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Quick Hits

Health Hike is right around the corner

By Charles Sercombe

The Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC) is gearing up for its annual Hamtramck Health Hike, which is now celebrating its 17th year.

This 5K run/walk is coming up on Saturday, May 16, as a way to promote health and fitness.

And, while it's still a week away, you are encouraged to sign up now, with the incentive that the first 400 people who do so will get free giveaways.

It's a fun event where the whole family can enjoy a different view of the city.

In past years, hundreds of folks have participated each time.

There will also be an opportunity for attendees to learn how to save a life. Participants can receive on-site training in the use of Naloxone (commonly known as Narcan), a life-saving medication that can reverse opioid overdoses.

Those who complete the training will receive a free Naloxone kit to take home, "empowering community members with the knowledge and tools to respond in an emergency," as the organization says.

Registration is free, and can be completed online at: <http://tinyurl.com/HealthHike>.

For questions, or additional information, contact Race Director Shannon Schafer at <mailto:Schafer@Pias-tinstitute.org>, or visit HamtramckDrugFree.com.

Follow along on social media via Facebook and Instagram.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

In Hamtramck, it's springing up strawberries at St. Florian Parish

By Charles Sercombe

One way to tell that spring has arrived in Hamtramck is by the presence of the annual St. Florian Strawberry Festival during the first weekend of May.

That festival went off again last weekend, whether spring was ready or not to "attend." As it turned out, spring played coy, as it's been doing for the past few weeks.

Regardless, the festival was still a hit, with plenty

of fresh Polish meals on hand, along with cold Polish beer, folk dancers, live music and ... did we mention the cold Polish beer?

And this year, it appeared attendance was up — not that it's ever lacking.

Is it because, around this time of year, we all have cabin fever, and just want to get out and about?

We'll let the photos answer that.



City wary over planned protest

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is bracing for a possible visit by an anti-Islamic group promoting a book burning this Sunday in front of a Jos. Campau mosque.

And Hamtramck police are preparing for, and coordinating with other police agencies on, any potential conflict.

"We are coordinating all efforts with the Detroit Police Department and Wayne County Sheriffs to see if this is a credible threat..." said Hamtramck Police Chief Hussein Farhat.

Farhat said no burning of books will be allowed on public property. The "book" in question would almost certainly be the Koran, a sacred text for millions of Muslims.

Hamtramck is a Muslim-majority town.

At this point, it's not clear whether this is a mere publicity stunt, or something that will actually take place.

On the Facebook page of the Americans Against Islamification (which has been described by critics as a Christian nationalist network and as being Nazi-like), the apparent leader of the organization, Jayden Scott, of Michigan, said:

"Crusaders will march through downtown Hamtramck, Michigan — the Islamic occupied city, and we will declare America is a Christian nation."

Scott continued in his Facebook post, saying: "We are at a cultural war — a spiritual war. It's time we reclaim our society, and we reclaim America."

So far, there has been little reaction from the public, and little comment on social media, although that could change in the coming days.

Mayor Adam Alharbi said the community is preparing in case the protest does take place.

"We're working with the police to make sure, if it does happen, everyone is safe," he said.

He declined further comment, saying he did not want to give the group publicity.

But former mayor Karen Majewski spoke out aga-

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City wary over planned protest Cont. from front page

inst the group.

“The organizer is a well-known provocateur who is targeting Hamtramck after failures in other communities,” Majewski said.

“Our city officials and police department are aware, and equipped to deal with the situation. And Hamtramck residents will have no tolerance for Nazis trying to use our community as a platform and photo op for

their anti-American hate.” An organization called Hope in Action plans a counter-protest.

Scott has a checkered past, once falsely claiming to be the CEO of Harmony Investment Group in Troy. The company has vehemently denied any connection with Scott or to any prior employment.

In the past, he taunted Minneapolis protestors –

in the wake of the shooting death, by an ICE agent, of Renee Good, a 37-year-old mother of three –yelling: “We executed one of you.”

