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Quick Hits

Walk for breast cancer awareness

By Charles Sercombe

As part of a planned community outreach and engagement, the Hamtramck Police Department will host its First Annual Domestic Violence/Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

The walk will take place on Saturday, Oct.17, from 3 to 4 p.m., beginning at Zussman Park, which is located across from city hall at 9829 Winfield St.

That’s between Yemans and Evaline, east of Gallagher and west of Conant in the heart of the city.

“This event is an opportunity for our community to come together to raise awareness about domestic violence, support survivors, promote breast cancer awareness, and share a message of hope, strength, and solidarity,” said Police Chief Hussain Farhat in a press release.

“We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us. Your presence, support, and continued partnership would mean a great deal to the Hamtramck Police Department and to our community.”

The route for the walk is still being worked out, Farhat said. On hand also will be food trucks, and other offerings that are in the works.

According to national statistics, over 12 million women and men are victims of domestic violence each year in the U.S.

By far, the vast majority of female domestic violence victims fall into the 18-24 and 25-34 age range categories. Also, a strong majority of the incidents involve known partners.

In Hamtramck, the police department often responds to several domestic calls or more per week.

You can learn more about domestic assault by going online to the National Domestic Violence Hotline (www.thehotline.org), or by calling (800) 799-SAFE (7233).

As for breast cancer, nationally, over 300,000 women per year are diagnosed with the disease.

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It’s getting ‘bat-tastic’ in Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

Things got pretty batty at Veterans Park Tuesday evening.

Not exactly “batguano” crazy, but still.

A group of about 30 or more adults and kids gathered under a pavilion at the park to learn about bats, and received bat houses they can assemble and hang outside at their homes, all thanks to the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy, which hosted the get-together.

On hand was park ranger Todd Weston of the Fish & Wildlife Service, who gave a brief about bats and, specifically, on Michigan’s most common bats, the little brown and big brown bats.

You would think, since they have similar names, they would be related, but that’s not the case at all. Apparently, the people who name bats around here aren’t terribly creative.

In total, Michigan has nine species of bats.

For the curious, no, there weren’t any live bats – but, there were a couple of stuffed ones for the kiddies.

In reality, bats aren’t exactly cuddly little critters, as they can bite when they perceive danger – and bats can also be prone to carrying the rabies virus. So, best not to handle them in the wild; call an expert if you cross paths with a bat that seems distressed or wounded.

On top of that, Weston said, bats “kind of smell bad.”

“But I don’t want you to be afraid of bats,” said Weston, who let it be known that his fascination with the creatures started when he was young.

Back then, Weston said, he would attend football games to watch his brother in the marching band, and he would notice a number of bats fluttering in the sky, attracted to the bright lights illuminating the football field.

While bats do not make good pets, they are useful in eating about half their weight in bugs nightly – including those pesky mosquitoes.

With any luck, you mig-

ht start to see more bats busy at work around town, thanks to the bat houses that were handed out.

When bats aren’t camping out in bat houses, they live in trees, and are on the night shift when hunting for dinner.

Like many Michiganders, some bats will migrate to warmer climates during the winter, while others will hunker down and hibernate during our coldest months.

Ever experience a bat swooping down near your head?

That’s because you might have a scent that they are attracted to, Weston said, or there’s a moth near you, which is one of the favorite snacks of bats. They don’t mean any harm though, and you should cut them some slack for the occasional indiscretion.

“Bats can make mistakes,” he said.

A weird thing about bats: they love to eat moths, and they zero in on their prey, basically, by sonar. But, get this: moths can hear the bats’ sonar, and have developed ways to make themselves impenetrable to bats’ wily sonic ways.

Weston calls it an evolutionary “arms race” between the two.

For those wondering, yes, there are vampire bats that drink blood (mostly from cattle). But no, they don’t have heavy eastern European accents. The good news, Weston said, is it’s “very unlikely you will deal with them.”

The most common of the three species of vampire bat is native to Central and South America, found nowhere near Michigan.

Here’s a good reason to raise a toast to bats: In the southwest, they are responsible for pollinating the agave cactus, which is where tequila comes from. And that is a multi-million dollar business.

Or, look at it another way: without agave, there would be a lot of unhappy folks.



As for bat guano, harvesting their waste is another multi-million dollar business. Guano, in case you don’t know, is prized fertilizer.

