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Quick Hits

A day of remembrance for 9/11

By Charles Sercombe

As many of us are aware, today, Friday, Sept. 11, 2026 is the 25th anniversary of one of the worst days in our country's long history.

That is, of course, the date when Islamic jihadist terrorists hijacked four planes, flying two of them into the World Trade Center north and south towers in New York City, causing both to ultimately collapse; flying another one into the Pentagon; and seeing the fourth crashed into a Pennsylvania field.

In all, over 3,000 first responders, employees in the buildings, passengers and crew on the planes, and many others died that day.

We join the rest of the country in communal mourning.

American has not been quite the same since that fateful day.

Former Tigers player Ike Blessitt honored

This Saturday (Sept. 12) will be a great day at the old ball park.

And it's for a worthy cause.

That's when Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium, located on the back fields of Veterans Park, will honor former Detroit Tigers and Hamtramck native Ike Blessitt.

And he will be honored in a most appropriate way – via baseball games, starting at noon and going until they're "long gone."

Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew member and event organizer Dave 'Mez' Mesrey had this to say about the special day.

"Come enjoy an afternoon of baseball and fun, with a matinee match featuring two teams composed of Ike's Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp alumni and players from the Detroit Men's Senior Baseball League, as they battle it out on the ballfield at Norman 'Turkey' Stearns."

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Hamtramck gives a long goodbye to summer in yearly bash

By Charles Sercombe

Neither a tornado on Thursday nor what looked like an all-day rain on Friday could delay this year's Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

Hamtramck's annual end-of-the-summer blast was spared from Mother Nature's own blowout.

Barely. The weekend actually turned out to feature picture-perfect weather, with plenty of sun (but not too hot). Not to mention: non-stop live bands, tasty food, great people-watching, and plenty of cold suds.

The highlight of the weekend was – as it always is – the canoe race, held on Monday at high noon on Jos. Campau.

By now, the concept of a canoe race on pavement is pretty much known to all, but in case you're a newbie, it involves any contraption, often made fanciful in an Austin-Texas-type weird creative way, that's on wheels and being pushed by real live human beings.

No robots here, thank you. At least, not yet.

And, of course, there is an army of seemingly otherwise-sane people armed with loads of water balloons and soaker guns, ready to commit H2O atrocities.

In other words, if you came to observe, you agreed to get wet – whether you wanted to or not.

Amazingly, it never appears that anyone gets seriously injured slip-sliding their way down the wet pavement. But, guaranteed, you end up picking out pieces of balloon fragments from your clothing and hair the rest of the day.

How do pieces of balloons end up in the

cuff of one's pants?

Afterward, because Hamtramckans are polite, the balloon debris is picked up by the crowd. One out-of-town observer noted about the carnage cleanup: "What a great example to set for the kids" – and they meant it.

Former city councilmember Joe Strzalka put it this way, on Facebook:

"As they say in Guatemala: 'Una vez el año, no le hace daño.' Once a year does no harm."

After that water balloon fight, it was time to get a good perch for the Hamtramck Labor Day Parade that also travels down Jos. Campau – a hometown specialty that should make any Hamtramckan proud of their city.

The parade used to be a magnet for local, county, state and national politicians. That tradition has largely disappeared, but Abdul El-Sayed, the Democratic candidate vying to be a U.S. Senator from Michigan, did join in.

El-Sayed was accompanied by a phalanx of supporters carrying a campaign banner, while he passed out candy to the spectators.

Our only complaint about the parade is: More, please.

There is so much yet to say about the festival. It really is more than any one person can take in or experience. So

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Councilmembers sued over Conant sale

By Charles Sercombe

Two councilmembers are saying "Not so fast" to the city's recent sale of three Conant properties.

Councilmembers Yousuf Saed and Mohammed Alsomiri filed a lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court against fellow councilmembers Muh-tasin Sadman and Abu Musa for voting to approve the sale of the city-owned properties.

Saed and Alsomiri accuse the pair of being related to one of the buyers, and also of failing to disclose their conflict of interest.

The councilmembers are seeking to prevent the transfer of the properties, and also accuse Sadman and Musa of violating the city's ethics ordinance.

The Conant properties include the former Kabob House restaurant. The properties were sold to former owners Musamat Begum, Shaker Uddin Sadeak and Nehar Begum Nessa.

