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With spring's arrival, it's the season to plant trees

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck got a little bit greener this past Saturday.

That's when the city hosted a free tree planting for anybody who requested one at their residence.

Saturday was also when a block party next to Pulaski Park was held where there were a number of activities for both kids and adults.

Those activities included:

- Educational sessions to teach about the benefits of trees
- Tree-planting workshops
- Free giveaways
- Crafts
- Touch-A-Truck – a chance for kids to see bucket trucks up-close
- Music and more

The tree planting is part of a four-year project to plant 1,000 trees here in Hamtramck – all thanks to a grant.

You can get a free tree planted at your residence simply by calling the city at (313) 800-5233, extension 818. Or, you can request a tree by emailing the city at: treerequests@hamtramckcity.gov.

And that's not the only spring thing happening.

This Saturday, May 2, the Beautification Commission is hosting its bi-annual city-wide clean-up.

Volunteers are asked to pitch in from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. but, really, any amount of time, on any day, that you can spare will be appreciated.

Volunteers are asked to meet up at one of the following locations, where supplies will be provided.

- Hamtramck City Hall – 3401 Evaline
- Pope Park – 10037 Jos. Campau
- Veterans Park – 8640 Joseph Campau
- Sarah Garrett Park – 11361 Dequindre

So, get out there folks, shake off the winter doldrums, and get more involved in your community.

Also, be sure to look at the list of ongoing activities hosted by the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy at Veterans Park by checking out their web or Facebook page.

City expands Flock cameras despite concerns

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is expanding its license plate reader camera system known as Flock.

And some residents aren't happy with that.

At a recent city council meeting, several residents spoke out against a proposal to expand the city's Flock system, from 15 license plate readers to a total of 32 cameras located throughout the city.

The cost for all the cameras will be \$94,500 a year, and will be paid for through the police department's narcotic fund.

Lynn Blasey, who has run unsuccessfully for council in the past, said that the use of Flock cameras "sounds good on the surface, but the data and information from them is shared with agencies and private entities around the world."

Blasey continued: "Flock is not openly transparent about these things for a reason: If the public knows who was assessing information about their movements, they would be outraged."

Blasey said that the use of Flock is "not the answer" to providing a safer Hamtramck.

Naji Choudhury, who runs a podcast called "Made in Bangladesh," also said he is concerned about data sharing in the Flock system. Choudhury urged councilmembers to "slow down" and explore other options to provide safety for the community.

He also pointed out that some communities in the state have decided to opt out of their Flock systems, and other communities, such as Ann Arbor, have outright rejected installing the system.

The City of Ferndale, in 2025, cited community concerns over how Flock data is shared, and eventually ended its contract with Flock.

Hamtramck Police Chief Hussein Farhat defended the use of the cameras.

He said the cameras do not collect personal information, but rather are focused on only license

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Quick Hits

City-wide clean-up this weekend

By Charles Sercombe

Last weekend, it was about planting trees in the city.

This Saturday (May 2), it's about doing your civic duty.

And that is: Volunteering to sign up with the Beautification Commission, which is hosting its bi-annual city-wide clean-up.

Volunteers are asked to pitch in from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to make your neighborhood shine.

You are asked to meet up at one of the following locations, where supplies will be provided.

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By the look of things, Hamtramck is in desperate need of a litter patrol. As usual, at the end of winter, when the snow finally melts, what's revealed are mounds and mounds of trash in the streets, alleys and empty lots.

Oh, let's face it – at any time of the year, Hamtramck streets, alleys and empty lots are filled with litter and garbage.

That has always left us wondering where it all comes from. The answer, of course, is: people.

Just why folks think it's perfectly OK to throw litter in the streets has baffled many over the years. Our guess is, there are too many people who are thoughtless, lazy slobs.

We also know that no amount of ink spilled in these pages, year af-

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Every Neighbor in Hamtramck looking for volunteers

By Phillip Kwik
Special to The Review

This year, Every Neighbor in Hamtramck will begin their fourth year of helping to keep our town's most vulnerable residents safe in their homes.

