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Quick Hits

Free citizenship counseling is available

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck has long been known as a city of immigrants.

However, for a number of residents, the road to achieving U.S. citizenship is challenging – to say the least.

To help make that journey smoother, state Rep. Tonya Phillips – whose district includes Hamtramck – is hosting a free citizenship legal seminar today, Friday, Nov. 20.

The free legal counseling will go from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Lasky Recreation Center, 13200 Fenelon, in Detroit.

"Connect with an immigration attorney, bring your paperwork and information to apply for citizenship, or discuss your status and next steps," Phillips said in a press release. "Spread the word to friends and neighbors about our 'Become a Citizen Day' with free citizenship legal services, or attend our community conversation to share ideas and concerns you may have."

Legal advice will be provided by the International Institute of Metro Detroit, the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, and the National Association of Yemeni Americans.

To register, send an email to: abohn@senate.michigan.gov.

Can't make it this Friday?

There will be another free session on Monday, Nov. 30, from 2-3 p.m., at 333 Midland Art Gallery in Highland Park.

Turkey time at Friendship House

By Charles Sercombe

Here's a reminder:

It's almost turkey time,

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Time to tone up at city's new free outdoor fitness court

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramckans can now tone up while in Veterans Park.

That's because there is a newly installed outdoor fitness court in the park compound, tucked behind Keyworth Stadium in what is actually Playfair Park.

No matter what park you call it, the court is there for all to use and it's free – as in, no gym charges or lines.

The court is the product of a joint effort by the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy and the public schools' Recreation Department.

"We're about bringing fun improvements to the city," said Tom Habitz, the Executive Director of the Conservancy.

Last week, conservancy and recreation department officials unveiled the newly built court, and then went on to spotlight what you can do with the equipment through a friendly contest between two Hamtramck High School coaches.

From what was demonstrated, it apparently doesn't take much time to get in a good workout.

The court was sponsored by Priority Health and the National Fitness Campaign.

The fitness court is "opening a door to healthier habits," said Mike Jasperson, senior vice president of provider network and health plan operations for Priority Health.

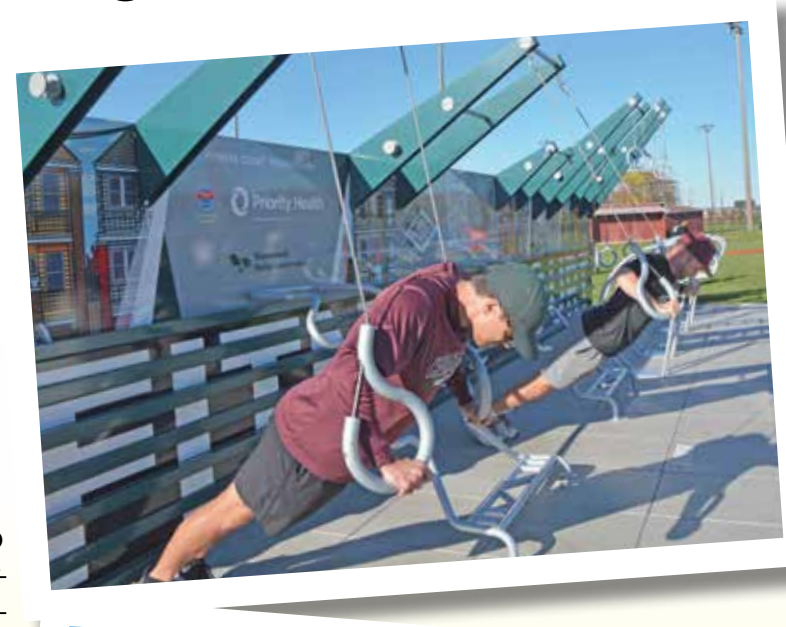
You can download a Fitness Court® App that "acts as a coach-in-your-pocket, and enhances the outdoor gym into a digitally supported wellness experience," said the Conservancy.

The fitness court also has a padded area where you can do yoga, and features a custom-made mural by artist Dave Tonnies that depicts a typical grouping of iconic two-story Hamtramck houses.

