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**Quick Hits**

**It's Halloween season, and time to collect goodies**

By Alan Madlane

Once again, the city and public school district will combine to host a "Trunk or Treat" at Zussman Park next Wednesday, Oct. 29, starting at 5 p.m. and going until 6:30.

The "trunk" part of the party refers to the trunks of vehicles, from where volunteers offer all sorts of treats for Hamtramck's little goblins to enjoy.

The city is looking for folks to volunteer again this year to be host cars.

To sign up, email your full name and phone number to cdeskstaff@hamtramckschools.org.

The sign-up deadline to participate in this event is today, Friday, Oct. 24.

Note: You must provide your own goodies to distribute.

In other city news, The Hamtramck Beautification Commission is promoting its annual citywide clean-up, coming up on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Here's what the group has to say about the event:

"The main meeting place will be at our City Hall, but there will be additional clean-up zones in the Sarah Garrett neighborhood and Veterans Park.

"Volunteers will pickup supplies from the city hall, then make their way to their clean-up areas."

You can register, via email, at mgilginas@hamtramckcity.com.

Snacks, water and supplies are provided, and the commission is also looking for local businesses to support rewarding the volunteers.

Can't make it on Nov. 1? At the very least, you can clean up around your own property and neighborhood, at your convenience.

Clean is good!

**— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —**

**Election fraud prosecution hits a snag with no-shows**

By Charles Sercombe

Election fraud charges against two Hamtramck City Councilmembers had different outcomes in the last week.

City Councilmember Mohammed Hassan will continue to face charges. But the outcome for Councilmember Muhtasin Sadman, who is in his first term, was far different.

Last week, after a short preliminary examination in Hamtramck 31st District Court, Judge Alexis Krot ruled that the evidence warrants Hassan to face further legal proceedings in Wayne County Circuit.

Hassan faces felony charges of:

- Forging a signature on an absentee ballot application
- Election law forgery
- False statement on an absentee ballot application

If convicted, he faces a sentence of five years in prison. The charges go back to the 2023 election in Hamtramck's council race.

In his pre-examination last week, Zerine Sultana



**City Councilmember Mohammed Hassan (left) will continue to face felony election charges in Wayne County Circuit Court, but Councilmember Muhtasin Sadman received a major break after two witnesses failed to appear at his preliminary examination. File Photo**

testified that Hassan forged her name on a ballot.

His next court appearance will be in Wayne County Circuit Court.

On Monday, the prosecution's case against Councilmember Sadman, who faces similar charges, came apart – at least for the moment. The four felony charges against him were dropped because two key witnesses both failed to show up and testify.

The charges that were dismissed include:

- Forging a signature

on an absentee ballot application

- Election law forgery
- Unqualified elector attempting to vote
- Unqualified elector attempting to vote

These charges also came with the threat of a five-year prison sentence.

But Sadman still faces a misdemeanor charge of making a false statement in an application for an absentee ballot, which will be heard on Nov. 6, at 9 a.m. in Hamtramck 31st District Court.

Although the felony

charges were dismissed, they can be reinstated at a later date.

Sadman's bond was also reduced from \$7,500 to \$500.

Both cases are being prosecuted by the Monroe Prosecutor's Office, and County Prosecutor Jeffery Yorkey said his office is considering whether to pursue legal charges and arrest warrants against the witnesses to compel them to testify.

The Monroe County Prosecutor's Office got

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**Read all news(papers), at the Hamtramck Historical Museum**



**The Hamtramck Historical Museum has been busy cataloguing its collection of newspapers.**

By Alan Madlane

The Hamtramck Historical Museum recently began devoting a portion of its time to organizing its newsprint collection.

We were fortunate to be able to get together with museum board member Sam Burns, and have him fill us in on how this project is coming along, and other aspects of it.

**The Review: What papers are you collecting ?**

Sam Burns: The museum collects any items, including newspapers, that are relevant to the history of the City, Village, or Township of Hamtramck.

