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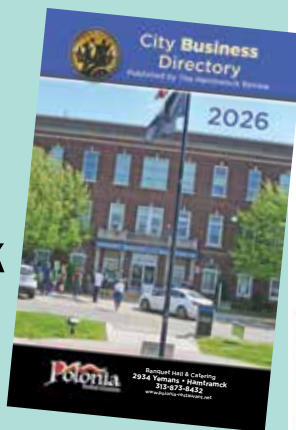
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Quick Hits

Free museum tours now monthly

By Alan Madlane

A lot of local history, for the price of the air we breathe.

That's the deal for this, and every, last Saturday of the month at the Hamtramck Historical Museum: Free tours!

It's a new policy for the museum, and it doesn't even require you to pre-register. Just show up at the museum at 1 p.m. this Saturday, and you can take part in an hour-long walking tour for free.

See a good portion of the museum's public collections for the price of, well, nothing.

Have we mentioned that it's free?

The museum is located on the south end of the central business district of Jos. Campau, at 9525, between Norwalk and Poland.

You can learn more about the museum from their website: hamtramckhistory.com.

They have a variety of collections, from old newspapers and photographs to items found on Wayne State student archaeological digs performed right here in the city over recent years.

Can't make it this month?

Well, they're committed to holding these free tours each and every last Saturday of the month for the foreseeable future, so you'll have other chances, from the sounds of it.

Why not give it a look?

Last chance for county tax help

By Charles Sercombe

For homeowners who are struggling to pay off delinquent property taxes, the Wayne County Treasurer's Office has some good news.

And that is: you can enroll in a payment assistance plan.

But you only have another week to get on board. The deadline to enroll in the county program is March 31.

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Passenger radio hits its first broadcasting milestone

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's own radio station celebrated its one-year anniversary last Saturday.

The organizers behind Passenger Radio WHCK – which is part of the Passenger Recovery organization, located in a two-story building next to the Fowling warehouse entertainment center – invited the public to come check out their home and celebrate with them.

For longtimers who might remember, Passenger Radio is in the former Dana building on Christopher – that forgotten little stretch of Hamtramck east off of Conant, south of Holbrook.

Recently, The Review interviewed one of the organizers of Passenger Recovery, Christopher Tait, who described the radio station's mission as:

“... (serving as) a bridge between the arts, mental health, and recovery – amplifying the voices and stories that keep our community connected and inspired.”

Tait continues: “Passenger Radio WHCK has quickly become a heartbeat of our community. Today, the station features over 20 DJs – a mix of people in recovery and

allies – representing the full cultural spectrum of Hamtramck. ...

“We're incredibly proud of how the station has evolved, and continually inspired by what happens when people are given the space – and the nudges – to create.”

The radio station is part of a larger operation for Passenger Recovery, which has been described as a place where musicians struggling with addiction can receive support.

Although the mission focuses on musicians and those in the arts, it's a place where everyone in the community is welcomed.

Like many non-profit organizations, Passenger relies on grants and donations – which, in these uncertain times, is no easy accomplishment.

If you haven't done so already, check out Passenger Radio – but note: it's on the internet only, not broadcast through the airwaves.

You're almost sure to find something that'll fire up your imagination.



Review's publishing owner expands community journalism investment

Michigan Independent Media Group (MIMG) today announced the acquisition of the Tri-City Times, marking the organization's newest expansion in Michigan and continuing their investment in strengthening local journalism across the state.

The Review is also owned by MIMG.

The Tri-City Times, a

longstanding and trusted source of news serving the Imlay City, Almont, Capac, and Dryden communities, becomes the latest addition to a growing portfolio that includes the Yale Expositor, Hamtramck Review, and Lansing City Pulse.

Like the other newspapers in its portfolio, Tri-City Times will be opera-

ted by Buried Lede Media. Through a partnership with Civic Media out of Wisconsin, MIMG also formed the joint venture Michigan Civic Media Alliance, which owns five radio stations in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, further expanding its commitment to local media across multiple platforms.

“We are thrilled to welco-

me the Tri-City Times into the MIMG family,” said Jason Franklin of Michigan Independent Media Group.