This isn't the first time the metro area has experienced an outside group threatening to burn copies of the Koran. Last November, in Dearborn (another majority Muslim city), Jake Lang, of Florida, attempted to hold a book burning but

was repelled by protestors. The skirmish didn't amount to much, although recently Lang was sentenced to five years in prison for damaging an ice sculpture in front of the Minnesota State Capitol which said: “Prosecute ICE.”

He had kicked over part of the word “prosecute” so it read “Pro ICE.”

Obituaries

KASPRZAK



Stanislaw Kasprzak, 67, of Hamtramck, Michigan, passed away on May 5, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on July 1, 1958, in Kłodzko, Poland, to Antoni and Helena (Tiutiunek) Kasprzak.

In 1998, Stanislaw immigrated to the United States with his wife and children, where he started a new chapter in life. He was employed as a hi-lo driver for an automotive supplier for over a decade.

Stanislaw lived a humble and meaningful life, finding joy in simple pleasures. He enjoyed watching Westerns and drama films, sharing traditional Polish meals, and spending time with those he loved most, especially his beloved dog, Charlie.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Bożena; his children, Monika (Samy) Doos, Lukasz Kasprzak, Kasia (Grant) McDonald, and Kamil Kasprzak; and his che-

rished grandchildren, Julia, Daniel, Matthew, Emily, and Mark. He is also survived by his sister, Alina Zolta, and his brother, Jan Kasprzak. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Franek Kasprzak.

Visitation, Friday, May 8, 2026 6 – 8 PM, with Rosary 7:30 PM at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

Funeral service, Saturday, May 9, 2026, Lying In State at 9:30 AM until Mass at 10 AM at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212.

Interment, Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township MI.

SZCZEPKOWSKI



Timothy Szczepkowski (age 67), 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.

Funeral arrangements were provided by Jurkiewicz

& Wilk Funeral Home.

STACEY



Edward Stacey, 87, died April 25, 2026.

Edward Stacey was born on August 29, 1938, in Detroit, MI. He enjoyed playing cards, volunteering for numerous charities, spending time with friends, and loved his family dearly.

Edward was the beloved father of Cindy (Paul) Dunstan, Edward (Darby) Jr., Kevin (Cherie), Rachel, and step-up father to Norman, Fred, Roxann, and Becky (deceased). Loving grandpa of Christina (Sean), Nicholas (Andraya), Megan (Jessie), Taylor, Justin, Florian, Julia, Gabrielle, Allison, and Madison. Stacey is also great grandpa of Sloan, Jaxson, Wes, and Josephine. He is predeceased by his mother Mable Morley.

Stacey was a long-time member of the Hamtramck Moose Lodge #1670 and had previously mana-

ged Adam's Corner Bar. Whether he was overseeing the operations, behind the bar, or on the other side of it, he built friendships that lasted a lifetime. He'll be truly missed by his family, many friends, and the entire Hamtramck community. Above all, he'll be remembered for his loyalty, his humor, and the way he'd show up for others.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to any of the following charities in Stacey's name: Moose Charities, John W. Smith Old Timers, 47755 Sandy Ridge Dr., Macomb MI, 48044, The Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, Detroit Friendship House.

Visitation is Friday, May 15, 2026, from 2 – 8 p.m., funeral service is Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery, 18201 Clinton River Rd., Clinton Township, MI 48038.

May 8, 2026

This week at the Library . . .

Medicare: A team from Priority Health will conduct a meeting answering questions about Medicare options. The next presentation will take place on Wednesday, June 3 at 2:15 pm.

crisis in U.S. history up to that time.

Jamestown: The first permanent English settlement in American was established on May 14, 1607 at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

Lewis & Clark: On May 14, 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark departed St. Louis on their expedition to explore the Northwest. They arrived at the Pacific coast of Oregon in November of 1805 and returned to St. Louis in September of 1806, completing a journey of about 6,000 miles.