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Most of the newspapers in our collection are local papers, primarily the Citizen, the Hamtramck Times, and the Hamtramck Review, but we also have a nice variety of short-lived or small-circulation papers.

We also collect individual issues of non-Hamtramck papers that include content on Hamtramck. These are mostly from local publications like the Detroit News, the Detroit Free Press, or the Oakland Press, but include some from further afield and in languages

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**City snuffs out cannabis dispensary**

By Charles Sercombe

The city is celebrating another legal victory.

Just weeks after the city won a lawsuit challenging Hamtramck's ban on displaying a pride flag on city property, City Attorney Odey Meroueh says the city was again victorious in court.

In the latest court victory, a lawsuit filed by Hamtramck Investment Group, Inc. (HIG), the company sought to operate a cannabis dispensary at Jos. Campau and Evaline.

After getting what it thought was initial approval by the city to operate a dispensary and passing building code requirements, the city informed HIG that it was being denied permission to operate.

U.S. District Court Judge Shalina D. Kumar ruled in the city's favor, saying that HIG had been warned that there were other steps to go through before being allowed to operate and that there was a possibility their request could ultimately be denied.

Although the city allowed the company to file an application, the city had, at a later time, passed a resolution not allowing any new dispensary to operate.

The location of the dispensary would have been at Jos. Campau and Evaline, where the former Hamtramck Coney Island once operated. The building has been sitting vacant for several years.

The city had four dispensaries operating at the time, but those were allowed under a prior city council.

An all-male, all-Muslim council later blocked any other dispensary from operating in the city for fear they would attract crime, besides which a number of the city's conservative Muslim community view marijuana as an objectionable product to consume and sell.

"This is a clear win for

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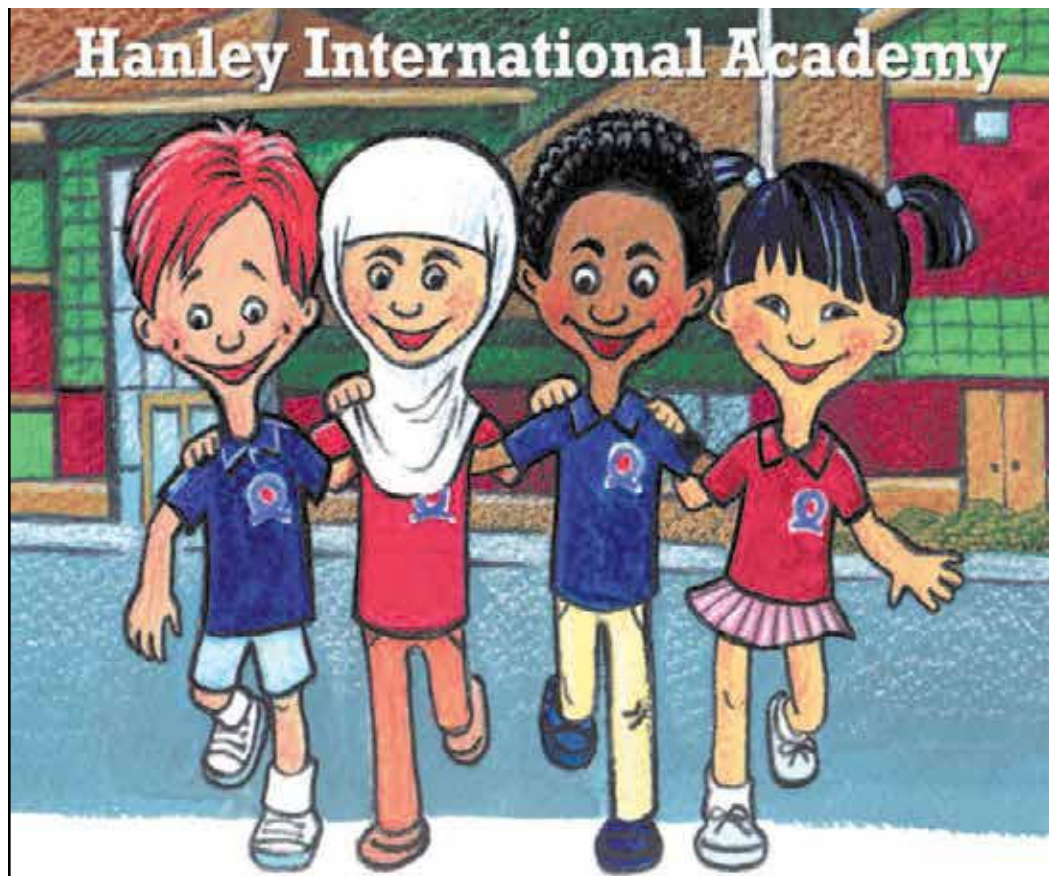
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## Election fraud prosecution hits a snag with no-shows