One other factoid: believe it or not, bats can swim. “But it’s awkward,” Weston said.

Especially if they imbibe some fermented agave, or so we imagine.

Be sure to check out the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy on their Facebook page for more upcoming events.

Taxpayers socked with mayor’s bills

By Charles Sercombe

Mayor Adam Alharbi wasted no time in submitting the legal bills from his ongoing effort to prevent the counting of 37 ballots from last November’s city election.

As of Aug. 18, taxpayers are on the hook to pay \$135,242 for Alharbi’s private fight to prevent those ballots from being counted and then potentially having to give up serving as the city’s mayor, according to invoices The Review received through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

More legal fees are expected to be submitted to the city for payment. Alharbi has said the bills will eventually total about \$200,000.

Mayor Alharbi insists that the city should cover his legal bills because he was acting in an official capacity as mayor.

Alharbi told the city council that the “city should have covered” his legal expenses “from the beginning – for its mayor and the city itself.”

But the dispute with his mayoral challenger, former city councilmember Muhiith Mahmood, originated before Alharbi was sworn in as mayor back in January of this year.

Alharbi won the election by an 11-vote margin. The uncounted ballots were discovered the day after the November election in the city clerk’s office.

Alharbi ultimately lost his court appeals to prevent the ballots from being counted. The Wayne County Board of Canvassers is expected to set a date to count the ballots any day now.

The mayor has argued that, since the ballots were left unattended and exposed to unauthorized people in the clerk’s office, they should not be counted.

Mahmood insists that every voter has a right to have their ballot counted. The Michigan Court of Appeals agreed with him.

Alharbi appealed to the state supreme court twice but, in both instances, that court turned away his requests for consideration.

The city council approved paying Alharbi’s legal bills by a bare majority of just three councilmembers: Nayeem Choudhury, Abu Musa and Muhtasin Sadman.

That was a few weeks ago, and, since then, Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri has filed

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Taxpayers socked with mayor's bills Cont. from front page

a lawsuit and ethics violation complaint against the mayor for orchestrating the city council vote to have taxpayers pay his \$200,000 legal bill.

Alharbi is using one of the state's leading legal firms, Butzel Law, to represent him. A breakdown of the legal bills reveals a range of addressed topics, including a discussion on The Review's election coverage articles.

However, there was no charge for that discussion.

At the same time that Alharbi persuaded a bare minimum of councilmembers to agree to have the city pay his legal fees, he has also complained about the increasing costs of legal fees that the city is paying out for other matters.

His challenger, Mahmood, says that if Alharbi can get taxpayers to



Mayor Adam Alharbi wasted little time in submitting his legal bills to the city to prevent 37 uncounted ballot from last November's election from being counted.

cover his legal fees, then he (Mahmood) is also entitled.

"But I don't want to do that to taxpayers," Mahmood previously told The Review. In a recent interview, Mahmood said he is still hesitant to submit his legal fees to the city.

However, he also told The Review that he is reconsidering that position. Alharbi told the city council that the city is not

obligated to pay for Mahmood's legal costs because he was acting as a candidate, not a city official.

In another legal dispute with Mahmood, Alharbi has gone to court challenging his residency in the city. In a recent appeal to the state Supreme Court, that court declined to hear the matter until there was a ruling on it from the Wayne County Circuit Court.

It was not immediately

known if Alharbi is also billing taxpayers for that legal fight.

In the residency challenge, Alharbi is utilizing material collected during a prior internal city investigation into whether Mahmood actually lives in Hamtramck, or with his family in Troy.

The investigation concluded that Mahmood is not truly a resident and does live in Troy.

Mahmood still insists he is a resident in Hamtramck, however, and that he simply visits his family in Troy. He says that he lives in an apartment on Holbrook.

That same investigation concluded that Councilmember Abu Musa lives in Warren with his family, not in Hamtramck. Musa denies the allegation, and says he lives at 11441 Mitchell.

School board member talks about her vision for the district

By Charles Sercombe

Candidates for the Hamtramck School Board won't have any problem getting elected this year.

In fact, all they need is one vote each.

That's because there are only three candidates running for the three open seats on the board.

But only one of the candidates sought – and received – an endorsement from the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers union.

That was current Board

member Tazia Miah.

Joining her in the upcoming November election are former boardmember Showkat Choudhury and newcomer Emad Shamakh.