The name of which former owner who is allegedly related was not disclosed.

The former owners lost their properties due to delinquent property taxes.

Saed and Alsomiri are also contending that the councilmembers sold the properties at far below their true market values. Some critics of the sale say the three properties are worth a total of \$400,000. The former owners were charged \$100,000 total.

"Under Michigan law," says attorney Mark Wasvary in the lawsuit, "a public officer who has a direct or indirect personal, familial or financial interest in a matter before a public body may not vote on that matter, and government action adopted through the vote(s) of a conflicted official is voidable at the instance of an interested party."

Musa and Sadman were joined in approving the sale by Councilmembers Nayeem Choudhury and Mohammed Hassan, while Councilmembers Saed and Alsomiri were opposed.

Mayor Adam Alharbi was not required to vote on the resolution approving the sale.

Without the support of Musa and Sadman, the sale would have failed.

The Review reached out to Musa and Sadman, via Facebook Messenger, for comment but they did not respond.

The lawsuit is part of

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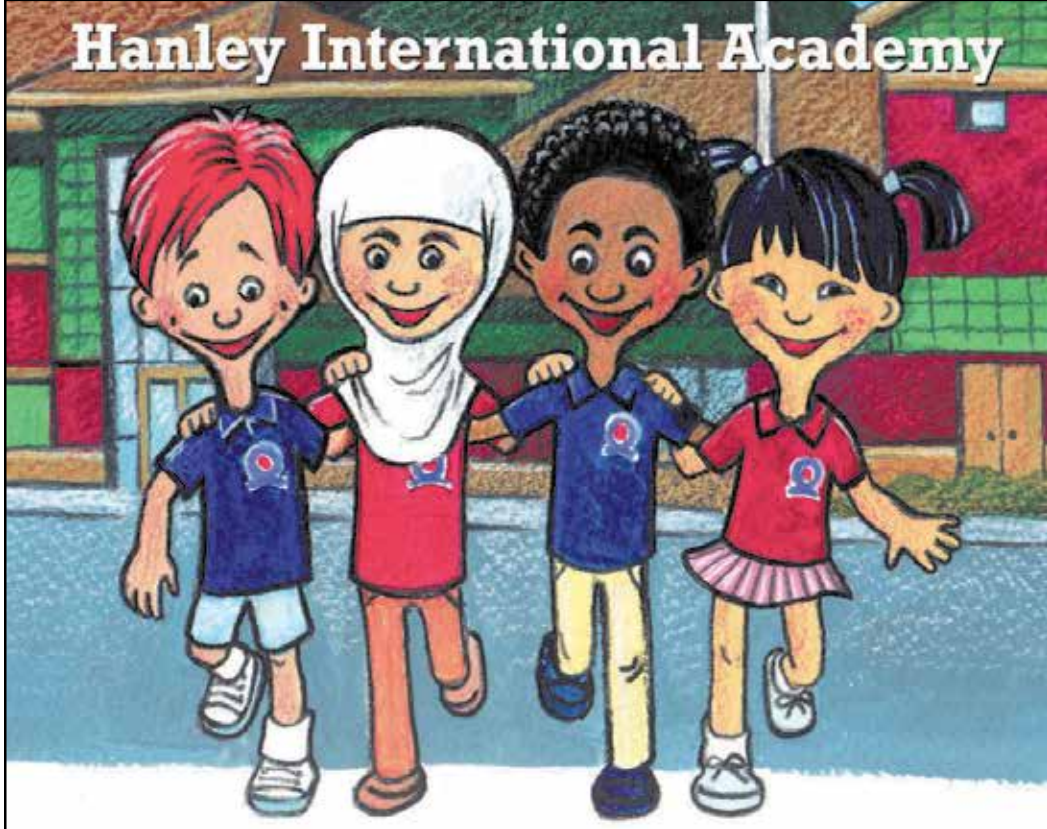
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an apparent ongoing political and ethnic division in the all-male, all-Muslim council.

Councilmember Alsomiri previously filed an ethics violation against Mayor Alharbi, accusing him of orchestrating a voting maneuver to have council authorize taxpayers to pay his \$200,000 legal bill.

That legal bill stems from an unsuccessful attempt to prevent 37 uncounted ballots from being counted in last November's city election.

Mayor Alharbi dismissed Alsomiri's allegation as "baseless," and questioned his motives.

