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Quick Hits

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Sharmine Begum, her sister Tahrira Khanom, their cousin Sabikun Nahar, as well as Nafisa Nuzhat and Shahara Begom were able to get a number of businesses to donate to the cause, including pizzas from Hungry Howie's and Amicci's, pastries from New Palace Bakery, and cash and other items from, among others, Maine Street Restaurant, Hera Fish Market, Zokari Sunoco, Pearl Dental Clinic, Hamtramck Drug, Al-Harmain Food Center, and more.

If it's a success – and why shouldn't it be? – they'll make it an annual event. They would also like to expand into doing more for the school, such as generating scholarships for future senior classes, creating a mentoring program, and reinstating the old Ham High Hall of Fame.

So, if you're 18 or 88, and you went to Hamtramck High, well, stop on by and say hello to your fellow alums.

Sounds to us like the start of something good.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

City's financial plan is rolled out to the public

By Ian Perrotta

At last Thursday's (June 28) Town Hall Meeting, much was discussed but little was accomplished.

Called by City Councilmember Robert Zwolak in response to the city's proposed budget reduction plan, the meeting was a chance for the public to air their thoughts on the matter in a forum other than a city council meeting. About two dozen residents showed up, though only a few took the opportunity to voice their concerns.

The meeting began with a presentation by Acting City Manager Erik Tungate that outlined the proposed deficit elimination plan. According to Tungate, the plan has four main objectives: Comply with Public Act 140 of 1971;

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Acting City Manager Erik Tungate presents the city's proposed deficit elimination plan to the public at last Thursday's Town Hall Meeting.

Yemeni community hosts a cultural display



Yemeni culture was on full display at the Yemeni American Committee's first annual "Yemeni Cultural Day".

By Ian Perrotta

Yemen is a country with a rich cultural history, and last Sunday (July 1) it was all on display.

The first annual "Yemeni Cultural Day" was held at People's Community Services.

The event, hosted by the Yemeni American Committee, sought to educate the community about the history and culture of the Yemeni people, many of whom live

in the city of Hamtramck.

Starting with a hearty serving of delicious Yemeni food – graciously donated by Sheeba Restaurant (on the southend of Joseph Campau) the informational part of the program then began shortly after.

Next up was an incredible performance by two of Yemen's most popular musicians. With just a hand drum and an Oud (a guitar-

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Election is around the corner

By Charles Sercombe

Absentee voters can get a jump on the Aug. 7 Primary. Hamtramck's city clerk now has ballots available for the election.

The primary features a variety of run-offs. There are four current Hamtramck City Councilmembers running for other offices.



Councilmembers Cathie Gordon and Tom Jankowski are two of the five challengers taking on Wayne County Commissioner Martha Scott.

Councilmembers Robert Zwolak and Mohammed Hassan are facing nine others for a newly created 4th District State Rep. seat.

Also in that race is Hamtramck resident Beverly Tran, who has run for city council in prior years.

Another Hamtramckan is on the ballot as well — Ron Michalski, who is running unopposed as a Republican in the same 4th District election. He will square off in the November General Election with the winner of the Democratic race.

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City's financial plan is rolled out to the public

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serve as a prerequisite for a state loan; reduce the city budget by \$3.5 million; and prevent the city from being taken over by an Emergency Financial Manager.

In order to meet those objectives, there are several proposed changes to future budgets. Among those falling into the category of "cuts" are payroll reductions totaling \$82,000 (which have already been completed), the trimming of vendor contracts to the sum of \$200,000 (in progress), changes to retiree healthcare saving \$187,784 per year, the consolidation of departments, and a review of

council membership dues.

Concessions from the police and firefighter unions would save the most money - \$2.1 million - though the proposal still needs formal ratification from both the unions and city council.

Among the ways the city plans to bring in money were several options described by Tungate as "revenue enhancements" and counter-described by the public as "taxes."

These options included a rubbish millage increase, a judgment levy, general administrative fee increases, and a possible street lighting fee.

All together, the adjustments would total about \$73 per year, or a little over \$6 per month, for the average homeowner.

Noting that several other cities have found themselves in similar situations, Tungate then compared Hamtramck's response to those of similar municipalities. While Ferndale has only increased its taxes by 3 mills over the next five years, cities with unrestricted millage increases like Harper Woods and Hazel Park have increased taxes by 9.5 and 10 mills, respectively. Hazel Park also instituted a street lighting fee.

