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## Quick Hits

Don't party too hard on Friday night, because this Saturday (May 11) the Hamtramck Firefighters Association can use your help. Just as they do every year, the men of the IAFF Local 750 will be holding a clean-up at Veterans Park. The event begins at the grandstands at 9 a.m. and should finish by noon. It's a bring-your-own-tool event, but if you have two arms and hands you can always just show up and help pick up trash.

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## Quote of the week ...

**Who said this, and what is it about?** You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

**"The barbecue gives everybody a chance to casually interact and really helps to bring people together."**

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## Letter from the Publisher

By John Ulaj

## Advancing Hamtramck

That's right: "Advancing Hamtramck." It's my new motto. It is also the slogan by which I hope to help transform this city.

The main definitions of the word "advancement" include, "to move forward; proceed," "to improve or make progress," and "to grow or rise in importance, and/or status." Thus, synonyms for "advancement" are (1) progression; (2) development; (3) acceleration;

and (4) betterment.

But before I expound further on the significance of these four words, I wish to make an important announcement.

Hello, Fellow Hamtramck-ans!

My friends, today I am declaring my candidacy to be your next Mayor of Hamtramck.

I've been planning my run for mayor for the past few years. I see that our city is in desper-

ate need for leadership and innovation – the very qualities that can ultimately drive us down the road to success and prosperity.

I am often asked whether Hamtramck can survive, and furthermore remain a sovereign entity. The answer to that question – of course – is that it must. And it will!

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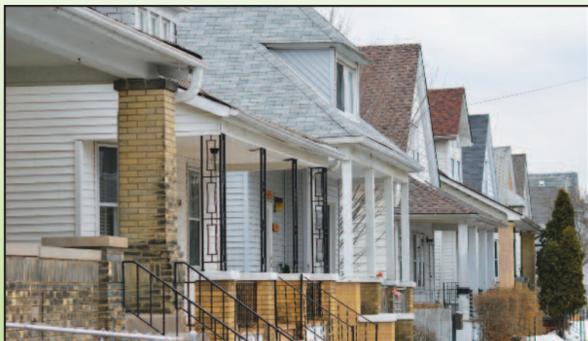
blocks of my campaign. They will form the foundation of, and be the driving force behind, my plan to recreate Hamtramck.

You may well be asking yourself, why are you running? What is your specific plan for the city? Do you have the experience that is needed to propel us forward?

Being raised in Hamtramck, and living here all my life; having attended three separate

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## Firefighters insist on a full-time staff, except where they live



Hamtramck firefighters say the city needs a full-time department because houses here are close to one another. Waiting for on-call firefighters to arrive would lead to a fire spreading to another house, they say.

By Charles Sercombe

For some Hamtramck firefighters, it's do as we say, not as we do.

Hamtramck firefighters have insisted in the past that the only way Hamtramck can be protected is by having a full-time staff in the station.

However, in a review of the 18 communities – including the City of Hamtramck – that the department's 26 firefighters live in, only seven of the communities have full-time

staffs.

In the other communities, the departments are staffed by paid-on-call firefighters, or by a combination of a small full-time staff aided by paid-on-call firefighters.

In the past year city officials have been struggling with how to overcome an ever-increasing budget deficit. One suggestion to lower costs is to restructure the Fire Department.

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## Time is running out for candidates

By Charles Sercombe

The countdown has begun for this year's field of political candidates running for local office.

As of Thursday, the day The Review went to press, there were 18 candidates who have either pulled petitions or have turned them in.

Anyone thinking of running for city council or mayor has until next Tuesday (May 14) to file a petition. Candidates who may have second thoughts about running have until May 17 to withdraw from the race.

So far, one would-be candidate, Mark Hausner, who is a member of the DDA, withdrew his petition for city council.

Councilmember Tom Jankowski has yet to pull a petition for re-election. But don't hold your breath because Jankowski says he's not running again. Jankowski has served one term, previously, as mayor, and is finishing up his first term as a councilmember.