“This publication has deep roots in its community, and we see tremendous opportunity to build on that legacy while ensuring it remains a strong, independent voice

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HPS contracts out administrator position

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's public school district finally got the financial bailout it had requested from the state, according to sources.

The district had been operating without state funding for three months before it was forced to ask the state to step in and lend a financial hand.

The holdup was simple: The district had failed to complete its yearly financial audit, as required. In other words: no audit, no money from the state. That forced the district to dip into its own savings to cover costs.

The district still has not completed its auditing process, according to sources, which is normally due no later than November each year.

That state financial delay seemed to catch the Board of Education by surprise because Interim Superintendent James Larson-Shidler didn't warn the board until he already needed to get an advance payment from the state.

During that discussion, Toni Coral, the president of the district's teachers union, questioned the monthly payments made to BRC Consulting.

The Review submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to the district for copies of the company's contract, as well as invoices the company has submitted for reimbursement.

As it turns out, BRC is Bruce Coltman of New Baltimore, who provides a variety of services that include managing the maintenance of the district's buildings, grounds, security, transportation, food services, and management of construction projects.

For all that, the district pays Coltman \$80 per hour.

BRC was hired after the district's Building and Grounds Director Richard Waszynski retired about two years ago.

BRC has been paid about \$344,000 from April of 2024 to the present, according to invoices that The Review received from its FOIA request. That comes to a little over \$150,000 a year.

The Review reached out to Larson-Shidler for comment, but he did not reply.

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Apr 4 – Holy Saturday Liturgy 9:30 am
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April 5	EASTER SUNDAY Resurrection of our Lord, Procession and Holy Mass 8 am only
April 6	Easter Monday Holy Mass in Polish (Msza Sw. w j. Polskim) 10 am



Councilman lashes out at critics

By Charles Sercombe

City Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury has some choice words for his critics.

In a back-and-forth on social media, Choudhury found himself defending his own cutting remarks about former City Clerk Rana (Faraj) Allen, and also getting into a spat with a political rival.

It all started with Diana Elizabeth calling out Choudhury for saying Allen deserved to be fired by the city.

"She was not a good person as she should be as a human being," Choudhury told the Detroit News. "Job is not authoritarian, should be respected, due diligence and integrity."

Elizabeth said Choudhury's comment is "very disappointing and disrespectful and even misogynistic. Weren't you recently, and your father in the past, suspected of election fraud? That also makes you 'not a good person.'"

Choudhury didn't hold

back in his response:

"I will get my lawyer on this, and fake bitches always cry," he said.

That led to Kamal Rahman, who has run for mayor several times and has clashed politically with Choudhury, to jump in and expand on the election investigation that Choudhury faced (but has yet to be charged with).

"He was caught with the collected ballots and fled the country to avoid prosecution. He took me to his car and showed me a bundle of blank ballots and asked me if I had any for trade!" Rahman said. Choudhury fired back at Rahman:

"Come to my face and talk about my well-respected father in the community over 30 years. I was silent and respectful. You have been attacking me (in) many places with accusations and trying to ruin my long-term reputation and long-term success and serving people with dignity and needs in the communities more than 20 years. You are



City Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury recently lashed out on critics on social media.

a jealous person, psychopath, douchebag, and like to start a war like Mr. Benjamin (Netanyahu)." (Netanyahu is the prime minister of Israel.)

The Review reached Rahman by phone, and he verified the email exchange with Choudhury.

"The name calling doesn't bother me; I've been through that before in politics," he said. "He (Choudhury) doesn't know what he's talking about."

Choudhury's comments caught the attention of former city councilmember Joe Strzalka, who questioned whether Choudhury should also face being censured by his council colleagues for disrespectful language similar to what fellow Councilmember Yousef Saed received for an alleged disparaging comment he made on Facebook about four councilmembers.

"Nayeem Choudhury, don't elected officials get censured for calling people names on Facebook?" Strzalka questioned.

Choudhury's comments likely turned off a few voters.

"Your comments on this thread have done nothing other than confirming for everyone why you should not have your position," said Alysia Marie.

"First of all, it requires a mature, intelligent, and mentally stable individual to be a city official – calling the residents of the city you represent names like 'douchebags' and 'fake bitches' only shows that you are not fit for council."

This is Choudhury's second term on city council. The Review reached out to Choudhury both via his city email and by telephone, but he did not respond.