In his conclusion, Tungate stated that, although the task ahead is difficult, the decisions contained within the plan were necessary in order for the city to survive.

"The plan reflects difficult choices, but puts the city on a positive long-term path," he said.

After Tungate's presentation, residents were invited to offer their opinions on the subject at hand. Only a few were on hand to speak up, though many went back to the microphone multiple times.

Twylla Meyer expressed her disappointment that the cut to Tungate's salary was, in her opinion, too low.

"Share the pain. A 2-percent cut on \$7,500 a month is not enough," she said.

Susan Dunn agreed with Meyer. She said that the police and fire unions gave far

more than 2 percent. Dunn also said her house has lost value and her taxes have gone up, and that the city should focus on helping its residents rather than hurting them with taxes.

"You need to start working on other things while we're still here," she said.

Bill Meyer thanked the hosts for putting on the event but said that he felt it was pointless because nothing would come out of the meeting and the plan would move forward regardless.

"Why are we doing this? It seems a little redundant to me," he said. "We should all just go home now."

Beatrice Woods gave a history lesson on the city before she was asked by Tungate if she had a question. She responded by saying the city council doesn't know how to treat people courteously and doesn't answer questions. She later asked why there weren't more people of color working for the city.

"What happened to the City Manager's secretary?" she said.

A woman named Bonnie said that her taxes were too high, the presentation went a little too quickly, and she wished there was something to follow along with. Tungate said that everything was online, to which Bonnie responded that he assumed she had access to the Internet.

"The city should provide Internet access to all its residents," she said.

Hillary Cherry gave an informative speech on the city and its current lack of continuity and institutional memory. She said the city has been in similar situations before, and that volunteers do a lot of work in other cities to help defray costs. When Mayor Karen Majewski said the city had worked on a volunteer list before, Cherry informed her of what had happened to it.

"I was working on that very project before I was banned from the police station by the city manager," she said.

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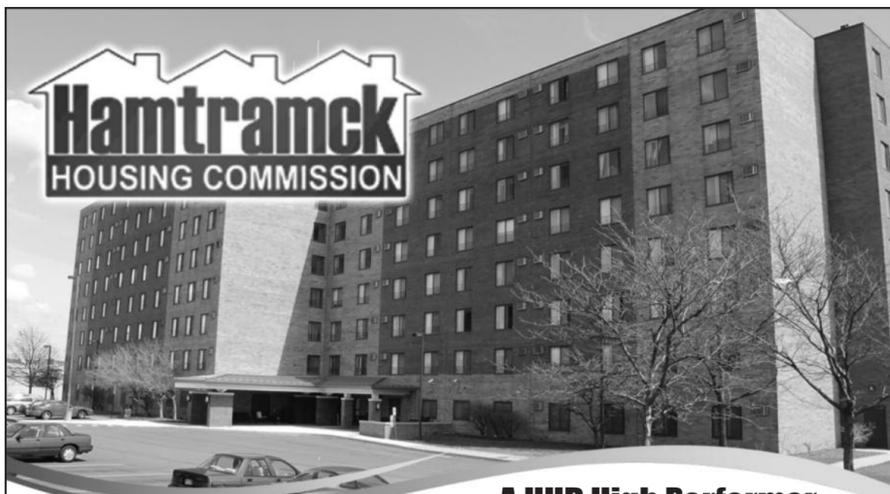
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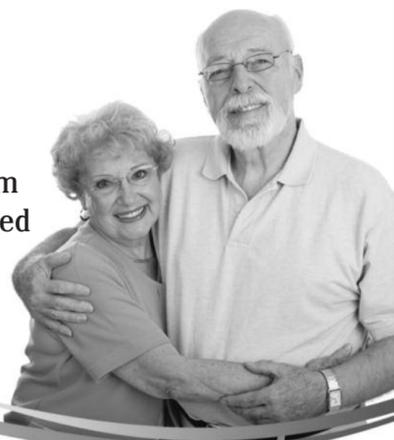


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ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, July 10 at 4:30 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Tuesday, July 10 at noon. Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge course. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Summer Reading Program - Wednesday, July 11 at 1 p.m. Randy Baker and his amazing animals will entertain and educate us about forest animals and their habits. Everyone is invited.

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ESL News for You - Thursday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m. ESL reading and discussion class with Ms. Latisha. Free to the public.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

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Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition - Thursday, July 12 at 6 p.m. The meeting is organized by the Piast Institute.

