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Quick Hits

Memorial Day service is this Sunday

By Alan Madlane
This year's Memorial Day is coming early – this Monday, to be precise.

No worries: local veterans, family members, friends and the public are all once again invited to a ceremony the day before, Sunday, May 24, at 11 a.m. at PLAV Post 6, located at 9545 McDougall.

The federal holiday, created way back in 1868, is always observed on the last Monday of May. In fact, May 25 is the earliest possible date, mathematically, on which can fall a last Monday of the month.

The holiday has its roots in the Southern U.S. and the Civil War aftermath, it was created to honor all those lost in American wars.

Of course, it also signifies the “unofficial” beginning of summer to most Michiganders, as well as resulting in a long, three-day weekend for many working folks.

It used to be a pretty big deal in Hamtramck, too, but as many of our local veterans have passed on, veterans' organizations like the P.L.A.V. (Polish League of American Veterans) have seen their numbers dwindle.

So, it's perhaps not a big surprise that the day has lost a lot of its former gravitas and ceremony here, as the demographics have changed and the major wars faded into grim memories.

But the relatively few still left in town do work hard to honor their fallen fellow Americans.

As General Douglas McArthur is quoted, “Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.”



HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD



TOAST of the TOWN

Let's get healthy!

By Charles Sercombe
While Saturday morning, for many folks, is usually reserved for chores, and maybe a brunch, this past Saturday hundreds of folks got on a health kick. Actually, make that a health hike, as in, the annual Hamtramck Drug Free Coalition's 5K Health Hike.

Despite the threat of a downpour – and it turned out that there were only a few sprinkles – the 200 or more people attending learned a number of healthy tips for better living.

The message was simple: you can lead a sober life and, yes, still have fun. We know, Hamtramck has a decades-old reputation as a hard-drinking town, which at one time was known for its dozens of bars and other neighborhood joints.

These days, the bars are fewer and farther between. Those old days have faded away.

The best thing about this turn-around is there are fewer hangovers, empty bank accounts or severe health consequences down the road. Toast has seen, all too well, the ravages of what alcohol does to the body.

Adults and kids joined in the hike – or run, if you preferred – for a tour of the city.

Many of those who attended got bright red T-shirts with sayings that emphasized the pleasures of a sober life.

Saturday turned out to be a busy day.

Later in the afternoon, Toast stopped by the Hamtramck Historical Museum, where it hosted a talk by local historian Gary Gillette, who specializes in the history of baseball's Negro League.

Hamtramck was once home to the Detroit Stars, who were part of that league and played at Hamtramck's historic ba-

seball stadium, which has recently been renovated and is now absolutely gorgeous.

You can now catch games played there on most weekends.

The lecture, which featured numerous projections of early photos of folks in Hamtramck, was specifically about race relations between Poles and African-Americans.

Let's just say that relationship was complicated. Surprisingly, perhaps, race relations here were generally on the plus side – considering the tangled history of both the city, and this nation.

If you haven't visited the museum, we have to wonder: why not?

Do yourself a favor, get yourself there and discover this city's fascinating history and development over the many decades we've been a community.

Hamtramck is always evolving with, and being shaped by, each new generation of immigrants. The journey is worth exploring, and it's a microcosm of America's own complex past and present.

You know, all this talk of healthy living makes a guy want to go out and get a drink.

Kidding, folks, kidding.

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and at other events throughout the city.



State rejects candidate for judge

By Charles Sercombe
For a moment, the election for the Hamtramck 31st District Court judgeship looked like it might become interesting.

Hamtramck Judge Alexis Krot appeared to have a challenger in the upcoming election – a challenge she has never before faced. She has been in office for 10 years, having been first appointed to the bench by former Gov. Rick Snyder to fill a vacancy.

Recently, Warren attorney Michael Koroi filed to run for her seat.

But former city councilmember Andrea Karpinski submitted a list of a number of alleged deficiencies in Koroi's nominating petitions, and state election officials agreed.

The state determined that Koroi's application to run for office in Hamtramck showed he was one day short of meeting the residency qualifications.

