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Quick Hits

City gets a hand in JC streetscape

By Charles Sercombe
 Jos. Campau's northend is about to get a new look.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) announced this week that it is awarding Hamtramck \$40,000 to redesign the streetscape of Jos. Campau, from Caniff to Carpenter, which is part of the city's main business section.

"The corridor currently lacks cohesive pedestrian infrastructure, safe crossings, and sufficient public amenities despite high foot traffic and commercial activity," SEMCOG said, in a press release, this week.

"This plan supports efforts to develop street-scapes, sidewalks, and public spaces along corridors that are welcoming, and improve access and connectivity for pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit users."

There is no word on when the work will begin, or what designs are being considered.

Mayor Adam Alharbi, as expected, welcomed the grant.

"Hamtramck is excited to use this opportunity to imagine what a better visitor and pedestrian experience could be like for this part of our downtown," he said.

Hamtramck was one of 13 communities and townships to receive financial awards that, in total, amounted to over \$500,000 in funding.

SEMCOG said the

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

TOAST of the TOWN

A splash of colors and cultures once again define Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

The FIFA World Cup was on the minds of many in town this weekend.

After several weeks of intense matchups and much handwringing by some rabid fans, for the final game on Sunday – Spain versus Argentina – residents came out to watch on the big screen at Keyworth Stadium.

The stadium is an appropriate setting since this is the home field, at least for another year, of the Detroit City Football Club.

Saturday was the DCFC's game day, and, yes, the hometown team won. You can read more about it by freelance writer Basmah Jabril on page 4.

Sunday's FIFA championship game was preceded by soccer coaching for the kids, provided by some of the staff with DCFC. Hamtramck definitely has some future stars coming up through the ranks.

At the 3 p.m. game time, all eyes were on THE game, and a steady stream of people filled part of the playing field – some of whom came prepared for the afternoon sun by providing their own shade with umbrellas.

Here's a curious factoid Toast came upon this past week: Umbrellas were originally made to block the sun and provide shade. And that's why you see people in town carrying umbrellas during summer's unforgiving afternoon sunshine.

Is that true? We learned it on the internet so it must be accurate, right?

Fortunately for those who attended, smoke from the Canadian wildfires had largely cleared out by Sunday, although the DCFC game, surprisingly, went ahead on Saturday despite the haze.

Hmmmm ... must be some dedicated players and fans.

Strangely, we heard one person this week blame Canada for purposely sending smoke our way. Um, not true, and if anyone who knows any Canadians, well, they are far too polite to do such a thing.

And, technically, the fire started in northern Minnesota and then spread to Canada. And also technically speaking, of course, Canada does not have the ability to direct which way the wind blows.

OK, enough of that. On Saturday, Toast unfortunately missed the annual colorful display by our Hindu community and their "Festival of Chariots."

This is a celebration of the "journey of Lord Jagannath (a form of Lord Vishnu), along with his siblings Lord Balabhadra and Goddess Subhadra, from their temple to another temple," – according,

once again, to the internet.

One of the traditions in this ceremony is to smash various fruits on the ground in a symbolic ritual to cleanse one of

negativity.

OK, we can hear the snark: Negativity in Hamtramck? No way!

We never cease to wonder at the colorful display

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Mayor says his lawsuit is not over

By Charles Sercombe

Mayor Adam Alharbi struck out in court attempting to put a halt to the firing of former city manager Adel Al-Adlani.

But the legal fight is not over, Alharbi told The Review.

"While the court denied our request for a temporary pause, let's be clear: this lawsuit is far from over, and the core of our case hasn't even been tried yet," Alharbi said.

Al-Adlani had been on the job for only four months. Mayor Alharbi championed his hiring despite Al-Adlani having no experience as a city manager.

In a contentious city council meeting on June 9, the mayor attempted to prevent a resolution to fire Al-Adlani from being included on the council agenda as a late add-on to the council agenda as the meeting began.

That resulted in a 40-minute argument about whether adding on the item so late was a violation of the city charter.