Tonnies said that our city is unique in the sense that it serves "as a very inspiring place."

The new court also serves as a place for not only inspiration, but also perspiration.

And yes, we put in our own hard work – on that joke.









Mayor wastes no time in setting two goals

By Charles Sercombe

It's been one week since Mayor Muhith Mahmood took over as mayor of Hamtramck.

And he's not wasting any time in tackling some challenging issues: lowering water bills by 7%, and demanding that the city council rescind a resolution agreeing to have Hamtramck taxpayers pay for former mayor Adam Alharbi's personal legal bills, relating to his fight to remain in the position of mayor.

The cost of water bills has been a long-standing complaint of city residents. Mahmood, in a Facebook post, said, "During the campaign, many of you told me how much high water bills are affecting your families. I heard you, and I'm working to bring you some relief."

He added: "I've also asked the city attorney, city manager, and water department to look for state and federal funding that could provide additional relief."

Mahmood also told The Review: "We need to give people a break. But we don't want to break the bank."

As for Alharbi, his continued effort to remain mayor has been unsuccessful toward reversing a court decision allowing for 37 uncounted ballots from last year's November mayoral election to be included in that election's final tally.

And Alharbi has not had any luck trying to prove that the true winner in the 2025 mayoral election, Mahmood, is not actually a resident of the city and thus unqualified to hold that position.

Residents have been put on the hook to pay $200,000 in Alharbi's legal fees.

Mahmood has not yet sought city council approval to pay his legal fees in these various disputes over the election, and has said he will not.

Mahmood has one ally in reversing that council resolution by Councilmembers Nayeem Choudhury, Abu Musa and Muh-

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tasin Sadman for the city to pay for Alharbi's legal fight.

And that's councilmember Mohammed Hassan.

Hassan says it comes down to one issue: "The city needs the money."

He also told the community that Alharbi's demand for the city to pay for his legal fees "tore the fabric of society and caused the loss of $200,000 of your money; which is why you now have to pay additional taxes."

No additional taxes have been levied for this payment. As of now, the payment is coming from the city's general fund – which is operating in deficit spending.

A few months ago, Alharbi complained about the city's increasing legal bills, and unsuccessfully tried to convince the council to search for a new attorney to serve the city.



Mayor Muhith Mahmood says he is working on a plan to lower water bills by 7 percent. The proposal is expected to be considered at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Alharbi had insisted that his legal fight to remain as mayor was done in his official capacity as mayor, and thus was a legitimate expense. But Alharbi voluntarily joined the legal battle on the counting of the ballots before he took office.

Hassan said his proposal to rescind the council's resolution and demand repayment will be addressed at the next city council meeting, this coming Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The battle over who is mayor is not over yet

By Charles Sercombe

Former mayor Adam Alharbi isn't giving up the fight to reclaim his office.

He has asked for a recount of 37 ballots that have been at the center of a dispute over who won the mayoral seat in last year's November election.

His challenger in that election, Muhith Mahmood, successfully won his fight to have those ballots included in the results. The 37 ballots in question were found in the city clerk's office a day after the November 2025 election.

Alharbi insisted that they should not be counted since they had lost their "chain of custody," while Mahmood argued that not counting the ballots would disenfranchise those voters.

The state court of appeals eventually sided with Mahmood, and ordered the Wayne County Board of Canvassers to count those votes.

When the dust had cleared, Mahmood ended up winning the mayoral election by 12 votes.



Former mayor Adam Alharbi has called for the Wayne County Board of Canvassers to recount 37 ballots that have been at the center of a year-long dispute over who won last year's November mayoral election. File photo

Alharbi had recently requested a recount of the entire November 2025 election, but the Wayne County Board of Canvassers rejected that request.

A recount had already taken place for that election without including the 37 uncounted ballots, and it did nothing to change who had won the position of mayor.

That recount request was made by Mahmood right after the November 2025 election. Alharbi had been determined the winner by 11 votes.

In most election ballot recounts, it is rare for there to end up being any significant changes to the

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In Our Opinion

Water is not free, but can we make it affordable?