ESL Class with Christine Templin - Friday, July 13 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday, July 16 at noon. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. This week's topic is Night Day! (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Summer Reading Program - Wednesday, July 18 at 1 p.m. Special attraction for this week is a visit from Mr. Inflation with a program filled with fun and amazing things you can make with balloons.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, July 19 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

Teen Club Meeting - Friday, July 27, at 1 p.m. Teens are invited to join us for the kick off meeting of the Teen Club.

Special Thanks for Donations - Janet Lamareto, books; Krystyne Wiercigroch, books; Gregory Bogucki, books; Jaberul Haque, books.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access our online catalog.

Second Front Page

Hop on over to Skipper's Hamtown Bar for a free beer

By Ian Perrotta

No, you're not hallucinating. All you have to do is answer a few questions.

This coming Wednesday (July 11), Skipper's Hamtown Bar will be hosting its usual Open Mic Night, but with a twist. In exchange for completing a "Hamtramck Vibrancy Survey," the Millennial Mayors Congress (MMC) will buy you a drink.

It's all part of the MMC's 2012 protocol to create "Vibrancy Maps" for its member cities. Each year the MMC designates one agenda, and

this year the goal is to create a map that highlights the things that make each particular city a vibrant place in which to live.

More specifically, the maps will highlight things that make Hamtramck an ideal place for the so-called "millennial generation" – those born between 1980 and 2000. By compiling the answers given to the survey questions, an interactive map of the city will be created. Example: Want to know where the best places to hang out are? There's a map

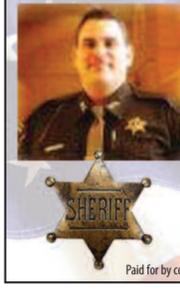
for that.

Though the target audience of the survey is the millennial generation, the survey will be open to all ages. However, in order to get a free drink you'll have to be one of the first 50 people through the door after 8:00 p.m.

Even if you don't feel like answering a few questions, it's still worth it to check out Skipper's on a Wednesday night. Drinks are only a dollar, and the crowd for Open Mic Night has been growing steadily, now regularly topping 50 people. You can

also get some musical equipment from the pop-up version of Sticks, Strings and Other Things (Hamtramck's not-open-quite-yet-but-sometime-soon music store).

Skipper's Hamtown Bar is located at 9735 Conant (at Evaline) and hosts an Open Mic Night every Wednesday beginning around 9:00 p.m. Instruments are available, drinks are \$1, and lately there have been a lot of attractive people to look at.



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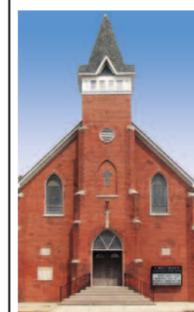
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Fate of Labor Day Festival relies on donations

By Charles Sercombe

The clock is ticking on the fate of the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

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Darren Grow, of the Downtown Development Authority,

the group that hosts the festival, has a self-imposed deadline of July 19 to raise at least \$20,000. He is attempting to raise the money through word-of-mouth, as well as online through Kick-

starter.com.

Grow said that, if the Kickstarter fundraiser comes in under \$20,000, the DDA won't be able to collect any of the money that had been pledged.

Kickstarter collects the pledges only when the goal has been reached. You can make a donation by going to the festival site at: www.kickstarter.com/projects/966933163/hamtramck-labor-day-festival.

As of press time on Thursday, only \$1,230 had been pledged.

Grow said he has tried to get donations from major

local companies, but so far has had no luck.

News of the festival's financial woes motivated city councilmembers to start the pledge ball rolling. Councilmember Cathie Gordon challenged her colleagues to each contribute at least \$100 each.

Except for one year, the festival has been held for 30 years (the Kickstarter page says 32).

Regardless of whether the festival is held, the Polish Day Parade, held on Labor Day, is still scheduled to go on.

Breaking News ...

Just before going to press on Thursday we received word that Acting City Manager Erik Tungate would be resigning by August 30. In his resignation letter to the council, Tungate said that, while much had been accomplished during his time, "selfish divisions" were holding the city back, and there was still more to be done. Tune in next week for more on this developing story...



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Election is around the corner

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The Democratic portion of the race is a toss-up, since most of the candidates are unknowns.

Longtime resident Raymond Wojtowicz, who has held the position of County Treasurer for dozens of years, is facing seven challengers to his post.

