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Quick Hits

Dedicated community member dies

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck has lost a major mover and shaker in town.

Greg Kirchner died Saturday (July 11) after battling a long illness.

Kirchner, a Polish immigrant, was 77 years old, and has been a key fixture at the Hamtramck Public Library. He also started up Hamtramck's only local television network, Hamtramck TV Channel 19.

A number of folks have depended on him to record and broadcast city council meetings and other events, especially those held at the library.

Local reaction was one of both shock and appreciation. Former library employee Konrad Maziarz posted on social media what a number of folks in town are thinking.

"It is with tremendous sadness that I share the news that Greg Kirchner has passed away," Maziarz said. "He has done a lot for the Hamtramck community and will be greatly missed."

Mayor Adam Alharbi also reflected on Greg's impact on our lives.

"I am truly saddened to hear about the passing of Greg Kirchner. He was a dedicated member of our community and his absence will be felt by all of us," Mayor Alharbi told The Review.

"I had the chance to get to know Greg during my campaign, starting with the interview we did together. Since then, I always appreciated his genuine commitment to serving this city. Whether he was helping out at the library or recording our City Council meetings, he gave his time and energy to keep our residents informed.

"It is rare to find someone who contributes so much voluntarily, and it will be difficult not seeing him at council meetings anymore. We

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TOAST

of the TOWN

Summer in the city and the living is easy

**By Charles Sercombe**

Ah, summertime in Hamtramck.

This is the season when the city offers a variety of events and festivities almost every weekend. And for those of us who can't get away for a weekend at a cottage up north or a day at the lake, well, it's something to take your mind off the unrelenting heat and burning sun.

Perhaps it'll take your mind off the insanity happening in local politics or youths gone wild in the streets – fireworks-wise and reckless driving-wise.

Ha! We kid.

Anyway, this past weekend offered up a wide variety of fun things to do.

For Toast, it started with the first-ever "Hamtown Summer Jams" festival, sponsored by a number of local Bengali folks, notably the ever-optimistic Naji Choudhury, who seems to possess boundless energy and positivity.

Keep it coming, Naji!

As usual, with these events, the live music performances were nothing but mind-blowing. There are so many talented musicians in town, and hearing music from another country – or, heck, another world – is always eye-opening.

It's one of the many things that make living in Hamtramck so fascinating.

And as usual, the mad clash of bright colors in the clothing that is for sale is candy for the eyes. Also as usual, things didn't get into the full swing until, oh 10 p.m. or so, and if allowed, would go late into the early morning.

Toast is getting a bit long in the tooth these days, and late nights are a distant memory.

No matter, we are all for more street festivals, more often. We hate to make this comparison, but the City of Ferndale, a suburb just up the

street on Woodward past 8 Mile, hosts what seems like weekly street festivals.

We can do this, Hamtramck – and no, we won't say we're more like Ferndale.

Saturday also called out to us to sample some fun.

First up was the school district Recreation Department's "Inflate-a-Thon" at the district's Pulaski Park.

Despite the intense heat, kids bounced around, climbing a steep inflated wall to slide down and also trying out an inflated boxing ring (of sorts), where they whacked each with soft puffy tubes.

Oh, to be able to scramble about and climb like a kid again, Toast mused. *(Editor's note: OK, we get it, you're old).*

It should be said that such events are at stake for continuing if voters reject a proposal on the Aug. 4 primary election ballot to renew a recreation tax for another 10 years. So here's Toast's unsolicited opinion: support having recreation for kids, as well as adults, in the upcoming election here in town.

Later in the day, Zussman Park, located across from city hall, was the scene of professional FIFA soccer, courtesy of the city and Wayne County Community College.

One of those mobile trucks with a giant screen on the back

Election officials put on notice

**By Charles Sercombe**

The federal government is now warning election officials nationwide that they face criminal charges if they knowingly allow non-citizens to vote.

The government claimed it has informed election officials of this policy, but Hamtramck city officials say they have not received any such notification from the U.S. Justice Department.

Hamtramck is especially vulnerable to scrutiny since many immigrants call this city home.

It's part of the Trump administration's effort to crackdown on what it believes to be a national problem, although little evidence has ever been offered to support such suspicions.

In a letter sent by the federal government, dated July 7, the state had five days to respond on how it will ensure compliance.

The letter warned election officials, that, "State election officers, including the chief election officer of the state, could be criminally prosecuted for aiding and abetting. ..."