The mayor eventually relented, allowing the resolution to be added, and the council later agreed to fire the city manager, at the behest of Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, although no reason was given for the firing.

Alharbi didn't stop there. Several days after the meeting, he held a press conference in Zussman Park, across the street from city hall, along with his attorney, Nabih Ayad, to blast the council's action.

Former city manager Al-Adlani has since filed a lawsuit against the city over his firing.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Leslie Kim Smith denied Alharbi's emergency motion to suspend the firing until his full lawsuit could be heard.

Judge Smith rejected the four reasons cited in Alharbi's lawsuit arguing why the council violated the city charter.

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Alharbi’s main point was the city charter provision that gives only him and the city manager the authority to set the agenda. But Judge Smith noted that the council’s own rules allow exceptions to include last-minute items on an agenda.

That exception requires at least two-thirds support from councilmembers. Only Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury objected to the last-minute inclusion of the Al-Adlani firing.

In her reasoning, Judge Smith said that the council’s rules prevail over the city charter.

“This begs the question, what is the purpose of a rule that allows the council to suspend the rules, if it is not allowed to take action after the suspension?” Judge Smith said.

A suspension of the rules in this manner has become a common practice of councilmembers seeking to call for a vote to add a new item to the agenda, which requires a two-thirds vote of approval.



In June, Mayor Adam Alharbi (left) held a press conference in Zussman Park announcing his lawsuit against the city council over firing former city manager Adel Al-Adlani. His lawsuit was dealt a setback in a recent court ruling.

The council commonly calls for a “suspension of the law” when taking this action.

Alharbi’s lawsuit puts City Attorney Odey Meroueh in the seemingly awkward position of being an adversary of the mayor.

It comes at a time when the mayor is trying to seek bids for legal services because of increasing legal fees.

In defense, Meroueh said the city’s legal bills keep piling up because of past actions by the mayor and council.

Alharbi is funding his

own attorney, but Meroueh is paid by taxpayers.

Although Alharbi says there is more to come in his lawsuit, Judge Smith seemed to cast doubt it would gain traction.

One of the headings in her ruling on a key part of Alharbi’s lawsuit read: “Plaintiff (Alharbi) has not proven he is likely to prevail on the merits” of his claims.

City Attorney Meroueh underscored the meaning of the ruling:

“The case is not over, but the ruling speaks for itself. They asked the court

to undo the Council’s decision, and the court declined on all four factors, including their likelihood of success on the merits. That is not a technicality; that is the court weighing their case and finding it unlikely to prevail.”

Alharbi told The Review that there is more at stake than the firing of the city manager. He said he filed his lawsuit “because the public is tired of last-minute resolutions being ambushed onto meeting agendas for narrow personal interests.”

Alharbi continued:

“Residents deserve to know what their local government is voting on before the gavel comes down, not after. We need transparency, proper notice, and respect for the rules.

“This is about making sure city hall works for the people of Hamtramck, not a select few behind closed doors, and we are going to keep fighting this battle as the lawsuit moves forward.”

GM summer interns pay tribute to city’s cultures

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck has a new mural here in town at Pulaski Park.

And we can thank student interns with the General Motors Student Corps – a summer program that has employed students here for about 13 years.

We’ll let Alexis Miller explain this latest project by students in the summer program:

This week, a team of eight Hamtramck High School students completed a vibrant new mural in Pulaski Park.

Through the General Motors Student Corps (GMSC) program, students selected several projects to complete over the summer, serving their community by addressing issues they are most passionate about.

The students decided during the first week of June which projects they would like to take on throughout their summer. Since then, the team has



This year’s GM summer interns pose in front of a mural they created in Pulaski Park.

worked tirelessly to ensure that Hamtramck’s public spaces become more beautiful through artwork, litter cleanups, and volunteering with the city for Grow Hamtramck.

The mural at Pulaski Park features signature infrastructure seen throughout Hamtramck, brought to life with lively colors that reflect the family-friendly park Hamtramck residents know and love, as well as the beauty of the city itself.