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involved after state Attorney General Dana Nessel decided to bow out of handling the cases (after her office conducted an investigation), and asked for a special prosecutor in the state to take over the matter.

There are those in the state who speculated that the matter had become a political hot potato for Nessel, who reportedly has higher political ambitions after she is termed out this year.

The Review previously reached out to Mayor Amer Ghalib, who has repeatedly accused former city administrations of corruption, for comment on the election charges but he did not respond.

Former Mayor Karen Majewski told The Review that, "The commonly held



Muhtasin Sadman

belief that elections here are decided through fraud undermines our system in so many ways – not just by unfairly seating people in public office, but by convincing honest people that it's pointless to run for office, and by discouraging voters from participating in the process at

all."

On social media, the court of public opinion was in session.

"The honorable thing to do would be for both of them to resign. This is ridiculous already," said Bernadette Kopytko.

Mo Reeves called for more public outrage.

"We should march for justice and demand jail time for those who committed fraud against the city and its residents," Reeves said.

Before his court hearing on Monday, Sadman called for a "March for Justice" to city hall.

It did not appear anyone heeded the call.

But it did ruffle some feathers among social media commenters. In response, Sadman posted "LOL" – which stands

of "laugh out loud."

Bernadette Kopytko once again weighed in, saying: "Muhtasin Rahman Sadman why do you find breaking the law amusing and still feel it respectful to represent our city?"

As for any further legal cases involving election fraud, Monroe County Prosecutor Yorkey told The Review that his office is reviewing allegations that two councilmembers do not actually live in Hamtramck, and that some people were caught on city hall's surveillance camera stuffing ballots in a drop box in the weeks leading up to the primary election this past August.

"We're looking at everything, and anything," Yorkey said. "We're doing everything we can."

## City snuffs out cannabis dispensary

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Hamtramck residents," said City Attorney Odey Meroueh in a press release. "The court affirmed that the City applied its ordinances and processes fairly and consistently. We will continue to focus on responsible governance and the rule of law."

Mayor Amer Ghalib also praised the court's decision, saying a past administration tried to ram this license through.

"... They were granted a license by some people in the previous administration in a corrupted way that lacked transparency and ethics prior to the council's vote to stop opening more dispensaries," Ghalib said on his Facebook page.

The mayor continued: "This win makes one thing clear. Hamtramck will not be bullied or baited. The last administration tried to dump this mess on my desk to sink our new administration. They failed. We stood on the law, defended our taxpayers, and proved that promises made outside the rules do not override the rules. We are moving

forward with integrity and results."

Each of the city's four dispensaries produce about \$200,000 a year in taxes.

It could be seen as confusing that a new dispensary has, in fact, just opened at the former location for the dispen-

sary 3Fifteen, on Jos. Campau between Zinow and Pulaski.

It is allowed to open because the former owner of the 3Fifteen license still holds the license.

The new dispensary is called Weedmart. Its grand opening was this past Monday.



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**Port Bar, 9420 Jos. Campau  
on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025,  
2-6 p.m.**

## This week at the Library . . .

October 24, 2025

**Story Time:** These programs conducted by the library staff are scheduled for Wednesdays afternoon at 4:00 pm. All children are invited.