The council has also voted recently to censure Councilmembers Hassan and Choudhury, but those resolutions were later rescinded.

All these back-and-forth actions underscore the arguments and squabbling among councilmembers during council meetings and, reportedly, in closed sessions as well.

On top of all this, Ham-

tramck may soon have a new mayor. That's because, after a months-long legal dispute between Mayor Alharbi and his mayoral challenger, former councilmember Muhih Mahmood, from last November's city election, the Michigan Court of Appeals has cleared the way for 37 uncounted ballots from that election to now be counted.

That could result in Mahmood being named the actual winner in that election. Alharbi has been

in office for just eight months.

Alharbi is also suing the council over its decision to fire former city manager Adel Al-Adlani.

Al-Adlani has, himself, also filed a lawsuit against the city over his firing.

Nor is he alone in suing the city. Former city manager Max Garbarino and former police investigator David Adamczyk are also suing the city after they, too, were fired by a previous version of the city council.

September is National Preparedness Month: Are you prepared?

By Matthew Wyszczelski
Hamtramck Fire Chief

Disasters can happen at any time, and the strong storms and tornado that struck Metro Detroit last week were a sharp reminder of that reality for all of us in Hamtramck.

On Sept. 3, an EF-2 tornado with winds up to 115 miles per hour carved a 3.5-mile path across Detroit's east side, marking the city's first confirmed tornado since the late 1990s.

Back on July 2, 1997, an F2 tornado tore through Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck, injuring around 90 people and causing nearly \$100 million in damage – including homes in our city that lost roofs or were shifted from their foundations.

Today's storms may be better tracked and warned

for than they were in 1997, but they are just as capable of disrupting daily life, which is why being ready before the sirens sound is so important for every household.

September is Disaster Preparedness Month, and this year's theme is "Americans Stand Ready" – and that includes all of us here in Hamtramck.

Every household should have an emergency preparedness kit with enough supplies to last for several days.

At a minimum, that means at least one gallon of water per person per day, a several-day supply of non-perishable foods, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, a first aid kit, a flashlight, dust masks or N-95 masks to protect your lungs from smoke or debris, basic tools or a multitool, and a personal hygiene kit (including towelettes, sanitizer, and feminine products or diapers if needed), along with spare batteries, a cell phone charger, or a power bank.

Keep your kit in one easy-to-reach place and check it every six months to replace expired items and recharge power banks.

Beyond a household kit, each person should also have a personal kit, or "go-bag," ready to grab if you need to leave home quickly. A go-bag should include spare clothing and eyeglasses (if needed), prescription medicines,

photocopies of important papers, some cash or traveler's checks, a small mess kit with cups, plates, and silverware, matches and candles, and a blanket or sleeping bag. If you have children, older adults, or pets at home, make sure each go-bag includes what they specifically need, so you're not scrambling during an emergency.

These kits are a starting point; every family should look at their unique needs and add items accordingly. There are many online resources available to help you build and customize your plans, including Ready.gov, RedCross.org, FEMA.gov, and CDC.gov, where you'll find guides

and printable checklists for different types of disasters.

You can also check Hamtramck's city website and Wayne County emergency management pages for local alerts, shelter information, and other community resources specific to our area.

Talk with your family and neighbors about where you'll meet, how you'll stay in touch, and who might need extra assistance if severe weather strikes.

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A big round of applause for the festival

Chalk up a big win for Hamtramck.

Last weekend's late summer blowout, known as the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival, was another huge success.

And credit for that success goes to the unpaid volunteers who spent the year planning, and then pulling off, another party of the year.

The festival, which has been happening for 46 years now – think about that! – has seen a lot of ups and downs. But despite resistance from some in the community, and from city councilmembers, it all went off

without a hitch.

And Hamtramck shone.

The three-day festival provided a diverse offering of live music, great food and interesting vendors selling vintage clothing and crafts, as well as other unique items.

Best of all, it was all homegrown and folksy. If we had one complaint, and we say this every year, it's that the City of Hamtramck doesn't help fund the festival, and so, instead, festival volunteers have to rely on fundraising.

Tens of thousands of

people visited the city for the festival, as they do every year, buoyed this time by almost ideal weather. That's something the city should be financially supporting.

Unlike our suburban neighbor to the north, Hamtramck keeps it real, while Royal Oak's Arts, Beats & Eats offers nothing more than overly commercialized blandness.