In May, the volunteer group will kick off their Summer Lawn Mowing program for seniors and the homebound.

Over these past years, volunteers have regularly maintained more than 80 homes with winter snow shoveling, summer yard work, and other miscellaneous home projects. This work has helped many residents avoid code violations, stay in their homes, and live more comfortable lives.

The feedback from the program shows the value of this work. From a local resident:

"I was in hospital and worried about my growing grasses. I came home on Sunday and found your crew nicely did my lawn on Saturday. I was really happy. I really appreciate and thank you for your help. Thank you."

Currently, volunteers have 20 Hamtramck neighbors who need assistance. Most are seniors, and several have disabilities which prevent them from doing rigorous outside work. We all know this is just a tip of the iceberg. There are many more people who live here who could use

help.

But to help these residents, Every Neighbor needs volunteers to do the work. Every Neighbor needs your help.

Beginning May 9, Every Neighbor volunteers will meet every Saturday (except holiday weekends), at 9:30 a.m. in the lot of the Hamtramck Public Library, 2360 Caniff.

They divide into teams, distribute equipment, and go to the addresses assigned for that week. They work about two hours, and are wrapped up by noon.

If you can help out, drop by the Library on Saturday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m. (And/or any other Saturday this summer, except holiday weekends, through Oct. 24.)

Sometimes the work is hard or hot, but the reward is helping to build a better community.

If you want more information about volun-

teering, email Every Neighbor in Hamtramck at everyneighborhamtramck@gmail.com, or call or text (313) 506-2097.

City expands Flock cameras despite concerns

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plates, which are not subject to privacy laws.

Farhat also said the existing camera system has resulted in solving cases "that would normally go unsolved due to a lack of leads." He also stressed that the information collected by Hamtramck's system is not shared with other cities.

There have been no known complaints by resi-

dents that their personal data has been shared by Flock.

As of now, over 125 Michigan communities use the cameras. Michigan lawmakers have heard the concerns, and are now considering whether to regulate the system.

So far, 16 other states have adopted regulations for the cameras.

Quick Hits

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ter year, will ever make anyone realize the error of their ways.

So, that's where responsible folks like you

come in. Show some pride, Hamtramck, and lend a hand in cleaning up our beloved community.

As the old advertising saying said: "Give a hoot! Don't pollute."

This week at the Library . . .

May 1, 2026

Medicare: A team from Priority Health will conduct a meeting answering questions about Medicare options. The next presentation will take place on Wednesday, May 6 at 2:15 pm.

Decoration Day: On May 5, 1865 the first observance of Decoration Day Tradition in the U.S. started with placing flowers on graves of soldiers from the Civil War. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three day holiday weekend.

Wall Street Crash: The May 5, 1893 crash began as stock prices fell dramatically. By the end of the year, 600 banks closed and several big railroads were in receivership. Another 15,000 businesses went bankrupt amid 20 percent unemployment. It was the worst economic crisis in U.S. history up to that time.

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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.

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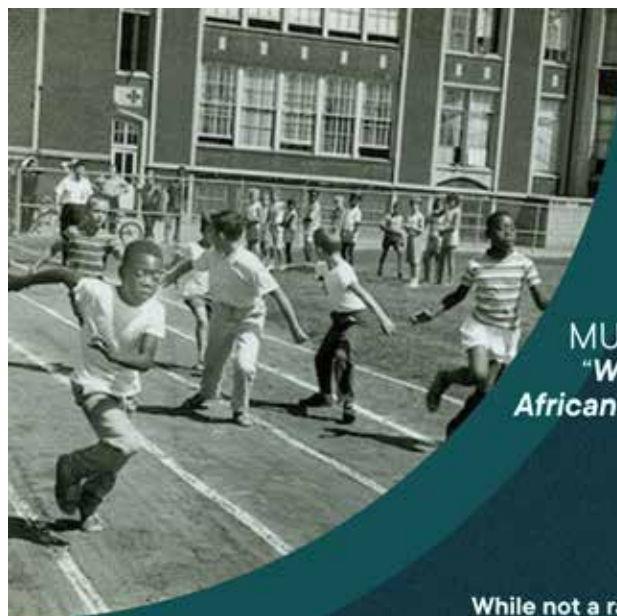
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Register here: hamtramckhistory.com. Tickets also available at the door.

