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Quick Hits

Get out and support our many shops

By Charles Sercombe

This Friday is known as “Black Friday” – a marketing strategy that someone thought of years ago to ignite the holiday shopping season. It’s a day and weekend when major stores – both brick and mortar and online – offer huge sales.

Blah, blah, blah. Regardless of the marketing angle, this Friday and this weekend offer a good excuse to get out and support Hamtramck’s many independent businesses.

On top of that, Small Business Saturday is on Nov. 29 – a nationally recognized day to show your appreciation to local retailers.

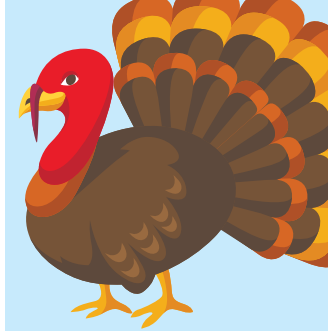
Patronizing our independent stores means the profits stay here in the city, and get reinvested locally. And, the folks that own the stores in town usually live here as well.

Nationwide, there are 33.2 million small businesses that, believe it or not, account for 99.9 percent of all businesses in the U.S.

This year, more than ever, small businesses need our support. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Index, 79% of independent business owners say this upcoming holiday season is important for their overall profit this year, up from 70% last year.

As a national average, shoppers plan to do 41% of their holiday shopping at small businesses.

Go out this weekend and explore what Hamtramck stores have to offer. And be sure to grab a bite to eat at one of the city’s many eateries.



— HAMTRAMCK’S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

**A right turn that changed everything ...
One person’s journey to Hamtramck**

By C. V. Samuel

Special to The Review

It was my beloved son, Shibu Samuel, who once asked me a question that would lead me to reflect deeply on my life’s journey in America since 1988: “What’s a small decision you made that ended up having a big impact on your life?”

Before I could answer him, I felt compelled to revisit the pivotal moment that changed everything for me in America.

A New Beginning

On December 23, 1988, following an unexpected divorce settlement, I found myself without a home and

separated from my children.

Divorce is painful, and it can even be humiliating. Though I was heartbroken, I resolved not to let it define me. Instead, I chose to move forward with renewed determination. Divorce only made me more determined to continue my life journey.

A few months later, in search of peace and clarity, I drove to Stony Creek Metro Park in Shelby Township, Michigan. I spent an entire day on a park bench, praying and asking God for direction.

That quiet afternoon became a moment of surrender and strength. I deci-

ded to close one chapter of my life and begin anew, with faith to face life’s journey and challenges. I wanted to stay and remain close to my son and daughter.

But I was torn by agonizing questions: Should I buy a house in Warren, Michigan, where I had lived since 1976? If I did, how could I possibly commit to years of mortgage payments without a steady monthly income? Those sleepless nights were filled with confusion, prayer, and uncertainty.

The Right Turn

Late that afternoon, I left the park and drove south on Mound Rd., a

long stretch of highway lined with trees. I wondered where Mound would end. After driving many miles, I crossed 8 Mile in Detroit for the first time. Mound finally ended at Caniff in Detroit.

At that red traffic light, I had to make a choice: turn left or turn right. In that moment, I decided to turn right, which seemed like a small, simple, and ordinary choice. Yet, that right turn at Caniff would become one of the most significant decisions not only in my life, but also in my children’s lives.