And, a close inspection of those nominating petitions showed a number of irregularities that ended with him far short of the minimum of 100 valid signatures of Hamtramck voters.

Koroi has a long history of regularly attending city council meetings and being involved in lawsuits filed against the city.

Reached by phone, Koroi said he is appealing the state's decision. He insisted that he complied with election laws. As to why he decided to challenge Krot, he said she has a “problem record.”

Karpinski told The Review that she has a message to non-residents who move here just to run for office: “If you don't live here, why do you think you have a say in anything?”

Those involved in Koroi's campaign included Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, who circulated nominating petitions. Hassan is facing election fraud charges from 2023.

Koroi says he moved into Hamtramck in early April at 3369 Comstock, unit 2.

The Review went to the house in question on a Sunday afternoon and knocked on both the front and rear doors, but no one answered.

Those who signed Koroi's nominating petition included Hamtramck elected officials, such as Mayor Adam Alharbi and Councilmembers Has-

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san, Muhtasin Sadman, and Abu Musa.

Mayor Alharbi said his signing of Koroi's nominating petition does not mean he is necessarily endorsing him.

"I signed the petition as a simple courtesy while leaving city hall," Alharbi said. "As of right now, I am remaining neutral in this judicial race, and my signature shouldn't be

interpreted as anything beyond a routine interaction."

This election could have been a test for Krot, who back in 2022 was heavily criticized over her berating of a 72-year-old man with cancer for a code violation for not removing weeds around his garage.

At the time, a number of people called for her to resign, or be removed,

from her position. About 30,000 people signed an online petition to have Krot removed from her position.

Krot issued an apology for her treatment of the elderly man, who she had threatened to put in jail. She also reported herself to the state's Judicial Tenure Commission.

The Commission acknowledged that Krot vio-

lated judicial rules, but issued only a cautionary warning.

If Koroi remains off the ballot, Krot is assured another six-year term. There is still time for a write-in candidate to be included in the election, but their name won't appear on ballots.

The deadline for write-in candidates is Oct. 23.

Federal court strikes down pot shop appeal to open

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck city officials are celebrating a legal victory over preventing a would-be marijuana dispensary from opening.

The company Naturele & Company filed a federal lawsuit against the city to be allowed to open a dispensary at the former site of Hamtramck Coney Island, at Evaline and Jos. Campau.

The operators believed they had the go-ahead to open from former city clerk August Gitschlag, who the plaintiffs said had made assurances that the company would be exempt from any city council decision that would limit licenses for dispensaries to the existing four currently in operation.

At the time, the company signed an affidavit saying it was proceeding at its own risk, and was not guaranteed any approval.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit struck down



Would-be operators of a marijuana dispensary at Evaline and Jos. Campau lost their federal court appeal to open their business.

the appeal.

The all-Muslim city council passed the restriction on the number of marijuana outlets that can operate here, with the support of former mayor Amer Ghalib. That was based on an outcry from conservative Muslim community members that the businesses attract crime, lead to underage marijuana use, and that they viewed it as immoral.

There have been no reports of crime or violence happening at the dispensaries, which also have their own security guards on premises. Nor have there been any reports of youths getting their hands

on marijuana products from the dispensaries.

The council agreed to that restriction despite the approximate \$200,000 that each dispensary pays yearly to the city in the form of taxes and state fees.

Michigan's tax revenue from dispensaries equals over \$300 million each year, which is shared among communities that allow them to operate.

City Attorney Odey Meroueh celebrated the victory in a press release, saying:

"This ruling protects every applicant who follows the rules. The licensing process exists for a

reason. The City Council, not any individual employee, decides who is eligible to operate a cannabis business in Hamtramck.

"The Sixth Circuit's decision confirms that no informal side deal can override the ordinance, and that anyone who proceeds without a properly issued license does so at their own risk."

The attorney for the company, Kevin Ernst, did not return a call for comment.

The building where the dispensary was going to be located is now up for lease.

This week at the Library . . .

May 22, 2026

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

Samuel Morse: On May 24, 1844 telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message. "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.