The Review reached out to the state for comment, but at press time Thursday there was no response.

Asked if he had a comment, Hamtramck City Clerk Sami Elhady only said: "I don't have anything to comment on this issue."

This upcoming Aug. 4 primary election will be a test for Elhady because he has no prior experience as a city clerk or with running an election.

Hamtramck elections have come under local and state suspicion in recent years, with accusations that some candidates and their supporters are forging absentee ballots or have been video recorded stuffing ballots into the drop-off box in front of city hall.

Two councilmembers, Mohammed Hassan and Muhtasin Sadman, were recently convicted of misdemeanor charges related to election fraud.

Both escaped being convicted of felony charges.

On top of that, the outcome of the 2025 mayor election is still up in the air after 38 ballots were discovered uncounted from last November's

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# Election officials put on notice

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election.

That election was overseen by a prior city clerk who has since been fired over the handling of those ballots.

Mayor Adam Alharbi has taken legal action to prevent the uncounted ballots from being included in the final vote tally, but it appears the ballots will be counted within the next few weeks, according to those familiar with the issue.

It's also been rumored that federal monitors will be overseeing the fall general election, where

it's considered possible that Democratic candidates could retake control of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

President Trump's administration has been demanding, but losing court challenges, for states to turn over their voter rolls. Trump also wants to end the use of absentee ballots, except for narrow reasons. It's been reported that Trump has regularly used absentee ballots to vote.

Many Yemeni-Ame-

rican immigrants voted for Trump in the 2024 presidential election, after former mayor Amer Ghalib, a Yemeni immigrant, campaigned for metro Arabs and Muslims to support Trump.

Trump went on to win in Michigan, which some have credited to Arab-Muslim support.

Ghalib has since been rewarded for his effort with a job in the Trump administration.

Former mayor Ghalib told The Review that Hamtramck has not had an issue with nonci-

tizens voting.

"I support every lawful measure that protects the integrity of our elections," Ghalib said. "We have not had that issue in Hamtramck, and there is no reason for residents to be concerned about it.

"Anyone who violates election laws should be held accountable. There should be consequences for election fraud or any form of unlawful voting, regardless of who commits it."

# Recreation director talks about what's at stake with tax renewal

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck voters are being asked to renew a 10-year recreation tax on Aug. 4.

A number of voters have already received absentee ballots.

We asked Recreation Department Director Craig Daniels to talk about the recreation program and what is at stake for the community. Here is part of that discussion:

**Review: How long has the school district's recreation program been operating with support from this tax?**

Daniels: The Recreation Department has been operating since 1996 with this millage.

**Review: Is this a tax increase?**

**Recreation Director Craig Daniels is encouraging voters to participate in the upcoming Aug. 4 election. Voters will decide whether to renew a 10-year recreation tax for Hamtramck.**

Daniels: No, this is not a tax increase. It is a renewal of the existing recreation millage.

**Review: What programs are offered?**

Daniels: We have youth programs such as: Soccer, karate, cricket, basketball, dance, summer camp, and basketball. We also offer senior programs such as tailored fitness classes, social gatherings and field trips.

Our pool offers swim lessons, water aerobics, open swim and adult lap (swimming), and our community center offers a weight room, sauna, fitness classes and basketball/racquetball courts.

We also offer special events such as: Back-to-school Carnival, Fall Harvest, Trunk-or-treat, Snowfest, Inflate-a-thon, Move in the Park, etc.

**Review: What does the average homeowner get for financially supporting the tax?**

Daniels: They get free community events, low-cost programs, youth and adult employment, safe clean facilities and parks that help maintain an active lifestyle.

**Review: How much of the recreation budget depends on the tax?**

Daniels: 100% of the recreation budget is dependent on the millage renewal.

**Review: What will happen in if the tax is rejected? Will any of the programs continue without this funding?**

Daniels: The recreation will not be able to operate without the millage. We will not be able to provide any of the events or programs listed.

**Review: How are the funds used for this program?**

Daniels: The funds are used to maintain the parks, community center, pool operations, special events, staff salaries, youth sports and senior programs.

**Review: Any upgrades in the programs coming up?**

Daniels: Yes, we are upgrading our splash pad area at Pulaski Park. Also, ongoing maintenance and replacement of fields and recreation facilities that reflect the need of the city's population.