Smallpox Vaccine: On May 14, 1796 was the official announcement of the development of vaccine by Dr. Edward Jenner, a physician in rural England. He coined the term vaccination for the new procedure of injecting a milder form of the disease into healthy persons resulting in immunity. Within 18 months, 12,000 persons in England had been vaccinated and the number of smallpox deaths dropped by two-thirds.

WAAC: During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties beginning on May 13, 1942 in the Women Auxiliary Army Corps, the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary

Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) and semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the women's Reserve of the Marine corp..

New York Stock Exchange: On May 17, 1792 two dozen merchants and brokers established the New York Stock Exchange. In good weather they operated under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street. In bad weather they moved inside to a coffeehouse to conduct business.

Mount St. Helens: This volcano erupted on May 18, 1980 in southwestern Washington State spewing steam and ash over 11 miles into the sky. This was the first major eruption since

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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.

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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In Our Opinion

In Hamtramck, hate has no home

These are certainly uncertain times in this country.

Here in Hamtramck, we are experiencing a deepening political divide between some members of the city council and the mayor.

Despite these developments, Hamtramck remains a city that does not welcome hate – no matter what’s happening in the world, or here at home.

As of this time, there appears to be a radical group of Christian nationalists who say

they will be in town on Sunday to host a book burning in front of a mosque near Jos. Campau and Caniff.

We assume they mean to burn the Koran – the sacred text for millions of Muslims. Hamtramck is a majority-Muslim city. We have no idea if this group will actually show up, or will actually try to burn a Koran.

But, if they do, residents here should be prepared for such people who want to stir up trouble, and invite as-

saults.

Don’t fall for it, folks. This is precisely what those types of people who spew hate hope will happen.

What we prefer to have happen is that residents ignore these folks, denying them the attention they crave. Our police department is already coordinating with other agencies to deal with these radical nutjobs.

Stay strong, Hamtramck.

Odds & Ends

Correction ... In last week’s issue, we incorrectly reported, in the article about Mohammed Hassan facing felony election fraud charges, that the Monroe County Prosecutor’s Office requested a delay in the trial.

It was Hassan’s legal team who requested the delay, in order to hire a forensic expert. The Review apologizes for the error.

Code enforcement ... On the city’s Facebook page, the city’s code enforcement department has this message to property owners:

“As we head into spring and summer, the City of Hamtramck’s Code Enforcement Department will begin checking neighborhoods for common exterior issues – like overgrown grass and weeds, unfinished fences, and garages with graffiti.

“The goal isn’t to ticket residents, but to keep our community clean and safe. If something needs attention, you’ll first receive a warning, and then have 14 days to fix the issue.

“Please note: if the issue isn’t resolved within that timeframe, it may result in a citation. Let’s work together to keep Hamtramck looking its best this season!”

This message also brings up the number of complaints we have heard over the past year about super-aggressive enforcement.

We’re sure there is a middle ground here the city and community can reach, but in Hamtramck, it seems this issue never really goes away.

Summer fun ... The deadline is nearing for families to sign up their kids for all sorts of activities being sponsored by the Hamtramck Parks and Recreation Department.

For residents, you can sign up online at: <https://shorturl.at/imQ3G>

Non-residents can do in-person registration only until May 18, at the Hamtramck High School Community Center, then online registration after that.

The summer playground program runs June 15-Aug. 13, Monday-Thursday, ages 5-12, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Kids under 5 years old must turn 5 by June 25.

• Locations: Pulaski Park or Keyworth Stadium
• Includes lunch, special events, arts & crafts and field trips

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• Required Documents: Child’s birth certificate, proof and residency and guardianship

• \$25 for residents per child
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Puck luck... Detroit got lucky and got a new hockey team – a women’s team, at that.

And that fact did not escape Governor Gretchen Whitmer, who is, as you may by now have noticed, also a woman.

Whitmer put out a short congratulatory press release this past Wednesday, celebrating not only the new team, but the fact Detroit will host some other aspects of the league’s calendar this inaugural year, namely the awards ceremony and the annual player draft in mid-June.