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service, the district saves money on a pension contribution, as well as on health insurance.

Regardless of the potential savings, Coral says the district is spending "a lot of money."

Coral said the board of education has failed to question the BRC expense.

"The board never asked about those repeat

expenses that are on the check registers every month," Coral said.

"Their job is oversight and they dropped the ball. If they're OK with paying somebody that, then they should make that known. My issue is that I don't think they had any idea that that money was being spent."

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This week at the Library . . .

March 27, 2026

Medicare: A team from Priority Health will conduct a meeting answering questions about Medicare options. The next presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 2:15 pm.

Pony Express: In the American West, this service began on April 3, 1860 as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. For \$5.00 an ounce, letters were delivered 2000 miles to California within 10 days. The famed Pony Express riders each rode from 75 to 100 miles before handing the letters off to the next rider. A total of 190 way stations were located about 15 miles apart. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.

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.

Discrimination by Democrats: On April 3, 1944 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8 to 1 that African Americans can not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries. The Court stated that discrimination against blacks violates the 15th Amendment and that political parties are not private associations.

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

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FREE PUBLIC TOUR OF THE HAMTRAMCK HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Hamtramck Historical Museum is now offering free public tours of the museum the last Saturday of EVERY month.
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1:00pm to 2:00 p.m.



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In Our Opinion

City council needs a lesson on transparency

It was a small, likely unnoticed, comment, but a very telling one.

We're talking about what City Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury suggested at the Feb. 10 council meeting. That's when he requested that his fellow councilmembers should meet in closed session to talk about city matters.

We find it alarming that Choudhury thinks nothing of meeting behind closed doors with his colleagues to discuss ordinary city business.

This is clearly a suggestion to violate the state's Open Meetings Act (OMA), which reserves closed session for very specific reasons, such as discussing ongoing litigation.

The one thing the OMA doesn't sanction is a public body, such as a city council, discussing general business out of earshot of the public.

Government operations are meant to be conducted in the open, for all to see and hear.

Choudhury's comment – and the distinct lack of blowback from his council colleagues – raises a concern about whether the councilmembers are even aware of what the OMA allows and doesn't allow.

Worse, we suspect that this offhand comment shows a lack of respect for the public's right to know what their government is up to.

We suggest the council invite someone

to tutor them in what the OMA is all about.

The council has already pushed the boundaries of what's acceptable by their ongoing habit of introducing important items onto their agendas right as meetings begin – thus, not giving the public any heads-up on matters that they might deserve to know about.

The council is only three months into its new term, and it's not too late to take corrective action. If more time passes without regard to the state law on open government, this situation will grow worse – and may result in embroiling the city in more unnecessary legal action.

Quick Hits

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"We don't want anyone to lose their home or property to foreclosure, and we have taxpayer assistance programs to help you," said Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree.

The Treasurer's Office offer has three different assistance programs for eligible taxpayers. Here's a quick overview:

1. Stipulated Payment Agreement (REGSPA)

For taxpayers who qualify, REGSPA provides a structured agreement to repay delinquent property taxes over time, helping households move toward

compliance through clearly defined payment terms. If you owe back taxes and need a manageable plan to pay them, this may be the right option for you.

2. Distressed Owner/Occupant Extension (DOOE)

If you are an owner-occupant facing financial hardship, DOOE is designed to give you additional time to resolve delinquent taxes while you work to remain in your home. This program recognizes the real challenges that families face, and provides flexibility for those who need it most.

3. Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA)

IRSPA offers eligible taxpayers a payment plan that may include reduced interest charges, easing the overall cost of repaying delinquent taxes. For those who qualify, this program can make a difference in what you ultimately owe.

The process to get started is straightforward, and you can begin it online right now, or make an in-person appointment by calling (313) 224-5990:

- Visit the Treasurer's Payment Plans page at WayneCountyMI.gov/Tre

asurer

- Review program details and eligibility requirements to find the plan that best fits your situation

- Complete the appropriate application – having your property information and tax notice details ready will help speed up the process

- Submit your application before March 31, 2026

Important reminder: Once enrolled in a payment plan, you must continue to make all payments on time to remain in the program.

Not sure which program is right for you?

