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Quick Hits

Gear up for festival parking limits

By Charles Sercombe

It's always hard to believe that summer zips by so fast, and now the annual Hamtramck Labor Day Festival is just around the corner.

In fact, it's next weekend, running Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

Egad.

With that in mind, the city wants residents near the festival grounds to get ready to find alternative parking during that weekend.

Side streets leading into Jos. Campau from Caniff to Pulaski will be blocked off – meaning you won't be able get through or park there.

The streets will be blocked off starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29 through Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 7 a.m.

We know this is an inconvenience, but it's also a holiday weekend and a number of folks go out of town, and even some businesses close up.

The way we look at it: Who doesn't like an end-of-the-summer festival to get our heads ready for fall and, brrrrr – it chills us to even say it – winter?

Summer actually has plenty of kick left, and it doesn't officially end until Sept. 21, with fall starting the next day on the 22nd.

We already got a taste of fall this week, with temperatures in the 70s and grey cloudy skies.

Hey, remember when we were complaining about the heat wave just last week, when temps hit the 90s and the humidity made the heat worse?

Yeah, Michigan is like that.

And speaking of the weather, according to the

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Councilmember responds to recording him handling ballots

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's election scandal continues to widen.

And now, the national and international media are spotlighting it.

In the latest development, as most in town are, by now, aware, surveillance recordings have been made public showing Councilmember Abu Musa inside a vehicle where the unidentified driver stuffs bundles of absentee ballots into a drop box across from city hall.

The recordings show Musa handing ballots to the driver, who in turn puts them into the drop box.

Reached by phone by The Review, Musa denied it was he who was putting the ballots in the drop box.

"Did you see me drop them off?" Musa said. "I was in the car."

It was pointed out to Musa that it appears he is handing ballots to the driver, which prompted Musa to end the conversation, saying: "I'll talk to you later with more details." He then hung up.

Musa, the only incumbent seeking re-election to council, was the top vote-getter in the recent primary election, with former councilmember Nayeem Choudhury trailing not far behind.

Both received the ma-



In a city hall surveillance recording, Councilmember Abu Musa can be seen handing absentee ballots to a driver, who in turn then puts them in a drop box across from city hall. Musa has not been charged with a crime.

majority of their votes via absentee ballots, with Musa getting 843 absentee votes out of his total of 1,129.

Choudhury received 732 votes by absentee ballots out of his total of 1,053 votes.

The third-place finisher was a few hundred votes behind both candidates.

The surveillance footage, which the city released to The Review and other media outlets, following a Freedom of Information Act request, has a number of people speculating when and if Musa will join two other city councilmembers who have been charged with felony election fraud.

Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Muhtasin Sadman were recently charged with mul-

multiple counts of election law violations stemming from the 2023 election – not this current primary election.

The charges basically center on what's called "ballot harvesting."

Their preliminary examinations are scheduled for Aug. 28 in Hamtramck's 31st District Court. Both are currently free on personal bond.

According to several sources, it is indeed likely that Musa will be facing charges in the coming weeks – along with possibly other councilmembers and their associates.

Musa and Councilmember Muhith Mahmood are also being investigated for not actually being residents of the city, which could also result in criminal charges.

The investigations were started when City Clerk Rana Faraj noticed bundles of ballots had been dropped off, and also noticed the same handwriting was on a number of the ballots.

Both Hassan and Sadman are charged with forging signatures on ballots.

The state Attorney General's Office subsequently began an investigation into the 2023 election, but, after a year passed with little action taken, City Clerk Faraj prompted the office to do something.

Attorney General Dana Nessel then called for a special prosecutor to take over the case, saying that because she is a lesbian and Jewish, there could be a perceived conflict of

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Mayor breaks silence on investigation

By Charles Sercombe

Until recently, Mayor Amer Ghalib has been silent about the recent election fraud charges that two city councilmembers are facing.

Now, in a statement that was sent to WXYZ-Channel 7, and that we're reproducing verbatim, Ghalib has this to say about Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Muhtasin Sadman being charged



Mayor Amer Ghalib

with multiple felonies:

"I have always been advocating for free, fair and transparent elections. My integrity has been my strongest weapon of defense throughout my entire life and I'm committed to fight corruption and stand up for justice in my city or elsewhere.

"There is no need to weaponize media, law enforcement and court system against the entire community just because a few people are suspected of committing some wrongdoings. Whoever committed any frauds should face consequences, but we want to ensure fair trial for everyone, and justice should prevail at the end."