**KPop Demon Hunters:** Join us on Thursday, October 30 for an evening screening of this movie. This animated production has lots of fans and awesome soundtrack. Audience can sing along when their favorite melodies are played. The screening starts at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

**Halloween:** Friday, October 31st we will be celebrating Halloween at the library. Trick-or-treat will begin at 3:30 pm and last until closing at 5:00 pm.

**Exercise at the Library:** The RIM Foundation was begun exercise classes again this fall. On Tuesdays, its back to Yoga at 2:30 pm. and on Fridays, it is Tai Chi at 10:00 am. To register for the program, stop by the library circulation desk.

**Preservation of Jazz:** Continuing into the autumn and winter season, the Jazz Masterclass program will take place on Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 pm. Participants will cultivate a deeper understanding of this elegant artform through guided discussions, curated listening experiences, documentary screenings, and more. Heading this class will be Sky Covington, founder of The Preservation of Jazz. The sessions start on October 16th. Class size is limited to 20 individuals. Register on [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) to secure your place. For more information

about the program, please call Sky Covington (248) 383-3385..

**Transcontinental Telegram:** On October 24, 1861, the first telegram sent across the country in America was sent from San Francisco to Washington, addressed to President Abraham Lincoln from the Chief Justice of California.

**Federalist Papers:** The first of 85 newspapers was printed on October 27, 1787 in New York City. The essays argued for the adoption of the new U.S. Constitution. They were written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay.

**Subway:** The New York City subway began operating on October 27, 1904, running from City Hall to West 145th Street, the first underground and underwater rail system in the world.

**Harvard University:** On October 28, 1636, the oldest institution of higher learning in American, was founded in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It was named after John Harvard, a Puritan who donated his library and half of his estate. Distinguished alumni include; Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Henry James and NAACP founder W.E.B. Du Bois.

**Nobel Prize:** On October 27, 1978 this prize was awarded to Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat.

**ESL Classes:** These classes are held Monday to Thursday at 9 am and 12 noon. To participate, you must register with the Horizon School.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Best to prepare for possible ICE patrols

Will ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) agents really start rounding up illegal immigrants in town?

That may be a question folks will have in their minds since it became known that the agency, through the Department of Homeland Security, is seeking people with law enforcement experience to join up and patrol this area.

At this point it's not known if ICE will follow through on this. But, if they do come here, it's already known (through

various on-the-ground media reports) how aggressive the agents can act. And, if ICE does come to Hamtramck, it's likely to be an ugly scene.

We don't mean to alarm folks, but in these uncertain times, it's best if our immigrant neighbors and residents prepare themselves, and make sure they carry proper documentation.

Unfortunately, the media reports we've seen show that some ICE agents have been using excessive force,

and have acted indiscriminately regardless of citizenship and immigration status.

It's important our immigrant neighbors familiarize themselves with the rights they have to be here.

In the meantime, all of us need to remain aware of our surroundings, and inform our immigrant neighbors if they should remain indoors, if it comes to that.

Prepare now folks, and hope all of this is just talk.

## On the campaign trail ... On absentee ballots and the mayor's race

By Charles Sercombe

Mayoral candidate Adam Alharbi is concerned about the low number of absentee ballots being returned, so far, with just two weeks to go before election day.

"If you have your ballot, we need it returned ASAP!" Alharbi said on social media.

As of Monday, there were 3,706 absentee ballots (AV) issued to voters, but only a little over 600 returned – or 16 percent.

But is that rate of return really unusual at this point?

No, says City Clerk Rana Faraj.

"This is normal for this time of the year," she said. "We do get a lot in the next two weeks."

And, for those wondering if some candidates and their allies have been caught on surveillance cameras stuffing the city hall drop box with AV ballots, the answer is also no, said Faraj.