That's OK, the Treasurer's Office is ready to help you figure it out. Contact them with questions about eligibility, required documents, or the application process:

- Phone: (313) 224-5990

- General Email: taxinfo@waynecountymi.gov

Payment Plans Email: wctopaymentplans@waynecountymi.gov

Online: waynecountymi.gov/Government/Elected-Officials/Treasurer/Payment-Plans

Odds & Ends

Shop locally ... Now that warm weather has returned, so will the Hamtramck Night Bazaar.

Starting in June, and running through October, the city-sponsored event will take place on the first Saturday of each month (except in July, when it will be on the second Saturday) at Jos. Campau and Belmont.

That's when local merchants will once again set up shop in Pope Park. Night Bazaar events go from 6-10 p.m.

The city, through its Discover Hamtramck program, calls it "the perfect opportunity to connect with community and be a part of something special in Downtown Hamtramck."

We couldn't agree more. Be sure to check it out.

Tennis anyone? ... The good folks at VFW Post 6 are still collecting tennis equipment for Hamtramck High School.

If you have some equipment just collecting dust, you can drop off your unwanted tennis gear at the post, located at Evaline and McDougall.

Girls tennis has already started this

month.

In other news from the post, it will celebrate its 80th anniversary on Sunday, April 26.

The post will be hosting a luncheon that day, starting at noon.

'Tis the tax time again ... Yes, a time both anticipated and dreaded, depending on which side of the owed/owe side you're on.

The Michigan Department of Treasury sent out a press release recently, to remind citizens that their taxes are due by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15. Federal income taxes are due by then as well.

If they owe you, well, they don't care whether you file or not, we're guessing. But if you find that you owe, those payments have to be post-marked by that date and time.

And the penalties for not paying are hefty. Trust us: In both federal and state late situations, you'll owe 5 percent more if you pay within the first two months of being late, then an additional five percent each for up to three, four or five months late. At that point, you'll owe the maximum of the original

taxes owed plus a total of a 25-percent penalty.

You can e-file quickly at www.mifastfile.org. Low- to moderate-income persons, those with disabilities, or those over 60 may qualify for free tax preparation from IRS-certified volunteers, for example through the Accounting Aid Society. Call 211 or go to irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep.

The City of Hamtramck is one of the rare cities in Michigan that also charges its own tax. The rate is 1 percent for residents, ½ of 1 percent for nonresidents, and you get a \$600 exemption.

If you're getting money back from the state or the fed, you should allow 4 to 6 weeks if you have e-filed (or 6 to 8 if you filed by mail) to receive your refund(s). Both irs.gov and Michigan.gov/wheresmyrefund can help you track your refund's progress.

They also advise to be aware of scammers during tax season. The Michigan Department of Treasury does not take payments via gift cards, for example. You will only receive texts if you have specifically asked to.



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- Monthly meeting of the Hamtramck Board of Education
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- Piast Institute Drug Free Community Zoom Meeting
- Islamic Iftar observance program
- Sky Covington Jazz Concert at the Library
- HHS Hall of Fame Basketball star, Rudy Tomjanovich and more

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 17-23.

Tuesday, March 17

- At 3 a.m., suspicious people were reported in the 2600 block of Zinow.
- A complaint was made about noise on Florian.
- A suspicious incident was reported on St. Aubin.
- A license plate reader on the FLOCK system notified the police department about a stolen vehicle that was detected. Officers followed up and arrested a suspect for possessing the vehicle.
- Property damage from an accident was reported in the 9700 block of Jos. Campau.

Wednesday, March 18

- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the area of Jos. Campau and Dan.
- A domestic fight was reported on Oklahoma. A domestic disturbance was also reported on Lumpkin.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 2200 block of Faber.

Thursday, March 19

- Family trouble was reported in the 5100 block of Yemans.
- A suspect was arrested for possessing a stolen vehicle.
- A littering complaint was made on Jos. Campau.
- A business in the 9100 block of Conant reported trouble with a customer.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported at St. Aubin and Caniff.
- A reckless driver was reported in the area of Casmere and Fleming.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Conant and Commor.