And, there is one more Hamtramck resident on the ballot: Gregory Kirchner, who is running as a Republican delegate to the county convention.

One of the more hotly contested races is for the new U.S. Congressional seat cre-

ated from the redrawing of district lines.

Congressmen Gary Peters and Hansen Clarke have been pitted against each other in this 14th District. Peters has been campaigning hard in Hamtramck. But Clarke may have a slight advantage in Hamtramck, since he will likely carry the Bangladeshi voting bloc.

Clarke's father was a Bengali. Clarke has been in office for one term.

Absentee ballots are available until Aug. 6.

Yemeni community hosts a cultural display

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like instrument), Abduhl Alakhfash and Ahmed Aldini played a very well-received set of traditional Yemeni music to the crowd.

After the duo's performance, it was time for some inspirational stories from a few Yemeni-American men who have found success in their lives.

The finale of Yemeni Cultural Day was a fashion show. Highlighting outfits that included the abaia, dar'ah, and zanah, several women modeled traditional Yemeni garments, many that can still be seen on streets

today. A man modeled traditional men's clothing, complete with a jambiya (that cool-looking knife) tucked at the hilt.

Though the event was the first of its kind, it likely won't be the last. Hussein Ahmed, Chairman of the Yemeni American Committee, said he was pleased with, and encouraged by, the turnout.

"We think it's very important that these types of events happen on a frequent basis," he said. "It's important that we learn about our culture, see things, and show ourselves off."



At the end of the event, a fashion show was held. The woman on the left wears an abaia, and the man on the right sports a jambiya in his belt.

City Historical Museum will be moving

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's Historical Museum hasn't even officially opened, and it's likely the building will now be put on the market for sale.

That's because the Historical Commission is in line to receive a better building to set up in, said Commission Chairman Greg Kowalski at a recent city council meeting.

The current museum is a former veterans post on Holbrook that has turned out to have several serious repair issues.

Kowalski said that an owner of a Jos. Campau building, next to the Polish Art Center, recently offered

the building for free.

The Campau building, Kowalski said, is move-in ready. He said some legal paperwork needs to be completed before the museum can move in.

"The deal isn't done, but it's close," he said.

In the meantime, the Holbrook building will be put up for sale.

Kowalski said he has high hopes for the museum. He said he expects to draw a lot of visitors.

"It's going to pump money into the local community," he said. "It's going to help the city as a whole."



By Charles Sercombe

Five lucky high school graduates received a little bonus for getting good grades and performing community service.

Recently, the Hamtramck United Social Services (HUSS) awarded \$300 scholarships to Abraham Aiyash (Hamtramck High), Mumayoun Ahmed (Frontier Academy) and Mamdud Ahmed (Hamtramck High).

Also getting a financial helping hand were Tahrima Ahmed (Hamtramck High) and Mohammed Rahman

(Frontier Academy) who each received \$100 scholarships.

Each student was required to write an essay about their contributions to the community.

HUSS President Linnea Berg had high praise for the students.

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Review: Opinion Page

Council should trust City Manager's advice, pass Budget Plan

Passing a city budget plan is never an easy chore for the city council.

But passing a plan to reduce the city's growing deficit is going to be near impossible, if the last council meeting is any indication.

However, if the plan that Acting City Manager Erik Tungate put forward is voted down, the council will have little time to come up with a workable alternative. And if councilmembers deadlock on a plan, the state will surely intervene and appoint an emergency financial man-

ager (EFM) to take control of the city.

Let's just say this: the council hired Tungate to come up with a plan to avoid payless paydays, and eliminate a projected \$3.5 million budget deficit by this time next year.

At some point, the council has to trust the person they hired, who reviewed the city's financial plan and came up with a very conservative guide to get the city out of debt.

And by conservative, we're not talking politics. We're talking a very realistic plan to move forward.

This council has a bad habit of micro-managing their city managers. It's time to just have faith, and allow the proposed plan to move forward.

Yes, property owners are going to be hit with some extra service fees.

And yes, certain councilmembers are going to argue that people can't afford that.

The alternative, however, is we would no longer have the police and fire departments that we have today. Something will have to go if this plan is not adopted here.



Letter from the Publisher

By John Ulaj

My endorsement for the 14th Congressional District: GARY PETERS (DEMOCRAT)

Recently, in the city of Troy, we had the honor of attending the first Bangladeshi Democratic caucus, hosted by one of the finest of local impresarios: Dr. Nazmul Hassan. Many of our Democratic luminaries attended this special event, including U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin.