If there is one thing Hamtramck residents can agree on, it is the high cost of water.

Hamtramck is not alone in this matter.

Water bills are high no matter where you live in the metro area. It's easy to take for granted that the water we drink and cook with is clean and safe to consume.

But the process of treating water for human ingestion and then delivering it back to each and every household is not simple – or cheap. Hamtramck, like other communities, tacks on additional fees – for example, a "sanitation charge," as in, your garbage pick-up –to water bills to help offset other city costs.

Recently, a divided city council tackled a thorny proposal: to seek a multi-million-dollar loan to continue the city's ability to deliver safe water. It will require an increase in our water bills, although that will be nominal.

You may not even notice the increase. The city is seeking a low-interest loan of 1% in order to borrow $7.9 million to continue improving our water lines.

At a 1% interest on the loan, Hamtramck will be practically getting it free.

It's a shame that past city administrations from decades ago kept kicking the can down the road for so many needed infrastructure improvement projects, but here we are.

Is there a way to reduce water bills?

Possibly.

Mayor Muhith Mahmood is making it a top priority to find ways to reduce our bills by up to 7 percent. And from what we hear, there is a strong possibility an announcement about this will be made at next Tuesday's city council meeting.

We encourage the administration to look at other ways to bill our residents – such as giving those with low incomes reduced rates, and those with higher incomes a slight increase to ease the burden.

Yes, we know that sounds impractical and perhaps unfair, but at this point all options and alternatives should be on the (water) table.



City Hall Insider ...

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

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Sept. 8, and all councilmembers, except for Yousuf Saed, were in attendance.

During public comment, Bill Meyer said that, in all his travels, Hamtramck stands out as "a beautiful place to live."

However, he said the city needs to promote its businesses better, and try to attract more people to come to the city. "Not only to come here and shop, but come here and live, come here and visit for sure," he said.

Meyer suggested the city assign the newly formed Unity Commission to "come up with some great slogans, some sort of public relations video, media that's going to help promote the city and let the workers in the city be in the video, or whatever, to let the people in the rest of the country know how great this city really is."

As for the city's motto, "The world in 2 square miles," he said "that's sort of good, but there's better ones."

Meyer also urged the council to stop arguing.

Meyer said, "You guys are the voice of the people, and you have to represent all the people who live here and try to avoid arguing with each other. I know you're going to disagree, but that's fine."

Joan Bittner, the co-owner of the Polish Art Center on Jos. Campau, said she is against a proposal to issue permits for residents to park on the streets all day.

She also complained about two particular parking spaces that were eliminated on Norwalk.

"I thought we didn't have enough parking spots," Bittner said.

In an email comment, a resident complained about taxpayers covering then-Mayor Adam Alharbi's legal fees regarding the election from last November.

"Do not spend over $200,000 of our money without giving us a proper explanation," the resident said.

In a separate email comment, a resident also complained about the city council's decision to pay the mayor's private legal bills.

"Residents deserve to know the legal justification, public benefit and financial responsibility behind this decision," the resident said.

Former Mayor Alharbi had justified the expense by saying he was sued in the uncounted ballot issue while in his "official capacity" as mayor.

(Editor's note: The mayor joined the lawsuit regarding the ballots voluntarily before he was sworn into office.)

Moving on, the council OK'd re-establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) in the city.

The purpose of doing this is to allow the city to "support (the) redevelopment of eligible properties affected by conditions such as environmental contamination, blight, or functional obsolescence. Through an approved brownfield plan, the Authority may use tax increment financing to reimburse eligible costs such as environmental assessment and remediation, demolition, site pre-

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Odds & Ends

Gathering ... Family and friends of the late Walter Wasacz, who was known by many in the community, will gather next Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Bakers Streetcar Bar for a wake.

Wasacz, a former columnist for The Review, died on Oct 3, at the age of 71, of a suspected heart attack. He had been living in Cleveland.



Walter Wasacz

The wake will be held from 6 to 10 p.m., and there will be an opportunity for those gathered to say a few words of remembrance about Walter.