Student artist and designer Laith Mohamed received approval for his design from the Hamtramck School Board. The team then worked with a well-known artist in the metro-Detroit area, Dennis Orlowski, who provided counseling through the mural process. After that, the students painted through the bliste-

ring heat wave to ensure the mural was completed before the end of the program.

When Laith Mohamed, a senior at Hamtramck High School, was asked what project he was most proud of, he answered, “I am most proud of the mural because it lets us leave a mark on Hamtramck for years to come.”

The students’ impact doesn’t stop there! The students donated 525 pounds of food to the local Friendship House, helping 112 families in late June. Marwah Ahmed, a rising junior, said her favorite experience with GMSC has been volunteering at the Friendship House.

She said, “Having a direct impact on the people who need it made me happy.”

They’ve also made an impact by knocking on 200 doors for Grow Hamtramck. Additionally, as part of their park beautification efforts, the students repaired and painted the Holbrook Park library door for elementary students across the street to enjoy, and they will be tabling at the Veterans Park Litter Cleanup on July 23.

For the Veterans Park Litter Cleanup, the students will be offering prizes and ice cream to participants who fill trash bags with litter collected around the park.

Their goal?

To empower the Hamtramck community to take ownership of its parks and streets, by encouraging everyone to help keep the environment clean.

The 2026 General Motors Student Corps Team consists of the following Hamtramck High School students:

- Marwah Ahmed
- Tahani Ahmed
- Adam Buciek
- Camryn Gilbert
- Michael Gray Jr.
- Tamima Islam
- Md Miah
- Laith Mohamed

(Alexis Miller is the Program Specialist for Hamtramck General Motors Student Corps.)

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plays of clothing worn during this celebration, as well as the chants, and heck, the whole spectacle.

We’ve said it a million times before; it’s moments like this that make Hamtramck such a crazy

and wonderful mosaic of cultures.

As the poet Robert Frost wrote, and the film “The Outsiders” made even better-known: “Stay golden.”

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.

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Fireworks should not come at the expense of safety

By Rev. Dr. Dorthéa Enríque Thomas

Every summer, fireworks become part of celebrations across Michigan. While many families enjoy them responsibly, the increasing use of late-night fireworks in residential neighborhoods has become more than an inconvenience; it has become a public safety concern.

As a homeowner, mother and resident of Hamtramck, I have become increasingly concerned about the impact that fireworks have on our neighborhoods.

My concerns are not rooted in opposition to celebration or tradition. Rather, they stem from a desire to protect our homes, our children, our pets, and the peace of the community we all share.

One of my greatest concerns is fire safety. Fireworks are inherently hazardous because they involve explosives, sparks, and open flames. In neighborhoods where homes are located close together, a single misdirected firework has the potential to ignite a roof, garage, fence, tree, or other combustible materials.

It only takes one accident to cause devastating consequences for multiple families.

As homeowners, many of us invest significant time and resources into maintaining our properties. We install smoke detectors, replace aging equipment, carry homeowners insurance, and work to eliminate fire hazards around our homes.

It is frustrating to know that despite taking these precautions, an indi-

vidual's decision to discharge fireworks irresponsibly could place our families and property at unnecessary risk.

The issue extends beyond fire hazards. Repeated fireworks late into the evening create significant noise disturbances for families with young children and pets.

Parents often spend considerable effort establishing healthy bedtime routines, only to have those routines disrupted by loud explosions long after dark. Sleep is essential for children's health, learning, and emotional well-being.

Our pets also suffer. Dogs, cats, and other animals frequently experience fear and anxiety during fireworks displays. Many pet owners have witnessed their animals trembling, hiding, or attempting to escape because of the sudden and unpredictable noise.

Animal shelters across the country routinely report increases in lost pets during periods of heavy fireworks use because frightened animals flee their homes.

These impacts deserve consideration as part of any discussion about neighborhood quality of life.

In Hamtramck, the issue is even more straightforward. The discharge of consumer fireworks is generally prohibited within the city under local ordinance, reflecting a policy judgment that the risks and disruptions outweigh the benefits in a densely populated community.