This was indeed an important event. Of course, Dr. Hassan invited the entire staff of The Review to be present at this function. He also asked whether we could sponsor this, their first event, seeing as we are the local media, and of course I agreed to do just that.

I must admit that I was particularly interested in the congressional race between the two power players, Gary Peters and Hansen Clarke, under whose jurisdiction, by the way, Hamtramck would fall as part of Congress's 14th district. I might get in trouble for saying this, but I think the Republicans have done a great service to the people of this state, by pushing redistricting, and thus forcing these popular Democrats to compete against one another.

You may be wondering why I feel this is good for the people.

During this caucus, I watched both Hansen Clarke and Gary Peters present their positions and, to my astonishment, Hansen Clarke talked mostly about his ethnicity and where he grew up, and how he had witnessed his dad hanging out at cafes and mingling with card players!

Pretty much irrelevant, with respect to the

issues currently affecting us.

In contrast, Gary Peters talked more about important issues such as industrial jobs – how to rebuild our manufacturing base here at home. Peters talked about key issues that affect all of Michigan, which all came down to: JOBS! He was comprehensive in his approach, and insightful in his plans to push to make Michigan a better place to work and raise your family.

This is how competition can really highlight all the options. I'm a true advocate: competition is good when it gives consumers – or in this case, residents – other viable options to choose from.

Peters is very popular in Pontiac, and the other communities he currently represents, as the people admire him for his intelligent, hard work. He also has the support of practically every union in the state, including the still-powerful U.A.W (United Auto Workers).

I believe he will win, and will go on to do an excellent job for our city. I think Hamtramck will be fortunate to have him as our representative.

Let's send Gary Peters to Washington. On August 7, I urge all voters to cast their ballot in favor of Gary Peters for your next congressman!

Stay tuned – in future issues, The Review will be giving other endorsements as well, including for State Rep., County Commissioner, and more.

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By Alan Madeleine

Crime Log this week is a compilation of the more noteworthy or informative items from the Hamtramck Police Department's Intelligence Reports, as they have made them available to us, for the week of Thursday, June 28 to Tuesday, July 3, 2012.

From Thursday, June 28:

- A man stated that a black male in a blue Dodge Caravan van pointed a handgun at him out the window, and told the victim to "Get out of the neighborhood." Investigating officers couldn't find the suspect afterwards.

- Two males were arrested

on concealed weapon charges after officers, having stopped their vehicle on southbound I-75 near Caniff, found a loaded handgun in the glove box.

- A woman was arrested for assaulting her sister at a home in the 3400 block of Yemans.

- A man reported observing two juvenile black males, approximately 16 to 18 years old and not wearing shirts, wrestle away the wallet from an Asian male. The suspects fled the area, but investigating officers were later unable to locate the victim either.

- Eight minutes later, a woman had her necklace stolen from around her neck by

two juvenile black males about 16 years old while at Conant near Commor.

From Friday, June 29:

- A man reported that someone stole his blue Schwinn bike while it was in front of a location in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau.

From Saturday, June 30:

- A juvenile male was held on a charge of retail fraud. He was then turned over to his mother.

- A woman who is an employee of the Society of Christ in America reported the theft of a catalytic converter from a

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County's new health program is up and running

By Charles Sercombe

Former Wayne County Commissioner Keith Williams has had some serious medical issues to deal with recently.

But that hasn't kept him down.

Instead, Williams has been on the run to promote physical fitness, thanks to a new Wayne County program called NEWME (Nutrition Exercise Weight Management Effort).

Williams and the county sponsored its first track

and field event last Saturday at Detroit's Renaissance High School.

There was a modest turnout, but a spirited one. Williams said it was his way of "giving back to the community."

He has hopes, also, of putting together a health event next year at Keyworth Stadium. Williams is no stranger to Hamtramck. His father grew up here.

So, start getting in shape Hamtramck.

Participants run the track at Detroit's Renaissance High School this past Saturday, for Wayne County Commissioner Keith Williams' NEWME Program promotion.



Obituaries

BONKOWSKI

Genevieve Bonkowski, 92, died on June 28, 2012. Mrs. Genevieve Bonkowski was a homemaker. She is predeceased by her husband Casimer.