Baker's is located at 9817 Jos. Campau. There will be a cash bar, and pizza donated by Amicci's.

Mice infestation ... A parent whose child is in the public school's Early Childhood Elementary (ECE), located on McDougall in the former Immaculate Conception school, recently informed The Review of a mice infestation issue at the school.

The parent, who asked not to be identified for fear of retribution, said that kitchen workers dealt with the problem by placing cups filled with mothballs in the cafeteria.

The problem with that is, the mothballs caused toxic fumes to fill the air, which made the parent's child sick with a respiratory problem.

Other sources in the district confirmed that there was an issue with the mothballs, so they were removed by custodial staff.

Here's what the parent told The Review:

"As a result of not going through the proper pesticide protocol, these fumes were seeping into the school for weeks. ... My child goes to the school, and has been complaining of chest pains, and we are taking her to the doctor to make sure these chemicals are not present in their body."

The district's Interim Superintendent James Larson-Shidler gave this response to The Review about the situation:

"The district investigated the reported mothball incident at ECE and took appropriate steps to address the situation and ensure the building was safe for occupancy. The district also coordinated site visits with state and county departments and is working collaboratively with these agencies to ensure compliance with applicable state and county guidelines.

"A food service employee observed a mouse in the kitchen storage area and documented the observation in the pest control log for the district's pest control contractor.

"Before the contractor arrived, the employee placed mothballs in the area, following a practice used at home. The use of mothballs is not an approved district procedure. The mothballs were identified on Monday, and Maintenance was notified. When Maintenance arrived, an employee had already collected the mothballs from the kitchen area.

"Tuesday was a professional development day, with no students present. District administration consulted with the district nurse and the building administrator onsite at ECE.

"Wayne County Poison Control was also contacted for guidance. Based on the information provided, the district disposed of food in the affected kitchen area, sanitized the kitchen, cleaned soft surfaces, and wet-extracted carpets as additional precautionary measures.

"An independent third-party company conducted air quality testing to assess whether the active ingredients associated with mothballs were present in the areas tested.

"The results were negative, meaning the substances tested were not detected in the air samples collected. These findings, together with the district's cleaning and sanitizing measures and guidance from Wayne County Poison Control, supported the actions taken in response to the incident.

"Concerns regarding the building's ventilation system were also addressed. The building does not rely on an outdated, centralized HVAC system.

"The district consulted with the contractor responsible for installing the HVAC units. The units, installed since COVID, are designed to introduce fresh air, to exhaust air from individual areas, and to continually circulate fresh air throughout the building. Each room and area is served by separate units, allowing ventilation at the individual-area level.

"The district will continue reinforcing established procedures for pest control, and working with state and county agencies as necessary to address any identified concerns, and ensure compliance with applicable guidelines. These efforts support the district's commitment to maintaining safe facilities for students and staff."

Turkey time ... As we mentioned in this issue's "Quick Hits" column, Detroit Friendship House is offering a limited number of free Thanksgiving meal packages this coming Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon.

You must be registered with the food pantry to be eligible to receive a package.

If you're not registered, or have questions, call (313) 871-7443, or email the organization at: officemanager@detroitfriendshiphouse.org

The Hamtramck Police Department is also offering free turkey giveaways that same Tuesday, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Zussman Park, located in front of city hall.

It's first-come, first-served to get a turkey, so get there early.

Fundraiser ... The good folks at Suzy's Bar are in the giving spirit, and are hosting a fundraiser for the Queen of Apostles

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Quick Hits

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as in Thanksgiving, which is just a couple of weeks away on Nov. 26.

Once again, the good folks at Detroit Friendship House will be offering free Thanksgiving meal packages for about 300 needy families.

Here's what Friendship House has to say:

"This November, we're coming together to help our neighbors celebrate Thanksgiving with a warm holiday meal and a little extra peace of mind!

"Thanks to the generous support of Life for Relief and Development, Detroit Friendship House is preparing to provide Thanksgiving meal packages to 300 families, including 100 halal turkeys to meet the diverse dietary needs of our community."