The Review previously reached out to Ghalib for comment, but he did not respond, nor has he replied to multiple requests for comment regarding other matters.

Ghalib is not seeking re-election, in order to be available to take a new job as ambassador to Kuwait. He is waiting to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Ghalib has pointed his finger at past city administrations and elected officials as being corrupt.

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Undercover police officers will be on the lookout for people who litter in Veterans Park. Those who are caught littering could face paying a \$500 fine.

Undercover officers step up littering enforcement in Veterans Park

By Alan Madlane

The City of Hamtramck is warning residents that they will be aggressively ticketing anyone seen littering in Veterans Park.

Littering is a civil infraction. Fines can be levied on adults or juveniles and can run as much as \$500 by ordinance.

To educate the public, the City of Hamtramck has produced a short video they have posted onto their Facebook page.

In this 90-second video, city employee Omar Thabet begins by noting, "As

we all know, littering has been an issue all across our city.

"And now, specifically at our parks, police officers will be going around and ticketing residents... (whether) you're an adult or a juvenile, with tickets up to \$500. So, make sure we keep our city clean."

This is followed up by a little chat from the deputy police chief Andy Mileski, who adds "Recently, littering has become a major issue in the city of Hamtramck and in the parks.

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Obituaries

KOBESKI

Regina "Cookie" Kobeski, 78, died August 20, 2025.

Regina Kobeski passed away peacefully on August 20. Born on February 13, 1947, Regina's life was centered around her family, whom she cherished above all else. Her greatest joy was creating special moments for her loved ones.

Regina is survived by her devoted husband, Raymond Kobeski, and her children: Eddie (Melody), Raymond, Lynda (Zack) DeWitt, Amy (Stephen) Vickers, and

Kaitlyn. She leaves behind a legacy of love and warmth for her grandchildren: Aerin, Courtney, Raymond Jr., Christian, Clyde, River, Eleanor, and Henry, who will forever miss her loving presence.

Regina's memory will be held in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be remembered for her unwavering love, her dedication to her family, and her ability to make every day a celebration.

Visitation is Sunday August 24, 2025, from 2 – 8 p.m. Services TBD at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Private Cremation to follow.



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"Please, do not litter, as you could get up to a \$500 dollar ticket."

Another officer chimes in next with, "This is not just about littering, this is about vandalism."

Thabet continued, saying, "If you vandalize something in our city or our parks, you can be arrested and fined. Police officers...

will not even be dressed up in their uniforms; they'll be in plain clothes."

Then he concedes, "Residents complain the trash is too full, (that there is) no place to throw away or put away (their) trash. ... From now on we will make sure that Priority Waste shows up five days a week to make sure that the trash

bins are clean for you."

Hamtramck was once, as seen on a rather famous homemade sign, humorously called "Rat City," due to the proliferation of the little fellows here back in the 80s and 90s when loose garbage was piling up in the alleys.

The powers that be don't want to see a repeat of

that issue – especially in a park setting.

"The Hamtramck Police Department does not like ticketing residents for littering," adds in Deputy Chief Mileski, "but it is vital that we start enforcing the littering laws to keep the park a clean space for everybody."

Councilmember responds to recording him handling ballots

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interest with the all-male and all-Muslim city council and mayor.

The Monroe County Prosecutor's Office has since agreed to take over the case, and they have filed the charges that have come down so far.

In the meantime, the city is embroiled in other investigations involving the police chief, city manager and a police investigator who are all on paid administrative leave.



Abu Musa

All of this has caught the attention of local, national and international media.

Mayor breaks silence on investigation

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Hassan and Sadman may yet be joined in facing formal charges by other councilmembers who are also under investigation for election fraud, as well as by two councilmembers who may not be residents of the city.

While Mayor Ghalib has largely avoided commenting about the ongoing election investigation, multiple media outlets took their microphones over to former mayor Karen Majewski, who has had plenty to say about the investiga-

tions.

Majewski recently told The Review:

"The only thing surprising about these charges for the residents of Hamtramck is that they've actually been filed. Most of us have known about these issues for well over 10 years. And, despite the evidence and the outcry, we'd come to despair that any action would be taken by legal authorities to guarantee the integrity of our elections."

Will councilmember's victory comment come back to haunt him?

By Charles Sercombe

Although Councilmember Abu Musa has not said much since a city hall surveillance camera caught him in a possible illegal absentee ballot dumping, he did post a victory comment after being the top vote-getter in the recent primary election.