Mrs. Bonkowski is survived by daughters Carol Turini, Helene Schall and Denise Bonkowski; sons Casimer Robert and Terrence Bonkowski; grandchildren Tony, Kenneth, Geoffrey, Brian and Timothy; great-grandchildren Ashley, Matthew, Kayleigh, Jordan, Morgan, Timothy Jr., Joseph, Heidi, and Emily; and, great-great grandson Mason.

Funeral services were July 2, 2012 at Transfiguration Church, with burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Krot Funeral Home.

Heat wave can turn lethal very quickly

How hot is it?

Well, not to be macabre, but it's hot enough to die if you are not careful. During heat waves, it's important to be on the lookout for signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

While this week's heat wave is expected to be over in a few days, this summer will likely remain a sizzler.

Heat stroke occurs when your body cannot regulate its temperature. In just a few minutes, you could go from a normal body temperature to one at, or over, 106 degrees.

Here are some telltale signs to look out for:

- An extremely high body temperature (above 103°F, orally)
- Red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating)
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Unconsciousness

What to Do

- Get the victim to a shady area.
- Cool the victim rapidly, using whatever methods you can. For example, immerse the victim in a tub of cool water; place the person in a cool shower; spray the vic-

tim with cool water from a garden hose; sponge the person with cool water; or if the humidity is low, wrap the victim in a cool, wet sheet and fan him or her vigorously.

• Monitor body temperature, and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102°F.

• If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call the hospital emergency room for further instructions.

• Do not give the victim fluids to drink.

• Get medical assistance

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School board will interview candidates for open seat

By Charles Sercombe

There should be a new School Boardmember named this Wednesday.

That's when current School Boardmembers will interview, and vote on, who to appoint to a seat vacated recently by Board President Elizabeth Zwolak. Zwolak resigned last month, saying she is moving out of the city.

Zwolak was the second boardmember to resign recently. Longtime Boardmember Joan Borushko suddenly resigned because of ill health.

Several applicants applied for Borushko's seat, and Eric Burkman was

eventually named to the board.

There are only three applicants this time around: Former Boardmember Alan Shulgon, retired science teacher Dennis Lukas and Darla Swint.

All three had applied for the previously open seat.

Wednesdays' board meeting will be at the administration building, and starts at 4 p.m. Interviews for the board seat are expected to begin around 5 p.m.

In the meantime, Boardmember Yvonne Myrick has been named president.

City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the scoop and the highlights - as well as the lowlights - of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

We last left off with the first part of the June 26 city council meeting. All councilmembers were in attendance.

The council took on a proposed contract with the police officers' union. Councilmember Robert Zwolak said he was against it because the contract allows officers to work a maximum of 32 hours overtime every two weeks in the traffic patrol program.

Zwolak said that the program should not be considered a money-maker. He said it should be about public safety. He also said that making the right to work the program as part of the union's contract limits the administration's ability to make management decisions.

Councilmember Anam Miah was short and to the point, saying the contract is the "right step forward."

Councilmember Abdul Algazali said the traffic patrol profiles people, and puts too

much pressure on officers to issue tickets.

In the vote to accept the contract, only Councilmembers Zwolak and Algazali opposed it.

The approval of the contract for the police brass went quicker, with Councilmembers Cathie Gordon, Zwolak and Algazali voting against it. Mayor Karen Majewski broke the tie vote by voting in favor of it.

A vote on a proposed contract with City Hall employees was held off.

Darren Grow of the Downtown Development Authority said that rumors that the annual Labor Day Festival is cancelled are not true. But the festival could be called off this year if at least \$25,000 is not raised in the next few weeks (the Kickstarter.com website gives the figure at \$20,000).

Grow said he has started a fundraiser on Kickstarter.

"Fingers crossed we can do this in a short time," Grow

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Heat wave can turn lethal very quickly

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as soon as possible.

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures, and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids.

It is the body's response to an excessive loss of the water and salt contained in sweat. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising in a hot environment.

Warning signs of heat exhaustion include the following:

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting

The skin may be cool and

moist. The victim's pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke. Seek medical attention immediately if any of the following occurs:

- Symptoms are severe
- The victim has heart problems or high blood pressure

Otherwise, help the victim to cool off, and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour.

What to Do

Cooling measures that may be effective include the following:

- Cool, nonalcoholic beverages
- Rest
- Cool shower, bath, or sponge bath
- An air-conditioned environment
- Lightweight clothing

Coming events

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Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition meets every second Thursday of the month (next meeting: July 12), 11 a.m. at The Piast Institute, 11633 Jos. Campau.