Constitutional Convention: The convention started on May 25, 1787 in Philadelphia with delegates from seven states forming a quorum.

Solzhenitsyn: After 20 years in exile, Russian author, Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to his homeland on May 25, 1994. He had been expelled from Soviet Russia in 1974 after his three-volume work exposing the Soviet prison camp system. The "Gulag Archipelago", was published in the west.

Golden Gate Bridge: Over 200,000 people celebrated the grand opening of the bridge in San Francisco on May 27, 1937.

Virginia Plan: At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia the Virginia Plan was proposed calling for a new government consisting of a legislature with two houses, an executive chosen by the legislature and a judicial branch.

General Amnesty: American revolutionary leader, Patrick Henry was born in Studley, Virginia on May 29, 1865. He is best remembered for his speech in 1775 declaring "I know not what

course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

Pennsylvania Evening Post: This was the first daily newspaper published in American starting in May 30, 1793.

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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.

Walt Witman: This poet was born on May 31, 1880 on Long Island N.Y.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

The public's business should always be in the open

Some things are worth repeating – especially when it comes to elected officials conducting the business of the city.

And that means playing by the rules, and living up to the various promises that politicians always make – such as, to take care that the business of the people is open and transparent.

We often wonder why those seeking to be elected think that being transparent is somehow a new concept.

This leads us to a curious incident from the last city council mee-

ting when Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, out of the blue, asked the council to meet in a closed session.

The purpose of that meeting was to discuss “city business.”

Hassan has been in office for 16 years and certainly should know better by now.

The state's Open Meetings Act requires very specific reasons, and a limited number of them, to hold closed meetings. And a closed meeting certainly requires a timely public notice first. Hassan's request didn't even

come close to being acceptable on either front.

Come on, councilman, learn the rules of the road when it comes to conducting the business of the public.

City Attorney Odey Meroueh saved the moment by saying he had an update on a pending lawsuit filed by former city manager Max Garbarino.

In fact, it would likely be a good idea if the entire council, and the mayor too, take the time to actually read and remember the full language of the OMA.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Immigrant stories of Hamtramck

By Aida Mandic

When a huge group of people come together and share common collective experiences, it creates an unbreakable bond.

Hamtramck is special because it is a place where that kind of kinship can be attained and sustained. One thing that helps form this phenomenon is its size. Hamtramck is only two square miles big. It has multiple nationalities and religions represented. Its streets are distributed in such a way as to make you feel that, no matter what street you're on, you're always “in the neighborhood.”

People form friendly relations with their next-door neighbors. Everything is accessible and attainable. It is an environment that breeds confidence and drive because the “immigrant mentality” compels one to develop a

powerful work ethic. Your friends and colleagues compel you to achieve greater heights.

Hamtramck has an atmosphere that is friendly and welcoming, but it is also competitive in the sense that the children who attended Hamtramck Public Schools are inclined towards attaining higher education and seeking high-paid jobs.

They want to succeed. They are constructive, not destructive. The architecture of Hamtramck is conducive to positive thinking and a happy lifestyle. I remember when I was a child, Pulaski Park was in the center of family-friendly activities. Parents would spend hours talking to their kids and encouraging them to play with other children. They learned communication skills which they will carry through life.

When I was a child, I did not analyze my environment with such a scientific outlook, but as I've grown older, I have realized that the theory of “nature versus nurture” makes sense. I think that certain environments can compel one to succeed and survive no matter what life throws their way.

There is a resilience in Hamtramck immigrants and refugees that I have not seen much of in other people that I have met. Hamtramck residents fall down and they get back up.

They keep going because they learned self-reliance at a young age. I respect those qualities because they lead to achievement and ambition. They provide one with a compass that brings strength and passion. It's like an unstoppable V8 engine.

I'm glad that I grew up in Hamtramck because it provided me with a solid, realistic, and comprehensive understanding of the challenges and dilemmas that would await me in adulthood. Life is not easy. It is not a walk in the park. It can shake you, make you, and break you, all at once. It's important to not forget your roots!

(Aida Mandic is a Detroit-area author.)