At the very next intersection (Caniff and Buffalo), I noticed a sign: “Welcome

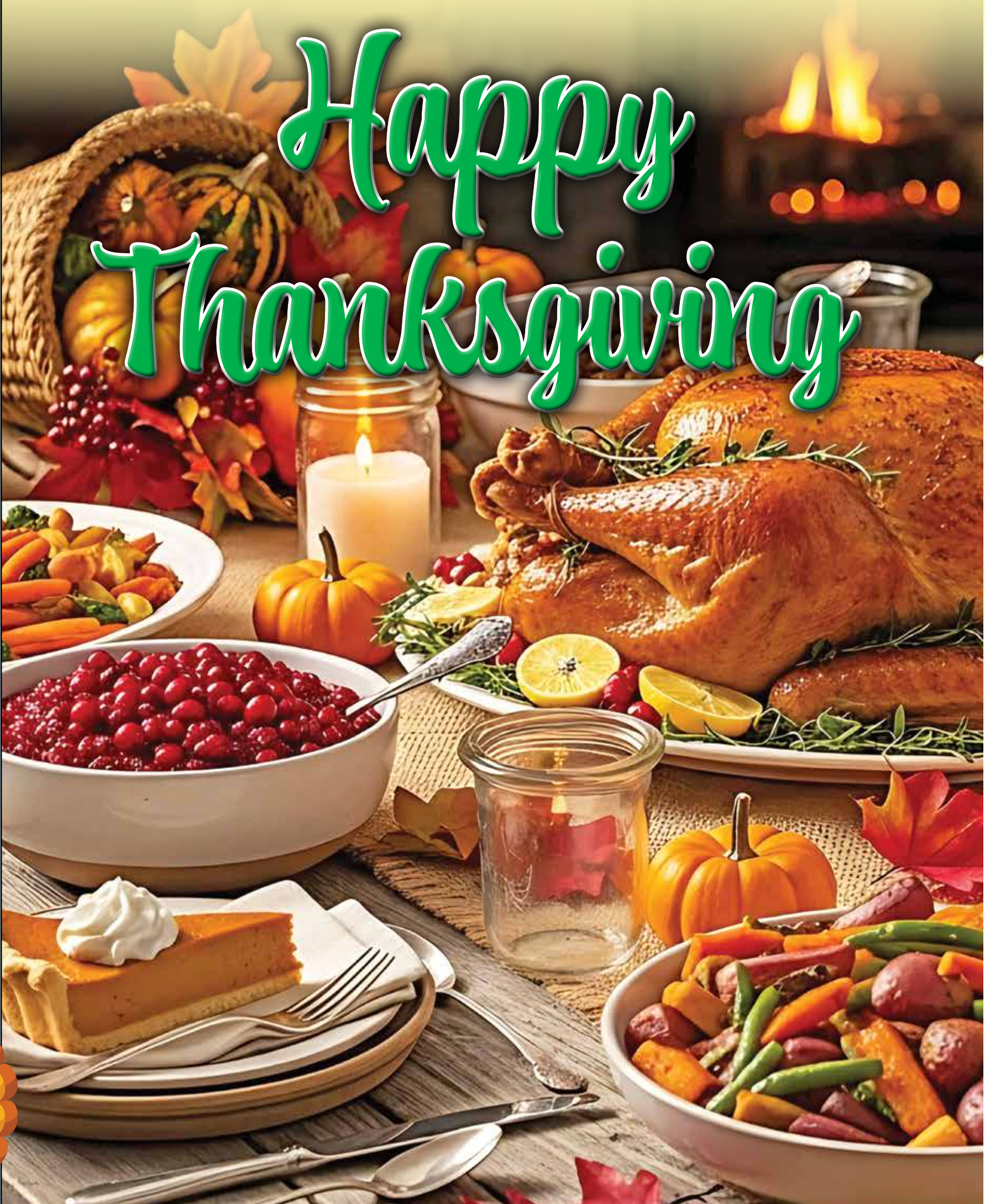
to the City of Hamtramck.”

That right turn thus led me into the city of Hamtramck, a city I had never once set foot in, despite twelve years of living nearby. Hamtramck, a small city within the greater Detroit area, in Wayne County.

The City of Hamtramck, with fewer than 20,000 residents at the time, covers just 2.2 square miles. Hamtramck was a place I had no reason to visit.

Yet that evening, I drove through its clean, welcoming streets and safe neighborhoods. I felt an unexpected sense of peace – and something different in Hamtramck.