Updating of equipment such as park structures, picnic tables, benches and pavilions. Increasing and strengthening of special events and programs.

**Review: How does the program benefit our health?**

Daniels: It creates green spaces where neighbors can connect and build stronger bonds. It fosters a culture for exercise and active lifestyles for all age groups, and helps with physical and mental health.

**Review: Is there a public safety benefit?**

Daniels: Accessible parks and recreation centers reduce juvenile crime and promote youth development. It also significantly increases surrounding property values to have parks and recreation areas in the community.

**Review: Anything else you would like to say?**

Daniels: Remember to vote on August 4th. Let your voices be heard.

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## Quick Hits

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owe him a great deal of thanks for all his hard work. I want to extend my deepest condolences to his family and his loved ones during this tough time."

Greg's funeral service is next Tuesday, July 21, 10 a.m., at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Cat-

# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### A challenge for city officials: Fourth of July

Something has to be done.

Fallout from the Fourth of July mayhem is still on the minds of many in Hamtramck.

Folks are wondering just what the city will do about preventing this from happening next year.

So far, we've heard little from city officials, but we know it's being worked on. Obviously, the plan of simply containing the youths to one area instead of dealing with them spilling into neighborhoods doesn't cut it.

City officials and community leaders have a

year to prepare to make sure this isn't repeated.

We obviously can't solely depend on police officers to handle this situation. Instead, it's going to need an all-hands-on-deck approach.

Mayor Adam Alharbi released a statement focusing on the need of elders in the community to rein in their kids. We have little faith in this happening.

Instead, we need to take a creative approach on educating our young folks on the dangers they posed to themselves and others.

One thing is for sure,

this city will not tolerate a repeat of what happened.

Hamtramck looked like a war zone on the night of the Fourth. And local media, especially television news stations, pounced on this. Hamtramck looked like a city thrown into chaos.

This was a real gut punch to Hamtramck.

We expect our elected leaders, who were not on the scene to help quell the youths, to actually step up and deliver something to the community.

Come on Hamtramck. We can do better.

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## Police officer always takes to time for the community

I wanted to share a heartwarming community story that I believe reflects the positive relationships being built between the Hamtramck Police Department and local families.

My nephew, Ilhan Alom, recently had the opportunity to meet Officer Zain Alsayad while he was actively on duty.

Despite his responsibilities, he took the time to show my nephew around the patrol car, let him explore some of the equipment, play with the radio, and even gave him a couple of police stickers.

It absolutely made my nephew's day, and he hasn't stopped talking about it since. He now thinks being a police officer is the coolest job in

the world.

What stood out to me most is that this wasn't a one-time gesture.

I've personally seen Officer Alsayad interact with many children throughout our community. He often takes a moment to hand out stickers, greet kids with a smile, and make them feel special. The children recognize him too – they get excited when they see him and run up to say hello. He also volunteers his time reading to students in local classrooms, showing the same kindness and dedication to inspire the next generation of leaders.

I've also experienced his kindness firsthand. On more than one occasion, he has gone out of his way to help me carry my groceries and has helped me with other small acts of kindness. Those moments weren't expected, but they speak volumes about the type of person he is and the genuine care he has for the people he serves.

These everyday interactions may seem small, but they leave a lasting impression. They help build trust between law enforcement and the community and show

children that police officers are approachable, compassionate, and invested in the neighborhoods they protect.

I thought this would make a wonderful community spotlight recognizing the positive impact Officer Alsayad has through his everyday service and kindness.

As someone who lives near the Hamtramck Police Department, I've had the opportunity to interact with many of the officers over the years, and every experience has been positive. Whether it's taking a moment to engage with neighborhood children or helping community members in everyday situations, I've consistently seen their commitment to serving Hamtramck with kindness and professionalism.

Last year, when I was honored to serve as a commencement speaker at Hamtramck High School, officer Luigi even escorted me to the graduation ceremony—another gesture that reflected their support for the community.

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## Odds & Ends

**Be a good neighbor ...** The City of Hamtramck recently gave a shoutout to volunteers who cleaned up a whopping 190 pounds worth of garbage and litter at Veterans Memorial Park.

That's the good news. But the downside is that people produced that much garbage there in the first place.

Come on folks, you can do better. Sounds like the police department has to do another crackdown on litterbugs in the park.

**Speaking of parks ...** Local youths have been helping out by conducting surveys of our local parks.

The information gathered will be used to help with “identifying opportunities for improvement, and gathering valuable information that will help shape future enhancements to these important community spaces,” says the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy.