Recently, the teachers' union hosted a meet-and-greet with Miah at the Hamtramck Public Library to discuss her vision for the school district – a district that will be facing some challenging financial and student achievement issues.

Only a handful of people showed up for the meet-and-greet, but, among those who did, there was a lively discussion.

Speaking as a graduate of Hamtramck High School, Miah said she would strive to make the district "a place where students want to learn. You have to have teachers who want to be here."

Miah was appointed to the board several months ago, after former boardmember Daz'Shavon Hall resigned. Miah said she is still in the process of "finding out what's working/not working."

So far, she said, what is working is that the district is "on the path of improving help for teachers. You

have to know what to do."

Compared to her time as a student in the district 10 years ago, Miah says there are now "a lot more opportunities for kids."

What the district needs to work on, she said, is providing "stable leadership."

And, by that, she means that the board needs to make it a top priority to find a permanent superintendent.

For over a year, the district has been run by Interim Superintendent James Larson-Shidler, who also doubles as the district finance director – dual roles that some members of the board say lessen his focus on district needs.

One obstacle to looking for a full-time superintendent is the fact that the district continues to pay Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed, even though she was removed from her duties.

In other words, the district has been paying her about \$250,000 a year to not work, and this has been ongoing for the past few years. Her contract with the district runs out at the end of this year.

The district has never explained why Ahmed is

being paid not to work.

Miah said she realizes that the most pressing challenge is dealing with the district's finances. The district appears to be in deficit spending, although the exact financial shape of the district remains fuzzy at best.

Miah said the board will be tasked with creating a budget that is "fair and sustainable. It's going to take a lot of work."

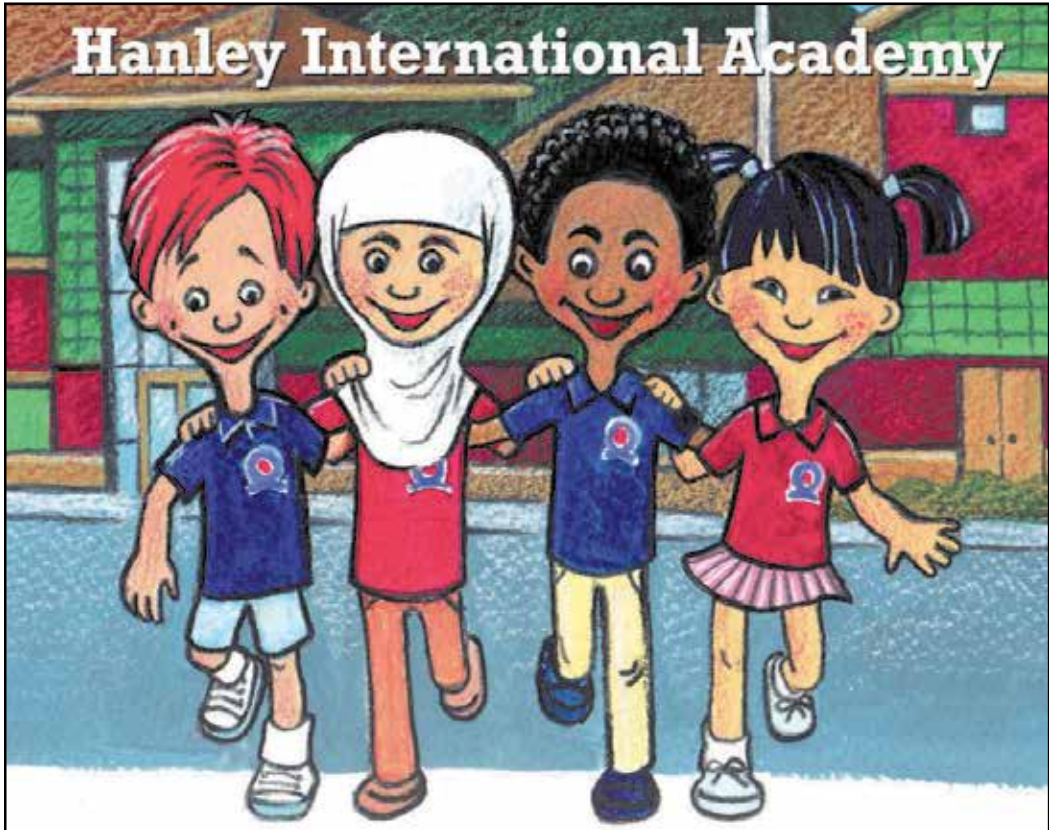
As for now, she feels the board needs to broaden its view of the district's financial needs in order to "look at the big picture."