So, here's the plan:

Thanksgiving food distribution will be Tuesday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m.-noon at Detroit Friendship House, 9540 Conant. You must reside in zip code 48212 to qualify.

You'll be required to make sure your household profile and contact information are up to date before distribution day. You can visit Friendship House during regular pantry hours to update your information. No same-day registration will be available.

The number of halal turkeys is limited to 100, available only while the supply lasts.

All Thanksgiving meal packages are subject to availability. For more information, call (313) 871-7443, or go online to: www.detroitfriendshiphouse.org



CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 4-12.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

- At 1 a.m., a domestic assault was reported in the 11600 block of Charest.
- A male suspect was arrested in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau for trespassing.
- A suspicious incident was reported on Conant.

Thursday, Nov. 5

- Trespassing was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- A person in the 11300 block of Conant reported receiving harassing calls.

Friday, Nov. 6

- A disorderly person was reported in the area of Conant and Holbrook.
- Trespassing was reported in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the area of Alice and Lumpkin.
- A business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported an incident of fraud.

Saturday, Nov. 7

- A domestic assault was reported in the 3000 block of Trowbridge. A domestic assault was also reported in the 2300 block of Caniff.
- An abandoned vehicle was reported in the area of Grayling and Jos. Campau.
- Suspicious circumstances were reported in the 2200 block of Poland and in the 3200 block of Belmont.

Sunday, Nov. 8

- An assault was reported in the 2600 block of Yemans.
- A suspicious incident was reported on Conant.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile on Oklahoma.
- A suspect was arrested for assault on Jos. Campau.

Monday, Nov. 9

- At about 1 a.m., a driver was arrested in the area of Dan and Jos. Campau for reckless driving. The driver had been doing burnouts in the park.
- Suspicious people were reported in the 2300 block of Andrus.
- Officers joined with those from another

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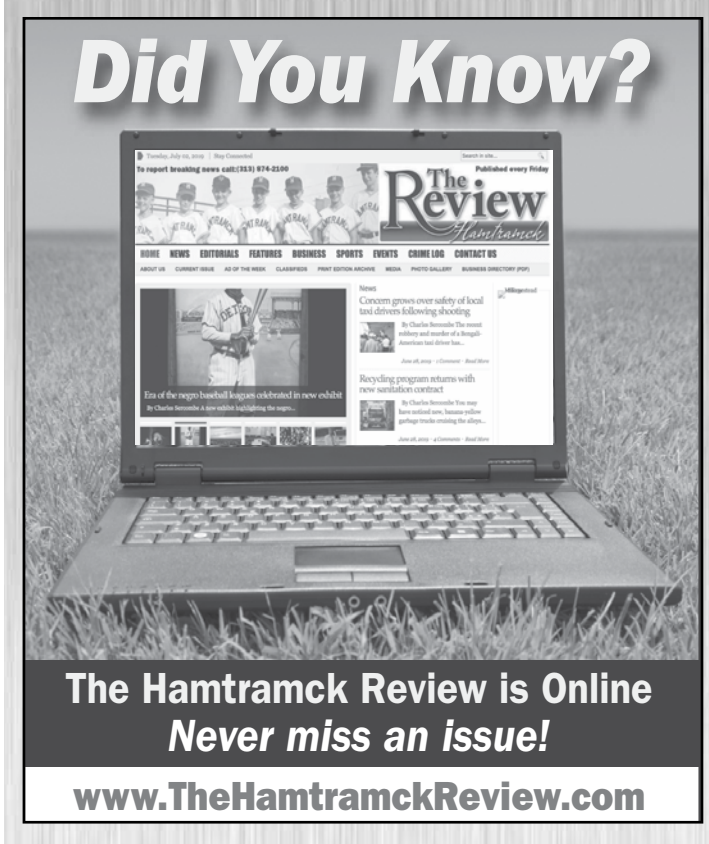
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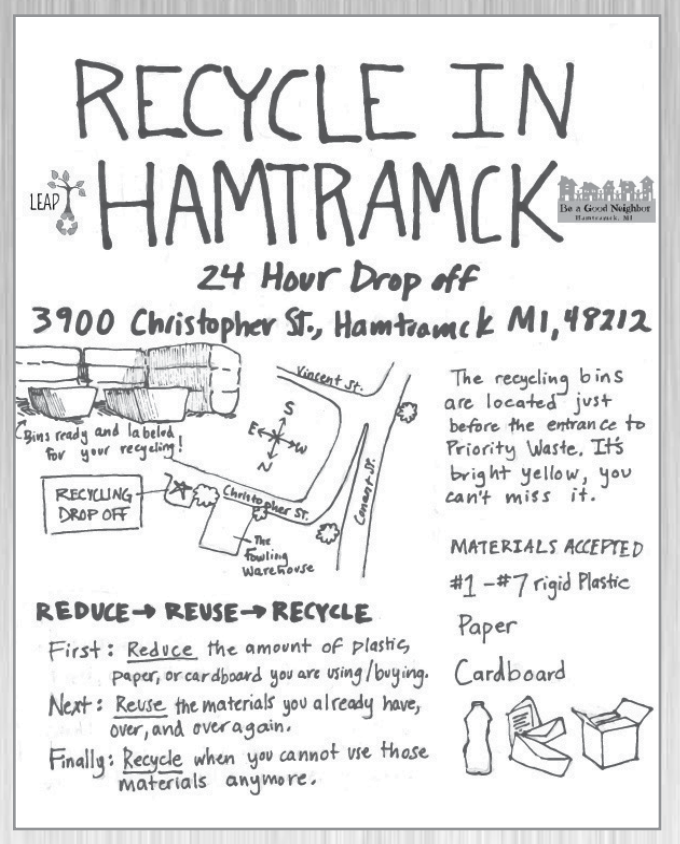
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Obituaries

