

“And thanks to Code Officers Anthony Bist (Supervisor), Joseph Wylie, Adam Wylie, Tanvir Jai-girder, and Roberto Arce, who spent their time helping with the snow removal instead of writing tickets.

“Special thanks to Shannon Lowell and Jeff Jablonski at Café 1923 for the coffee; to City Deals for the pet-safe salt donation; to Antwar’s Hardware for 200 pounds of ice melt, and to Isabel Allaway, City Community and Economic Development Director, for their support.

“The Hamtramck Code Department was eager to aid senior and disabled residents. The Every Neighbor program is grateful for the collaboration. Residents living in owner-occupied homes, who are over 65 years old or disabled, and lack the ability to hire work done, are eligible for the program.

“Every Neighbor volunteers do yard work in warm months, and shovel snow in the winter. We are always seeking volunteers and donations to help us keep running.

“Over the summer, we were able to help 40 residents age safely in place without fear of code violations. We want this for all of our valued and most vulnerable residents.

“This has been an excellent pilot program that we hope to continue in the upcoming seasons. If you, or someone you know, needs the services of Every Neighbor, email: everyneighborhamtramck@gmail.com, or call Max Gilginas, Hamtramck’s Volunteer Coordinator, at (313)800-5233, extension 326.”

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 11-17.
Tuesday, Feb. 11

- A juvenile was arrested on Caniff for carrying a concealed weapon.
- Two suspects were arrested on Belmont for a domestic assault.
- A larceny was reported on Selfridge.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 12100 block of Nagel.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

- At 2:30 a.m., a hit-and-

run accident was reported at Caniff and Lumpkin.

- Officers, who recovered a stolen vehicle in the 2100 block of Caniff, arrested a male and a female.
- A complaint was made about a person who was trespassing in the 12100 block of Conant.
- Following a traffic stop in the area of Jos. Campau and Holbrook, a female suspect was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

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Presentation of Police Department annual report
Town Hall Meeting on Downtown Parking Meters
Town Hall Meeting on Goodson Sewer Project
Public Comments at City Council Meeting,
Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast Program
& more

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Thursday, Feb. 13

- A suspect was arrested on Caniff for theft.
- A hit-and-run accident happened at Norwalk and Gallagher.

Friday, Feb. 14

- At 3 a.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 3100 block of Hanley.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported on Edwin.

Saturday, Feb. 15

- At about 3 a.m., a business in the 9500 block of Conant reported an incident of retail fraud.
- Officers, responding to a call about a domestic assault in the 12000 block of Oklahoma, arrested two

suspects.

Sunday, Feb. 16

- Officers, investigating a home invasion in the 3300 block of Comstock, arrested a female suspect.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3300 block of Evaline.

Monday, Feb. 17

- Following a traffic stop, the driver was arrested for driving without a license, and for being wanted on a felony warrant from another state.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Jos. Campau.
- A vehicle was reported stolen.

Health clinic expands to Detroit's westside

By Charles Sercombe
The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is on the move.
The health agency is opening a new clinic in Detroit's westside at 15400 W. McNichols.
In a press release, James White, DWIHN President and CEO, said:
"This location will provide greater access to integrated health services and offer resources for adults and children struggling with mental illness or substance use disorder."
Adults can expect to receive an assessment, diagnosis, monitoring,

treatment for co-occurring disorders and targeted case management services.
For children, ages 6-21 years old, this includes child outpatient psychiatric evaluation and treatment, outpatient therapeutic treatment, and child and family person-centered treatment planning.
This is DWIHN's second Community Care Clinic that has opened in the last four months, with the other operating on the 3rd floor of the 707 Crisis Care Center at 707 Milwaukee in Detroit.

School Bell

Covid and students
According to data on how Michigan students are still hurting from the covid pandemic and the shutdown of in-classroom learning during that time.
The virus did more than make people sick: it has a long-lasting affect on academic achievement.
Test scores in math and reading show that students have fallen far behind.
Hamtramck students have recorded some of the lowest test results in the state.
On top of that, chronic absenteeism is still a lingering issue here and statewide.
According to the organization Education Recovery Scorecard, school districts should follow these suggestions:
The report highlights four priorities for the coming years:

- States and districts should double down on academic catch up efforts previously funded by federal relief. Because the federal dollars are gone and many students remain behind, states will need to redirect their own

dollars and the federal dollars they administer for interventions which have been shown effective, such as tutoring and summer learning.

- Mayors, employers and other community leaders should join schools in tackling student absenteeism. Rather than place the responsibility for academic recovery entirely on school leaders' shoulders, reducing absenteeism is one burden that others can help schools carry. That could include public information campaigns, extracurricular activities to draw students to school and solving transportation problems.
- Teachers must inform parents when their child is not at grade level. Since early in the recovery, the overwhelming majority of parents have been under the false impression that their children were unaffected. Parental perceptions are central to many of the challenges districts face. If they are to help lower absenteeism, sign up for summer learning and increase reading at home, parents need to know when their child is behind.