Miah also has a lot on her schedule personally. She works full-time while also heading into a premed program. Despite that heavy obligation, she said she is committed to providing a "supportive role."

"I'm here to let the community know I'm out there," she said.

In a Facebook posting, Miah added: "It has been my priority to listen to, and advocate for, our students, families, educators, and school community. I'm eternally grateful for the opportunity. ..."

School board terms are for six years, and the election is Nov. 3.



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In Our Opinion

Taxpayers, you deserve to be outraged

What were they thinking?

We're talking about the three councilmembers – Nayeem Choudhury, Abu Musa and Muhtasin Sadman – who agreed to pick up Mayor Adam Alharbi's private legal bill.

And when we say they agreed to the deal, we mean that you, Hamtramck's taxpayers, will be paying something like \$200,000 to cover Alharbi's legal squabble to prevent 37 ballots from last November's city election from being counted.

By counting them, it could turn out that Alharbi's loses his title as mayor and, instead, his mayoral challenger, former councilmember Muhith Mahmood, takes over that role.

As reported previously, the 37 ballots in question were discovered in the city clerk's office a day after the election, but Wayne County election officials deadlocked in a 2-2 vote on whether to count them.

The county's split vote meant that the ballots remained uncounted.

That is, until Mahmood went to court to get them counted, and Alharbi, acting on his own and not yet officially mayor, hired an attorney to make sure those ballots remained uncounted.

Ultimately, Alharbi lost his case. But now he is claiming that, since he was acting in the capacity as mayor, Hamtramck taxpayers owe him back his legal fees.

Despite what Alharbi says, he was not, repeat, not, the mayor at the time he got involved in Mahmood's lawsuit to have the ballots counted.

This council vote for the city to pay Alharbi's legal fees was an outrageous decision, and we're more than a little surprised the public isn't more outraged.

Alharbi has a lot of gall to dump his legal

bills on taxpayers. Just a short time ago he was complaining about the city's increasing payouts for legal services.

Guess it doesn't matter when it comes to his personal needs.

Apparently, that concern over legal bills stops when he can get on the gravy train. So much for looking out for the residents, and the costs they bear.

It's also shady that in Alharbi's first try to get his legal bill approved by the City Council he insisted it get added on to the council agenda after a closed session.

Alharbi has been criticizing councilmembers for abusing this privilege by constantly adding on agenda items as council meetings begin.

Add it all up, and it seems that Alharbi doesn't mind being a hypocrite when it comes to his own needs and wants.

Funny how that works.

Odds & Ends

Election update ... For those wondering when absentee election ballots will be available for the Nov. 3 election, that date is Thursday, Sept. 24.

For those not on the permanent absentee ballot list, you can request a ballot either online, by mail, or at Hamtramck's city clerk's office.

It is recommended that you wait no longer than two weeks before the Nov. 3 election day to request an absentee ballot (that would be Oct. 20). At this point, it's also been recommended that you don't rely on the postal service to return your ballot on time.

Instead, drop off your ballot in city hall, or in the city's drop box located outside, directly across from the building. (Note to the wise: don't take up any offers from certain city councilmembers for them to drop off your ballot. As the saying goes: If you know, you know.)

Not registered to vote, you say? You can do so now, and even on election day to be able to vote this November. Political observers say this could

be one of the country's most consequential elections.

Keep in mind, Oct. 19 is the last day to register to vote by mail or online. After that date, you'll have to go to city hall in person.

Busy bees ... The Hamtramck Parks Conservancy has had many programs and events this year, and one of the events that caught our eye is a free screening of the PBS documentary, "My Garden of a Thousand Bees," followed by a question-and-answer period with an expert panel.

The documentary is approximately 53 minutes long and features acclaimed wildlife filmmaker Martin Dohrn.

Dohrn focuses "on the surprising and spectacular bees living in his own urban garden in Bristol, England," according to the Parks Conservancy.