Odds & Ends

Precautions ... Hamtramck police are stepping up patrols around local mosques as a safety precaution following the shooting deaths at a California mosque this week.

Chief Hussein Farhat had this to say, via a press release:

“At this time, there is no known or credible threat to the City of Hamtramck. These measures are being implemented proactively to help safeguard the community and provide reassurance to residents.

“Hate and Islamophobia have no place in our City or our nation. The Hamtramck Police Department remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting the safety, security, and well-being of all members of our community.”

Shop locally! ... The City of Hamtramck put out this reminder about one of the big advantages of shopping in Hamtramck.

Can you guess what that might be?

If you said free parking, you can reward yourself with a special something here in town.

Here's what the city's boosters had to say: “From restaurants to shops and neighborhood spots, every visit makes a difference for our local economy.”

One word of caution, though, about parking: Do not park in areas where the curb is painted yellow, and do not park overnight in any city-owned parking lots or in the central business district.

Otherwise, enjoy your visit!

Mosque shooting ... Speaking of that California mosque shooting by two teen boys, there is a lot of finger-pointing going on about the factors that drive folks to do these horrible things.

The Director of California's Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Hussam Ayloush, released a statement on the country's political climate.

“Numerous politicians have spent the past year claiming that all 'mainstream Muslims' should be destroyed, that American mosques and elementary schools should be shut down, and that American

Muslims should be expelled from our nation,” Ayloush said.

One of those politicians who have been outspoken about their dislike of Muslims has been none other than President Trump, who in the past has said the Koran teaches a “very negative vibe” and that this country has a “Muslim problem.”

He has also instituted a travel ban on over a dozen Muslim-majority countries, including Yemen. Many Hamtramck residents are immigrants from Yemen, including former mayor Amer Ghalib and current mayor Adam Alharbi.

Despite Trump's apparent antipathy toward Muslims, we still can't wrap our heads around why so many of Hamtramck's politicians and fellow Muslim community members voted for Trump in 2024.

Among those who championed Trump (and convinced a number of other metro area Arabs and Muslims to jump on board Trump's campaign) was former mayor Ghalib, who actually joined Trump in campaign rallies.

Ghalib was later awarded for his support with a nomination to be the U.S. ambassador to Kuwait.

That nomination was sunk by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, based on his past comments that were interpreted by some as antisemitic. Still, Ghalib later did get a job with the Trump administration, as Senior Consultant for Strategic Partnerships.

Trump did comment on the California mosque shooting, saying, “It's a terrible situation.”

Mural update ... There's been an ongoing dispute over the fate of the Yemeni mural on the side of a building at Jos. Campau and Goodson.

The mural, as of now at least, faces an empty lot. Organizers of the mural thought they had a deal with the owner of the lot not to build anything there that would obscure the mural.

Well, guess what?

That “agreement” fell apart, and now the owner of the lot wants to construct a building there.

So, there are now renewed negotiations

between those who want to save the mural and the owner of the lot.

It's been weeks since anything has been said about the dispute, which for some reason has played out in city council meetings even though it does not involve public property.

One of those folks leading the negotiation to save the mural is former State Rep. Abe Aiyash, who has moved out of Hamtramck to run for a state senate seat district located mostly in the downriver area (that does not include Hamtramck).

We asked Aiyash where the talks are going, and here's what he had to say:

“No updates on my end.”

But, he did say that both sides are still talking, so stay tuned.

Health fair ... Muslim Family Services, located just outside of Hamtramck at 12500 Mitchell, is holding a free health fair on June 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You can get your blood pressure checked, cholesterol and kidney testing, dental screenings (by appointment only, 313-366-6800), legal aid, vision screening, free phones, food and more.

The organization says special guests will include Detroit Mayor Mary Sheffield and Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree.

Time is running out ... One week left to save some real money if you have outstanding tickets or such that have accrued late fees.

Hamtramck's 31st District Court has been running an almost-three-month-long amnesty program, since March 2, to help them clear their backlog of overdue fines.

The final day to pay up is Friday, May 29.

