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WALK THE STREETS OF HAMTRAMCK WITH THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Take a step back in time while strolling the streets of Hamtramck with the Detroit Historical Society’s Behind the Scenes tour series, sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation.  Join Greg Kowalski, chairman of the Hamtramck Historical Commission on Saturday, August 25 at 10 a.m. as he takes you through Hamtramck’s abundant history and looks ahead to its promising future.

Hamtramck was originally settled by German farmers, but Polish immigrants flooded into the area when the Dodge Brothers plant opened in 1914. Poles still make up a large proportion of the population. Over the past 30 years, a large number of immigrants from the Middle East (especially Yemen) and South Asia (especially Bangladesh) have moved to the city. As of the 2000 census, the city's foreign-born population stood at 41.1 percent, making it Michigan's most internationally diverse city. Learn the history and culture of Hamtramck as you explore with your enthusiastic guide.

The mission of the Hamtramck Historical Commission is to identify, assemble, collect and preserve objects, materials, writings, buildings and sites relating to the history and culture of the city and its citizens, both past and present.

The cost for this event is $20 for Society members and $30 for non-members. Advance registration is required, and since these tours frequently sell out, be sure to make your plans early! Payment must accompany your reservation. Telephone reservations can be accepted with a VISA, Mastercard, Discover or American Express Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No tickets will be sold on the day of the tour.

For reservations by phone or information on upcoming Behind the Scenes programs, call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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