Thanks kids, and a huge thanks to the good folks at the Conservancy.

**Flock no? ...** Every day we read about more and more communities rising up against the use of the police surveillance camera system known as Flock.

Outrage is growing over the use of the system, which many are saying collects way more information than vehicle license plates – which we were told would be the only thing the cameras are focused on.

As it turns out, several officers nationwide were convicted of using the system to stalk and harass people. In some cases, this involved tracking down women who certain officers wanted to get to know, if you know what we mean.

In Los Angeles, the police department ended its use of Flock cameras after facing civil liberties and civil rights concerns.

Hamtramck recently contracted with Flock, and our police department has assured the community the cameras are used strictly to track down vehicles known to have been used in the commission of a crime or reported stolen.

Before the city council agreed to the Flock contract, there were a number of local people who urged rejecting the system because of privacy concerns.

We're going to keep an eye on this one locally.

**Family fun ...** The Hamtramck Recreation Department is hosting a Movie in the Park, at Pulaski Park, this evening, Friday, July 17, at around dusk, about 9:30 p.m.

The movie will be GOAT, an animated family-friendly feature.

The show is weather-permitting, and you are reminded that you can't use alcohol, tobacco, or fireworks in the park. The playground and pavilions are closed during viewing. If it does rain, the movie will be shown the following Friday, July 24.

**Fireworks update ...** Sterling Heights is taking a no-nonsense approach to those who violate that city's fireworks guidelines.

And the city means business.

So far, Sterling Heights residents have racked up \$22,000 in fines for illegal fireworks use.

It's been reported that the city issued 38 fireworks violations so far this summer, which isn't a large number, but at least it's something. And consider, too, Sterling Heights is 36 square miles.

Hamtramck, in comparison, is packed population-wise, crammed into two square miles.

Maybe Hamtramck officials can take a cue from Sterling Heights and start to crackdown on what many residents complain is an ongoing problem, and one that both precedes and goes past the days allowed to shoot off fireworks by state law and local policy.

Considering what happened here during the July Fourth holiday, we need to send a strong message to the community to take safety and nuisance concerns seriously.

Nothing convinces folks to behave better than getting socked with a court fine.

Word is, the police chief

is talking with community members, and changes are coming for next year. Stay tuned – it's all good.

**Finally ...** You may have heard by now, but in case you haven't, the Gordie Howe International Bridge is set to open on July 27 after a needless delay by the federal government.

We can't wait to try it out, despite not visiting Windsor or Canada since the Covid pandemic.

The toll will be \$5.75 each way, but you can walk or bike ride across the 1.5 miles-long bridge for free. Count us in on that – that is, when the heatwave breaks.

Be prepared though. You will need a passport, passport card, enhanced license, or NEXUS card to get across.

**Hamtramck Stadium lecture ...** The Hamtramck Historical Museum will be hosting a guest lecture next Saturday, July 25 from 1-3 p.m. at the museum.

The subject will be the fascinating history of Hamtramck Stadium, and the speaker will be one of the stadium's biggest advocates, baseball historian Gary Gillette, who is also the founding member of the Friends Historic Hamtramck Stadium.

Hamtramck Stadium was once the home stadium of the Detroit Stars of the Negro League of the 1920s-40s, along with another team called the Detroit Wolves.

As such, and being one of only a literal handful of surviving stadiums that served the Negro League, it was able to receive grants to be renovated and maintained as a meaningful historic landmark.

Gillette was a key player in starting the ball rolling to get funding for the stadium.

Gov. Whitmer signed a bill here, in fact, designating May 2 as Negro League's Day in Michigan, and she visited the stadium again at a 2024 Juneteenth celebration held on the field.

A link to the upcoming lecture can be found on Facebook by putting the search terms “Lecture Series History Hamtra-

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# Summer in the city and the living is easy

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broadcast the game, and dozens of folks stopped by, especially after the sun went down and the temperature cooled.

In a smart move, a small artificial grass area was set up for youngsters to burn off some energy by kicking around a soccer ball. There's a lot of talent in town.

That put an end to venturing out for Toast, but next weekend we'll be looking for things to do during this all-too-brief summer season here in Michigan.

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**By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log covers July 1-6. Daily incidents reports are no longer available to the general public through the city's website.