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Happy Thanksgiving

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A right turn that changed everything ... One person's journey to Hamtramck

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As daylight faded, I turned onto Holbrook, and I noticed a "Home for Sale by Owner" sign.

On impulse, I stopped, spoke to the homeowner, and learned the asking price was \$29,900 for a two-family duplex. With my real estate background, as a broker, I made a cash offer of \$21,000. After some negotiation, we agreed on \$27,200.

That night, I handed over a \$2,200 deposit, and within weeks, we closed the deal. I became

the proud owner of 3138 Holbrook. For the first time since my divorce, I had a home I could truly call my own, debt-free and full of possibility.

Rebuilding a Life

I renovated the first floor, turning it into a comfortable space with two bedrooms and an office. I rented one room to a Wayne State University medical student for \$400 per month, including utilities.

The second floor had four bedrooms. I renova-

ted and rented each room to four Wayne State University students at \$200.00 a month, providing a steady income. I could finally breathe again, free from financial anxiety.

Soon after, I purchased the neighboring four-unit apartment building for \$39,000 on a land contract. More than 36 years later, I still own that property, now valued at nearly \$390,000 – not to mention, all the rent collected over the decades.

That first purchase in Hamtramck led to several more real estate investments, providing steady income and financial security.

That simple right turn at the Caniff traffic light led not only to financial stability but also to decades of investment success and community involvement.

As a real estate broker, I successfully sold numerous houses in Hamtramck, and introduced many new homeowners to the area. It became not only my place of residence but the foundation of my renewed life.

A blessing for my son – An employment crisis

Years later, the same City of Hamtramck would play a role in another turning point, this time in my son's life. In 2002, my son Shibu graduated from the University of Washington, Seattle, with a master's degree in Health Services Administration.

Shortly after graduation, he accepted a position in Dallas, Texas, but due to unforeseen corporate changes, the offer was withdrawn before he could begin. He was deeply disappointed, but determined. He returned to Detroit to help me manage our rental properties while se-

arching for a suitable position in his field.

One day, I sent my son to one of our rental units to do some repairs and painting. A few days later, I met the tenant, and she spoke very highly of my son, praising the quality of his work and the respectful way he handled the job, and his professionalism and work ethic.

When I mentioned Shibu's educational background, she was surprised and offered to introduce him to her father, a senior vice president at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

That connection opened the door to his career at Blue Cross, where he has now thrived for more than 19 years. That simple act of kindness became the turning point in my son's career. What seemed like a setback became a divine redirection that led to my son's professional success.

Reflections of Grace

Looking back, I see how one seemingly small choice, a right turn at a red light in 1989, became the turning point of my life. And it led to stability, growth, and blessings that extended to my future.

I will forever be grateful to the City of Hamtramck, its people, and its city hall and all who serve within it, for their kindness and for the opportunities that helped shape the future for my family and me.

As part of my civic duty, I spent a few years serving on the Hamtramck Human Relations Commission, and for many more, I worked with the Hamtramck Block Club, devoted to the city's beautification and the preservation of its parks.

City of Hamtramck

Year-End Review for Zoning Ordinance Changes and Rezoning

The City of Hamtramck is announcing its 2025 Year-End Review for Zoning Ordinance Changes and Rezoning across the City:

Zoning Ordinance Changes

On January 28th, 2025, Ordinance Section §155.065 was modified to include additional façade materials (cast stone, synthetic stone, standing seam metal on roofing or awnings, ceramic tiles, integrally tinted textured masonry block, precast or cast-in-place concrete, and concrete siding) in the Multi-Use and Central Business Districts on January 28th, 2025.

On January 28th, 2025, Ordinance Section §155.050 modified the maximum lot coverage within the Residential District to 75% (Previously 67%) and minimum rear setbacks to 20 feet from rear lot line (Previously 30 feet) on January 28th, 2025.

On January 28th, 2025, Ordinance Section §155.050 modified the maximum lot coverage within the Residential District to 80% and minimum rear setbacks to 15 feet from rear lot line, under the condition that certain water retention conditions are met.