Coming Events

SATURDAY, March 1, 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Drive-thru take-out Polish dinner, at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Menu: Pork Chop, Smoked Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Sauerkraut (Bigos), Mashed Potatoes/gravy & paczek.

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Mayor takes a very special call from the president Cont. from front page

the conversation with the president, Ghalib said they discussed “the importance of achieving just peace in the Middle East and Ukraine in just peaceful ways, and other dispersed topics.”

Ghalib made national news last year after he endorsed Trump for president. Ghalib, an immigrant from Yemen, had soured on supporting President Biden for his re-election because of his administration’s continued support of Israel in its war in Gaza.

Later, after Biden dropped out of the race and Vice President Kamala Harris became the Democratic presidential candidate, Ghalib remained a Trump supporter because Trump promised to bring peace in Gaza and Ukraine.

Ghalib also convinced a number of other metro area Arabs and Muslims to support Trump for president, and Trump repaid the favor by making a stop here in Hamtramck at a campaign office on Jos. Campau.

Trump praised Ghalib, calling him the “greatest mayor in the whole world.”

But Trump soon alienated some in the community by calling immigrants from Yemen “terrorists” in a subsequent stump speech in Pennsylvania in early October.

Ghalib waved all that off, saying he talked with Trump about it and Trump promised not to say that

again.

Among his many campaign promises, Trump said he would end the war in Ukraine and in Gaza on “day one.”

A ceasefire deal was reached between Israel and Hamas in Gaza during the last days of President Biden’s administration. Russia’s war in Ukraine continues to this day, and Trump has largely sided with Russia’s terms and demands to end its war.

On Wednesday, he called Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy a “dictator without elections,” and falsely accused Ukraine of starting the war with Russia.

As for Gaza, Trump’s plan is to permanently relocate Palestinians living there to neighboring Arab countries, with Trump then taking ownership of Gaza, which he envisions to be rebuilt as the “Riviera of the Middle East.”

Those comments have outraged Arabs in the region and here in the U.S.

Ghalib said he does not agree with Trump on that issue, but stressed in a Facebook posting on his page that:

“I made it clear from day one that President Trump and I have some differences and we do not agree on everything. This was the first sentence of my endorsement and he posted it on his Truth

Social page,” Ghalib said.

“I also asked people in my endorsement to have realistic expectations and goals, one of them is that the United States foreign policy will not change much and its commitment to support Israel will not change! Didn’t we say that many times?”

“Yes, I disagree with the president on the idea of evacuating the indigenous people of Gaza from their homeland, but this idea was on the table during the 15 months war, now it’s still there but minus the war, which Biden failed to stop, but President Trump did stop and delivered his promise of ceasefire.”

Ghalib’s continued support of Trump has caused division in the Arab community; some have labeled him a sellout, while others have heaped praise on him.

CORRECTED Notice of Public Hearing

City of HAMTRAMCK

The City of Hamtramck will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck MI 48212, on March 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. THE PREVIOUS NOTICE LISTED THE INCORRECT DATE (MARCH 4) FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING, AND THE CITY IS REPOSTING THIS NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 147 OF 1992, AS AMENDED. The City of Hamtramck will consider any objections to 4 proposed Neighborhood Enterprise Zones and all other matters relating to the NEZs, and encourages citizens to attend and voice their opinions. Public comments may also be submitted by email or first-class mail addressed to the City Clerk by 12:00 p.m. on March 11, 2025.

The City of Hamtramck is proposing several new Neighborhood Enterprise Zones (hereinafter “NEZ”) in the City of Hamtramck for new and rehabilitated facilities. The NEZ tax abatement program was established by Public Act 147 of 1992, as amended. The program provides a tax incentive for the development and rehabilitation of residential housing, if qualified applicants receive approval from the State Tax Commission. A qualified local unit of government may designate one or more areas as a NEZ within that local unit of government, and owners of property within the NEZ can apply for an NEZ certificate granting a tax incentive. The program was established to spur the development and rehabilitation of residential housing in communities where it may not otherwise occur. The program also encourages owner-occupied housing and new investment in communities.

The City of Hamtramck is proposing to set up four new NEZs the City on streets with vacant lots or dwellings fit to be rehabilitated/developed, including but not limited to (a) Geimer Street, Wyandotte Street, Hewitt Street, Faber Street, Goodson Street, Danforth Street, Andrus Street, Grayling Street, Alice Street, and Denton Street; (b) portions of Trowbridge Street and Belmont Street west of Brombach Street; (c) portions of Trowbridge Street and Belmont Street east of Buffalo Street; and (d) Roosevelt Street and Goodson Street.

A new facility is defined as a new structure or portion of a new structure that has as its primary purpose residential housing consisting of one or two units, one of which will be owner occupied as a principal residence. This definition includes a new individual condominium unit, in a structure with one or more condominium units, that has as its primary purpose residential housing which will be owner-occupied as a principal residence. A new or rehabilitated facility may receive a tax incentive for a period of between 6 and 15 years. The City of Hamtramck is looking to establish districts where a tax incentive will not exceed a period of 15 years.