**Wednesday, July 1**

- Family trouble was reported on Oklahoma.
- Trespassing was reported on Grayling.
- Attempted car thefts were reported on Grayling and Goodson.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Dequindre.
- A complaint was made about street sweeping on Caniff between Buffalo and Dequindre.
- An assault was reported on Caniff near Buffalo.
- A business in the 9100 block of Conant reported trouble with a customer.
- Illegal dumping was reported in the 3400 block of Carpenter.
- An attempted car theft was reported in the 2900 block of Roosevelt.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 3600 block of Caniff.
- A break-in was reported in the 11500 block of St. Aubin.

**Thursday, July 2**

- A business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
- An assault was reported at Florian and Latham.
- A vehicle was stolen in the 2000 block of Belmont.

**Friday, July 3**

- A fight was reported at Circle Dr. and Oklahoma.
- A theft from an auto was reported in the 2700 block of Evaline.
- Gunshots were reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 3300 block of Edwin.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 11500 block of Conant.

A hit-and-run accident was also reported in the 11600 block of Mitchell.

- A theft was reported at Conant and Doremus.

**Saturday, July 4**

- Multiple complaints about fireworks were reported throughout the city.
- A complaint about noise was reported in the area of Selfridge and Circle Dr.
- A theft was reported in the 11600 block of Mitchell.
- Family trouble was reported in the 3000 block of Hanley.
- A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

**Sunday, July 5**

- A complaint was made about fireworks on Conant. Fireworks complaints were also made at Jos. Campau and Holbrook; McDougall and Evaline; Neibel; Fleming; Jos. Campau and Roosevelt; Jos. Campau and Botsford; and at Neibel and Mitchell.
- Trespassing was reported on Selfridge.
- A fight was reported on Jos. Campau.
- A dispute between neighbors was reported on Norwalk.
- A large gathering of people was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- A domestic assault was reported on Caniff.
- Reckless drivers were reported at Jos. Campau and Dan. Reckless drivers were also reported at Holbrook and Jos. Campau.
- A fight was reported on Conant.
- An incident of indecent exposure was reported on Dequindre.
- A sexual assault was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- A child was reported lost in the 2600 block of Holbrook.

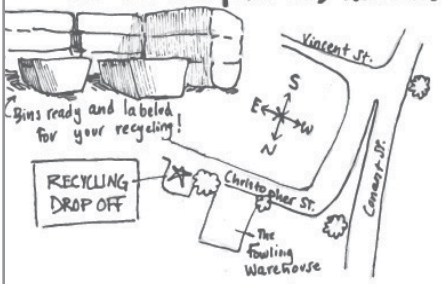
**Monday, July 6**

- A domestic assault was reported in the 11300 block of Fleming. Another incident was reported on Botsford.
- Fireworks complaints were made at Moran and Commor, and also on Fleming.
- Trespassing was reported in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.

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# Odds & Ends

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**Exploding ...** Well, the cyclosporiasis (SIGH-kloh-spore-EYE-uh-sis) parasite outbreak continues to rage in Southeastern Michigan with little sign of abating, but we’ve got some meaningful updates so we’re here to pass them, pardon the expression, along.

As of today, July 17, Michigan is in the midst of one of the larger outbreaks of recent years, with right around 3,800 cases reported. Just since June 1, there have been some 1,500 cases in these-here parts, with 44 people hospitalized with dehydration and other side effects.

Another almost-100 folks have been hospitalized as well in other states, but Michigan is putting them to shame so far, in a way nobody here wanted.

The issue is a parasite that is usually traced to poop-contaminated produce. In this case, the latest as-yet unconfirmed culprit may well be bagged lettuce from a company that unfortunately

supplies a lot of the fast-food chains in the U.S. Taco Bell proactively pulled its lettuce, as well as cilantro, guacamole and pico de gallo. Wendy’s has reportedly followed suit, and other chains are apparently considering similar preventative measures.

Another potential culprit being mentioned is raspberries. But most recent evidence seems to be pointing away from here.

Health authorities say that data compilation has been compromised by the Federal Government’s slashing of manpower and the ability to track such outbreaks at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

They advise that, if you have extreme digestive symptoms, such as explosive diarrhea, and suspect infection, you see a doctor, urgent care or even emergency room to get checked out.

One drug of choice for expediting relief is called co-trimoxazole, also known as trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMX-SMX), administered in a 7-10-day treatment regimen.