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City needs to be on guard over privacy rights

How do you balance public safety with protecting your personal information?

That is the crux of the ongoing argument regarding the use of license plate readers known as the Flock system.

Hamtramck already has these cameras in place now, and, recently, the city council OK'd the purchase of several more.

But there were a number of residents who urged the city council to reject the use of the Flock cameras, for fear that the network of ca-

meras are spying on us, collecting personal information, and recording our comings and goings.

These are not outrageous concerns in this day and age of sophisticated surveillance technology.

We share those concerns.

The police department has repeatedly assured the public that the cameras do only one thing: read license plates. And, with that information, the department can identify stolen cars or suspects on the run, using

the vehicle's license plate to help investigators track them down.

Still, we side with those voices urging caution and concern.

In Hamtramck, there has not yet been an issue raised by anyone, that we know of, claiming the Flock system was used for invading their privacy.

With that in mind, we simply urge caution and constant vigilance in the use of these cameras, and keep open the option of rejecting the cameras down the road.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

We can't trust Mike Duggan to stand with working families

By **Branden Snyder**

Mike Duggan gets an awful lot of credit for his performance as Detroit mayor – but there are ugly, complicated truths hiding underneath the glowing headlines; for working class families in Detroit he was simply just awful.

During his tenure, Duggan has been praised for leading the revitalization of downtown Detroit. However, while downtown has grown and developers have posted record profits, those gains have largely remained concentrated at the top, with little of that progress reaching many residents. As of last year, more than one out of every two Detroit children were still living in poverty. That's not what a thriving city looks like.

Ongoing challenges such as rising utility costs, flooding, population decline, and housing instability point to the need for more inclusive growth, complicating the narrative of a "historic comeback," especially as many families have faced water shutoffs, grid issues, and tax foreclosures.

Furthermore, amid growing national concern over federal law enforcement practices and their impact on immigrant

communities and communities of color, Duggan has taken a different approach in Detroit. As mayor, he cooperated with ICE, and when federal actions in other cities last year led to widespread disruption and civil rights concerns, he suggested those situations stemmed from local leaders choosing to protect their constituents, rather than acknowledging the broader harm to families and communities who could be targeted.

He also increased the Detroit Police Department's budget to hundreds of millions of dollars every year and partnered with faulty and racist surveillance technology, while basic needs such as housing, infrastructure, and support for small businesses received far less investments.

Mike Duggan wants voters to believe he's different. He is counting on his "independent" label to persuade Michiganders into believing that he is a political outsider rejecting traditional power structures under the two-party system.

But Duggan embodies the traditional political establishment. His pattern of decisions raises serious doubts about

whether he will put working families ahead of powerful interests.

Michiganders need a leader who will directly confront the state's housing and economic challenges and prioritize the needs of working families. Duggan has shown that he is not that person, consistently showing preference for wealthy developers over working families.

Ultimately, it doesn't matter what letter appears after his name during this election – D, I, or R – if the results are the same. Voters deserve new leadership that consistently stands up for working families, and many have the right to question whether Duggan will do so.

Branden Snyder is Michigan State Director for the Working Families Party and former executive director of Detroit Action. The Working Families Party is a national multiracial political party made up of community organizations and labor unions that aims to build a political home for working people, fighting for economic, racial, and climate justice by backing candidates and policies that prioritize workers over corporations.

Odds & Ends

Festival time ... Since this is the first weekend of May, you know what's happening on Saturday and Sunday.

Once again, it's time to celebrate all things strawberry with the annual St. Florian Strawberry festival.

Saturday, May 2, it begins with a "soft open" at noon, with dinners (think Polish favorites like city chicken, kielbasa, pierogi, stuffed cabbage and nalesniki) and a bake sale available at that time (until they run out), DJ Lukasz Wawer in the church's lower level spinning tunes from 2-9 p.m., and folks mingling.