The reason for his departure?

"It's a personal decision," he said. "It's basically a matter of time and how much time I can contribute to the city."

As for a possible return to public office in the future, Jankowski said "anything's possible."

His step down from the council means his seat is wide open for grabs, making a total of four seats in the running.

One of the seats, however, is only for two years, as opposed to the normal four-year term. That's because Councilmember Cathie Gordon has resigned from her seat to run for mayor.

She doesn't actually leave the council until Dec. 31 of this year, at which point the winner of that election takes over.

As of Thursday, there are three candidates who pulled petitions for the two-year seat, with Beverly Tran being the only one to file for it.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan pulled petitions for both council seats as well as for mayor. He decided to run for mayor.

The field for the mayor's position includes Councilmember Abdul Algazali and Review Publisher John Ulaj.

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## Time is running out for candidates

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Mayor Karen Majewski is seeking re-election but has yet to file. She is in her second term as mayor.

Councilmember Gordon also has yet to file for the position despite having already resigned from council.

For political junkies, this year's election promises to be an exciting one. The Bengali community, which has

proven to be the dominant voting bloc in recent years, will likely be the deciding factor in who survives the August Primary, and ultimately, who takes office.

The question is, will the strength of the Bengali voting bloc prove to be a slam dunk, or will it be edged out by other voters?

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## Firefighters insist on a full-time staff, except where they live

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Currently, the department eats up \$5 million of the city's total budget. There is a projected \$3 million deficit expected by June.

With little room to cut in the budget, some city officials have looked at ways to trim at least \$3 million from the Fire Department's budget.

One way would be to resort to copying how other communities handle their fire protection by having a core group of full-timers and a majority of firefighters being on call when needed.

Hamtramck firefighters insist, however, that plan can't work in the city because of the density of housing. In other words, with Hamtramck's housing stock being crammed within a few feet of each other, a fire in one house could quickly spread to another.

In the rural and suburban communities that most of the city's firefighters live in, that's not the case.

The president of Hamtramck's firefighters' union, Matthew Wyszczelski, said it's all about timing.

"With a full-time staff we can manage a fire in a timely manner," Wyszczelski said. "We don't have the luxury of time."

Wyszczelski also said that a paid-on-call method would require having a lot of people living close by and available at a moment's notice.

"You don't have a lot of trained people here," Wyszczelski said.

But Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag said if the paid-on-call system works in other communities where a majority of Hamtramck firefighters live, it can work here.

"After telling the folks in Hamtramck how vital it is to have a full-time department, when they (Hamtramck firefighters) choose where to live, they don't have that kind of fire system," Tertzag said. "By them choosing to live elsewhere, that tells me those systems are not bad at all."

The future of the Hamtramck Fire Department has become a heated topic in recent weeks. It appears that an emergency manager will be appointed to take over financial control of the city.

Tertzag said it's his understanding that the state plans a major overhaul of the Fire Department.

Just what that means remains to be seen.

Wyszczelski said he realizes that depending on who is appointed the department could be either wiped out and replaced with the service of another community, or there could be a type of manager who works with the department.

Wyszczelski questioned the managerial decisions being made now concerning the department. He pointed out that the city has refused to hire an additional four firefighters whose salaries would be covered by the federal SAFER grant that was awarded to the department.

The two-year grant is now reimbursing the city for the salaries of eight lowest-paid firefighters. There is room to cover the costs for four more firefighters, but they would have to be new-hires.

Tertzag said that he doesn't think it's a good idea to hire more firefighters at this point if in three months an emergency manager eliminates the department.

"That's not fair to the new-hires," he said.

But at a budget work session with the city council on Tuesday night, Fire Chief Paul Wilk pointed out that hiring four more firefighters would eliminate the need to budget an extra \$50,000 in overtime.

Councilmember Tom Jankowski urged Tertzag to consider that move, saying it would be up to the new-hires if they want to take the risk of being unemployed in a few months.