And it's possible his statement may one day come back to haunt him. Here's what he posted on his Facebook page a day after the primary election:

"I'm deeply honored and grateful to have earned your trust and support in the recent primary council election. This win is not just mine – it's a victory for every resident who believe in a brighter, and stronger future for Hamtramck.

"Together, we are paving the way for positive change, and I am excited to continue working with all of you to build a more vibrant, inclusive, and thriving community.

"This journey remains a work in progress. The general election is forthcoming, and your sustained support is crucial for success. Let us collaborate and shape a history together.

"Thank you, Hamtramck for believing in me once again. Let's keep moving forward, united!"

Mayor Amer Ghalib appeared to be the first to congratulate Musa, saying:

"Well deserved Mr.

Councilman. Good luck in the general election."

Musa has not been charged with election law violation stemming from the primary election, but the state police are investigating the surveillance recordings of him, according to sources.

Musa is also being investigated for not being a resident. Residency is a requirement to hold public office in Hamtramck.

August 22, 2025

This week at the Library . . .

Jazz Youth Masterclasses: Library is holding preservation of jazz youth masterclasses every Thursday in July, August and September from 3 pm to 5 pm. Classes are conducted by Jazz vocalist, Sky Covington and are free to Hamtramck residents. To register for classes sign up at the library or call 248-383-3385 to speak with the instructor. The final meeting will consist of a performance on September 25th at 3 pm.

Krakatoa Explosion: On August 26, 1883, one of the most catastrophic volcanic eruptions in recorded history occurred on the Indonesian island of Krakatoa. Explosions were heard 2000 miles away. Tidal waves 120 ft. high killed 36,000 persons on nearby islands, while five cubic miles of earth were blasted into the air up to a height of 50 miles.

Yoga at the Library: The exercise program featuring Yoga will start again on Tuesday's at 2:30 pm starting September 2, 2025. The class is limited to 10 participants, so please register early to secure your place.

ESL Classes: These classes will start again after the summer break ends in the middle of September. More information about the program will be posted soon.

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.

Princess Diana: On August 31, 1997, Britain's Princess Diana died at the age 36 from massive internal injuries suffered in a high speed car crash, reportedly after being pursued by photographers. The crash occurred shortly after midnight in Paris inside a tunnel along the Seine River at the Pont De l'Alma bridge, less than a half mile north of the Eiffel Tower. Also killed in the crash were Diana's companion, Dodi Fayed, 42, and chauffeur Henri Raul. A fourth person in the car, bodyguard Trevor Rees Jones, was seriously injured.

Flight 007: On September 1, 1983, a Korean Air Lines Flight 007 was shot down by a Russian fighter jet while on route from New York to Seoul, killing all 269 persons on board. The Boeing 747 reportedly strayed 100 miles off course over secret Soviet Russian military installations on the Kamchatka Peninsula and Sakhalin Island. It crashed in the Sea of Japan.

Edgar Rice Burroughs: This creator of "Tarzan of the Apes" was born on September 1, 1875 in Chicago. Before becoming a novelist, he was a correspondent for the Los Angeles Times.

Gregorian Calendar: On September 1752, the British ended their use of the Julian calendar, switching instead to the Gregorian calendar, resulting in a major adjustment as Wednesday, September 2, was followed by Thursday, September 14. People demanded their missing eleven days back.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

The oldest trick in the book: blame the messenger

Things are pretty surreal in Hamtramck these days.

And, if you feel like Hamtramck is spinning out of control, you are not alone.

The ongoing election fraud investigation involving some of our elected officials has revealed Hamtramck to be a city of dysfunction and corruption.

And from what our sources have told us, what is being exposed so far is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

On top of all this, the national and international media are picking up the election scandal and making Hamtramck look like a cesspool of corruption – which may turn out to be accurate.

Predictably, the apologists for what's being exposed are blaming the messenger: the media, for bringing the ongoing – and widening – scandals to light. One such clown blames it all on “white-owned” media companies – as if this is a racial discrimination matter.

And then there is a convicted sexual assault felon also trying to make the media the culprit – as if we need lecturing by a guy who sexually assaulted a mentally-impaired teenager.

This city has never looked so insanely out of control.

And what does our mayor have to say about all this? For the most part, Mayor Amer Gha-

lib has remained silent. But he did issue a statement to WXYZ Channel 7 claiming the media has been “weaponized.”

Really? Blame the media? Folks, that's where cowards always run to when they have nothing else: blame the messenger.