BABINSKI



Krystyna Babinski (neé Kapica), 79, died November 16, 2026.

Krystyna was born in Kraśnik, Poland, and came to America in 1981 with hopes of building a better life for herself and her beloved son, Wojtek.

She spent 30 years working as a cook at Polish Village in Hamtramck, always putting her family first.

A devoted mother and loving grandmother, Krystyna found her greatest joy in the simple things – cooking for her loved ones, sharing Polish traditions, making memories with her grandchildren, and bringing happiness to those around her.

Her love was felt in countless little ways, and her warmth and kindness will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew her.

She gave her family the greatest gift of all — a lifetime of love.

The funeral Mass is Saturday, November 21, 2026. Lying in state at 7:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212. Private inurnment will be at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Southfield MI. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

PROULX



Bobby Proulx, 61, died November 15, 2026.

Robert Laurence Proulx, affectionately known as Bobby, passed away on November 15, 2026, at the age of 61. He was the beloved son of the late Irene and Robert Proulx.

Bobby brought immeasurable joy to his mother, Irene, with whom he shared a special bond. He enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers and fishing at Belle Isle and Teeple Lake. These simple pleasures brought him happiness throughout his life. Bobby will be deeply missed by his entire family, especially by his sisters Elizabeth and Deanna, who provided loving, dedicated care to him for many years.

He is survived by his sisters, Elizabeth Kochut (the late Gregory), Anne Proulx, Michaeline Proulx, and Deanna Nabinger, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irene and Robert Proulx; his sister, Jacqueline Proulx; and his brother-in-law, Gregory Kochut.

A private family service will be held at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck, Michigan. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.

Bobby will be lovingly remembered and forever held in the hearts of his family and all that knew him.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

City Hall Insider ...

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paration, infrastructure improvements, and other qualifying redevelopment activities," according to a note supplied to the council from the Community Economic Development Department.

A lengthy discussion was held on establishing a parking policy on Jos. Campau, in light of the city no longer having parking meters on the street.

Isabel Allaway, the Director of the CED, said the public "still wants free parking. They just want parking turnover on Jos. Campau in front of businesses."

She said there are instances of people parking their cars on the streets for days without moving them.

One proposal was made to limit parking on Jos. Campau to no more than four hours at one spot between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Overnight parking would still be allowed.