Local laws exist to promote public safety, reduce fire hazards, and preserve neighborhood

peace. They are most effective when residents understand and voluntarily comply with them.

This is not a call to eliminate celebrations. Rather, it is a call for responsible celebrations that respect both the law and our neighbors. Public fireworks displays conducted by trained professionals provide families with opportunities to celebrate while minimizing many of the risks associated with backyard fireworks.

Strong communities are built on mutual respect. That respect includes recognizing that our actions affect those around us.

Choosing not to discharge fireworks in residential neighborhoods is a simple way to demonstrate consideration for children trying to sleep, veterans and others who may be sensitive to loud explosions, pet owners caring for frightened animals, and neighbors who simply want to feel safe in their own homes.

As residents, we all share responsibility for protecting our community. By following local ordinances, exercising good judgment, and considering the well-being of others, we can celebrate holidays in ways that are both enjoyable and safe.

Our homes should be places of peace, not places where families worry about fire hazards, startled children, frightened pets, or unnecessary late-night disturbances.

Community safety begins with individual responsibility, and every resident has a role to play in preserving the quality of life that makes Hamtramck a great place to live.

Letters • Letters • Letters

Recreation program is the ‘beating heart’ of community

I am writing to urge my fellow residents to vote “YES” on the recreation millage renewal this upcoming election.

Our parks and recreational facilities are the beating heart of our community. They offer safe, accessible spaces for our children to play, families to gather, and neighbors to connect.

Over the years, the wear

and tear on our facilities has become undeniable. Passing this millage provides the necessary funding to maintain and upgrade these vital assets.

It means we can improve our youth, teen and senior programs and update playground equipment and build new recreation spaces. When we invest in recreation, we invest in

our own quality of life.

We are creating a vibrant, healthy, and welcoming environment for residents of all ages and abilities. Let's come together to protect these spaces for future generations.

Please join me in voting YES for recreation. This is NOT a tax increase!

Rebecca Campbell
Hamtramck

Odds & Ends

Community bike ride ...

Grab your bike and take a free tour of the city in a group bike ride this Friday evening, July 24, with your host the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy.

The ride leaves at 6 p.m. sharp, we are told, and you can meet up at the east parking lot of Veterans Park, which is located just east of the baseball stadium.

Don't have a bike?

No problem, because Hub of Detroit is offering bikes for you to use, absolutely for free.

And, for those who'd like to add some streamers to their handlebars, the Conservancy will provide the materials to create your own, a pre-ride activity that starts at 5 p.m.

Author, author! ...

Author Joel Walkowski paints himself as a lovable loser – who's determined to win.

And he has a burning desire to see his beloved Detroit Lions football team win someday, as well.

His new book is titled, “Honolulu Blues: How Loving a Losing Football Team Created a Winning Man.”

It's published by Matt Holt Books, a subsidiary of BenBella Books, and distributed by Simon & Schuster. It just came out on July 14, in hardcover, and costs \$30.

He'll be appearing to promote the book tonight, Friday, July 24 at Book Suey, on the southwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff.

Stressed? ...

If you're feeling stressed these days – and considering the world situation, who isn't? – it turns out your fellow residents in Michigan are also feeling it.

A recent study by a supplement manufacturer called Enclave BioActives puts the state of Michigan in the top 10 of most stressed-out states in the nation.

The study, which took in data from all the states except Tennessee (or failed to report on them) was based on an algorithm of three separate factors: Self-assessed general health, previously diagnosed depressive or mood disorders, and level of exercise over the previous 30 days.

Michigan came in at number 8 most-stressed, with a score of 64.77, significantly below seventh-place Alabama (72.05) and in a virtual dead heat with ninth-place Indiana (64.76).

The top 10:

1. West Virginia (96.20 – Yikes! Avoid! Avoid!)
2. Kentucky (85.14)
3. Arkansas (80.53)
4. Louisiana (78.79)
5. Oklahoma (74.37)
6. Mississippi (74.19)
7. Alabama (72.05)
8. Michigan (64.77)
9. Indiana (64.76)
10. Ohio (62.07)

The geographically astute among you will notice the states tend to cluster around each other, 1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 8-10.

