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## City services could be slashed

**By Charles Sercombe**  
City councilmembers have two ways to go in adopting a new budget: Strip city services down to the bare minimum, or pass on special fees to homeowners to keep the budget pretty much as it is. Those were the financial options presented to the council in a special work session Tuesday evening. By City Charter, the council must adopt a budget by June 2

## Quick Hits

Memorial Day is coming a little early this year. It's this Monday (May 27). This is the day that the nation honors those military men and women who have died while protecting our country. As the years go by, Hamtramck's veteran population keeps getting smaller and smaller. Monday is an ideal time to say thanks to those aging veterans. Last year a new tradition was started. Instead of having a commemoration at Veterans Park, the wreath laying ceremony will happen after Mass at St. Ladislaus Church. Mass is at 11 a.m. and at about 11:45 a.m. the ceremony will take place. A reception will follow at PLAV Post 10 on Jos. Campau. St. Lad's is at 2700 Caniff. The Review staff will be on hand to honor our vets, so stop on by and say hello.

### 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.

**"This league is for somebody who is trying to relive their youth."**



## At the Hamtramck Farmer's Market you can reap what they have sown

**By Kristin Rose**  
**Special to The Review**  
The Hamtramck Farmer's Market pitched tents and produce on Monday in Pope Park, with enthusiastic vendors, volunteers and marketeers attending the market's opening day. The market is now in its second year and has seen a few changes. This year the market will run every Monday, from 4 to 7 p.m., and the market has also been approved to accept EBT Cards. This is an incentive for food stamp recipients to purchase homegrown healthy fare, and support local growers while doing so. "During the market's first year of operation, customers

asked if they could use food stamps. We listened, and in our second year, we are now accepting EBT payments. We also plan to accept credit and debit in the near future," said Alex Lumelsky, a co-organizer of the farmer's market. This year the market will also offer a larger variety of options. In addition to natural, organic produce there will be vegetable plants, honey, and baked goods, among other delicious offerings. Cooking demonstrations will also be introduced later in the season. And as more crops ripen, there will be a larger variety of produce as well. Typically, markets offering

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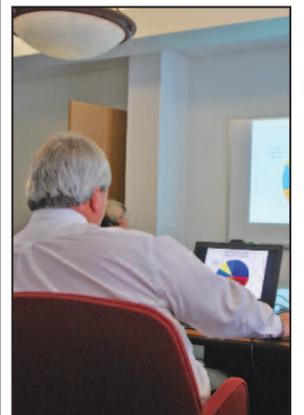
**At the Hamtramck Farmer's Market you can find all sorts of fresh produce grown by local farmers like Jack Van Dyke of Rising Pheasant Farms.**

## Candidates are all set for this year's election season

**By Charles Sercombe**  
This could be one of the more exciting elections in recent years. A total of 19 candidates have lined up for the Aug. 6 Primary Election. The final list of candidates was released at the end of the day on Friday — the last day for any of the candidates to drop out. This is how the candidates have lined up: In her bid for re-election, Mayor Karen Majewski is facing two challengers from City Council, Abdul Algazali and Cathie Gordon, as well as Review Publisher John Ulaj. Going for one of the three

council seats for a four-year term are School Board President Titus Walters, Richard Fabiszak, Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, Jewel Mohammed, Rashad Almasari, Armani Asad, Susan Dunn-Rahdar, Andrea Karpinski, Showkat Choudhury and Anthony Liggett. And facing off for the single two-year seat on council are DDA Director Darren Grow, Review reporter Ian Perrotta, Darla Swint, Beverly Tran and Abu Musa. (School Boardmember Hedy Shulgon filed for the race just before the petition deadline

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**Carl Johnson, the city's Finance Controller, presents budget information during a city council work session.**

for the new fiscal year, which begins July 1. It's questionable if the council will meet that deadline, but that doesn't really matter since there are no immediate consequences if the deadline comes and goes without a budget. Councilmembers are grappling with a new budget as state officials continue to gather financial information on the city in preparation of recommending state intervention. That could result in an emergency manager taking over — which is something the council has already asked state officials to speed up. If the city were to adopt a budget that covers just the cost of services mandated by labor contracts and the City Charter, over \$1 million would be cut. That would result in city employee layoffs and the elimination of

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# At the Hamtramck Farmer's Market you can reap what they have sown

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local produce evolve as the season develops. In May, with few crops producing, there won't be the selection that mid-summer offers. As July and August near, expect to find a plethora of produce. There will be tomatoes in spades and squash and zucchini will appear by the bushel overnight. Thus, if the market has slim pickings one week, stop by the next or following week - you're bound to see tables overflowing with seasonal bounty.