Wilk and Wyszczelski also say the city is missing out on collecting up to \$20,000 a month by providing ambulance service. Tertzag canceled the department's ambulance service recently because the department's two ambulance vehicles are unreliable and need repairs.

He contracted out the service with DMC, which provides the service free of charge to the city.

Tertzag said the department had been bringing in \$10,000 a month from the service, but noted that there

are costs to the city to pay firefighters extra to man the ambulances and for the vehicles' maintenance.

"It isn't free to run," Tertzag said.

Plus, Tertzag said, the DMC service offers higher-quality care because their crews have advanced training.

For instance, Tertzag said, one man's life was saved by a DMC crew because they had the ability to give the man medication right away. The man was having a heart seizure.

Hamtramck's ambulance crews are not certified to give patients medication.

Even if city officials wanted to restructure the Fire Department at this point, their hands are tied because of the firefighters' labor contract with the city. Their contract runs out in another year or so.

However, under the state's emergency manager law, it's unclear if contracts could be torn up. Because the state's emergency manager is new and has not been challenged, it's likely that any drastic action will result in a legal battle.

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**Financial Activist Club** - Tuesday, May 14 at 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents of all ages are invited to join our financial workshops, designed to expand your knowledge of budgeting and investing. Registration is required.

**ESL Conversation Class** - Tuesday, May 14 at 12:00 noon. Ms. Latisha conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

**Computer Class** - Wednesday, May 15 at 11 a.m. This week's class is Microsoft Excel, Part 2: continuation of Microsoft Excel Basic. Registration is required, and new students are welcome.

**Cake Decorating Workshop** - Wednesday, May 15 and May 22 at 11 a.m. This four-hour workshop is organized with cooperation of Windy River Educational Services. The instructor is Marilyne Margolski. There is fee of \$5 per student to cover the cost of supplies. Advance registration is required.

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**Citizenship and Naturalization Program #6/8** - Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. This program, conducted by the International Institute, is free of charge to Hamtramck residents. It provides help with preparation of documents and legal assistance, if necessary.

**Friends of the Library Meeting** - Thursday, May 16 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

**Make'n'Take Crafts** - Thursday, May 16, at 4 p.m. All children are invited to our arts and crafts workshop. This week's theme is Police Week.

**ESL Class with Latisha** - Friday, May 17 at 3:30 p.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha is free to the public.

**Toddler Time at the Library** - Monday, May 20 at 11 a.m. Join us for story time, arts & crafts and games. This week we will celebrate National Transportation Week. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

**Fitness Week** - Thursday, May 30 at 4 p.m. Stay fit in body and mind. Learn about fitness and celebrate "Zumba Day."

**Meeting of the Library Board** - Thursday, June 13 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

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# Second Front Page

## Public has plenty to say to state review team

By Charles Sercombe

The state's financial review team came to town last week to talk to city officials and the public.

Yes, the public.

And why the public input? Because it's all part of the process of a step-by-step review of the city's financial health.

Except, any public notice of a public meeting with the review team was – ahem – noticeably absent.

That may have explained why only four members of the public, besides city officials, were present at last Thursday's meeting, held in city hall – in case you weren't there. And you weren't.

In a nutshell, here's the low-down.

The city is in deficit spending, and by this June, or so, it will be about \$3 million in the hole.

State officials know this, and were asked to intervene several months ago. Gov. Snyder has appointed a four-member team to look at the city's financial picture.

The team told the public at Thursday's meeting that it expects to give Gov. Snyder its findings by May 20 – a month before its official deadline.

At that point the governor

can opt to agree or disagree with the team's findings.

If the governor agrees that there is a financial emergency, the city can take one of four options, including accepting an emergency manager, a consent agreement or even

At the public hearing, speakers were given four minutes each to have their say.

That prompted Susan Dunn, a self-described watchdog, to say out loud: "That's not going to be enough time."

First up to speak was for-

ing he has over 750 pages of his wrongdoings in office.