For comparison, the five least-stressed, per this survey:

45. South Dakota (28.74)
 46. Colorado (28.50)
 47. Massachusetts (26.01)
 48. Connecticut (24.76)
 49. New Jersey (20.90)
- Again, clustering 45-46, 47-48.

But if you're going to tell us New Jersey – New Jersey?!? – is the least stressed state in the whole country – the state with the densest population per capita, significantly more than second place Rhode Island – and all those mobsters running wild, well, we're going to start to smell a... rat?

Anyway. If you're feeling stressed, Michigander, get thee to a punching bag, a drum set or a box of old China to throw at the basement wall or else, a rocking chair.

Cheaper than a shrink, and way more fun to boot.

Congressional age limit?

... Congress has always been sort of an Old Folks Home for aging legislators, and there is increasing talk of establishing a mandatory retirement age.

Consider Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, 92, who recently referred to acting Attorney General Todd Blanche as “Mr. Branch.”

He also referred to fellow Democrats in Congress, as “Democarts” – and, apparently, that wasn't meant as a slur.

And then you have the mysterious disappearance of longtime Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell, who refers to himself as the “Grim Reaper” as a reference to his unique ability to have blocked hundreds of bills that the Democrats have sent to the Senate during his tenure.

McConnell is now 84 years old, and has not been seen for over a month since being taken by ambulance to a hospital. Even before

this latest medical event, McConnell was sometimes blanking out in mid-sentence, and having to be ushered away by staffmembers.

His staffmembers insist he's on the mend, but refuse to allow anyone to physically see him to verify whether he is actually alive or dead.

And there are a number of fellow congressional members, and members of the public too, who suspect he's dead, and believe his staff is lying about his health status.

Come on Mitch: if you're still around, reveal yourself.

Family celebration ...

The Winn, Bryant and Gilmore Family recently celebrated 55 years of reunions.

There's a connection to Hamtramck.

Hamtramck fashion designer Jalyssa Granger-Smith, who owns The Fashion Station, showcased her couture designs during the reunion banquet.

Jalyssa is the great-granddaughter of Claretter Bryant Gilmore, who was a cotton farmer in Forkland, Alabama.

The family was part of a historic migration of southern Blacks: The children of Sam and Charlotte Bryant were part of the Great Migration, the years between 1910-1970 when over five million African-Americans left southern states for industrial cities in the North/Northeast, or else moved out west.

Congratulations!

Mothers' helper ...

Good news for Hamtramck women who are expecting a new baby, or who recently welcomed a new baby.

There is now financial assistance for those who qualify, from a program by Rx Kids Hamtramck.

We'll let the organization explain the details:

“Eligible mothers can receive \$1,500 during pregnancy and \$500 every month until their baby turns 12 months old – with no restrictions on how you spend the money. Use it for baby supplies, rent, utilities, groceries, transportation, or whatever your family needs most.”

To qualify, you must be a Hamtramck or eligible Michigan resident, be at least 16 weeks pregnant to receive the initial \$1,500 payment, or have a baby

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers July 8-13.

Wednesday, July 8

- At 11:30 p.m., a complaint was made about fireworks in the 2300 block of Botsford.
- A complaint was made about noise in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- At 1:30 a.m., a complaint was made about a juvenile in the area of Buffalo and Evaline.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 11500 block of Dequindre.

Thursday, July 9

- No incident report was available for this date.

Friday, July 10

- At 11:30 p.m., reckless drivers were reported in the area of Charest and Casmere. At 12:30 a.m., reckless drivers were reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Holbrook.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 5100 block of Belmont.
- Suspicious males were reported in the 11420 block of Klinger.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3800 block of Caniff.
- A business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
- A domestic assault

was reported in the 5100 block of Yemans.