On August 26th, 2025, Ordinance Section §155.065 and §155.066 modified Parking Provisions within the Central Business District and Multi-Use District to allow non-city owned parking lots, subject to special land use.

Rezoning

On May 13th, 2025, the Parcel at 9327 Gallagher Street was rezoned from Residential to Multi-Use.

On July 8th, 2025, the Parcels bordering Carpenter Street to the South, from Nagel to Conant, were rezoned from Residential to Multi-Use. (Existing Central Business District Parcels South of Carpenter Street were not rezoned.)

To see the City's updated zoning map, please visit <https://hamtramckcity.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Hamtramck-Zoning-Map-Updated-7.8.25-Copy.pdf>

November 28, 2025

This week at the Library . . .

Piano Music at the Library: On Fridays, during the month of December (Dec. 5, Dec.12, and Dec. 19) Tina L. aka Sugar Calzone will be playing holiday music as well as standard tunes for the enjoyment of both, children and adults. Children will have a chance to sing along the tunes they know and adults will be able to enjoy musical selection from 4:00 pm till closing.

Enrico Fermi: American physicists led by Fermi carried out the world's first successful nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago.

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

Joseph Conrad: This Polish novelist born in the Ukraine (as Josef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski) on December 3, 1857, could not speak English up to the age of 20. Then he went on to become an outstanding English language novelist, best known for his tales of seafaring life including "Heart of Darkness" and "Lord Jim".

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.

The Observer: This newspaper first published in Britain, on December 4, 1791 is now the oldest Sunday Newspaper in the world

Prohibition Amendment: The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was repealed on December 5, 1933. For nearly 14 years, since January 29, 1920, it had outlawed the manufacture, transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages in the U.S.

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](https://www.eventbrite.com) to secure your place. For more information about the program, please call Sky Covington (248) 383-3385..

Walt Disney: He was born on December 5, 1901 in Chicago, Illinois. As a little boy he liked to draw farm animals and eventually got a job as an artist. He moved to Hollywood 1928 and produced "Steamboat Willie", starring Mikey Mouse, in the first cartoon with synchronized sound. In 1937 he opened the Disneyland amusement park and five years after his death Disney World opened in Florida.

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

Library is located at 2360 Caniff Avenue, Phone (313) 733-6822
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In Our Opinion

For Thanksgiving, reflect on our community spirit

We wouldn't blame anyone in Hamtramck who may not be feeling the Thanksgiving Day spirit.

The city's election turmoil and widening culture war has weighed down a number of folks.

Despite these obstacles, it's important to focus on the positive aspects of Thanksgiving, which is this coming Thursday, Nov. 27.

No matter what, when it comes down to it, Hamtramck has only itself to turn to, to make this a safe and prosperous community. And that requires strong

connections between our people and our cultures.

Hamtramck is a small town, but we are large in spirit. People care about each other.

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks and be thankful. It's a day we can rest and count our blessings.

Despite our occasional setbacks, we are survivors here. And we are also quick to lend a helping hand to our neighbors.

That is community spirit. And, that is Hamtramck.

There is a true sense

that we are all in this together here. And that means working together, and not working against one another.

So, on Thanksgiving Day, take time to reflect, and ask yourself: how can I help better our community?

Also this week, the traditional start of the holiday shopping rush begins, so be sure to go out and support our local businesses.

Note to our readers: This week, The Review hit the streets on Wednesday instead of the usual Friday because of our printer's schedule.

Odds & Ends

Immigration policy ... Hamtramck has a new city councilmember, Saed Yousef, who is an immigrant – or whose family came from Somalia.

Yousef, an African-American, is now part of a small club in Hamtramck's political history.

The last African-American on city council was Titus Walters, who died 10 years ago. Walters was only the third African-American to serve on city council.

Yousef is coming on board during a potentially turbulent time on council, and very politically volatile time nationally.

On top of that, President Trump has now focused on the Somali immigrant community in Minnesota, where he terminated their legal protections.