There will be a parade from the fire station, beginning at 3:30 p.m., making its way east on Caniff to Jos. Campau, and then proceeding south to Poland, and finally back west a couple blocks to St. Florian, at 2626 Poland

That will be followed by a 4 p.m. Fireman's Mass, in English (St. Florian is the patron saint of firefighters).

Then, at 5 p.m., the festival opens in earnest, with the Polish Muslims once again entertaining as only they can, from 6:30-9, and the day wrapping up at 10 p.m.

As the sun rises on Sunday, May 3, there are of course Polish masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., plus an English-language one at 12:30 p.m. at the church.

The festival re-opens at noon, again with dinners and the bake sale going on until the food is eaten up and gone.

Music begins at 2 p.m. with The Honest to God Jug Band performing in the outside tent, playing until 5 p.m., and the Kielbasa Kings polka band in the church basement hall from 2-7 p.m.

The Gwiazda Dancers get it kicking at 3 p.m., there will be a kids' tent with crafts and games outside, and there will be free tours of the church building at 2, 3, 4 and 6 p.m. as well.

Good luck ... Hamtramck's own Florian East Lagers & Ales, along with five other microbrewers, have been invited to compete in a taste-off on June 11 at the Dumbo Loft &

Terrace in Brooklyn, New York.

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In the meantime, be sure to check out their brews. Trust us, it's worth the visit.

Warning ... According to a review of documents from the Trump administration, the Department of Homeland Security is now cracking down on immigrants who are seeking Green Cards, who have expressed "political opinions" that are pro-Palestine, or being critical of Israel or desecrating the American flag.

Those who have engaged in any of these activities will likely be denied Green Cards.

As everyone in town knows, Hamtramck is home to many immigrants, some of whom are no doubt seeking legal status in the country.

Nightclubbing ... As we've reported before, Sanctuary bar on Caniff, where the old Paychecks Lounge operated for many years, is up for sale.

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More eyes and ears on the streets ...The Hamtramck Police Department is now recruiting Citizen Patrol Volunteers.

These volunteers will assist the department by serving as extra "eyes and ears" in the community. The mere presence of these volunteers helps deter crime, as they can report any suspicious activity and support non-emergency operations.

They simply require that volunteers be 18 or older, possess a valid driver's license, and pass a simple background check.

Duties will include patrolling neighborhoods, reporting any concerns to the police immediately, and assisting at community events.

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By Charles Sercombe

The week's crime Log covers April 21-27.

Tuesday, April 21

- Officers investigated a suspicious vehicle on Dorothy.
- A home invasion was reported on Caniff.
- A neglected dog was reported on Klinger.
- A reckless driver was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Denton.
- Suspicious males were reported in the area of Yemans and Alpena.

Wednesday, April 22

- Officers, investigating an attempted theft of a vehicle in the 11600 block of Klinger, arrested two juvenile males for attempted theft of a vehicle, malicious destruction of property, curfew violation, and for possession of tobacco.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 10200 block of Conant.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 2600 block of Florian.
- A theft was reported in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau.
- Reckless drivers were reported in the area of McDougall and Casmere.
- Reckless drivers were reported in the area of Norwalk and Dequindre.

Thursday, April 23

- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3800 block of Holbrook.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 5000 block of Trowbridge.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dequindre.
- Following a traffic stop, a male suspect was arrested for providing fake information.
- Littering was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Lehman.
- A theft was reported in the 2300 block of Danforth.
- Reckless drivers were reported in the 2900 block of Dan.
- An incident of retail fraud was reported in the 11800 block of Dequindre.
- An intoxicated male was reported in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.

Friday, April 24

- Following a traffic stop, a male suspect was arrested for driving without a license, and for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

- A business in the 11800 block of Dequindre reported a dispute with a customer.

- A disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of Belmont.

Saturday, April 25

- A complaint was about noise in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.
- A disturbance was reported at Poland and Lumpkin.
- An assault was reported in the 2000 block of Belmont.
- Property damage was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Carpenter.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 11500 block of Lumpkin.