The experts include:

- Joseph Ferraro – A macro wildlife photographer
- "Momcat" Kelly Konieczski – An outdoor educator and pollinator advocate, naturalist ambassador, and community and science chair for Wild Ones in Wayne County
- Stefanie Steele – Pollinator conservation specialist with Xerces Society, NRCS Partner Biologist in the upper midwest

The screening will be in Veterans Park, with the following schedule:

- 6:30-7 p.m. – Meet the panelists, explore reference tables, participate in a self-led scavenger hunt in the Veterans Park Pollinator Garden
- 7-8 p.m. – Watch the film from the lawn between the tennis courts and Zatkoff Playground
- 8-8:30 p.m. – Q&A with expert panelists at the Park Patio

You are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets for lawn seating during the film. Remember to dress for the weather.

Food assistance benefits ... Are you a recipient of SNAP food benefits, and lost food due to the various DTE power outages from our recent storms?

If so, the state Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is offering replacement benefits to cover the cost of replacing food that was spoiled.

"If you receive SNAP benefits and lost food, we encourage you to report the loss by Sept. 23," said a state spokesperson in a press release.

According to the state, you usually have only 10 days to report your loss, but this is an exception to that rule.

SNAP recipients who had food spoil due to a verified power outage including from storm damage can call (844) 464-3447 to request replacement food benefits, or visit the MDHHS website to fill out the required forms.

Motherly advice ... For women who are thinking of becoming pregnant down the road, or who are currently pregnant, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is advising you to begin taking daily folic acid supplements.

Why, you may ask?

According to health experts, taking folic acid every day helps reduce the risk of having children with serious birth defects.

"Folic acid prevents serious birth defects of the brain and spine, such as anencephaly and spina bifida," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive with the state agency.

"Because these conditions develop in the first month of pregnancy – often before someone even knows they are pregnant – it's important to start taking folic acid if you are planning on becoming pregnant."

According to the agency's press release:

"Folate occurs naturally in foods like leafy greens, beans, peas, asparagus and citrus. Folic acid, a type of B vitamin, is added to many grain products and is available in supplements.

"Because early prevention is key, health experts recommend all women who can become pregnant take 400 micrograms of folic acid

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Notice of Public Hearing – City of Hamtramck Planning Commission

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Hamtramck Planning Commission will meet on the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing and considering the request pertaining to the following:

- 5000 Edwin, 5012 Edwin, 5020 Edwin, 5030 Edwin, 5050 Edwin, 5060 Edwin, 5124 Edwin, 5130 Edwin, 5134 Edwin, 5140 Edwin, 5166 Edwin, 9605 Buffalo, 9531 Buffalo, 9351 Buffalo, & 9451 Buffalo

The Planning Commission and CED are requesting a rezoning approval of South Edwin Street and parts of East Buffalo Street, subject to subject to \$155,200 and \$155,202 of the Hamtramck Code of Ordinances. Current use is Residential per \$155.080. The request seeks to rezone the parcels from Industrial (I) to Light-Industrial (LI).

Written comments may be submitted to the Community & Economic Development Assistant Manager via email at mmiszczak@hamtramckcity.gov. Written comments will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on October 7th, 2026. The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids, and services for individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon advance notice by writing or by calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x821. Please contact the Clerk's office at least 10 days in advance.

Notice of Public Hearing – City of Hamtramck City Council

The City of Hamtramck City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 27, 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 September 27, 2026.

The subject of the public hearing is: Rezoning 5000 Edwin, 5012 Edwin, 5020 Edwin, 5030 Edwin, 5050 Edwin, 5060 Edwin, 5124 Edwin, 5130 Edwin, 5134 Edwin, 5140 Edwin, 5166 Edwin, 9605 Buffalo, 9531 Buffalo, 9351 Buffalo, & 9451 Buffalo from Industrial (I) to Light-Industrial (LI).

This second reading and public hearing is contingent upon the City's Planning Commission approval of the public hearing scheduled for October 7, 2026, and City Council's approval of the 1st reading on October 13, 2026.

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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Obituaries

GAJEWSKI

 Paula Ann Gajewski, 62, died September 8, 2026.

Paula began her journey home to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on September 8, 2026.

Paula was born on July 15, 1964. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Genevieve, her grandparents, and her numerous aunts and uncles. Paula lived in the same house on Holmes Street where her dad was born.

Her priorities throughout life were Faith, Friends and Family. She truly loved her God, her friends and her family. She prayed nonstop and cherished her get-togethers with the DTE folks.