If you're concerned about the origins and farming techniques of what you eat you can rest assured, as all produce sold at the Hamtramck Farmer's Market will be grown in Hamtramck or Detroit using non-toxic growing methods, and all gardens must pass soil testing standards required by the state.

The non-profit Hamtramck Farmer's Market was established by volunteers, with tax-exempt status pending. Although the market does not receive funding from the cash-strapped city, municipal officials heartily approve of the market as a way to offer locally grown produce to residents, simultaneously envisioning the market as a natural meeting place along the busy shopping district of Jos. Campau.

A town square centered around fresh, nutritious, locally produced goodness - what could be more natural?

Statewide organizations, like the Michigan Farmer's Market Association, and local entities such as Eastern Market, have been instrumental in providing advice and guidance during these fledgling years of the

market.

Local farmers' markets are meeting the demands of consumers who are looking to purchase locally grown food, without the addition of unwanted pesticides. Springing up like weeds, local markets are often the freshest option on the block.

According to a report on farmers' markets by the Federal Reserve Bank, in the two-year span between 2009 and 2011 Michigan farmers' markets experienced the highest growth in the nation. Nowhere has the clamor for fresh food been greater than in Wayne County, which has the highest concentration of farmers' markets. The numbers are in: Urban agriculture is making a positive impact on our region.

So how can you become involved in this community-strengthening, all-natural growth effort? The answer is simple: consider volunteering, or even become a vendor yourself. In an effort to attract more vendors, the market is offering free booths this season.

This incentive is an attempt to appeal to local family growers and community gardens as an outlet to make a little money - and sometimes a lot - on their gardening efforts.

Andy Thompson of the Goodson Street Community Garden has been gardening for only two years. During his first year he broke even, covering the costs of a lot leased from the Michigan Land Bank. With any luck - and a lot of rain - he expects to make a small profit from his garden this summer.

Another vendor you're likely to see at the Hamtramck Farmer's Market is family-owned Rising Pheasant Farms. A husband and wife duo raise heirloom vegetables and sprouts on five lots just south of Hamtramck. Their micro-greens pack a super dense punch of protein and have developed a devoted group of followers who swear by the nutritional value of sprouts.

Volunteers are also needed to help grow the market to its full potential. No experience is necessary - just a desire to help. Skills like promotions, marketing, social media, book-keeping, community liaison and vendor outreach are especially welcome.

Interested vendors and volun-



If you're looking for a good deal on a healthy meal check out the Hamtramck Farmer's Market every Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Pope Park.

teers can contact the farmers market via email at [joinus@hamtramckfarmersmarket.org](mailto:joinus@hamtramckfarmersmarket.org) or call the market manager at (248) 303-4899. You can also message the market on Facebook if that's your preferred method of communication.

For information about growing on one of the almost 200 city

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**Financial Activist Club** - Tuesday, May 28 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 28 at noon. Ms. Latisha conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

**Computer Class** - Wednesday, May 29 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.

**Basic ESL Class** - Thursday, May 30 at 11:30 a.m. The basic ESL class is conducted by Ms. Latisha and is free to the public (registration required).

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**Make'n'Take Crafts** - Thursday, May 30, at 4 p.m.

All children are invited to our arts and crafts workshop.

**Citizenship and Naturalization Program #8/8** - Thursday, May 30 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.

**ESL Class with Latisha** - Friday, May 31 at 3:30 p.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha is free to the public.

**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.

**Friends of the Library Meeting** - Thursday, June 20 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

**Common Word Alliance Meeting** - Monday, June 24 at 7 p.m. In June, the monthly meeting of the Common Word Alliance of Hamtramck will be held in the library.