The festival has also inspired other folks to throw their own festivals in the city, to which we say: the more the merrier.

Photographer focuses on Hamtramck life ‘large or small’

By Alan Madlane

Jon Sniezek is a local street photographer who is currently exhibiting some of his work at Passenger Recovery, 3911 Christopher St. just outside the city's southeastern border.

We caught up with Jon by email to talk about his work.

The Review: What is your relationship with the city of Hamtramck? Were you born here, did you grow up or go to school here, etc.?

Jon Sniezek: Both sides of my family immigrated here between 1905-1910 from Poland. I was born here, lived on Charest until I was 4, and then my father moved my siblings and me out to New Baltimore, so I never attended the schools.

I would visit the open house events with my cousins from time-to-time when we were still close. My father stayed in Hamtramck while he paid for my family's house. He stayed in my grandmother's one-bedroom apartment on Belmont.

We still attended city events, even after the Polish Festival became the Labor Day Festival. One of my favorite events to attend and photograph each year!

The Review: How long

have you been making photographs? What types of photography have you done or worked with in the past?

Sniezek: I've been making (photographic) work around the city since 2018, the same time I started making photographs. My father maintained a few properties in the city, and I always brought my Polaroid camera with me.

I've worked with instant film, 35mm to large-format sheet film. Digital was my choice when I started to document events in the city, though I have intentions to shoot (on) film for as long as Kodak still produces it.

The Review: When did you decide to mount an exhibition of your work? Was it your idea, or did someone else suggest it to you?

Sniezek: Earlier this year, I think? Timothy Price had opened a new gallery inside of the new Passenger Recovery center, and because of our connection together, he wanted to put up my work as a proper show. He's the one who got me directly involved with the Hamtramck Arts & Culture Commission.

The Review: Was there a decided-upon theme for the exhibition, or is it really just a collec-

tion of your photos from various time periods? An overview of where your work stands at this point, sort of thing?

Sniezek: No decided theme. I have thousands of frames from in and around the city from the last six or seven years. Tim really let me (put up) whatever, but I really wanted to focus on my day-to-day perspective of the city as I moved around it.

I never leave the house without my camera for simple errands.

The Review: Who were, and are, some of your influences, either in the realm of photography, or from outside of it? Do you apply any of their ideas or concepts to your own work?

Sniezek: I encourage anyone to look into a few (of the) photographers that have inspired me. All have been recommended to me by my professors at CCS, as they saw my work take shape. I'll just list three for now:

- Robert Frank: His bluntness of showing truth in the everyday documenting (of) the United States from an immigrant's perspective.
- William Eggleston: His color photography broke the fine-art photography world and (he) chose to beautify "boring places" through color.

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Odds & Ends

End of an era ... Once again, the old Paycheck's bar on Caniff – where countless bands have played over the decades – has changed hands.

Eight years ago, the club The Sanctuary took over the space, making a number of upgrades.

We've enjoyed seeing the kids line up on show days from our perch down the street, and are sad to see the club leave for new digs.

But a different club is now operating there, and it's called Amplify. Word is, they will carry on the tradition of hosting live shows.

Kenneth Bloom of The Sanctuary had these parting words, which he posted on social media:

"The Sanctuary in Hamtramck is officially closed. After eight incredible years, it's time for me to turn the page and retire for real. But the music will continue at Sanctuary's new home in Detroit, with multiple stages and a much larger capacity.

"Additionally, a new music venue, Amplify, will take over the Hamtramck location and carry on its legacy – a legacy that began with Paychecks, continued with The Sanctuary, and will now enter a third chapter of growing talent and offering great music.

"Over the past eight years, we hosted more than 1,500 shows, even with an entire year lost to COVID. More than 100,000 people came in to experience live music, have a drink, and support local, national, and international artists.

"Thousands of performers took the stage, and we are proud that many outgrew our venue and now perform in much larger concert venues. We were also honored to be named Detroit's Best Metal Club multiple years in a row.

"But mostly, we are thankful for the artists, promoters, incredible staff, and every person who bought a ticket and enjoyed the music. I hope you had fun. I certainly did."

Bowling for dollars ... The turnout for Detroit Friendship House's recent fundraiser was so successful, they decided to do it again.