Of course, as the election nears that might change, but it appears that the alleged ballot harvesters have learned a lesson. Yet, Faraj is concerned that they'll just find another way to cheat.

"All we're doing is teaching them to be a better criminal," she said.

As for mayoral candidate Muhith Mahmood, he was recently interviewed on a podcast called "Made in Banglatown."

Here are some highlights of his one-hour interview:

Why do you live in Hamtramck but your family lives in Troy?

Mahmood: "That's an agreement between me and my wife. We trust each other. We find there's nothing wrong with it."

He also says it's easier to travel from Hamtramck to his employment at a downtown casino restaurant in Detroit. From Troy, he says, the drive is 40 minutes, and from Hamtramck, it's more like 10 minutes.

Why did you not bring your family to live in Hamtramck?

Mahmood: "There are better opportunities in Troy, for example the schooling system."

Why serve on council for only about \$300 a month?

Mahmood: "In the interest of love. ... There's no money in politics. ... If you're looking for money that's not the position. We don't need a politician who lies, who can cheat. You need an honest person who is willing to serve the community. ...

"You need transparency. ... We need to find common ground to work together for this city."

On the accusations that some candidates are ballot harvesting and taking bribes:

Mahmood: "People using shortcuts way to gain their benefit I oppo-

se. I'm against it. That's not the right way to win the election."

Why vote for him?

Mahmood: "This is your chance to pick a leader who you trust, who is going to take this city to the next step, who is willing to serve, who has the experience to serve the community in many different area in public service. You don't want somebody just looking for a name on the frame."

The election is Nov. 4, where the top-three vote getters in the city council race will begin a new four-year term this January, and the top vote-getter in the mayor's race, which features write-in candidate Lynn Blasey, will also serve for four years before coming up for re-election.

There are also three write-in candidates seeking a seat on council: Joe Strzalka, Veronica Smith and Diane Elizabeth Frkan.

Those on the ballot include: Current Councilmember Abu Musa, former Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury and newcomers Yousuf Saed, Motahar Fadhel, Abdulmalik Kassim, and Luqman Saleh.

Current mayor Amer Ghaleb did not seek re-election, in order to focus on becoming ambassador to Kuwait should the U.S. Senate approve his nomination.

## Odds & Ends

**Battling hunger ...** The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has partnered with local food charity Forgotten Harvest to offer food to families in need via pop-up giveaways at Tri-County MDHHS offices.

They have already had one of these in September and one in October. At the September event, more than two tons of groceries were distributed to approximately 90 families and individuals.

The goal here, they say, is to have these become regular monthly events.

MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel weighed in, saying, "At MDHHS, we recognize that food insecurity impacts the health and well-being of thousands of Michigan families."

"Ensuring access to quality, nutritious food," she added, "is vital to improving health for people experiencing food insecurity."

To take part in this program, you must make an appointment by sending an email to mdhhs-fh-oakland@michigan.gov.

Forgotten Harvest has more than 65 permanent mobile pantry partners throughout southeast Michigan besides these MDHHS ones. Check their website, or make an appointment to shop at their Community Choice Market in Oak Park: call (248) 268-7756.

There are a number of other programs helping people in need get food for their tables, including – at this point, anyway – federal

programs like SNAP, WIC and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

There are also some other choices for help through the state, such as their Universal School Meals and Double Up Food Bucks programs.

To find out more, dial 211; or, visit the Food Bank Council of Michigan, or explore Michigan.gov/mibridges.

**De-pressed ...** It always hurts when we hear about a newspaper deciding to close up shop and stop the presses.

The latest paper closing is the vaunted Dearborn Press & Guide, which had been publishing in one form or another since 1918.

Recently, the paper announced it was shutting down. In the last 20 years, hundreds – maybe thousands – of local and daily newspapers throughout the country have also gone out of business.

Many communities are now what's known as "news deserts" – meaning there is no local paper informing the public about what's going on in their city.

Former Guide Editor Gary Woronchak, who went on to serve in the state legislature, recently posted the sad news on Facebook.