Sunday, April 26

- At 12:30 a.m., a complaint was made about noise on Comstock.
- A vehicle was reported stolen on Jacob.
- A suspect was arrested in the 11700 block of Mitchell for domestic violence.
- A theft from an auto was reported in the area of Edwin and Lumpkin.
- A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3100 block of Lehman.

Monday, April 27

- A strong-armed robbery was reported in the 2100 block of Trowbridge.
- A business on Conant reported trouble with a customer.
- A loose dog was reported on Goodson.
- A suspect was arrested in the 2400 block of Denton for a weapons violation, and for threatening to commit violence against a school.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 2000 block of Belmont.
- An assault was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 3100 block of Lehman.
- Incidents of fraud were reported in the 2200 block of Poland and in the 11600 block of Sobieski.
- Officers arrested a suspect in the 3200 block of Hanley for indecent exposure.
- Family trouble was reported in the 3800 block of Holbrook.

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Obituaries

SZCZEPKOWSKI

Timothy Szczepkowski (age 67), died April 2, 2026.

Timothy Szczepkowski, a man of creativity, tradition, and deep devotion, passed away on April 2, 2026, at the age of 67. Born on Valentine's Day in 1959, Tim was a true son of Detroit, carrying the city's vibrant spirit with him throughout his life before making his home in Shelby Township.

Tim found joy in the simple, meaningful rhythms of life. He was a master of his crafts, whether he was meticulously sewing or filling his home with the sounds of polka music. He was most at home in the kitchen, where he could cook with the best of them! Tim was known for his love of traditional Polish cuisine, especially his pierogi.

He is now reunited with the love of his life and partner, Shirley Szczepkowski, who preceded him in death in 2024. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Sigmunt and Veronica Szczepkowski, and his brother, David Szczepkowski.

Tim's memory will be carried on by his surviving siblings: his brothers, Jim Szczepkowski and

Sigmunt Szczepkowski Jr., and his sister, Pamela Szczepkowski. He also leaves behind his faithful dog, Lacey, who was his main source of comfort after losing Aunt Shirley. We know they are now Polka Dancing together again.

Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

FLOYD

Houston Floyd (age 84), died April 23, 2026.

Dear husband of Darlene (nee Luniewski) for 51 years and loving father of Vickie (Dave), Michael (Sharon), Debbie (David), David (Tami), John, and Christopher (Ariana).

He is also the proud grandfather of David, Joshua, Michael, Kyle, Jennifer, Kristy, David, Ashley, Travis, Marisa, Collin, Christian, Houston, Liliana, Arabella, Cassius, Quentin, and Octavia. Houston's legacy will also be survived by his 16 Great Grandchildren: Matthew, Joshua, Jacob, Jaxson, Kaleb, Kinsley, Paxton, Elizabeth, Antonina, Michael, David, Emilia, Juliana, Scarlett, Lucas, and Violet.

Houston worked at Chevrolet Gear and Axle and American Axle where he retired in 2002. He

would have been married for 52 years in July. Private services were held by the Family.

Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

WIERZBICKI

Krystyna Wierzbicki, 90, died April 19, 2026.

Dear wife of the late Ignacy (1998) and loving mother of Regina, Wladyslawa (William) Klos, and Roman (Laurie). Krystyna (Warcholik) Wierzbicki is the proud grandmother of John Ignacius Wierzbicki, Kimberly (Ryan) Jackson, and Joshua Klos. She is predeceased by her parents: Wojciech and Apolonia (Miarecka) Warcholik, along with siblings: Wladyslaw, Maria, Jozefa, and Zofia. Krystyna is also survived by her family in Poland. Her sister-in-law Irena Warcholik, Monika and Andrzej Jajko and their daughters Joana and Izabela. Wieslawa Piwowar and her daughters Aneta and Dominika, Janusz and Barbara Warcholik and their children Ewelina and Kamila, and Stanislaw and Danuta Warcholik and their son Alan.