The deal is, you will only pay the original fine amount, plus the \$45 driver's license clearance fee if you've taken one on, but all other late fees will be waived.

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By Charles Sercombe

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

Tuesday, May 12

• An open car door was reported in the 2400 block of Botsford.

• At about 5 a.m., following a traffic stop, a driver was arrested for not having a license, and two males were also arrested, one for being disorderly and the other for assaulting an officer.

• An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.

• A theft from an auto was reported in the 2900 block of Caniff.

• An incident of indecent exposure was reported in the area of McDougall and Casmere. Another incident of indecent exposure was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the 2000 block of Holbrook.

• A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 9800 block of Winfield.

• An assault was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Trowbridge.

• A theft was reported in the 8600 block of Jos. Campau.

• Extortion was reported in the 12000 block of Sobieski.

Wednesday, May 13

• At 12:45 a.m., suspicious people were reported in the 3000 block of Yemans.

• Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 2900 block of Trowbridge.

• Officers arrested a male suspect and a female suspect for possessing a stolen vehicle.

• A stolen U-Hall truck was found in the 12100 block of Jos. Campau.

• Littering was reported in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.

• An incident of fraud was reported in the 3800 block of Prescott.

Thursday, May 14

• At about 2:30 a.m., trouble between neighbors was reported in 3600 block of Caniff.

• A theft was reported on Carpenter.

• A loose dog was reported on Buffalo.

• A person was reported missing at Caniff and Ellery.

• A complaint was made about noise in the 2600 block of Carpenter.

• A break-in was reported in the 9800 block of Winfield.

Friday, May 15

• A suspicious person was reported in the area of Holbrook and Conant.

• An incident of fraud was reported in the 2100 block of Caniff.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Poland and Lumpkin.

• A vehicle was stolen in the 2400 block of Zinow.

• A complaint was made about a juvenile in the area of Belmont and Brombach. A complaint was also made about a juvenile in the area of Oklahoma and Carpenter.

Saturday, May 16

• Following a traffic stop, a male suspect was arrested for possessing dangerous drugs, and driving with an improper license plate, and for not having a valid driver's license.

• A male suspect was arrested in the 9800 block of Conant for domestic assault.

• Officers, responding to a call about an assault in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau, arrested a male suspect for assault and also for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

• A theft was reported in the 9800 block of Conant.

• A child was reported lost in the 3800 block of Evaline.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the 3400 block of Evaline.

• Trespassing was reported in the 2300 block of Caniff.

Sunday, May 17

• Officers, investigating suspicious circumstances in the area of Hanley and Conant, arrested a suspect for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

• A suspect was arrested on Jos. Campau for retail fraud and for obstructing officers.

• A business on Carpenter reported trouble with a customer.

• A hit-and-run accident was reported.

• A business on Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.

• A theft from an auto was reported on Sobieski.

Monday, May 18

• A fight was reported in the 2200 block of Holbrook.

• Trespassing was reported in the 12100 block of Sobieski.

• Officers attempted to pull over the driver of a black Dodge Charger, but the driver sped off.

• A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 12000 block of Nagel.

• A business on Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.

• Two suspects were arrested for possessing a stolen vehicle.

• Family trouble was reported in the 2200 block of Hewitt.

• Officers assisted another police agency in arresting a suspect for the break-in of a vehicle.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the 2300 block of Casmere.

• A theft was reported in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.

• Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 2300 block of Poland.

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Obituaries

HAMILTON



Darlene Mary (Krusinski) Hamilton, 60, died May 14, 2026.

Darlene passed away in Warren, Michigan. She was born on August 17, 1965, in Highland Park, Michigan. Darlene was the daughter of Conrad J. and Lorraine A. (Trachimowicz) Krusinski, who preceded her in death. Darlene was the beloved wife of Blake Hamilton.

In her younger years, Darlene enjoyed a career in health care at several Detroit-area hospitals. Although she experienced health challenges in recent years, Darlene had a strong will and determination to live until God came to take her home. Darlene was a devoted Catholic who believed in Christ and the promise of eternal life.