"I'm stunned, despite knowing I shouldn't be," he said.

Well, he's right about how he should not be stunned, because newspapers are indeed closing up left and right.

Dearborn is the seventh largest city in the state by population.

**Health agency ...** Now, when Detroit police get calls from those obviously suffering from mental issues who are non-violent, they have a new partner to lean on.

The Detroit Police Department and the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) launched a pilot program in August, designed to directly transfer nonviolent mental health calls from 911 to behavioral health professionals in real time.

"We identified a great and urgent need for a smarter, more humane approach to crisis calls – and we knew we could step in and provide that support," said James E. White, President and CEO of DWIHN in a press release.

"We know 911 works but, together, we can make it work more efficiently for the people of Detroit while freeing up officers to respond to other incidents."

The health agency said that "the need for this initiative became increasingly clear this year between January and May, (when) DPD received 368 'mental health nonviolent' calls and 227 'suicide threat' calls during the overnight hours of midnight to 7 a.m. when the need for assistance for these types of calls tends to increase."

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- Preservation of Jazz - Concert at the Library
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**By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log covers Oct. 14-20.

### Tuesday, Oct. 14

- Officers, assisting fire-fighters at Jos. Campau and Casmere, arrested a suspect.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.
- A suspect was arrested on Mitchell for domestic assault.
- Family trouble was reported on Pulaski.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 2300 block of Botsford.

### Wednesday, Oct. 15

- A trespassing complaint was made on Charest.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the area of Gallagher and Roosevelt.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 9400 block of Conant.
- An arson fire was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

### Thursday, Oct. 16

- Family trouble was reported on Sobieski.
- A loose dog was reported on Charest.
- An assault was reported at Conant and Casmere.

### Friday, Oct. 17

- A domestic assault was reported in the 3800 block of Norwalk.
- A theft was reported in the 5100 block of Belmont.
- A runaway was reported in the 11500 block of St. Aubin.

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### Saturday, Oct. 18

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the area of Buffalo and Prescott.
- An assault was reported in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

### Sunday, Oct. 19

- A female suspect was arrested in the 12000 block of Grand Haven for domestic violence.
- Officers, investigating a suspicious situation in the 9200 block of Conant, arrested a suspect for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A suspect was arrested in the area of Jos. Campau and Trowbridge for being disorderly, and for obstructing an officer.
- A break-in was reported in the 2700 block of Norwalk.

### Monday, Oct. 20

- A break-in was reported on Fleming.
- A suspect was arrested on Jos. Campau for fraud.
- A fight was reported in the area of Circle Dr. and Grand Haven.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11400 block of Conant.
- Officers, responding to a call about a domestic assault in the 11700 block of Fleming, arrested a suspect.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the area of Conant and Misant.

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## Resident faces charges for theft from school district

**By Charles Sercombe**

A 34-year-old Hamtramck resident was allegedly able to pose as a janitor in Hamtramck High School to steal school property.

According to the Hamtramck Police Department, in a press release recently issued, the man impersonated being a janitor at the school and, in one day, Oct. 6, allegedly committed three separate thefts before school staff members caught on and called the police.

According to sources, the suspect is Fouad Ahmed Ali Hussain.

After an investigation by officers, he was charged with the following:

- Theft inside a building (larceny in a building)
- Possession of a fire-arm while committing a felony
- Illegal possession of a short-barreled shotgun

The Review reached out to Hamtramck Public School District Interim Superintendent, James Larson-Shidler, and the president of the district's Board of Education, Abdulmalik Algahaim, for comment, but neither responded.

On social media, people wanted questions about

school security addressed by the district.

Michelle Wagenaar-Mohamed said the district's lack of response to the public has her reconsidering where to enroll her kids.

"To be honest, I AM NOT comfortable sending my kids to school anymore. The safety precautions are zero, our teachers and staff are putting their lives on the line and my kids are not safe!!" Wagenaar-Mohamed said.