90 years ago, Krystyna (Warcholik) entered the world in a small farming community in Poland.

She grew up during a time when the world was being pulled apart with much uncertainty. She met and married Ignacy Wierzbicki and together took a huge gamble leaving their families and friends emigrating to Hamtramck, Michigan USA in the early 60's.

They worked very hard to build a more opportunistic life for their three children, Regina, Wladyslawa and Roman, who all succeeded in their chosen fields and provided solid foundations for their families and loving support for their parents. Ignacy peacefully exited the world in 1998 at 70 years and left a legacy for his children the results of hard work and perseverance demonstrating strong family commitment and overcoming incredible obstacles.

Krystyna continued working and supporting the family into the early 2000's, retiring to spend her time enjoying her family and friends, nature (bird watching & befriending visiting squirrels) gardening and of course caring for her three grandchildren as they all reached adulthood and appreciated all her loving support and care.

The greatest gift both Krystyna and Ignacy gave the world was the belief in family first and undying support. Nothing flashy

or fancy but absolutely essential for success and confidence. Together they emphasized faith as Catholics within the St Ladislaus and St Florian communities for which the children were all educated and continued a lifelong devotion to God and sacrifice for the greater good.

Two days after turning 90 years old this Polish farm girl, who traversed the globe, overcame economic challenges, worked very hard and raised her kids to work hard and care for each other left this world peacefully... mission accomplished.

In remembrance of Krystyna, the family requests you say a

rosary or offer a mass in her name at a parish of your choice. Flowers are also welcome for those who wish to express their sympathy in that way.

Visitation was Friday April 24, 2026, at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, in Sterling Heights, MI. The funeral Mass was Saturday, April 25, 2026, at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Warren, MI, followed by interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township, MI.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Krystyna's name to: St Martin de Porres Catholic Church, St Florian Catholic Church, or the Capuchin's Monastery.

Former mayor says immigrants are unfairly targeted

By Charles Sercombe

Former mayor Amer Ghalib recently attended a city council meeting, where he called for a change in the "narrative" on how some people view immigrants.

Ghalib cited the gas station clerk who recently played a key part in helping police officers rescue a kidnapped female teen.

Ghalib pointed out that the clerk, Abdulrahman Abohatem, is a Green Card holder.

The reason he referenced him was to stress that immigrants aren't always the "threat" they are being labeled lately.

"We need to change the narrative that the immigrants are a threat," he said. "They are not. We have a lot of good people."

Ghalib knows what it is like to be an immigrant, having emigrated here at age 17 from Yemen.

He said that he hears about a Yemeni-American citizen "being killed somewhere, in New York, California, Mississippi, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Those are people who come to fight for a better life and a lot of them are citizens. So the narrative that those are a threat to the American people is not accurate."

Ghalib conceded that he is working for President Trump's administration, as a Senior Consultant for Strategic Partnerships with AmeriCorps. Trump

has come under criticism for spreading anti-immigrant rhetoric.

In the past, Trump called immigrants "not people," "snakes" and "garbage."

Trump is particularly focused on those of the Muslim faith. Ghalib is also a Muslim, as is the entire city council. Many Muslims in Hamtramck supported Trump, at Ghalib's urging, for president during Trump's campaign in 2024.

Also, many in the Yemeni community supported Trump even though he said immigrants from Yemen are "terrorists."

During his first campaign, he issued a press release saying:

"Donald J. Trump is calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on."

And he offered this Easter message recently:

"Happy Easter to all, except those who want to destroy our Country with their radical religions and ideologies. We are a Christian nation, and we will not let Islam or any other force replace our heritage. It's a Crusade for survival!"

Despite Trump's comments on immigrants and Muslims, Ghalib has said that what attracted him and others to the Republican Party was their stance on "family values."



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12 Noon
Dinners and Bake Sale
Open

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Public Budget Hearing will be held for the following Public-School Academy:

**Hamtramck-11420 Conant St.,
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May 27, 6pm**

A copy of the Budget for the listed Public-School Academy will be available at the school office.

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8	1	2	5	7	6	9	3	4
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