Lastly, he characterized the meeting as nothing more than a "Coney Island set up." Carol Marsh blamed the city's financial troubles on the appointment of temporary city managers, who she said were unqualified to hold the job.

She said that Treasurer Michel Wilk is willing to take the job as acting city manager for only \$25,000.

Susan Dunn, who has pulled a petition to run for city council, blamed the mayor and council for the city's financial woes. She noted that



Former City Councilmember John Justewicz addresses a state financial review team last week. He told them they need to look into the actions taken by former Emergency Financial Manager Lou Schimmel and former Mayor Gary Zych.

challenge the finding.

The city council has already spoken on the matter, and asked the state to speed up the process and appoint an emergency manager.

City officials had earlier met with the review team privately behind closed doors to discuss their take on the city's financial crisis.

mer Councilmember John Justewicz. He questioned what state officials are doing about the financial management of former Emergency Financial Manager Lou Schimmel, who took over financial control of the city in 2001.

He also railed against former Mayor Gary Zych, claim-

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Councilmember Abdul Al-gazali has been absent from several meetings without being excused but still collects a stipend.

She said that when she brings this subject up, Al-gazali calls her a "racist."

"Even a F\*\*king racist," Dunn added.

Her solution to solving the city's financial crisis is to

allow the city to hold a lottery. "We just want a fighting chance," she said.

Councilmember Robert Zwolak talked about the probability of Highland Park being merged with Detroit. He may have even suggested the same for Hamtramck if circumstances warrant that action.

His comments were open

for interpretation.

Hillary Cherry, who runs a blog about the city called Hamtramck Star, said residents do not want to be merged with Detroit.

"It's the council that drove Hamtramck into the ground," she said.

# Strawberry Festival ushers in spring

By Charles Sercombe

Last weekend's Strawberry Festival at St. Florian was the perfect way to celebrate the final release from a long, brutal winter.

Both Saturday and Sunday boasted sunny skies and warm temperatures. Add in some live polka

bands, Polish folk dancers, home-cooked Polish dinners and, of course, strawberry pies, well, life doesn't get much better.

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# It's barbecue season at Planet Ant every Monday

By Ian Perrotta

If you have "a case of the Mondays," make sure it's full of beer and head on down to Planet Ant Theatre.

Starting this week Planet Ant (located at 2357 Caniff) will be hosting a backyard barbecue every Monday beginning at 7:30 p.m. The free cookout precedes Improv Monday, which itself is only \$5.

At the cookout you'll have an opportunity to eat and drink some of the best Michigan-made products available. In addition to Kowalski Franks and the occasional Stadium Kielbasa, there will be plenty of Better Made chips to munch on.

Drink-wise, the Ant will be selling cans of Faygo for \$1 each. However, you can always bring your own beer, so if you really do have a "case of the Mondays" just make sure it is made in Michigan.

Incidentally, the barbecue is not the only new event going on this month at Planet Ant. Today (May 10) marks the opening of the new play "Brimstone & Treacle" featuring Patrick O'Connor Cronin, Carolyn Hayes, Sonja Marquis and Clement Valentine.

The performance runs Friday

and Saturdays through June 1, with curtain call at 8 p.m. On May 19 and 26 there will be Sunday matinees with show time at 2 p.m.

After "Brimstone and Treacle" closes, the next show will be performed by The Process, Planet Ant's audition-only class that is currently working with Instructor/Director Mike McGettigan.

In the meantime, be sure to check out Planet Ant's new and improved website at [www.planetant.com](http://www.planetant.com). On it you'll find information about upcoming shows and other

ways to become involved.

"We've always been part of the community, and we want people to feel welcome when they come here," says Jamen Spitzer, Managing Director for Planet Ant Theatre. "The barbecue gives everybody a chance to casually interact and really helps to bring people together."