Recently, the non-profit

food pantry, located on Conant here in Hamtramck, sponsored a tour of the city's eateries, where participants paid to sample some of the best food offerings in town.

That event came and went, and now Friendship House is hosting another fundraiser, this time bowling at Detroit's legendary "Rock-N-Bowl," located inside the Garden Bowl on Woodward in Detroit's Midtown area.

Here's what the good folks at Friendship House have to say:

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A mighty wind ... If you haven't heard by now, last Thursday's intense windstorm was indeed an F2 tornado.

Some say the tornado funnel formed over Hamtramck, but one thing is for certain: it eventually touched down east of the city, before sweeping down onto Belle Isle.

Along the way, it caused massive damage to buildings and homes, and also knocked down huge trees and branches.

All of this happened in a mere four minutes, starting at 4:14 p.m.

The last tornado we saw here was in 1997, when Hamtramck suffered a direct hit, causing significant damage and knocking down an estimated 500 trees.

In a way, the city is still recovering.

We wish all those affected by last week's tornado the very best.

Reminder ... Volunteers of Hamtramck, your city is calling on you.

The city is seeking folks to be a part of its "Every Neighbor" program, which assists senior homeowners and the disabled with their lawn maintenance.

Volunteers are also needed for the city's ongoing tree planting program, as well as for community cleanups.

As we all know, Hamtramck is in constant need of volunteers to help with picking up stray trash from the streets, and in the alleys and parks. The amount of litter in this town is mind-boggling, to say the least.

The volunteer program is part of a greater vision for the city, which is:

"To create spaces for all volunteers, including organizations, youth and leaders, to uplift the Hamtramck community."

Besides being a good neighbor, you can also rack up volunteer services hours, which high school kids need to do anyway in order to graduate, all while building connections with residents, developing new skills, and creating "meaningful change."

Plus, it makes you feel good to volunteer – even if you only do it here and there.

If you can't make it to the introductory meeting, you can contact the city at (313) 800-5233, extension 818; email ced@hamtramckcity.gov; or go online to www.hamtramckcity.gov.

New mural in town ... Polonia restaurant recently received a huge beautification upgrade, in the form of an impressive new mural, now stretching about 30 feet high on the building's east wall facing the city parking lot.

Before we go further, we should note that the current owner of Polonia is John Ulaj, who is also the former publisher of this newspaper, The Review, as well as the owner of Villa Realty.

With that said, here's what Mr. Ulaj had to say about this mural, which depicts a Polish lass, wearing a folk dress, who is watering flowers.

"The Polonia mural is finally complete, after six weeks. The entire Polonia team extends our sincere gratitude to muralist Jay Kopicki for his dedication to creating it. It was truly an amazing project to undertake!

"We hope the residents of, and visitors to, Hamtramck will enjoy this beautiful artwork."

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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 29-Sept. 3.

Saturday, Aug. 29

- An incident of fraud was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A strong-arm robbery was reported in the area of Commor and Gallagher.
- Animal complaints were made in the 2200 block of Trowbridge, the area of Yemans and Brombach, and in the 9600 block of Lumpkin.
- Trespassing complaints were made in the 9600 block of Conant and the 12000 block of Dyar.
- Complaints about juveniles were made in the 12000 block of Selfridge,

and in the area of Conant and Jacob.

Sunday, Aug. 30

- A complaint was made about an animal on Trowbridge.
- An assault was reported in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau.
- A fight was reported in the area of Buffalo and Yemans.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the area of Commor and Nagel.
- A person in the 5100 block of Yemans reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A business in the 9600 block of Conant reported trouble with a customer.

Monday, Aug. 31

- A vehicle was reported stolen on Andrus.

- An assault was reported on Grand Haven.
- A suspect was arrested in the 3800 block of Holbrook for domestic assault.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 3000 block of Hanley.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the 2100 block of Holbrook.
- An assault was reported in the 2600 block of Norwalk.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

- Noise complaints were made in the 11400 block of Klinger, and on Circle Dr.
- A person in the 3000 block of Hanley reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A theft was reported on Conant.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

- A domestic assault was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff. A domestic assault was also reported in the 11300 block of Gallagher.
- A complaint about noise was made in the 3000 block of Hanley.

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2700 block of Poland.
- A loose dog was reported on Charest.
- A suspicious incident was reported on Mitchell.
- A business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau reported an incident of fraud.
- A theft was reported in the 3600 block of Caniff.
- Family trouble was reported in the 3800 block of Evaline.
- A suspect was arrested for an assault that was reported in the 11500 block of St. Aubin.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2700 block of Holbrook.