People said she was a beacon of light who brought joy and laughter to everyone around her.

Paula worked for Detroit Edison, currently DTE, for 36 years.

She is survived by her brother, Philip (Kathleen),

his children and grandchildren.

The funeral Mass is Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 11 a.m. at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212. Arrangements entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

MARECKI

 Thaddeus Frank Marecki, 98, died August 30, 2026.

Dear father of Marie (late Walter) Kendzierski, Joe (Cynthia), Jennie Roberts, and the late Richard (Tamara). He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be held, Friday, September 18, 2026, at 11 a.m., at Saint Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212.

Inurnment with military honors will be on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 2 p.m., at Great Lakes National Cemetery 4200 Belford Road, Holly MI 48442. Arrangements by

Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

SCHWAB

 Donna Schwab (née Scaers), 84, died September 10, 2026.

Donna Schwab (Scaers) of Hamtramck, Michigan, passed away peacefully. She was a woman of immense warmth and sharp wit who filled her family's lives with love, laughter, and incredible memories.

Born on April 15, 1942, Donna lived a life centered around the people she loved. She was famously known as a master in the kitchen, delighting her family with amazing, authentic Polish food that brought everyone together in her Hamtramck home. When she wasn't cooking, Donna enjoyed a good game of cards, her cup of coffee, her favorite television shows and skillfully working her way through a word search. Her loving nature and quick-witted humor made her a joy to be around. Her spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Donna is survived by her loving daughter, Susan Tyszkowski; her six cherished grandchildren, Antoinette, Bobby, Joey, Robby, Angela, and Jennifer; and her seven adored great-grandchildren, Alexis, Samantha, Nevaeh, Maya, Devlin, Zaidyn, and Mason.

She was reunited in peace with her beloved daughter, Annette Scaers, who preceded her in death in 2003.

In accordance with Donna's wishes, no formal funeral services will be held. Her family will celebrate her life privately, remembering the joy, laughter, and love she brought to them all. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

WENDORF

 Alyssa Nicole Wendorf, 33, died August 30, 2026.

Alyssa Nicole Wendorf, 33, of Georgetown, Minnesota, passed away on August 30, 2026. She was born on September 4, 1992, in Warren, Michigan, to Louis Wendorf and Michelle Wendorf.

Alyssa's life was one filled with creativity, adventure, and, most importantly, love for her family. Throughout her life she called several places home, including Hamtramck, Grand Rapids, and Ludington, Michigan, Fargo, North Dakota, and eventually Georgetown, Minnesota.

Alyssa was a hardworking and talented woman who worked in auto detailing and with Absolute Precision Locating. She had a passion for drawing and auto detailing, and she enjoyed spending time fishing and being outdoors. She found joy in

the things she loved and had a creative side that could be seen through her drawing and her work.

Above all else, Alyssa treasured being a mom. Her children, Dakota and Remmington, were an important part of her life and her greatest source of love and joy. The memories they shared and the love she gave them will remain with them always.

Alyssa will be deeply missed by her children, Dakota and Remington; her fiancé Delvin Rogers; her parents, Louis Wendorf and Michelle Wendorf; her stepmother, Susan Orlando-Wendorf; her grandparents, Helen Campbell, Richard Campbell, Evon McCracken, and Edward McCracken; her brother, Brandon Wendorf; her sister, Ashley Stirnemann; nephew, Landon; nieces, TerriLynn, Isabella, Wynter, and Austin; and many cousins and friends.

Though Alyssa's life was far too short, the love she shared with those around her and the memories she created will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She will be remembered for her creativity, her love of fishing and auto detailing, and most of all, for the love she had for her children and family.

Memorial Mass is Saturday, September 19, 2026, 10 a.m. at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212. Jurkiewicz & Wilk assisted with arrangements.

WILLIAMS

 Robert Williams, 72, died July 29, 2026.

Robert T. Williams, of St. Clair Shores, passed away on July 29, after a brief illness. Dear brother of Lorraine Kolodziej and Marie (David) Bargiel. Preceded in death by his parents, Walter J. and Helen T. Williams, sister Barbara Ann Williams and brother Walter J. Williams, Jr.

Robert loved sports and was a devoted Detroit sports fan. He had a huge soft spot for animals, especially his long-time companion Rex, who he now joins.