Be sure to check out *Improv Monday* or another show at Planet Ant Theatre, production at least once this summer. Just don't forget to ride your bike — there's plenty of room to safely lock it up out back.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## Finding fault for city's financial crisis ignores the core problem

The blame game. That's what some folks in town played when a state financial review team visited here last week. The community was able to meet the team and offer comments about the city. Only a handful of residents were on hand, however, because notice of the meeting went out late. But nevertheless the comments we heard were telling. Some wanted to blame past city officials while others blamed present day city officials for causing the financial mess the city is facing. Curious thing though. What people didn't seem to realize is that the financial review team was not created

to assign blame to any one person or persons. It's here to determine whether there is indeed a true financial crisis. If the team decides there is, it's then up to the governor to take action. Pointing fingers here in Hamtramck is an obsession with some folks. What they fail to realize, though, is that the majority of Hamtramck's spending is dictated by labor contracts or grant guidelines. There is very little discretionary spending for city officials. And what some people forget is that Hamtramck, like many communities, was hit with a perfect storm of financial setbacks: state revenue

cuts and shrinking tax collections because of the collapsed housing markets and the loss of manufacturing taxes. In other words, Hamtramck is not alone in trying to balance its budget. In fact, it's impossible and it's not the fault of anyone. What we have to concentrate on going forward is how to make ends meet. That's going to take a dramatic overhaul of how the city provides basic services. We can guarantee one thing: folks are not going to be happy with the changes that will come. Blaming city officials for the city's financial struggle is nothing more than scapegoating for political reasons.

## Health Hike is a lesson on healthy living and fun

By Ian Perrotta

In last week's paper our article about the annual Health Hike – a fun-filled afternoon of healthy living sponsored by Hamtramck Public Schools and the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition – was long on words but short on pics.

This week it's the opposite. Enjoy!



## Advancing Hamtramck

Continued from front page

public schools from kindergarten on up (Dickinson East, Kosciuszko, and Hamtramck High), and graduating in 1991, I have deep, deep ties to this wonderful city.

I remember being a kid growing up in the 80's here in town, and playing in the alleys – how clean and proud this city once was. I want to restore the pride in our city.

With my experience both in commercial development and as an active real estate broker, I understand what it takes to increase our tax base: strong economic development. I believe that empowering small businesses is the key to keeping Hamtramck a strong city, with its own special and specific identity. Which brings me to the point where I explain my plan for the city.

And that is this: by the end of my first term in office, I plan to have helped create the conditions for your property values to increase by 25%.

This will, obviously, bring more revenue into the city coffers in turn, thus helping ensure our public safety, the viability of our schools, and the overall desirability of Hamtramck – and without the necessity of asking voters for one more dime in taxes.

Preserving public safety must be our first priority, and that means keeping both our police and fire departments our own. As a former chairman of the city assessor's board, I am familiar with the factors that are used to value properties, and how these values then impact the city's overall financial picture. Increasing property values will make the city stronger and healthier.

Small businesses are the lifeblood of any neighborhood or town, and Hamtramck's most successful businesses are known all over the greater Detroit metro area. That ready identification is one of the starting points in what will be the major marketing of our city to the suburbs, and beyond. Increased tourism, from both near and far, will also help increase our tax base, and thus enhance the city's image. This, in turn, will boost residents' morale, and spur better services for residents, improving everyone's quality of life.

It would be all too simple to dwell on the negativities of life,

or point fingers and cast blame on one another. I believe this is counter-productive and a complete waste of energy. I want to channel my energy into bettering your lives, by providing you with a safe and clean city.

Certainly, two things that will turn the tide for our city are to repair the basic infrastructure, and to maintain a strong police force. I want to employ the concept of officers on bicycles, to help protect the downtown areas and main streets. Downtown businesses will benefit strongly from this program, and then word will get out that Hamtramck is a great, safe place to run a business.

We need to incrementally begin restructuring and repaving all the streets and alleys. Rebuilding the infrastructure will also help accelerate business development and better the quality of your lives.