Saturday, July 11

- At midnight, a complaint was made about noise in the 2300 block of Grayling.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Lumpkin.
- A break-in was reported in the 11300 block of Fleming.
- At 3:30 a.m., a complaint was made about fireworks in the area of Holbrook and Conant.
- An attempted auto theft was reported in the 12100 block of Sobieski.
- A business in the 2000 block of Caniff reported trouble with a customer.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 11700 block of Sobieski.

Sunday, July 12

- At 3:30 a.m., family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- Two female suspects were arrested on Dyar for fighting.
- Family trouble was reported on Prescott. Family trouble was also reported in the 12000 block of St. Aubin.
- A suspect was arrested in the 3500 block of Carpenter for assault.
- A complaint was

made about fireworks in the 2300 block of Botsford.

Monday, July 13

- A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Lumpkin and Caniff. A complaint was also made about an animal in the 11300 block of Fleming.
- A business on Holbrook reported trouble with a customer.
- A theft was reported

- on Jos. Campau.
- An incident of fraud was reported on Jos. Campau.
- A stolen vehicle was recovered on Conant.
- A suspect was arrested on Edwin for a domestic incident.
- An incident of fraud was reported in the 9400 block of Mitchell.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 2700 block of Evaline.

Despite hazy smoke, DCFC defeats Indy Eleven, 2-0

By Basmah Jabril

Special to The Review

Before kickoff, the smoke hanging over Keyworth Stadium from the Canadian wildfires gave the evening sky an unusual haziness.

It was 84 degrees, the seats were packed, and supporters didn't seem to care one bit about the weather. They came to sing, chant, wave scarves, and make life as difficult as possible for Indy Eleven.

For an entire half, they had only one complaint: Detroit City FC simply could not hit the back of the other net.

That frustration finally disappeared at the 47th minute.

Rafael Mentzingen scored the breakthrough goal early in the second half before setting up Maxi Rodriguez just minutes later, as Detroit City FC defeated Indy Eleven, 2-0, Saturday night at Keyworth Stadium.

The victory gives Le Rouge an important three points in the USL Championship Eastern Conference standings.

From the opening whistle, Detroit looked determined to control the pace. Possession stayed heavily in Detroit's favor for much of the first half. The ball was being moved confidently by DCFC, but the breakthrough wouldn't yet come.

A promising chance in the seventh minute drifted away from the goal, which drew a collective groan from the stands.

Moments later, another Detroit player appeared to be shoved off the ball, but no penalty was awarded. The negative reaction from the DCFC supporters was immediate.

Let's just say the referee became one of the least popular people inside Keyworth.

Indy Eleven responded with a corner try in the ninth minute, but Detroit's defense stood firm. Another Indy opportunity in the 10th minute was calmly handled by the goalkeeper, who looked steady throughout the evening.

The match quickly settled into a pattern where Detroit controlled possession and created opportunities, only to have the Indy goalkeeper keep finding ways to stop them.

You could almost hear the question lingering in the air: "When will this goalkeeper be beat?"

A shot in the 13th minute missed its target; another effort from Ates Diouf was safely collected in the 17th minute; and another promising attempt two minutes later ended with yet another save.

By then, you could feel the anticipation building. Every shot that failed to cross the line produced louder sighs.

But, despite Detroit's efforts, halftime arrived with the scoreboard still reading 0-0.

The feeling around the stadium was one of impatience – but, also, hope. They just needed one more real chance at that

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City gets a hand in JC streetscape

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upgrade is part of an overall strategy to "help move regional plans and priorities forward in Southeast Michigan."

The projects address:

- Transportation accessibility, safety, and multimodal corridor planning
- Streetscapes and pedestrian-focused place-making planning
- Trails and greenways planning
- Stormwater management planning

(SEMCOG is an organization in Southeast Michigan comprised of the local governments of seven connected counties – Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Livingston, St. Clair, and Monroe – which addresses regional challenges, and aims to enhance the quality of life for the region's 4.8 million people.)

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Odds & Ends

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between 1 and 6 months old, to enroll for the monthly payments. Other eligibility requirements apply.

So far, 211 Hamtramck babies have already received or are receiving this support, and funding is available through December 2029.

Program information is available at Hamtramck City Hall in English, Arabic, and Bengali.