Memorial visitation is Friday, September 18, 2026, from 5 – 8 p.m. with prayers at 7 p.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Inurnment will be Saturday, September 19, 2026, 11 a.m., at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Thank you, Hamtramck

By Konrad Maziarz

Another Hamtramck Labor Day Festival is in the books, and we honestly can't thank everyone enough who helped make this weekend what it was.

Thank you to everyone who came out, whether you've been joining us for decades or this was your first time experiencing the festival.

Thank you to the musicians who filled our stages, the food and merchandise vendors who kept everyone fed and entertained, the parade participants who brought Jos. Campau to life, and everyone crazy enough to race a canoe down the street while people threw water balloons at them.

And an enormous thank you to our volunteers.

This festival doesn't magically appear every Labor Day weekend. It takes months of planning, meetings, phone calls, emails, hauling, building, troubleshooting, problem-solving, long days, late nights and a whole lot of people saying, “Alright, we'll figure it out.”

And somehow, we always do.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who simply showed up. You danced. You ate. You drank. You watched bands. You

cheered on the parade and the races. You ran into old friends and probably made a few new ones.

For three days, Hamtramck got to be exactly what makes this little city special: loud, weird, welcoming, diverse, unpredictable and completely itself.

We're proud to keep this festival free, community-driven and volun-

teer-run, and we couldn't do any of it without all of you.

From everyone behind the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival:

Thank you for another incredible weekend.

See you next Labor Day.

(Konrad Maziarz is a member of the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival Committee.)

Quick Hits

Cont. from front page

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 4-10.

Friday, Sept. 4

- At a little after 1 a.m., a complaint was made about an animal in the area of Dequindre and Edwin.
- Suspicious people were reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- Trespassing was reported in the 12100 block of Jos. Campau.
- A person was reported missing in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- A theft was reported in the 9800 block of Winfield. A theft was also reported in the 3800 block of Evaline.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3100 block of Jacob.
- An assault was reported in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau. An assault was also reported in the 2700 block of Edwin.

Saturday, Sept. 5

- A missing person was reported in the 2300 block of Goodson.
- A complaint was made about noise in the 8600 block of Jos. Campau.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile on Jos. Campau.

Sunday, Sept. 6

- A fight was reported on Edwin. A fight was also reported on Jos. Campau.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported on Caniff.
- A suspect was arrested on Danforth for domestic assault.
- An assault was reported on Commor.
- A person on Danforth reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A theft was reported on Jos. Campau. A theft was also reported on Danforth.
- A fight was reported in the 10000 block of Conant.
- Gunshots were reported in the area of Dequindre and Circle Dr.

Monday, Sept. 7

- A suspect was arrested on Florian for domestic assault.
- A domestic disturbance was reported on Oklahoma.
- A business on Caniff reported trouble with a customer.
- An assault was reported on Jos. Campau. An assault was also reported in the area of Caniff

and Conant.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

- At about 4 a.m., a fight was reported in the 12100 block of Dequindre.
- Littering was reported on Jos. Campau.
- A person on Pulaski reported being harassed.
- A trespassing complaint was made on Caniff.
- A stolen vehicle was reported in the 8700 block of Jos. Campau.
- A business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau reported trouble with a customer.
- Trespassing was reported in the 12000 block of Conant.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

- At about 3 a.m., a person in the 3400 block of Evaline reported being harassed.
- Following a traffic stop, a suspect was arrested for carrying a concealed gun without a permit.
- Retail fraud was reported on Jos. Campau.
- An assault was reported at Jos. Campau and Commor.
- A person in the 3000 block of Holbrook reported being harassed.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 3800 block of Edwin.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2400 block of Florian.
- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of St. Aubin.
- A sexual assault was reported in the 12000 block of St. Aubin.

Thursday, Sept. 10

- At about 12:30 a.m., an assault was reported in the 1900 block of Norwalk.
- At a little after 1 a.m., a suspect was arrested in the 9500 block of Mitchell for attempted arson of a vehicle.
- At almost 2 a.m., family trouble was reported in the 11600 block of Charest.
- At about 3 a.m., an assault was reported in the 5000 block of Caniff.
- Illegal dumping was reported in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau. Illegal dumping was also reported in the 2200 block of Poland.
- A business in the 2100 block of Caniff reported trouble with a customer.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the area of Casmere and Fleming.
- A break-in was reported in the 2500 block of Yemans.
- An assault was reported in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

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