The governor’s statement began: “I’m so excited Hockeytown is now home to the newest team in the Professional Women’s Hockey League, as well as the 2026 draft.

“From selling out stadiums to setting attendance records, our fans show out when women’s hockey shows up,” Whitmer said.

She continued: “Detroit sports fans are the best in the world. Michiganders already make up so much of the PWHL’s talent, as well as much of the Olympic gold winning teams, and we’re ready to build on Michigan’s hockey momentum.

“This will inspire more young girls and women who play hockey in arenas and backyards across our state to follow their dreams right here in Michigan.

“Welcome to Detroit!” she added.

Tick, tock, time for a bite, or not ... Two Michigan health agencies, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) are urging residents to take precautions against in-

sect- and arachnid-borne diseases while cleaning up after flood situations.

True, much of the state’s worst recent flooding occurred up north, particularly in the northwest lower peninsula, but goodness knows we’ve also seen our share of heavy rains lately, and there’s been plenty of standing water, and spring’s not nearly over yet.

That said, here are some of their bullet-pointed tips:

Eliminate mosquito and tick habitats:

• Remove standing water, and fill in areas where water pools, to reduce areas that support mosquito breeding.

• Trim back tall grasses and brush around homes, barns/sheds, and along lawn and pasture edges.

• Create a three-foot barrier of wood chips or gravel between property and wooded areas to limit tick movement.

• Keep lawns and pastures mowed, and regularly remove leaf litter.

• Stack firewood neatly, in a dry area, to deter rodents, which are common tick hosts.

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• Wash your hands and clothes thoroughly after use:

Bathe, or shower, as soon as possible after spending time outdoors, to more easily find, and then wash off, ticks.

Wash clothing in hot water, and dry on high heat, to kill any ticks left on clothing.

• If hiring a professional to spray for the pests, find a licensed pesticide applicator at Michigan.gov/MDARDPABL

“Preventing tick and mosquito bites is the best way to avoid disease, including Lyme disease, West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive of the MDHHS.

Added Dr. Nora Wine-

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land, state veterinarian, DVM, MS, DACVPM, "The standing water created after flooding and excess rain makes for ideal breeding sites for mosquitoes, and (also) increases the likelihood that ticks will move into new areas. "Taking a few simple steps now can go a long way in keeping Michigan... healthy and protected," W-neland said.

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Coming Events

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Notice of Public Hearing

City of Hamtramck - City Council

The City of Hamtramck City Council will conduct one public hearings on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212. The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearing or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Written comments should be made to the attention of Omar Thabet at othabet@hamtramckcity.gov before 12:00 p.m. on June 9, 2026.

The subject of the public hearing is revisions to the City of Hamtramck ordinance - Chapter 72: Parking Regulations. The proposed ordinance will establish a downtown parking duration limit on Joseph Campau. The proposed ordinances outline clearer guidelines and penalties issued to vehicles in violation of the duration limit, as a means of promoting turnover, customer access, and downtown business activity.

This second reading and public hearing is contingent upon City Council's approval of the 1st reading on May 26, 2026.

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Jazz Concert by Phil Hale,
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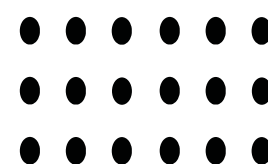
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PUBLIC NOTICE of BUDGET HEARING BRIDGE ACADEMY EAST 9600 Buffalo St. Hamtramck and Bridge WEST 3105 Carpenter Rd, Detroit BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Postpartum Depression (PPD) Screening Available

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or not like yourself after having a baby? It may be more than the “baby blues.” PPD is common, treatable, and not your fault.

KNOW THE SIGNS:

- Persistent sadness or anxiety
- Trouble bonding with your baby
- Changes in sleep or appetite
- Feeling overwhelmed or disconnected

Take the PPD test. Reach out for support.

Help is available for you and your family.



Contact **Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network** to learn more, get screened, and access care.

Call 800-241-4949 | Support available 24/7 365

You're doing your best—you don't have to do it alone.