Former Mayor Alharbi was supportive of the policy.

"We can try it, and see how it works out," he said.

The policy was adopted.

In a discussion about updating the city's policy on wastewater, it was recommended that the city adopt a new requirement for food service establishments to install grease traps.

"Under the proposed ordinance, food service establishments would be required to install and maintain an approved grease interceptor or grease trap, while automotive and industrial facilities would be required to install and maintain an approved oil/water separator," the council was told in a note.

"The ordinance establishes standards for the design, sizing, installation, accessibility, and maintenance of these control devices. New control devices would require a permit through the City's Building Department, and installation by an appropriately licensed contractor."

A representative of the city's Public Works Department said many sewers are plugged with grease.

"Businesses of all kinds are treating the sewers as if they're a black hole. ... (Food grease, motor oil) build up in sewers. They were not made to do this," the representative said.

The cost to clear out grease build-ups is $250 an hour.

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury was hesitant to start fining businesses that cause grease build-ups.

"I don't like the idea of putting more burdens on the business owners," Choudhury said. "Business owners are not doing too great."

The ordinance proposal was OK'd.

In another policy update, the council agreed to revise its requirements for people to purchase city-owned property.

New requirements include having those who purchase city properties pay at least 50 percent of the property's value.

Councilmember Abu Musa pointed out that some properties on Jos. Campau have been vacant for 15-20 years.

The reference was apparently aimed at Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri, who owns the former Shopper's World building on Jos. Campau, between Yemans and Evaline. The building has been sitting vacant for a number of years.

The battle over who is mayor is not over yet

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final tally.

The recount of the 37 ballots is this Friday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m., in the Ralph Vigliotti Building, located at 1900 E. Jefferson in Detroit.

That's not all Alharbi is doing to reclaim the title of mayor.

He is also appealing a Wayne County Circuit Court decision that rejected his argument that Mahmood is not actually a resident of Hamtramck, and instead lives in Troy with this wife and family.

The judge in that case said the evidence Alharbi submitted over the residency issue was "scant, at best."

But he is still persisting in the matter.

"I want Hamtramck residents to have clear answers about how those ballots were handled and counted," Alharbi said, on his Facebook page.

And if all that fails, Alharbi said there is an "alternative path," hinting he will call for the community to support a recall election against Mahmood.

"If the court system fails to enforce justice, then there's an alternative path our residents will take to resolve this issue," he said.

Alharbi told The Review: "That 'alternative path' is simply letting the voters weigh in through a recall election. People in our community are frustrated and want to see accountability. If the courts don't resolve the issue, residents have every legal right to organize, gather signatures, and let the voters decide."

In Michigan, recalls can't take place in the first or last six months of an elected official's term. Mahmood has only been in office for a little over a week.

There is also another hurdle: getting approval for the language of a recall petition has become tougher.

Most recall petitions are rejected, based on the lack of clarity in the language of the proposed ballot question.

So far, Hamtramck taxpayers are picking up the legal tab for Alharbi's fight to regain the job of mayor. That bill now stands at about $200,000. A bare majority of city councilmembers – Abu Musa, Nayeem Choudhury and Muhtasin Sadman – approved Alharbi's request for the city to pay his legal fees.

Reaction to Alharbi's call for voters to remove Mahmood ranged from support for his position to appeals for him to drop the matter and move on.

"Brother Adam, sometimes the real battle is not in the courts or ballot boxes, but in our ability to bring people together and unite hearts," said Abo Adam, on social media.

"That is why I hope you do not exhaust all your energy and time in appeals, with all our respect for the judiciary and your right to seek justice. Look to the future, prepare now for the next stage, and make your goal bringing together the sons of the community instead of increasing the distances between them."

But others encouraged Alharbi to continue the fight.

"Good luck; God willing, you are on the right path, and this is a step that serves the community and fights corruption if it exists," said Farooq Ali.



Odds & Ends

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Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6-9 p.m.

Here's what Suzy, the owner of the bar, has to say about the upcoming fun:

"There will be entertainment by JoTown, pizza, plus you can support our local watering hole Suzy's Bar. Just stop by with $5 or $10 or $20, or more, but remember: no matter how big or small, all donations help this community combat food insecurities.