"Maybe the school board should have issued a statement by now. But no, it's okay, let's just sweep it under the rug. I am so furious!"

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other than English.

**The Review: Why reorganize the newspaper collection?**

Burns: The reorganization of our newspaper collection is part of a comprehensive project to catalog and curate all the collections and archives that we own.

We began to receive donated items back when we were a start-up institution with no permanent home or budget, and the collection quickly outgrew our infrastructure.

As we've been able to make significant improvements to our building and equipment, we've placed a high priority on bringing our collections and archives management up to professional standards.

We are currently in the first phase of the project, which involves identifying everything in our collection, organizing it all into proper storage containers, and noting any items that will need specialist care.

**The Review: How far back do the various collections go? Are they complete?**

Burns: We're still in the process of identifying everything in our newspaper collection, so I can only speak generally, but the bulk of our papers

date from the 1970s through the 1990s. A few of our individual papers date back to the late 1800s.

As far as we know, none of our series are complete, but we might end up being surprised! We have several full boxes, and a whole series of bound volumes, of the Citizen, and a substantial collection of the Hamtramck Review and the Hamtramck Times.

**The Review: Any plans to digitize the collection, or has that already been done, or started?**

Burns: We've recently invested in a Digitization Station, which should be up and running by the end of the summer.

We plan to train some volunteers on how to use it, and immediately start digitizing a sample of individual articles that are relevant to other museum initiatives, such as our History Day activities with local students or our Deep Mapping project (<https://mappinghamtramck.com/>).

In the long term, we plan to systematically digitize the entire collection, but that will take an enormous investment of time and money.

**The Review: Newsprint is notoriously easily ruined – by sunlight, handling, moisture, mildew and any other of a variety of age- and use-related problems. How do you deal with these issues?**

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Burns: Most of our newspapers have been stored in clean file boxes or file cabinets, so they've been protected from the worst sources of deterioration. However, these are not long-term storage solutions, and the older papers in our collection are starting to show their age.

In the current phase of our comprehensive project, volunteers have been placing groups of newspapers into archival quality polyester sleeves and then into acid-free newspaper storage boxes.

These items are not cheap, but we've been able to lean on our community support, as well as a few grants, and have purchased enough supplies to "triage" the newspaper collection.

Eventually, we plan to purchase enough museum-quality supplies to store each individual paper in its own polyester sleeve, and to create custom enclosures for especially fragile items.

Once we have the entire collection triaged, we'll be able to figure out how

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DWIHN Crisis Call Center, freeing up police officers to concentrate on other matters.

Phase 1 of the program launched over a month ago. During the overnight hours, 911 operators now conduct a “warm transfer” — staying on the line until the caller is safely connected to DWIHN’s 24/7 Cri-

sis Line at 844-IN-CRISIS.

“This system is about more than just reducing the strain on 911 – it’s about saving lives and ensuring the right care at the right time,” said Grace Wolf, DWIHN Vice President of Crisis Services. “Our professionals are highly trained, and, if needed, we will dispatch mobile

crisis teams directly to the scene.”

In other developments, DWIHN continues to expand its Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for both 911 operators and DPD officers, strengthening a full continuum of crisis care.

**Soup’s on ...** Once again, the St. Florian Soup Festival came and went this past Sunday.

And, as usual, the parish dished up a variety of soups, and the sound

we heard in the church basement where the festival was held was a whole bunch of slurping.

Ah yes, the sound of satisfied customers!



The St. Florian Parish recently held a soup festival in a celebration of fall.

## Mayor Ghalib faced tough questions during senate hearing

By Charles Sercombe

After waiting several months, Mayor Amer Ghalib had his turn to be in the U.S. Senate spotlight.

And it was brutal.

His hearing for confirmation to become ambassador to Kuwait was on Thursday (Oct. 23) at 10:30 a.m.

Ghalib was pressed hard by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-New Hampshire) over his past comments about Israel and his praising of Saddam Hussain, the former brutal dictator of Iraq who invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Ghalib also faced tough grilling by other senators, including Sen. Cruz (R-Texas) who said he will not support Ghalib’s nomination.