The move could subject them to deportation.

According to media reports, Trump claimed, without proof, that "Somali gangs are terrorizing the people of that great State, and BILLIONS of Dollars are missing. Send them back to where they came from. It's OVER!"

We reached out to Yousef through Facebook for comment, but he did not reply.

Nor did Mayor Amer Ghalib – who is in line for getting a job with the Trump Administration, and supported Trump for president.

Ghalib is a Yemeni-immigrant. At one point in Trump's presidential campaign in 2024, Trump characterized immigrants from Yemen as being "terrorists."

Somalis are not the only immigrant population that could face upheaval.

The Trump administration is also delaying the processing of the humanitarian refugee program for Ukrainians by former President Joe Biden.

This now leaves nearly 200,000 Ukrainian immigrants at risk of losing their legal status as of March 31, according to internal U.S. government data reviewed by Reuters.

Hamtramck is home to dozens of refugees from war-torn Ukraine, which was invaded by Russia several years ago.

Night clubbing ... Hamtramck is losing another tax-paying business. This time it's not an eatery,

but the Sanctuary club on Caniff.

The bar hosts mainly rock shows.

The club recently announced, on social media, that it's expanding to new digs somewhere outside of Hamtramck, sometime in mid-2026.

The club had this to say about their move:

"We are re-locating, and opening a new multi-room building (also with practice spaces), and transitioning into a non-profit 501c3.

"Beyond excited to finally announce this, after two years of hard work behind the scenes. Purchase is complete and the remodeling phase has already started!"

The Review office is located just a few buildings away, and we'll miss seeing fans lining up early for their shows all through the week.

We wish them all great success. And, we're crossing our fingers that someone will jump on the chance to operate another music club at this site – which used to also be the home to the legendary Paychecks.

There is a lot of music history at this bar, and it needs to continue.

Book signing ... Local photographer Roy Feldman recently published a book documenting his journey through Hamtramck, and the results are compelling.

The book is called "(my) Hamtramck," and Roy will be having a book signing on Friday, Dec. 5 at Black Salt, located at 2764 Florian, from 5 to 8 p.m.

For the uninitiated, Black Salt is a cocktail lounge known for pairing its drinks with certain "witchy" spells.

Not to worry—it's all in good fun, folks.

Roy's book is currently for sale at Book Suey (Jos. Campau and Caniff, southwest corner) and Hatch Art Gallery (located on Evaline, across from city hall).

Stop by and enjoy a drink, and maybe cast a spell or two, and pick up your copy of Roy's book.

This is a must-have for those who love all things Hamtramck.

Gaza update ... We know a lot of people in Hamtramck are concer-

ned – or at least were concerned, when Joe Biden was president – about the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

According to media reports, Hamas informed U.S. Envoy Steve Witkoff that the recent peace deal is over, and that they will resume fighting Israel.

Israel, for its part, pretty much ignored the deal almost immediately and continued to bomb Palestinians in the region.

The question for those who hit Hamtramck's streets a few years ago to protest Biden's continued support of Israel is: When will you return to the streets to protest President Trump's continued support of Israel?

And, we are still waiting for Mayor Amer Ghalib to make another impassioned speech in favor of Gazans defending their land and fighting against Israel's military invasion.

Oops, scratch that. Ghalib is waiting to hear back from the Trump administration on a job offer. Yes, Mayor Ghalib is a supporter of Trump, and is silent on his Israeli support.

Strange how things can change, eh?

Farewell ... We didn't get a chance to properly say a few words about one of Hamtramck's strongest community activists, town booster and all-around nice and decent person: Joan Barrios.

Joan died Nov. 14 at age 82.

She was one of the last folks in town who was born in city hall, which way back once upon a time was known as St. Francis Hospital.

We asked both former city council president Phill Kwik and former mayor Karen Majewski for a few words on Joan.

"I met Joan when we were both members of the Hamtramck Block Club Association in the early 90s. Joan cared about community," said Kwik.