While no one has been convicted of a crime in this matter, and we must assume those charged are innocent until proven guilty, these charges are very serious and the alleged actions in question pose a threat to the integrity of our elections.

Where is the concern over that?

This is a time when we need leaders who know how to lead.



City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Aug. 1, and all councilmembers were in attendance except for Khalil Refai, who was out of town.

The following mayoral appointees to the Hamtramck Public Library Board were approved by the council:

Three-year terms:
Raymond Bittner, reappointment until April 2028

George Gorday, reappointment until April 2028

Two-year terms:
Sandra Jabril, reappointment until April 2027

Valerie Hillery, New appointment until April 2027

One year term:
Rachel Srodek, New appointment until April 2026

After some discussion, the council agreed to a tentative purchase from Wayne County for the following properties that are facing tax forfeiture:

- 3381 DOREMUS-House
- 11405 CONANT-Commercial building
- 11409 CONANT- Lot
- 11415 CONANT- Parking lot
- 5184 YEMANS- lot

Speaking about the county's offer, Isabel Al-

laway, the Director of Community and Economic Development, said having the city purchase the properties, which will then be auctioned to the public, will allow “rare opportunities” for the city to “direct a little bit more what we want to see for the good of the neighborhood – so we have some options.”

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said it is the city that sets “the criteria here.”

No purchase price was included in the resolution, and the sale is not yet final until a cost is proposed.

Mayor Amer Ghalib said that, until he took office, the city was not accepting the properties and was told it was better for the county to auction the properties.

He said he was told that, if the city purchased the properties, it would probably not make any money on them, due to liability issues and administrative fees that would be owed.

“I insisted that we should buy them, to prioritize giving them to our residents, and it turned out that the money is for us, not Wayne County,” Ghalib said.

He said that, in one year purchases that cost the

city \$45,000 resulted in the city making \$450,000 from auctioning them off.

“So, actually, the city benefits,” he said.

(City Manager Max Garbarino told The Review that, prior to him becoming city manager, there was a stipulation from the county that the city could not make a profit from the auction. The county eventually dropped that rule.)

In an ongoing program to outfit the fire department with fire fighting gear, the council OK'd the purchase of a battery-powered extrication tool for \$29,533.

In his mayoral report, Ghalib urged primary voters to vote for “whoever you think is the qualified person, and good luck to everyone.”

He later demanded that the police department suspend “knocking on doors” for their investigations in the days leading up to election day.

“Knocking on doors by our police department at this time is not acceptable during the election because it intimidates the people,” Ghalib said. “It scares them, and they don't want to vote. ... I don't think there's a need for any kind of investigation at this time. People

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Odds & Ends

Word is... There has been some speculation in town about when the city's internal investigation into alleged wrongdoing by the police chief, city manager and an investigator for the police department will be completed.

Well, sources have told us that the report could be submitted to the city by the end of this week or, at least, by next week.

What are the findings of the report?

That, we don't know, but we did hear that the legal bill for the investigation will be over \$300,000.

Now, is any of this true?

All we can say is that, over the years, we have heard plenty of talk on a wide variety of all things Hamtramck – sometimes accurate, sometimes not.

No matter, you heard it here first.

Award... Former Hamtramckan Rebecca Binno Savage, who is an expert on art deco design, and is a well-known architectural historian consultant, was recently awarded the prestigious Charles Blessing Award.

We'll let the organization take it from here:

“Rebecca Savage was born in Detroit, and her professional career began in advertising where she worked for nine years. She later attended Columbia University's school of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, and received a Master of Science degree in historic preservation in 1997.

“Rebecca worked as a historic preservation specialist at the Greater Downtown Partnership. She was previously employed at Kraemer Design Group, a downtown Detroit architectural firm.

“Rebecca has served as a board member for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, Preservation Detroit, and the Greening of Detroit. She also was chair of the Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority and served on that board for ten years. She is currently Vice President of the Detroit Area Art Deco Society.

“Rebecca worked as Lead Architectural Historian at the City of Detroit Historic Designation Advisory Board from 2020 to 2025. Today she is a historic preservation con-

sultant and lives in Detroit.”

Congratulations Rebecca – Hamtramck misses you!

Reminder... Former Detroit Tigers player and hometown hero Ike Blessitt is about to get roasted on Sept. 13.

And, by that, we mean comedy-roasted.

Co-organizer Dave “Mez” Mesrey has the details:

“Warren VFW Post 9021:

“Join us for an unforgettable night of love and laughter (Sept. 13) as we roast former Detroit Tiger and Hamtramck sports legend Ike Blessitt.