Darlene is survived by her husband Blake, her stepchildren Carey and Stephen (Gizem), her step-grandchild Evren, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws.

Services were held at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck MI with interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

PSZONKA



Stanisława (Stella) Barbara Pszonka (née Krupa), 83, October 4, 1942 – May 17, 2026.

Dear wife of the late Jan (1990) and loving mother of Thomas (Kristal) and Margaret (Matthew) Wyszczelski. Stella is the proud grandmother of Eleanor, Maxwell and Mason. She is predeceased by her parents: Julian and Anna, along with siblings: Zofia Bara and Maria Tluczek. Stella is also survived by her family in Poland with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

In the late 1960's a young man named Jan (John) an immigrant from Poland living in Detroit, made a decision to travel back to Poland in search of a wife; he was set up on a blind date with one of Stella's sisters. The date did not work out, but Stella was intrigued and wanted to know more about this handsome young man from America. Their chemistry was undeniable and a wedding would shortly follow! Jan brought his new wife back to Detroit where they would begin their lives together. Jan worked hard as a factory worker, later embarking on starting his own business in home maintenance/brick work/carpentry. Stella was a stay-at-home mom raising two children in Hamtramck at the time but decided she wanted a career outside of the home. She became a proud employee of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit! For the next 30

years she worked in Central Reprocessing where she was responsible for sterilizing surgical instruments and assembling surgical trays. She took great pride in her work, retiring shortly before her second grandchild Max was born.

Upon her retirement, Stella enjoyed spending time with family and friends and especially her grandchildren. She loved her grandchildren more than anything and made every effort to be at school and sporting events supporting them. She delighted in teaching them how to make pierogi and looked forward to making cookies with them every Christmas. She was also an avid gardener who anticipated the coming of Spring when she could begin picking out her flowers. She loved to sew, doing her crossword puzzles, would always cook to feed an army and loved watching soccer (especially when Max and Mason were playing).

Stella was content in leading a quiet, simple, peaceful life; God and family were always her priority. In remembrance of Stella, the family requests you say a rosary or offer a mass in her name at a parish of your choice.

The funeral service was held at St. Florian Catholic Church, Hamtramck MI with interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit MI. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

SKORUPSKI



Patricia Skorupski (née Kurkowski), 88, passed away peacefully May 2, 2026.

Born on December 17, 1937, and raised in Hamtramck, Michigan, Patricia lived a life rooted in love, faith, family, and devotion to others. She shared a beautiful and enduring love with her husband, Joseph J. Skorupski, whom she had known since elementary school and with whom she had been together since the age of 13. Their lifelong bond was a testament to loyalty, companionship, and deep love. Patricia also devoted herself to caring for others through her work with the Archdiocese of Detroit at St. Florian, where she served as a cafeteria cook with warmth and generosity. After retiring, she also enjoyed working with her friend Leona Tocco and her family in her catering business. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joseph J. Skorupski, and her cherished eldest son, Joseph Skorupski.

Patricia leaves behind her loving son, Christopher Skorupski; her daughter-in-law, Kara; and her grandson, Nathanael, all of whom held a special place in her heart. She

is also survived by her close cousins, Victoria Hornik-Rosinski and Allen Rosinski, and their daughter, Mary, whom Patricia lovingly cared for in her younger years and embraced in her heart as a daughter. She was also a devoted and loving Godmother to Suzy Stefanka, the daughter of Sally and Smokey Stefanka, Patricia's dearest friends, a role she held with great affection. Patricia will also be deeply missed by her extended family and friends, whose love and care meant so much to

her throughout her life.

For the last nine years of her life, Patricia made her home with Chris and his family, where she was surrounded by love, comfort, and devoted care as she faced the challenges of dementia. Even in those difficult years, the strength of her family's love remained constant. In earlier years, Patricia found joy in the simple pleasures that brought people together and made a house feel like home. She loved spending time with family, playing bingo, crafting,

and reading. She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her caring heart, and the love she gave so freely to those around her. Her memory will be

cherished always by all who knew and loved her.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hamtramck City Council approved the first reading of Resolution 2026-16 introducing Ordinance No. 2026-001 and will conduct a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to repeal and replace the City Code provisions governing the Human Relations Commission, dissolve the Human Relations Commission, and establish the Unity Commission.