"I knew her as an active member of the Association, and a supporter of Preserve Our Parks, ready to lend a hand to improve Veterans' Park on her beloved South End.

"Joan was interested in change and progress in Hamtramck. She was

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New SMART bus route changes in Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

For those who ride the SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) bus service, expect big changes in January when new routes go into effect.

SMART representatives held a public hearing on the proposed route changes at the Hamtramck Library last week, although only a handful of residents attended.

But some of those who attended noted that the new routes will make it easier, and more reliable, to travel in the tri-county area.

As for the proposed Hamtramck route, it would travel from downtown Detroit to Holbrook and then to Buffalo, then at that point would swing north toward Caniff, and then eastward.

But some questioned

why SMART was not taking a left onto Jos. Campau from Holbrook.

The short answer was that it was either not deemed a safe turn, or the fact that at certain times of the day it is illegal to make that turn.

Lynn Blasey – who has run for elective office in Hamtramck, mostly recently as a write-in candidate for mayor – generally praised the new route on social media.

"The new SMART route will more effectively connect Hamtramckans to Woodward, and will specifically be a great service for CCS and WSU college students that live in Hamtramck," she said.

The Hamtramck portion is called Route 100, and it would run every 60 minutes every day of the week. But operating times would be limited to 6 a.m. to midnight, from Monday to Saturday, and then Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Several other route changes in the tri-county area were also noted.

SMART representatives said that this is the first overhaul to the routes out of several that will be introduced over the next few years.

You can take a look at the new Hamtramck route online at: www.smartermobility.org/mobi

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Kamal Rahman interviews Mayor Elect, Adam Alharbi
Attorney Mark Koroi comments on Hamtramck election
Special City Council Meeting of November 18, 2025
Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Hamtramck VFW Post 6
Congressman Thanedar addresses City Council
Senate Hearings with Mayor Amer Ghalib
and more

BECOME A LOCAL REPORTER: If you know how to take photos or make film clips on your phone, you can download them to Hamtramck TV along with a news story, to be aired the same day. Send in event announcements, comments to city officials, facts you want to share with the community, etc.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 18-24.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

- A complaint was made about noise in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- A person was reported as missing in the 11600 block of Moran.
- A business in the 2000 block of Caniff reported trouble with a customer.
- Family trouble was reported in the 3300 block of Evaline.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

- At about 1:30 a.m., a fight was reported in the 3300 block of Doremus.
- Family trouble was reported in the 3300 block of Comstock.
- Property damage was reported in the 2600 block of Holbrook.
- An incident of road rage was reported in the area of Brombach and Belmont.
- An assault was reported in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.
- A business in the 2000 block of Caniff reported trouble with a customer.
- An assault was reported in the 3000 block of Holbrook.

Thursday, Nov. 20

- A hit-and-run accident happened on McDougall.
- A suspicious situation was reported on Grand Haven.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 12000 block of Klinger.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

Friday, Nov. 21

- At about 5 a.m., a complaint was made about noise in the 2700 block of Florian. Also at the same time, complaints were made about noise in the 2700 block

of Edwin.

- A theft was reported in the 2600 block of Caniff.
- A fight was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 11400 block of Fleming.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.
- A dispute between neighbors was reported in the 3200 block of Belmont.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Gallagher.

Saturday, Nov. 22

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Alpena and Belmont.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in the 2700 block of Holbrook and in the 5100 block of Yemans.
- A suspect was arrested in the 3800 block of Yemans for assault.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Lumpkin.
- A break-in was reported in the 2100 block of Belmont.

Sunday, Nov. 23

- A complaint was made about an animal on Fleming.
- Property damage was reported in the 2600 block of Commor.

Monday, Nov. 24

- A suspicious incident was reported on Lehman.
- Officers responded to a call about someone threatening to commit violence on Caniff.
- A suspicious person was reported in the 2200 block of Faber.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Holmes. A domestic assault was also reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

Odds & Ends

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a vocal booster and ambassador for Hamtramck, always engaged with new and longtime residents, about the greatness – and deficiencies – of our city. She will be missed.