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vehicle. It was not clear from the report whether the vehicle belonged to her, or someone else, or whether the incident occurred during a church service or function, or not.

• A resident of Auburn Hills was arrested during a traffic stop at Circle and Dyar for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. His 1994 Mercury was considered to be forfeited.

• A juvenile reported the theft of his white Mongoose bike from the playground at Dickinson East School. The reported suspect is described as a black juvenile male, approximately 17 years old, who was wearing a gray t-shirt and black shorts.

• A juvenile was arrested after patrol officers observed him riding recklessly on an unregistered mini-bike, without a license, at Caniff and Mackay.

From Sunday, July 1:

• A resident of a home in the 12000 block of St. Aubin reported that her son stole her Dell laptop computer, and then fled from her residence.

From Monday, July 2:

• At 11:24 a.m., an employee of a fashion store in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau reported that a black female, about 5'9" with a blonde ponytail and a yellow bag, and a black male about 6'0" and thin, attempted to steal four men's suits. The female suspect dropped the bag outside the store, presumably containing the merchandise, and fled.

• About two and a half hours after that first incident, at 2 p.m., an employee of a party store in the 2100 block of Caniff reported that a black female and a black male stole some sheets from the store. No further description was given, so it is not clear whether these may have been the same suspects as from the previous incident.

From Tuesday, July 3:

• A man living in the 2100 block of Belmont reported that two black pit bulls attacked and injured his German Shepherd while the man and his

dog were walking near his address. Officers were able to determine that the owner of the pit bulls lived down the street, and made contact with the man, who was issued several violations for having his dogs running loose.

• Two men were arrested after officers responded to a location in the 12100 block of Klinger, and found that the men had broken into the structure and cut out copper pipes from the basement. DPW had to be notified to shut the water off.

In addition, during this time period, officers made these other arrests: following traffic stops, one for driving on a suspended license and possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, three for presenting fraudulent auto insurance, and one for an outstanding felony warrant; while investigating disturbances, one for a woman who assaulted her grandmother during a dispute, one for a 31st District Court warrant, and one for being a disorderly person; and while on patrol, one for possessing an open intoxicant on the street.

They also issued the following ordinance violations: one for possessing narcotics paraphernalia in a motor vehicle, as well as one for illegally cutting a tree.

They took the following reports: one of graffiti being painted on a building, one of someone loaning their car to a customer who didn't return it, one who loaned their car to a friend who eventually did return it, one of a woman being stalked by a former boyfriend, one of a person violating a PPO, one of damage done to a man's vehicle, and one of a person having their Social Security number used by someone else filing their taxes fraudulently.

Officers also investigated five auto crashes, two people who died in their homes, the discovery of a missing manhole cover in the street, one open door to a private building, and one building alarm. They also confiscated some fireworks (for reasons not given).

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said. Councilmember Algazali criticized Grow for not starting fundraising earlier.

"To me, you're not doing what you are supposed to do," Algazali said.

Councilmember Gordon said that, although the city can't afford to contribute, the festival is too important to cancel.

"It's the only feel-good event here," she said.

Mayor Majewski called on the public to donate. She also said that she would be in favor of "downsizing" the festival and make it "more community-based."

She called on local businesses to donate \$100 or \$200.

Councilmember Gordon offered to donate \$100 if other councilmembers pledged to do the same.

From the public, Susan Dunn said that there are 108 empty storefronts on Jos. Campau.

"We need to bring in some money," she said.

She suggested fining landlords who have "sub-standard" housing units.

Roberta Olko praised those councilmembers who voted against adopting a new budget.

"You have no solid figures," she said. "All you have is cheap talk."

(Editor's note: Earlier in the

meeting a bare majority of the council voted down the budget. However, at the end of the meeting Councilmember Mohammed Hassan changed

his vote to support the proposed budget.)

In non-agenda items, Councilmember Gordon suggested that one way the city could raise money is by charging a "service fee" to non-profit agencies. She said other cities do this.

Hamtramck, she said, has 34 tax-exempt agencies, but added that 28 of them have

not been active in the last three years.

Acting City Manager Erik Tungate said he would look into the matter.

Gordon stressed that she is not proposing to charge the non-profits thousands of a dollars a year.

(Well - Gee Whiz! - that's it for this week.)

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