Thursday, Sept. 3

- At a little after 3 a.m., a suspect was arrested for a domestic assault that happened in the 3900 block of Norwalk.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 9400 block of McDougall.
- A complaint was made about noise in the 2600 block of Carpenter.

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Photographer focuses on Hamtramck life ‘large or small’

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lor photography. And, his indecision of picking his favorite photographs led him to only taking one frame per scene.

- Fan Ho: Had documented Hong Kong in the 1950's from a cinematographer's perspective before the city had industrialized and modernized.

Those are just three famous photographers who (each) focused on street photography in different ways. But, going to CCS and working at a camera shop, I see inspiration in everyone I meet.

The Review: Assuming this was your first show (and please, correct us if it wasn't), how did you find the whole process of mounting it: relatively smooth and easy, or full of challenges?

Was it hard deciding what to put in – or, worse, what to leave out?

Sniezek: The process would have gone smoother, but around the time we started planning, life had other plans and I'm just now getting through some personal life experiences; attempting to go back to school, and (navigate) a breakup, while trying to survive and pay the bills.

There's so much work I wish I could include. Mainly, all the people I photograph that make up the city. That's why I decided (just to) focus on my observations of day-to-day life in the city.

The Review: Do you have a second idea for a new exhibition after this one, or possibly even a book in the works – or, at least, forming in your

head? If so, what might be the direction any of that could take: more of the same, or a new angle?

Sniezek: Such a loaded question to think about.

My mind always runs with ideas and dreams of a larger and broader body of work. I hope to have more exhibitions. I've made a few small books already in school, and hope to create a formal one in the future.

As I reconnect with the community, I hope to document events large or small in the city, to better represent the community in a positive light. At the same time, I'm still upset that Dodge and GM were more important than Polatown, and would love to dive into my family's own history in the city.

The Review: Please give us the particulars about this exhibition: how long will it be up, what are the days and hours it can be seen, etc.?

Sniezek: It will be up from now through Oct. 11, to coincide with the Labor Day Fest and Neighborhood Arts Festival. Reach out to Passenger Recovery for gallery hours. There's always someone there willing to open the gallery.

The Review: Please feel free to add, expound upon, or otherwise fill in gaps of, anything else you'd like readers to know.

Sniezek: Reach out to me if you think there's something I can or should document!

Hamtramck gives a long goodbye to summer in yearly bash Cont. from front page



many strange moments and people and things you see that – by law? – can’t be replicated outside Hamtramck’s special one-time-a-year bubble.

But let’s re-live a few random moments and comments.

Old friend Tim Caldwell reported that someone at the festival was walking around with a rescue cat imported from Ukraine – as if there is somehow a shortage of strays here in the U.S.?

Although heaven knows, many of those people and pets have been through countless horrors over there for the past four years and dragging on.

OK, maybe that’s not that weird, but in its own way, it is so very Hamtramck.

Or, how about the competing religious stands, or the kid walking the festival grounds with a sign promoting free mosque tours? Seeing former mayor Karen Majewski dancing on stage with the Polish Muslims is always another special Hamtramck moment.

It could just be us, but there’s just something about seeing a mayor, past or present, shakin’ a leg on stage that makes all of us neighbors just having fun.

And, speaking of Majewski, one vendor had an old campaign sign of hers displayed – which made us wonder whether this was

the secret meeting place for that “Deep State” that former mayor Amer Ghalib keeps talking about when accusing unnamed people of trying to undermine him politically or otherwise.

Or, how about: Jello shots. Does anyone really catch a buzz from these things?

Another old friend observed, about each passing festival year, in a sort of melancholy way: “Every year there are fewer people I know.”

Yep, we’re older now, and many of the other old-timers have moved on – one way, or another.

Speaking again of the canoe race: All of a sudden, two beer stands appeared on the site.

Finally, what genius. Beer balloons, anyone?

A musical highlight for this old fart: The Volebeats, who have been around for 40-some years or so, performing a tune from our all-time favorite band, The Byrds: “Wasn’t Born to Follow,” from the 1969 movie classic, “Easy Rider.”

The list goes on and on.