“Special guests include former Detroit Tigers Jake Wood, Juan Berenguer, Barbaro Garbey, Marvin Lane, Craig Monroe, and Jon Warden.

“Tickets start at \$100 and include food, drink, and music. Proceeds benefit Ike's Hitting Academy #22.

“Guests are encouraged to RSVP by Friday, September 5. For tickets and more information, contact Tracy Kirby at (313) 739-7982, or email Tracy.CommunityCollective@gmail.com.

“He's number 22 in our programs, but number 1 in our hearts: The Blessed One, Ike Blessitt!”

It should be a memorable night, filled with laughs and plenty of good memories for any local Tigers fan.

Missing kitty... A distraught fellow walked into our office the other day

and handed us a flier asking for help in finding his missing cat.

There was a bit a language barrier, but from what we made out it's a female, gray-colored, 10 years old and last seen Aug. 17 on Sobieski between Commor and Carpenter.

The cat's name is Elisa. Anyone who finds a cat matching that description is asked to call (313) 767-0035, or (631) 229-4960.

The cat owner said that there will be “some reward.”

Weather prediction... With fall approaching, you can count on media outlets pronouncing their weather predictions for the rest of the year.

According to one such prediction, our fall-like weather temps we are experiencing now will last until Tuesday, or so. After that day temperatures go back up to the 80s – or so “they say.”

As for this fall, both the Old Farmer's Almanac and the Farmer's Almanac predict it to be cooler and wetter.

But the National Weather Service predicts just the opposite: hotter but with the normal precipitation.

So what to believe?

In Michigan, you might as well waste a few bucks playing the lottery, and hope you strike it rich to live somewhere with a more agreeable climate.

Yeah, dream on.

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 12-18.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

- A missing person was reported in the 2100 block of Holbrook.
- An assault was reported in the 9200 block of Conant.
- Complaints about juveniles were made in the 12000 block of Selfridge, in the area of Lumpkin and Norwalk, and in the 12000 block of Dyar.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

- An assault was reported in the 2200 block of Poland.
- At 12:30 a.m., trouble between neighbors was reported in the 2300 block of Evaline.
- An assault was reported in the 11600 block of St. Aubin.
- A business on Dequindre reported trouble with a customer. Customer trouble was also reported on Caniff.
- A fight was reported in the area of Conant and Jacob.
- Family trouble was reported in the 3200 block of Lehman.

Thursday, Aug. 14

- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 9800 block of Conant.
- An incident of fraud was reported on Conant.
- An illegal dumping was reported in the 2300 block of Whalen.
- An item was stolen from a porch in the 12100 block of McDougall.
- A child was reported lost in the 11400 block of Klinger.

Friday, Aug. 15

- A male suspect was arrested in the area of Caniff and Fleming for being disorderly.
- A reckless driver was reported in the 9400 block of Charest.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported

in the 11400 block of Moran.

- An assault was reported in the 2600 block of Carpenter.
- A neighbor dispute was reported in the 11400 block of Moran.

Saturday, Aug. 16

- At almost 3 a.m., a suspicious situation was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Hanley.
- A complaint was made about a person who was disturbing the peace on Jos. Campau.
- A trespassing complaint was made on Holbrook.
- A suspect was arrested for a theft and for assaulting a police officer.

Sunday, Aug. 17

- A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Ellery and Trowbridge.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 5000 block of Yemans.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3300 block of Comstock.
- A suspect was arrested on Mitchell for domestic assault.
- A vehicle was reported stolen on Lehman.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 2600 block of Carpenter. A complaint about a juvenile was also made in the 3300 block of Norwalk.
- A break-in was reported in the 2700 block of Evaline.

Monday, Aug. 18

- A complaint was made about a juvenile on Jacob.
- An attempted vehicle theft was reported on Yemans.
- A vehicle was stolen on Caniff.
- A trespassing complaint was made on Belmont.
- A child was reported lost on Jos. Campau. Officers later returned the child to his family.