**Library Gardening Club** - Everyone is invited to join the library gardening club, with activities in the library community garden. Each week we will do a project in the garden and provide each member with a chance to get their own gardening plot and grow vegetables, herbs or flowers to their liking. For more information see Ania or Kate.

**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

## Website looks to 'develop Hamtramck'

By Ian Perrotta

What happens when a website designed to redevelop a city is itself redeveloped? Find out for yourself at [www.develophamtramck.com](http://www.develophamtramck.com).

Recently, the city's website underwent a makeover thanks to some creative financing from the Community and Economic Development Department (C&ED). By tapping into a federal grant, the entire project was paid for at no cost to the city's general fund.

Specifically, the money comes from an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Redevelopment grant. By taking a creative approach to a provision requiring money to be used for publicity purposes the cost of the website redevelopment was completely covered.

Professionally designed by Nina Bianchi of The Work Department, the new layout is easy to use and fully functional. Featuring a

panoramic view of Hamtramck as a navigation banner, the site's multiple sections are packed with an incredible array of information pertaining to the city.

In addition to sections on visiting the city and living in the city, the site has sections for the music and film industry as well as a page listing properties available for redevelopment. There are also complete sections on community development and economic development,

both of which include several subsections detailing the opportunities for each.

The site also has general information on the city and is a great resource for just about anything related to the local government in Hamtramck. There are links to ordinances, permit forms, zoning maps – even a business directory.

"There are plenty of opportunities for people to live and work in Hamtramck," says Jason Friedmann, Director of Community and Economic Development. "This website gives people a chance to see them all in one easy-to-use place."

## Candidate accuses city clerk of election law violation

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's election season isn't even a week old and there is already a controversy.

City Council candidate Beverly Tran says she has filed a complaint against City Clerk Marie Kendzierski for allegedly violating Michigan election law.

Tran said Kendzierski refused to allow her to view nomination petitions of candidates and is accusing her of "public malfeasance."

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag said that Kendzierski did deny Tran copies of the petitions. Tertzag said Kendzierski has been instructed to release copies of

the petitions if requested because the documents are open to the public.

Tertzag said it was simply a misunderstanding. Kendzierski could not be reached for comment.

Tran did not return calls for comment. But in a press release, Tran said:

"Voting is more than casting a ballot. It begins when the voter casts questions about the candidates and the election process. When a voter is denied the right to speak out, or in this instance, ask questions, it becomes an issue of the right to free speech. I consider the actions of the clerk to be nothing less than voter disenfranchisement. This is not what democracy looks like."

Tran is running for the single two-year seat on council.

Besides asking for nomination petitions, Tran said she has filed a Freedom of Information Act request for information about the city's Hamtramck Election Commission, Board of Canvassers and the policies of the Clerk's Office for elections.

Tran said the city attorney said it needs a 10-day extension, which is allowed by law, before responding further to the request.

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# Students bring back the glory days of the Apollo



**By Charles Sercombe**

For an evening, at least, GEE White Academy was a hotbed of talent.

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On Wednesday evening, students lip-synced to songs popularized by the likes of Bessie Smith, Cab Calloway, Aretha Franklin and even modern perform-

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## Adult Co-ed Kickball League is about to kick off

**By Robert Taylor**  
**Special to The Review**

Are you tired of “kicking it” around the house?

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The Hamtramck Recreational Department might have the solution for you.

Beginning next month, the Recreation Department’s Adult Co-ed Kickball League takes to the field. It’s the second year for the league, and the fun starts June 11. Games are played every Tuesday over the eight-week season.

Teams must have a minimum of nine players and a maximum of 12, with all players over the age of 18. Each team must have at least two females that remain on the field at the same time. Games will be played at Playfair Park (3201 Roosevelt) near Keyworth Stadium.

It’s not too late to register a team, and the cost to join the league is just \$125 with umpire fees paid on game day. The deadline to join is May 31, and registration forms can be picked-up and dropped-off at the Hamtramck High School Community Center.