"Guaranteed good time, lots of laughs, singalongs and friendship. So spread the word, repost, tell a friend, tell a stranger – as always, ALL ARE WELCOME."

Suzy's is located at 2942 Evaline, right across from the south end of the large city parking lot.

Donation drive ... Detroit Friendship House, a food pantry located in Hamtramck that serves hundreds of needy folks, is asking for a helping hand.

As in: Financial donations.

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

"Giving Tuesday is just around the corner!

"On Dec. 1, people around the world will come together for a day dedicated to generosity and supporting the causes and communities they care about.

"Here at Detroit Friendship House, we're already seeing that spirit of generosity in action.

"Next week, we're preparing to provide Thanksgiving food packages to 300 households in our community, thanks to the support of our partners, volunteers, and donors.

"But serving 300 households is no small undertaking. Behind one morning of distribution is an enormous amount of coordination—from securing food and organizing deliveries to mobilizing volunteers, preparing our pantry, and making sure families are served with care and dignity.

"It's a community effort that requires planning, resources, and many helping hands.

"And while Thanksgiving brings our community together around the table, the need for food assistance and support continues long after the holidays.

"This Giving Tuesday, your generosity can have twice the impact! Thanks to a generous donor, every dollar you give on December 1 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to $4,000!

"Together, we can unlock the full $4,000 match and turn your generosity into $8,000 for Detroit Friendship House!

"Mark your calendar for December 1 and help us unlock the full $4,000 match!

"Your generosity helps Detroit Friendship House continue providing culturally relevant food, individualized employment support, and connections to resources that help our neighbors move toward greater stability.

"Thank you for being part of a community that shows up for one another."

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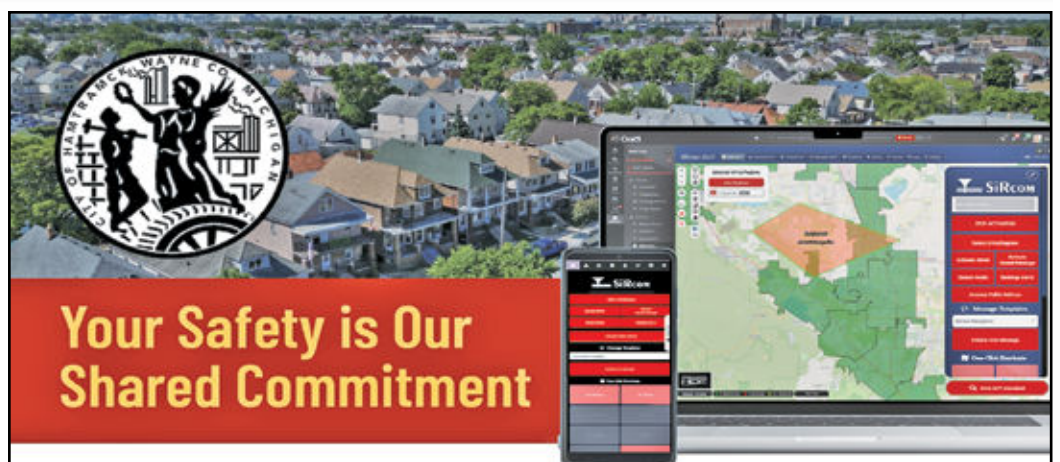
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agency in pursuing a stolen vehicle. The vehicle sped off.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

• A theft from a vehicle was reported on Trowbridge.

• Officers responded to a call about a weapons violation in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.

• A fight was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

• No incident report was available for this date.

Thursday, Nov. 12

• At 2:30 a.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 3000 block of Hanley.

• A vehicle was reported stolen in the 11400 block of Dequindre.

• An incident of illegal dumping was reported in the area of Caniff and Conant.

• A person was reported missing in the 3800 block of Yemans.

• A theft was reported in the 2400 block of Holbrook.

• A hit-and-run accident happened in the 11300 block of Conant.

• A fight was reported in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

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