“My spouse, Max Gilgins, who was also a longtime friend of Joan, and I are saddened by her passing. We send our condolences to her family and loved ones.”

Majewski echoed those sentiments, saying:

“Joan Barrios was one of those people who helped define Hamtramck for me, a touchstone of what it means to be involved, engaged, and part of a community.

“She was a reliable presence at Cafe 1923, absorbed in one project or another at one of the front tables but always ready to chat. You could count on seeing her at the many veterans' events at

Post 10.

“And we had our annual Countdown to Paczki Day polka in the tent just down the block from her apartment at the Senior Plaza. Sometimes I led the dance. Sometimes she led. And it's not the same without her.”

Indeed, the town is not same without her. You were one-of-a-kind, Joan.

Our condolences go out to her family.

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Nominations encouraged for Michigan Lottery's Excellence in Education Awards to honor outstanding educators

Parents, students, school staff members, and others are encouraged to nominate outstanding public-school educators for the Michigan Lottery's 2025-26 Excellence In Education awards.

All public-school employees may be nominated for the Excellence In Education awards, which recognize educators who go "above and beyond" to make a difference in the lives of children. To nominate a public-school educator, go to [https://](https://www.michiganlottery.com/excellence-in-education)

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"The Excellence in Education awards are our way of honoring the phenomenal work being done by educators in communities throughout Michigan," said Lottery Commissioner Suzanna Shkreli. "These dedicated professionals do so much more than teach; they are a constant, supportive presence who instill lifelong skills and inspire students to believe in themselves."

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The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators across the state during the school year.

One outstanding educator will be selected each week and will receive a \$2,000 cash prize. At the end of the school year, one of these weekly award winners will be selected to receive the Lottery's Educator of the Year award and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Winners of the weekly award are featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, WNEM-TV in Saginaw, WWTW-TV in Traverse City, and WLUC-TV in Marquette.

The winner of the 2025 Educator of the Year award was Kelly Herberholz, a science teacher and administrative intern with Dakota High School in Macomb.

Hundreds of educators were nominated during the 2024-25 school year, which was the 11th year of the Excellence in Education awards program. Thirty-four of these nominees, including Herberholz, were selected to win a weekly award.

Previous winners of the Educator of the Year award:

2024 – Samantha TwoCrow, the director of the Indigenous Education Program for Suttons Bay Public Schools in Suttons Bay.

2023 – Kathryn Kluzak, a kindergarten teacher with Robert L. Green Elementary in East Lansing.

2022 – Spencer Vanderheide, a high school teacher with Kenowa Hills High School in Grand Rapids.

2021 – Janice Smith, a school social worker at Fisher Magnet Lower Academy in Detroit.

2020 – Megan Sidge, an Autism Spectrum Disorder teacher at Hickory Woods Elementary in Walled Lake.

2019 – Stewart Kieliszewski, an Earth science, biology, mechatronics, and media teacher for eighth through 12th graders at the Uby Community Schools.

2018 – Kerri Moccio, a first-grade literacy intervention specialist at Bedford Elementary School in Dearborn Heights.

2017 – Linda Holzwarth, a social studies teacher at Portage West Middle School in Portage.

2016 – Daniel Carr, a Spanish and sports marketing teacher at Waverly High School in Lansing.

2015 – Michael Craig, a special education teacher at the Charles Drew Transition Center in Detroit.

Excellence In Education award nominees should demonstrate the following qualities:

- Excellence – Their work consistently helps students and/or their schools or school districts advance to higher levels of academic achievement.

- Dedication – They consistently go above and beyond expectations to help students succeed.

- Inspiration – Their work inspires others around them to exceed expectations either academically or professionally.

- Leadership – They demonstrate clear leadership skills in their positions with their school or school districts.

- Effectiveness – The nominee's work has clear and positive results on the educational advancement of students within the school or school district.



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