We must do these things in an orderly fashion, in order to build and draw in businesses from the outside. Without an improved infrastructure, without cleanliness and a strong police force, we will not be able to adequately market or appeal to corporations to come here. Blight must be dealt with immediately, and we must show long-distance landlords that we mean business, through the use of fines and even the potential of jail time.

In short, I want to restore the quality of life that you the residents so richly deserve. You want experience in the mayoral race: my vast experience in multiple businesses right here in this town will help to create a city we can all enjoy, and once again be proud of.

On a related note, it's been four years now that The Review has been in business. Thanks to all the residents – and by the grace of God – it's running strong and flourishing.

When I began this enterprise, some were skeptical about my perceived lack of experience in owning and running a paper. Well, the answer to how I achieved a successful local media stronghold was by applying common sense and running my business as efficiently, and self-sufficiently, as possible.

The key to any successful business is intensive marketing. Examine the business

models of just about any Fortune 500 company; believe me, this strategy works.

I will do the same for Hamtramck, and I will make it work here, too.

I also want to make it very clear that, in the interest of the newspaper's integrity and impartiality, and out of respect for the residents who have always supported this paper, we will not endorse any candidate for mayor in The Review. Other endorsements will still take place including for the race for City Council. I have therefore made the decision to relinquish my position as both newspaper publisher and political endorser to Charles Sercombe, my editor and a long-time student of this city's political landscape.

In summary, I wish to say to you that we are all in this together. However, when the city is experiencing corruption, or an emergency manager takeover (for a second time); a broken infrastructure, low morale, dirty parks, an unfinished historic museum, to name just some of our ills; then our normal lifestyles, in fact our city's very existence as we know it, are put at grave risk.

I promise you this: I will have the best interests of the city at heart, and will complete the work that should have been completed for the past 20 years or more.

Under my leadership, and with the help of those who I choose as delegates, we will have the best parks, a powerful police force, a clean city (from the street to the alleys), repaved streets and alleys, the removal of all blight, planting of trees throughout the city, a bike trail, a skateboard park at Veterans Park; we will see the baseball grandstand restored, police officers patrolling on bicycles, adequate and functional lighting at night, and much more.

I am asking for your vote on August 6th to be your next Mayor. Let's make Hamtramck the city it once was. Then let's make it better. As it was in the days of Albert Zak, so shall it be in the coming days when I am your elected mayor.

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## 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**

The city council met on April 23, and the meeting ran for over three hours.

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag introduced city inspector Tom Russell as Employee of the Month.

Tertzag congratulated Russell on helping to update several city ordinances.

"It's something he took on without hesitation. ... He really took the bull by the horns," Tertzag said.

John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers gave an update on the city's plan to upgrade its water and sewer lines. The city recently received a \$1 million grant to

plan how to improve the system.

Hennessey said the city is in a good position to receive more money to fund the repairs. He said the plan is to find the best location along Conant to hook up the city's system.

The thinking is that doing so will help prevent future basement flooding.

From the public, Dave Salerno, the owner of 18th Street Deli, accused the city of being "underhanded" in allowing a recycling center to operate next to his business on Christopher St.

*(Editor's note: The council agreed to a host agreement*

*with Vincent Christopher LCC to recycle housing and commercial building demolition debris. The company has yet to secure site plans. Before that happens, the public will have a right to speak on the matter, and the site plans will have to be approved by city council.)*

Salerno said Christopher St., can't handle the expected truck traffic the recycling plant will bring.

He also questioned why the company would be allowed to build a 12-foot wall around its property.

"You really let the citizens down," Salerno said.

A resident also addressed the recycling business, saying that a community center should be built there instead. "You're giving a reason to move out," he said.

Robert Heide, the president of the recycling company in question, defended his business plan, saying he would be developing a blighted site.

Dr. Mohammad Al-Omaisani of the proposed Abu-Bakr As-Siddeeq Islamic Center on St. Aubin St. urged the council to

approve rezoning the center's location to allow it to operate as a mosque.