The public hearing will take place during the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamtramck City Hall, City Council Chambers, 3401 Evaline St.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments regarding the proposed ordinance amendment. The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities upon advance notice to the Clerk's Office.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hamtramck City Council approved the first reading of Resolution 2026-55 and will conduct a second reading and public hearing on a proposed ordinance prohibiting the unauthorized blocking of public streets, authorizing vehicle impoundment, and establishing penalties.

The second reading and public hearing will take place during the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamtramck City Hall, City Council Chambers, 3401 Evaline St.

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Notice of Public Hearing
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hamtramck City Council approved the first reading of Resolution 2026-54 and has scheduled the second reading and public hearing for a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 32: City Commissions, Committees and Bureaus of the City of Hamtramck Code of Ordinances to reenact Section 32.062 governing the Community and Economic Development Department.

The second reading and public hearing will take place during the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamtramck City Hall, City Council Chambers, 3401 Evaline St.

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Hamtramck Public Schools & Hamtramck Recreation Department

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School Bell

HHS rights training

Hamtramck High School student Nabiha Chowdhury is part of a student organization Cosmos 4 Change which recently hosted a seminar for students to become familiar with their rights.

Here's what Chowdhury has to report:

"The Know Your Rights (KYR) Training was the alternative event Cosmos 4 Change pursued after the ICE Walkout was shut down by administrators.

"After discussion, the student organizers decided assembly was the best option for our community as it would be indoors, and serve the purpose of raising awareness as our earlier protest planned to do.

"We reached out to Liz Jacob, a lawyer from the National Lawyers' Guild, to host this event to educate students and staff about our rights around ICE and law enforcement on Friday, May 8. It took a lot of planning and effort on the students' part to ensure it happened, and we persisted despite initial pushback from administration.

"Although the event took place on a Friday, an almost weekday and the day for Jummah prayer, and a half-day afterschool

when most students don't have the energy to show up to programs, we had a really good turnout with over 35 participants.

"So many students in attendance when they could've been at home spoke to the fact that this was something that was deeply important to our community. The high number was also in part due to our intense social media campaign and personal outreach to the English and Social Studies departments to offer extra credit for student participation, with some offering up to 20 points.

"Beyond utilizing 1:1 outreach, Laith Mohamed, a fellow organizer, and I spoke at the last city council meeting informing them of the event to further promote the training. Youth walked away from the KYR Training knowing what to do if they have an ICE encounter outside their door or in a third space

because of the National Lawyers Guild's interactive presentation and role playing exercises.

"Two volunteers were also present to pass out resources like whistle kits that contained red cards in Bangla, English, and Arabic. MIStudents-Dream, an organization that works around the intersection of immigration and education justice, supplied snacks like nutrition bars and chips for participants to enjoy on their way out.

"We are incredibly grateful to all the community organizations, teachers, our club sponsor Samuel Bell, and the many extraordinary individuals who uplifted or played a role in the event in some way.

"Overall, this was a student-led effort that showed the strength of intergenerational collaboration in social justice, and exemplified that action is the antidote to fear."

Odds & Ends

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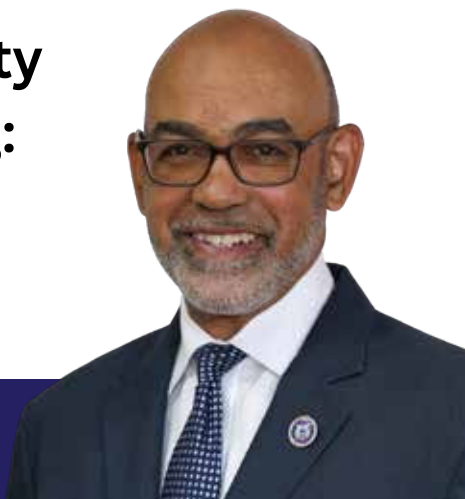
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