More importantly, what was your favorite part of the festival? Weird or otherwise? Drop us a line at: news@thehamtramckreview.com.

Well, until next year then, folks. And so long, summer.

Seems like we hardly knew you.



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Quick Hits

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Hamtramck Stadium grandstand, historic home of the Negro League Detroit Stars, and the field where Ike was first discovered by major-league scouts in the 1960s.”

Organizers are asking for \$10 donations. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Ike Blessitt Athletic Academy, and help Ike make some much-needed improvements to his backyard batting cage.

Special guests expected to attend include former Detroit Tigers pitcher and 1984 World Series champ Juan Berenguer.

For more information, call (313) 778-1587.

Notice of Public Hearing to Establish BRA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Hamtramck on the Septemeber 22, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall, 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on the adoption of a proposed resolution establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Hamtramck, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Hamtramck – City Council

The City of Hamtramck City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 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 October 13, 2026.

The subject of the public hearing is revisions to the City of Hamtramck ordinance – Chapter 34: with the addition of section 34.020, open burning and outdoor fires; to prohibit open burning on public property; to regulate outdoor fires on private property; to provide for written authorization of supervised ceremonial and training fires; and to provide for enforcement, abatement, penalties, severability, repealer, and an effective date.

This second reading and public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 7:00pm

Please note: This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.71 a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the Meeting to Individuals with disabilities at the Meeting or Public Hearing upon 10-day notice to the City Clerk’s Office. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Hamtramck City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk’s Office at 313-800-5233 x 821.

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Odds & Ends

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Polonia Restaurant now sports a brand new mural on the side of its building. The mural was created by Jay Kopicki. Check it out.

autiful masterpiece as much as we do!! Sto lat, Jay Kopicki!

“Come check it out friends, it’s amazing!!!”

It truly is amazing, John and Jay. Let’s see more murals pop up in Hamtramck.

Which, to be fair, already does boast of a number of other murals too – but never too many, right?

Especially when they’re this gorgeous.

Voter registration ... Election Day, Nov. 3, is now only eight weeks away.

And if you are in tune with the news of the day, you already know that this is going to be one of the most consequential elections in years, if not decades. If you’re not up to speed on the issues but still plan to vote, get informed.

The League of Women Voters guide is a great place to start: lwv.org.

For those who have never registered to vote, now is your time to do it.

Deputy Secretary of State Aghogho Edevbie and the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) are even encouraging eligible 16- and 17-year-olds to “preregister” to vote.

According to a State press release:

“Legislation passed and signed into law in 2023 allows eligible 16- and 17-year-old Michigan residents to preregister to vote. Teens who complete any qualifying transaction at a branch office – like getting a driver’s license or state ID – are automatically preregistered to vote at the time of the transaction.

“Just as with automatic voter registration, only U.S. citizens qualify for automatic voter preregistration. Anyone who does not wish to stay on the state’s voter registration roll can opt to come back off of it by mail.

“Eligible 16- and 17-year-olds can also preregister online, by mail, or at their clerk’s office. Once a preregistered voter turns 18, their voter registration will automatically become active without requiring them to register again.”

Also, the state says that there are options on how to vote once ballots are available. You can: cast your ballot at an early voting site Oct. 24 through Nov. 1, or come to your polling place in person by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Curious to learn more? Go online to: mi.gov/pre-registration

Honored ... Once again, Hamtramck’s own Pat Frick was honored at the Hamtramck Labor Day festival for her past career in Big Time Wrestling.



Hamtramck’s own Pat Frick was honored during the weekend for her past involvement in Big Time Wrestling back in the 1970s. The Labor Day Festival featured wrestling throughout the weekend.

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She was a wrestler back in 1974 through 1989.

In the past, she had this to say about her career: “Wrestling was very good to me.”

Congrats, Pat!

Movie night ... Here’s a treat for the family tonight, Friday, Sept. 11.

The Hamtramck Parks Conservancy is hosting a free movie, “Angels in the Outfield,” at the historic baseball stadium. The fun starts at 8:30 p.m., and there will be plenty of free popcorn.

You are welcome to bring in your own reusable container to put the popcorn in.

The Conservancy says that “viewing will take place from the outfield of Turkey Stearnes Field rather than the stadium grandstands. Please dress appropriately for the weather, and feel free to bring a blanket or chair for your comfort.”

Enter the stadium area from Dan St.

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