He said the center will help develop the area.

"Please give us a chance," he said.

Later in the meeting the rezoning of the area was approved with only Councilmember Cathie Gordon voting in opposition. (Councilmember Robert Zwolak had stepped out of the council chamber before the vote was taken.)

Susan Dunn of Hewitt St. spoke against the rezoning proposal, saying that allowing a religious institution to operate in the area will prevent

businesses selling alcohol from operating within 500 feet of the building.

Dunn said that she is aware of two micro-breweries interested in setting up in the city. She said the mosque will also be exempt from paying property taxes.

The city, she said, needs "jobs and taxes."

An attorney representing the mosque said that the city should welcome an institution that encourages "morals."

Later in the meeting, Mayor Karen Majewski objected to the attorney's "tone," saying the city has a long history of hosting liquor establish-

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## By Ian Perrotta

This week's Crime Log covers Thursday, May 2 through Wednesday, May 8.

### Thursday, May 2

- At 12:10 a.m. a person was arrested for arson and domestic violence following an incident in the 11000 block of Moran.

- At 9:43 a.m. an agent of Children Protective Services faxed over a complaint of child abuse.

- At 10:13 a.m. the principal of a school in the 2300 block of Burger reported that two students had assaulted each other.

- At 11:50 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person took the license plate off of his brother's car while it was parked in the 3200 block of Jacob.

- At 12:43 p.m. a woman reported that an unknown person took her red bike from the 3300 block of Caniff.

- A Jacob Street juvenile was reported as a runaway at 5:11 p.m. Officers located him a short time later and returned him to his guardian.

- At 10:49 p.m. the entire afternoon shift and midnight shift responded to the 2400 block of Burger for a situation. A man was petitioned and committed to Detroit Receiving Hospital, where he received further treatment for cuts received during an earlier altercation with family members.

- At 11:09 p.m. a woman came to the station and reported that a man had choked her until she passed out after a verbal altercation occurred in the 11400 block of Mitchell. The woman refused medical attention.

### Friday, May 3

- At 4:14 a.m. officers lo-

cated an open door after a building check in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau. The interior of the building was checked and cleared. The building appeared to be vacant and was unable to be secured.

### Saturday, May 4

- At 2:16 a.m. a person was arrested for disorderly conduct in the 11000 block of Jos. Campau.

- At 3:29 a.m. a person reported being assaulted by four black males all described as 20-25-years-old, 6' tall and wearing dark clothing.

- At 9:54 a.m. a man from the 3800 block of Dorothy reported his 1998 Dodge Dakota was stolen.

- At 10:59 a.m. a man from the 11500 block of Fleming reported his mail was being stolen. A suspect and a suspect vehicle were named in the police report. The victim has a PPO against the suspect.

- At 11:56 a.m. a man reported his license plate was stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the 2400 block of Hewitt.

- At 1:37 p.m. a man was arrested in the 2200 block of Goodson after he assaulted his roommate.

- At 3:42 p.m. a victim reported her prescription pills were stolen by her granddaughter.

- At 7:19 p.m. a male notified officers that his girlfriend was deceased at their residence in Hamtramck. The Wayne County Medical Examiner was notified and took custody of the body.

### Sunday, May 5

- At 3:16 a.m. officers were flagged down by a victim who stated her vehicle was broken into while it was parked in the west Jos. Campau alley near Evaline.

- At 12:20 p.m. a man walked into the police station and turned over an ATM card that he found at the Huntington Bank ATM. An Internet search did not turn up owner, and the card was tagged into evidence for safe keeping.

- At 3 p.m. a business in the Hamtramck Town Center called to report multiple harassing phone calls. The business owner further stated that the phone calls have been happening for over a month.

- At 6:03 p.m. a Detroit resident reported that someone stole his vehicle while it was parked in the 9600 block of Conant. Shortly after, the owner called the station stating he recovered his vehicle in Detroit. The owner drove the vehicle to the station so officers could visually inspect the vehicle.