To learn more or to apply, visit RxKids.org. For questions, call the Hamtramck Community and Economic Development Department at (313) 800-5233, extension 818.

Decode this? ... Recently, former mayor Amer Ghalib posted some rather cryptic messages on his Facebook page that had some in town

wondering who he was referencing.

One of the posts said: “The first priority of an elected official is to deliver on the promises they made so they can win the next election, not to act as if there will never be another election!”

The first impression was whether he was talking about his boss, President Trump.

And, in another mysterious message, he said:

“If you expect me to agree with you on everything – or else label me an enemy or accuse me of not being loyal enough – I have a simple response: go to hell.

“I’m a leader, not a follower. I don’t believe in herd mentality.”

So, who the heck is he talking about?

Turns out, no one in particular.

“It’s just a general reminder to all elected officials at all levels: local, state, and federal,” Ghalib told The Review.

Well thanks for clearing that up, Mr. Ghalib.

But are you sure your boss, or his inner staff, won’t interpret that another way?

Ghalib did let it be known that “I believe the president” when Trump said: “Without America, Israel won’t exist.”

What Ghalib didn’t include in what Trump said about Israel is what he said next, which happened at the G7 summit in France back in June. Here is the full quote:

“Without the United States, there would be no Israel. Without me, there would be no Israel, because no other president was willing to do what I did.”

Takes on a different meaning, right?

Absentee ballots update ... With the Aug. 4 primary election just around the corner, those who are still holding onto their absentee ballots should avoid mailing them out.

Instead, it’s better, at this point, to ensure that your ballot will be counted by dropping it off at the clerk’s office in city hall, or in the drop-off box located across from city hall.

Why? As many have experienced lately, mail delivery has been unreliable, and so, given that, your ballot might not be delivered in time.

Play it safe at this point, and hand deliver your ballot. And keep in mind, it’s illegal for someone else to handle your ballot unless they are a family member, or someone living in your household, or else the city clerk or their designated assistant.

Despite hazy smoke, DCFC defeats Indy Eleven, 2-0

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goal. And it took less than two minutes after halftime to come.

In the 47th minute, Aidan Stanley delivered a perfectly timed pass that found Rafael Mentzingen, who finished, to put Detroit ahead 1-0.

Keyworth exploded, Le Rouge supporters jumping from their seats.

If the first goal released the tension, the second unleashed a celebration of relief, when, only five minutes later, Mentzingen assisted Maxi Rodriguez, who doubled Detroit’s advantage in the 52nd minute.

Instead of chasing the game, Detroit could finally settle in and play with confidence.

Here and there, Indy attempted to respond, but Detroit’s defense continually made it impossible.

Whether supporters agreed with every game decision or not, one thing remained consistent throughout the evening: They never stopped making noise. The chants echoed through the stadium from kickoff until the final whistle. Every missed Indy opportunity brought another round of cheers from the home supporters.

Indy earned several corners during the second half, but struggled to pose any true threat to Detroit. A promising attack in the

70th minute was denied by Detroit defenders before it could truly test the goalkeeper.

Bruno Rendón continued pressing relentlessly for Indy, repeatedly trying to create something out of nothing. While the scoreline didn’t favor him, his persistence stood out throughout the match, as he remained in attack mode until the very end.

When the final whistle sounded, the celebration belonged entirely to Le Rouge.

Detroit finished the night with a clean defensive sheet, two second-half goals, and another important home victory in front of one of the louder crowds in the USL Championship world.

The performance wasn’t flawless. Detroit spent much of the first half pressing for a goal, but repeatedly found its shots blocked or saved.

The team finds itself fighting near the top of the Eastern Conference standings; on this night, it was patience and persistence that ultimately paid off.

And, for the supporters who spent 90 minutes cheering for their team, it ultimately became another unforgettable night at Keyworth Stadium.

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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, August 25, 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 Sami Elhady at selhady@hamtramckcity.gov before 12:00 p.m. on August 25, 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 August 11, 2026.

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Trump administration ramps up election fraud claims

"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."

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