Ghalib faced the most severe questioning of the several nominees at his hearing, and he was the

main focus of the senators – none of whom appeared supportive of him.

The Review will take a deeper dive into the hearing in next week’s issue. The Review went to press early on Thursday.

The vote on whether to confirm Ghalib to the position will be held at a later date.

President Trump had nominated Ghalib in apparent gratitude for Ghalib’s support for, and endorsement of, Trump in the 2024 presidential election.

Ghalib is also credited with influencing a number of fellow Arab and Muslim voters to switch from supporting Democrats to getting behind Trump and the Republican Party.

For many in that community, they were swayed to support Trump because he promised to end both

the Ukraine War and the war in Gaza on “Day One.”

That campaign promise never came to fruition, but there does currently exist a fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza – although there have also been signs it may have already collapsed.

Unlike other nominees, Ghalib’s hearing was held up over concerns about his past comments that were considered antisemitic, and other comments interpreted to be in support of Hamas.

Ghalib has denied those interpretations.

He was also criticized for his support of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement meant to pressure Israel. The city council here, with Ghalib’s approval, passed a resolution to adopt that BDS policy for the city.

Ghalib was not required

to vote on that resolution.

The Anti-Defamation League had called for Trump to withdraw Ghalib’s nomination.

Another of Ghalib’s critics is far-right conservative Laura Loomer, who has often been influential with President Trump in the past, and who has also urged Trump to withdraw Ghalib’s nomination.

In a social media post, Loomer said: “Amer Ghalib’s ambassadorship should be revoked. We can’t allow Islamification of the West to be supported from within the White House.”

Ghalib said before the hearing that he still has the full support of Trump.

The Review reached out to Ghalib for comment prior to his hearing, but he did not respond.

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much this will cost, and then set some fundraising goals.

**The Review: Do you allow the public to check the newspapers out, like a library might (although most do not), or use them only in-house, or are they not be touched at all and only used digitally?**

Burns: Generally, our collections do not leave our building except under a formal loan agreement with a qualified institution.

However, while some items may be too fragile or rare for public access, we’re happy to make as much of our collections as possible available to anyone who wishes to use them within the building.

Email samuelburns@hamtramckhistory.com to set up a research appointment.

**The Review: Are you looking for any collections to add that you don’t yet have?**

Burns: We accept donations that meet our collections criteria, which include most items that are associated with the history of the City, Village, and Township of Hamtramck.

Once we’ve finished cataloging the newspapers we already have, we’ll start a focused effort to fill any gaps in our collection.

**The Review: Can you speak about the efforts your volunteers – where do they come from, and what exactly are they doing to help and under whose oversight?**

Burns: One of our board members, David Figiel, has recently launched a formal volunteer program, which is open to anyone in the community at any level of experience.

Our volunteers are a diverse group that includes everyone from students to retirees, and from lifelong Hamtramckans to recent arrivals.

We have many different opportunities for volunteers to get involved, including staffing the front desk, conducting research for tours and exhibits, helping with community outreach, and assisting with our collections.

We hold monthly collections and archives drop-in sessions, with the next session scheduled for Sunday, August 24 from 1-3 pm at the museum. It is open to the public, no experience required, and walk-ins are welcome!

This month, we hope to finish organizing the newspapers. Once we’re finished with them, we’ll be moving on to other areas of the collection, so there will be on-going opportunities for the public to come and get hands-on experience with our historical items.

**The Review: Please feel free to add anything else you would like to about your paper collection.**

Burns: Anyone interested in learning more about volunteering at the museum can email David Figiel (davefigiel@gmail.com) or attend one of our drop-in sessions. We are always looking to expand our community of volunteers!

The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau Ave. at Norwalk. They are open to the public Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (4 p.m. on Sat.) or by pre-arranged appointment only outside those times. Call (313) 262-6571.

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