- At 10:15 p.m. an unidentified male was assaulted by two unknown males. The unidentified male was transported to DRH by DMC Ambulance Services.

### Monday, May 6

- At 9:30 a.m. a woman reported that her daughter ran away from home.

- At 11:30 a.m. a resident reported that his 2003 Mazda was damaged while parked in the 11700 block of

Charest overnight.

- At 12:32 a.m. a woman in the 2600 block of Belmont reported that a package was stolen after the mail was delivered to her home.

- At 5 p.m. an Edwin resident reported that her daughter attempted suicide by ingesting prescription pills. EMS arrived on scene and transported the daughter to the hospital.

- At 9:22 p.m. a family member of a Lehman resident called and stated that the person was not home but the lights and a radio were on and that the door was open. Officers entered and cleared the residence, finding no one inside with no forced entry damage. The residence was secured upon clearing.

### Tuesday, May 7

- A man was placed under arrest in the 2600 block of Holmes after threatening a female with a knife. Narcotics were also recovered.

- At 3:52 a.m. a Hamtramck resident reported that the suspect who stole her cell phone in February had submitted photos of her to Facebook and to everybody in her list of contacts.

- At 1:16 p.m. a Hamtramck resident reported that someone fraudulently cashed his paycheck

- At 6:39 p.m. a victim came into the station and reported her wallet was stolen out of her purse while shopping at in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.

- At 7:39 p.m. a victim reported the window of his vehicle was destroyed by a BB gun while it was parked in the 2200 block of Goodson.

- At 7:46 p.m. a victim reported damage to his vehicle while it was parked in the 11600 block of Lumpkin.

- At 8:23 p.m. a victim reported her dog was attacked in the 9500 block of Mitchell.

- At 8:27 p.m. a victim reported being assaulted by her ex-girlfriend in the 5100 block of Yemans.

### Wednesday, May 8

- At 12:34 p.m. a person was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license following a traffic stop at Evaline and Conant.

- At 10:09 p.m. a man was arrested at Conant and Harold after traffic stop for driving without a license.

- At 3:04 p.m. a victim reported that someone stole copper wiring and fled in a tan 1997 Ford minivan, license plate 895 6E4

- At 5:09 p.m. officers responded to the 3000 block of Lehman for an open door. Officers notified the desk, which then notified DPW that the back door and one window needed to be boarded up.

- At 5:45 p.m. a victim came into the station and reported her juvenile son's bicycle was stolen from her residence in the 2400 block of Danforth. A juvenile suspect was named in the report.

- At 7:30 p.m. a credit card was found in the 12000 block of Conant and turned in by a good Samaritan

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ments.  
"There's nothing evil about a business that sells liquor," Majewski said.  
Councilmember Zwolak added: "And pays taxes."  
(Editor's note: Majewski voted in favor of rezoning St. Aubin St. to allow the area be used for light industrial, commercial businesses and religious institutions.)  
Councilmember Zwolak proposed establishing a three-year budget projection. He said it's important that the city anticipate our future needs."  
He added: "If we don't address the fiscal crisis now, when do we?"  
Councilmember Gordon said it's pointless to create budgets for three years when the city can't balance the current budget.  
"Why would you even address it?" she said. "That's why the state is coming in."  
The council rejected the proposal, with the exception

**Coming events**

**WEDNESDAY, May 22, noon** – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will hold a card & bunco social, featuring door and table prizes, share the wealth and raffle. Lunch will also be offered. Admission is \$7, at Queen of Apostles' Activity Center. Entrance on Harold St., fenced-in parking.

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**Proposed 2013-2014 Budget Public Hearing**

**TIME: 9AM**  
**DATE: May 20, 2013**  
**LOCATION: Academy of International Studies**  
**3056 Hanley**  
**Hamtramck, MI 48212**

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at Academy of International Studies School Board Offices, 3056 Hanley Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Telephone: (313) 347-0026.

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