Quick Hits

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Weather Channel, the forecast for the Detroit area on Labor Day weekend is sunny with mild tempera-

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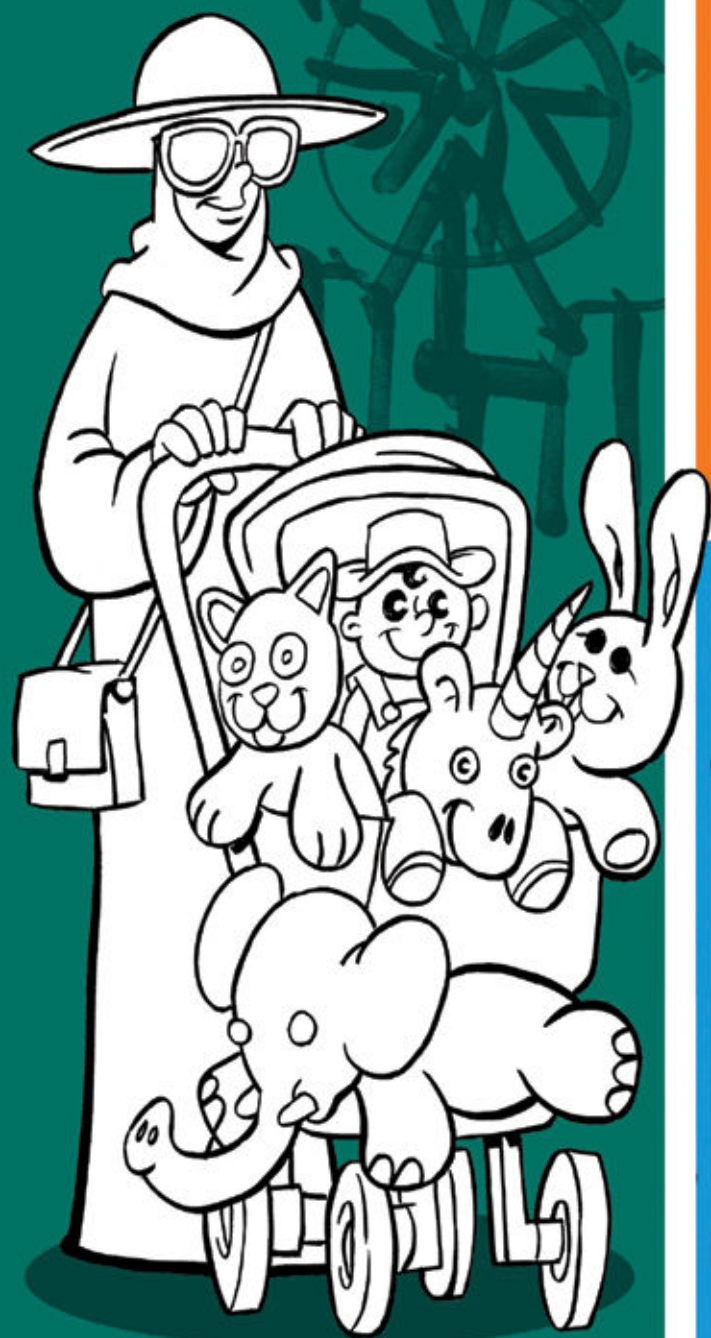
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are complaining about that.”

Ghalib continued: “So I respectfully ask our police department to stay away from any actions at this time regarding investigations or anything during the election.”

Councilmember Muhith Mahmood encouraged voters who have an absentee ballot to drop it off at city hall before Tuesday’s (Aug. 5) election.

“We have a lot of absentee ballots out there,” Mahmood said. “Please submit your absent ballot. Your voice, your vote, is your voice.”

Councilmember Abu Musa also advised voters to drop off their absentee ballots at this point because they won’t get to city hall in time via the mail.

Musa then launched into a campaign pitch: “I’m running again. For the last 10 years you support me. I need your more support,” Musa said.

He was then told that it is improper for him to

ask for votes while in a council meeting.

Councilmember Hassan cautioned candidates that they can’t campaign on lowering taxes because the city can’t afford to do that.

Hassan also said that, back in 2017, state police officers came to his residence with a list of voters with Bengali names and asked him “How did you vote?”

Hassan told them it was “unconstitutional” to demand an answer to that question.

He said he was then shown his ballot by officers who asked him if he had “closed” the ballot. Again, Hassan said he replied that question was “unconstitutional.”

“If I don’t close it (the ballot) how I made it,” Hassan said he also told officers.

Hassan accused the officers of “profiling” Bengalis.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Hamtramck Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing and considering the request pertaining to the following property:

- 11515 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212, parcel number 41-007-15-0045-300

Applicant Mousa Kaied is requesting a use variance of the property to operate an auto shop, subject to subject to \$155.185 and \$155.187 of the Hamtramck Code of Ordinances. Current use is Central Business District per \$155.066.

Written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Community & Economic Development Manager via email at mmiszczak@hamtramck. Written comments will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on September 16, 2025. 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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