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Hamtramck Board of Review will meet in the Hamtramck City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212.

Meetings by appointment only on the following days:

Tuesday March 4, 2024, at 1:00 pm for the organizational meeting (no appeals will be heard).

By appointment to hear appeals,
Monday March 10, 2025 12:00pm to 7:30pm
Location: 2nd Floor City Council Chambers

Wednesday March 12, 2025 12:00pm to 7:30pm
Location: 2nd Floor City Council Chambers

The purpose is to review the assessment rolls of Hamtramck. Matters pertaining to the assessment of property may be brought before the Board of Review. Appointments will be taken until 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Appeals will also be accepted by letter.

****All letter appeals must be received by 4:00pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.**

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9:30am (Polish) Mass

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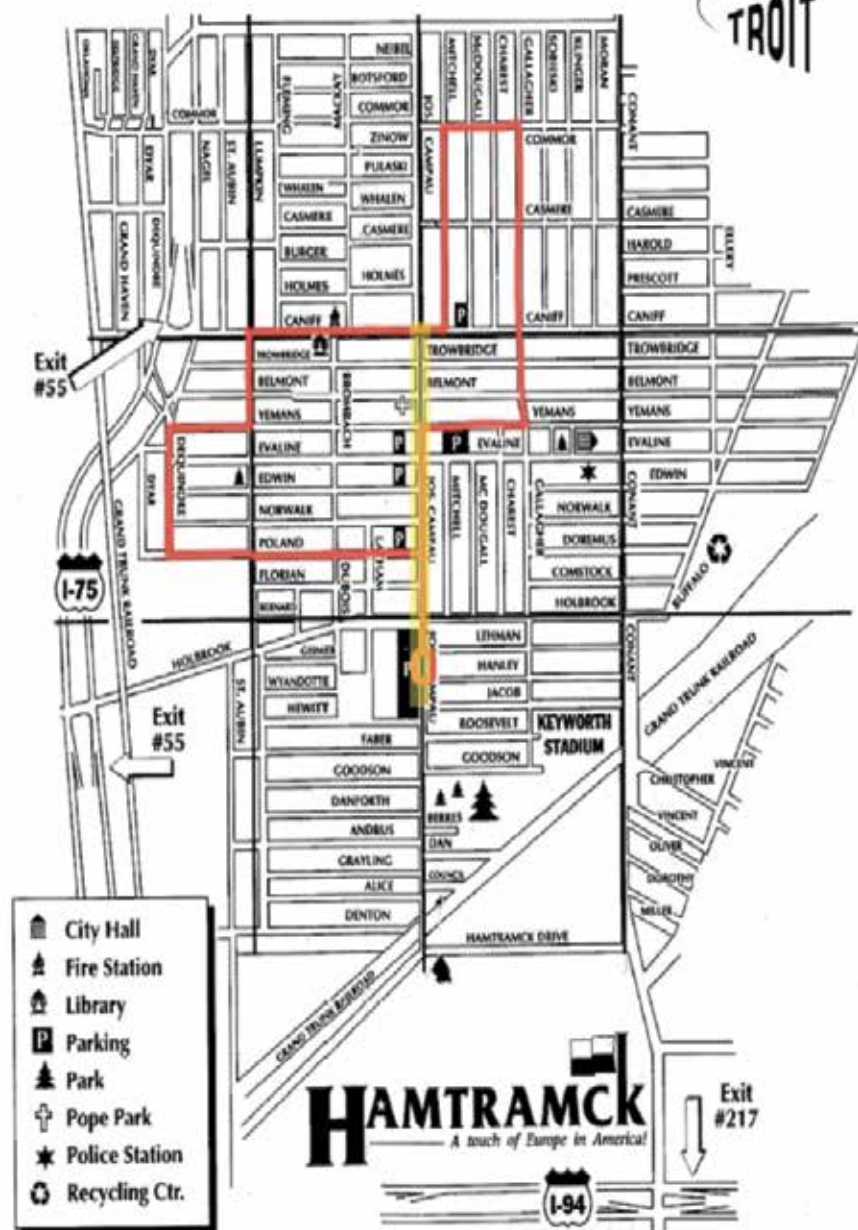
Paczki Run Traffic Closure - March 1, 2025

ATTENTION HAMTRAMCK RESIDENTS:

The Annual Paczki Day Run will take place in Hamtramck on Saturday, March 1, 2025, beginning at 10:00am. If you live within or adjacent to the race route (outlined in red) you will not be able to move your car in or out of this zone between approximately 8:00am and 12:00pm on Saturday, March 1 due to race setup and for the safety runners during the race. If you need to leave this area, plan to move your car out of the zone before 8:00am on Saturday, March 1.

In addition, NO PARKING will be permitted on the highlighted portion (in yellow) of Joseph Campau from 12:00am on Friday, February 28 to 12:00pm on Saturday, March 1.

Tour de Troit's Paczki Run Route



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