Untreated, symptoms can be much rougher, and persist for a month or more.

And you do not want that.



# City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?  
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on May 22 in a special meeting, and all councilmembers were in attendance. During public comment, Ahmed Sharaf Aldeen complained about Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury, saying he’s been disrespectful, and that he has filed a police complaint against him.

He requested the council take action to reprimand Choudhury, or threatened that he would contact the media.

Aldeen did not specify what Choudhury had allegedly done. However, in an email, Aldeen, speaking as the publisher of YUC news outlet, accused Councilmember Choudhury of paying more attention to his cellphone than to a presentation during a seminar hosted by the Michigan Municipal League.

Choudhury called that accusation a lie, and said that Aldeen had no business attending the seminar, and accused him of benefitting from city money to be at the seminar.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan later denied that any city money was used to have Aldeen attend the event.

Councilmember Choudhury said, “I have no idea what Mr. Ahmed (Aldeen)

is talking about.” He accused Aldeen of defaming him and posting an image of him as a clown on social media.

“You guys know how respectful I am. How much I care about the city and (how) much I respect our mayor, our city councilmembers – everybody,” Choudhury said.

“But Mr. Ahmed (Aldeen) is making it difficult and miserable and (creating) division in our community.”

Former Councilmember Khalil Refai urged the council to support a resolution to rescind the censure of Councilmember Saed. He also urged the council to permanently hire the new acting police chief, Hussein Farhat.

In new business, the council OK’d joining a legal challenge regarding the quality of drinking water provided to Hamtramck.

In another matter, the council agreed to be a part of a summer youth employment program sponsored by the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN).

The third item of council business involved rescinding the censure vote against Councilmember Yousuf Saed.

As to the council’s past action to censure him for a comment he made on social media about a couple of councilmembers, Saed said accountability “should be applied equally.”

Back in February, all but one councilmember,

Nayeem Choudhury, voted to censure Saed for an apparent disparaging comment he made on his Facebook page about some other councilmembers.

Just exactly what he said has never been made clear, but at the time it was suggested Saed had called some colleagues “clowns.”

Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri appeared to be the primary target of Saed’s comments.

Saed has insisted that what he said what not a putdown, and that his post, written in Arabic, was misinterpreted.

Saed said his comment “was not directed to anyone or insulting anyone. Today is not about me. It’s about fairness and common sense and

doing the right thing.” Councilmember Choudhury was critical of his colleagues.

“He did not deserve that censure for your personal reasons,” he said. “Don’t mix up your personal things with city official business.”

As for Alsomiri, he appeared to have smoothed out his relationship with Saed.

“I work with him many times,” Alsomiri said.

But then things took an unexpected turn, with Alsomiri lashing out: “I make a lot of bullsh-t from the people. A lot they talking a lot, bad word.”

The resolution to rescind the censure was passed.

In his report, Councilmember Choudhury said he had been a “respectful person in the community for 30 years.”

He criticized those who defame him in social media.

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# Obituaries

## HOMA

Carol Ann Homa, 78, died July 5, 2026.

Her funeral service is Friday, July 17, 2026, lying in state at 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m., at Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church, 2311 Pulaski, Hamtramck MI 48212. Interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

## KIRCHNER



Gregory Kirchner, 77, died July 11, 2026.

Born in Poznan, Poland in 1949, Greg is survived by his wife Tamara Sochacka. He is predeceased by his parents John and Ludwika. Gregory received his education here in Detroit at Wayne State University where he earned his degree in Physics. He became the executive assistant to the Library Board in Hamtramck and eventually the Finance Director of the Library.

Gregory Kirchner dedicated decades of his life to serving the Polish American community and the City of Hamtramck. His remarkable legacy of leadership and volunteerism included serving

was deeply committed to preserving Polish heritage, strengthening community institutions, and improving the lives of those around him. Whether through public service, philanthropy, business leadership, or historical preservation, he made a lasting impact that will be remembered for generations. Despite many opportunities to explore other places, Greg's profound love for Hamtramck kept him firmly rooted in the community he truly cherished.

The funeral service is Tuesday, July 21, 2026, lying in state at 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 10 a.m., at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Inurnment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 17100 Van Dyke, Detroit, MI 48234. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Greg's name, to the Friends of the Hamtramck Library.

## SERAFINO



Patricia Serafino (née Bunk), 89, died July 13, 2026.

Patricia was the wife of

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