Friday, March 20

- Complaints were made about fireworks in the 2400 block of Andrus, the 11400 block of Mitchell, the 3300 block of Evaline, Hanley and Jos. Campau, Mitchell and Holbrook, the 9400 block of Mitchell, the 2200 block of Wyandotte, and the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- Officers, responding to a call about a fight in the 12000 block of Dequindre, arrested a

- suspect.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported at Mitchell and Commor.
- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 5100 block of Yemans.
- A female suspect was arrested for domestic assault.

Saturday, March 21

- A male was found unconscious and slumped over a steering wheel in the 12000 block of Oklahoma. He was arrested for drunk driving.
- Property damage was reported in the 2300 block of Caniff.
- An assault was reported in the 12100 block of Dequindre.
- A vehicle was stolen in the area of Brombach and Yemans.
- Gunshots were reported in the 12100 block of Dequindre.
- A suspect was arrested for robbery in the 3200 block of Lehman.
- A complaint about fireworks was made in the 3300 block of Doremus.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the area of Dubois and Holbrook.
- At 2:30 a.m., fireworks were reported in the area of Belmont and Brombach.

Sunday, March 22

- Officers located a stolen vehicle, but the vehicle sped away after a chase.
- An attempted vehicle theft was reported on Jacob.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported on Caniff.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 12000 block of Sobieski.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 3400 block of Edwin.

Monday, March 23

- A complaint was made about fireworks in the 2900 block of Evaline.
- A suspect was arrested in the 2300 block of Whalen for domestic assault.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 9800 block of Conant.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Lumpkin.
- An assault was reported in the 11800 block of Dequindre.

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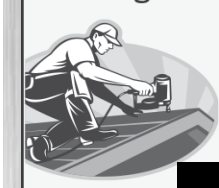
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Oratorical students

On Wednesday, March 18, the Optimists of Downtown Detroit held their annual Club Level Oratorical competition at Remas Restaurant in Hamtramck.

In attendance were club members, judges, Hamtramck Public Schools students, and guests. This is a long-standing project spearheaded by retired HPS teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson, with the assistance of HPS staff members Heather Walsh, Karen Swords, Sarah Troxter, and Kristina Gacesa.

The judges were Lois Deneau, Maureen McDonald, and Moha-



Hamtramck oratorical students, Md. Ezaz Miah, Fariha Zarin, Nabiha Chowdhury, and Muhsin Alhadi, recently competed in a oratorical contest sponsored by the Optimists of Downtown Detroit.

med Rajon. Honored guests included Michigan Optimists Lieutenant Governor Juanita Bell and HPS teacher Heather Walsh.

The celebration included a moment of silence for Jacqueline

Johnson, a long-time Optimist and supporter of oratorical contests.

The students were Faiza Zarin, a Dickinson East 6th grader; Muhsin Alhadi and Nabiha Chowdhury, Hamtramck High School 9th graders; and Md. Ezaz Miah, a Kosciuszko Middle School 8th grader.

The point spread was very narrow, with the top two contestants having a difference of only one point! The topic this year is "The Moment I Realized I Belonged - My Definition of Community."

Muhsin will advance to the Zone Level competition on Saturday, April 25, via Zoom. The students will receive their awards and certificates at the Law Day/Winners' Circle ceremony on May 6.

Review's publishing owner expands community journalism investment

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for local news." Lonnie Scott, CEO of Buried Lede Media, echoed that sentiment. "Local newspapers are the backbone of informed communities, and the Tri-City Times has a proud history of serving its readers with integrity and consistency. We are honored to carry that work forward."

Scott also expressed appreciation for the publication's previous ownership: "We want to sincerely thank the prior owners for their years of dedication to the community and to this

newspaper. Their stewardship has made the Tri-City Times what it is today, and we are excited to build on that foundation."

Under MIMG's stewardship, the Tri-City Times will continue its mission of delivering reliable, community-centered reporting while exploring opportunities to enhance digital access, expand local coverage, and strengthen long-term sustainability.

"This is not about changing what makes the Tri-City Times special," Scott added. "It's about

investing in it - supporting local reporters, growing readership, updating and expanding its online presence, and making sure these communities continue to have a strong, trusted source of local news for years to come."

The acquisition reflects MIMG's broader commitment to revitalizing local news through strategic investment, operational support, and a belief in the essential role community journalism plays in civic life.

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