Last year’s Kickball League was a success, with six teams playing six games and an additional two-game playoff to determine a champion. Craig Daniels, Director of the Recre-

ation Department, offers a simple explanation for why anyone would want to join the league.

“This league is for somebody who is trying to relive their youth,” he says. “It’s a simple game; there is no equipment, just tennis shoes. Just come out and kick the ball.”

*The May 31 is deadline right around the corner and time is running out to sign up, so gather some players, register your team and head for the kickball diamond. For more information, call the Hamtramck High School Community Center at (313) 893-5520.*

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# Review: Opinion Page

## Despite likelihood of state takeover, candidates come out

The election is now off and running, and the good news is that there are a number of worthy candidates.

The last few city elections have been lackluster, to say the least, but there must be something in the air these days to bring out a bumper crop of qualified candidates.

And considering that an emergency manager will be taking over, it's reassuring to see there are plenty of folks who are still interested in serving the community. In the coming weeks we will be asking candidates where they

stand on a number of issues and also discuss their qualifications.

It's now up to voters to show interest and actually come out to vote on election day.

Hamtramck has over 11,000 registered voters, but we're lucky if 2,500 participate in the democratic process. That's shameful, to say the least.

It's no secret that Hamtramck has its challenges. The city is facing a \$3.4 million budget deficit this year. We can't wait to hear from

the candidates on how they plan to address the city's budget woes.

Anyone who has been following this topic knows the city's financial crisis is very fixable. But it will take some bold moves by elected officials.

And taking bold moves requires backbone.

We are encouraged that this election's field of candidates appear to be prepared for the work that waits for them.

## City services could be slashed

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ination of the Community & Economic Development Department, among other cuts.

For the public, that step would result in only the city clerk staffing her office and only the treasurer staffing his office.

There is a way, however, to keep city services pretty much intact, but that will mean hitting up homeowners.

For example, the expense of operating street lights, which costs the city \$500,000 a year, would be passed on to homeowners as a special fee. In another cost-saving measure, the city could place the \$125,000 it will spend on settling lawsuits this year on the property tax rolls for homeowners to

pay. The city already charges homeowners for rubbish collection, but Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag said there are additional costs that can be added in the form of a fee.

Tertzag said another way to bring in extra money is to hire more code enforcers. He said that for every \$1 spent on enforcing housing codes, \$1.60 is returned to the city in the form of fines.

If these actions are taken, Tertzag said, the average increase in costs to homeowners would be about \$100 a year.

That plan might be a hard sell to some on council. Councilmember Cathie Gordon didn't hesitate to object. She

said the city can't balance the budget "on the backs of residents."

Mayor Karen Majewski disagreed, saying "residents have to pay for services."

No matter what action is taken, it is being seen as a temporary fix until the labor contracts for firefighters and police officers expire in June of next year.

Tertzag said that a combination of \$3 million in cuts need to be made from the police and fire departments.

Councilmembers will take another crack at the budget in a work session this Tuesday, an hour before Tuesday's regular council meeting.

## Odds & Ends

### A community effort ...

Thanks to a well-coordinated effort, Pulaski Park will soon be a shady place to hang-out - in a good way, of course.

With permission from the School Board, help from the Hamtramck Fire Department and local residents, and working under the guidance of Greening of Detroit, on May 16 the Midtown Block Club planted 13 trees throughout the park. Better yet, Greening of Detroit will be taking care of them during the summer months (June through August)



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for the next three years. Nice!

**Occupy Campau ...** Memorial Day weekend will be a memorable one when HPOP brings two blocks of Jos. Campau to 100 percent occupancy.

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There will also be an art rummage sale by HATCH, site-specific video by Stephen Garrett Dewyer and an organic fashion window installation by Fotoula Lambros. Group art shows called 1° of Separation and Coopetition will also be held, and there will be live performances.

Among others, participating artists also include James Cornish, Holliday Martindale, Rebekka Parker, Christopher Schneider, Andy Thompson and HATCH (a Hamtramck Arts Collective).



## 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

Here's the second part of the April 23 meeting of the city council.

When we last left off, the council rejected a proposal by Councilmember Robert Zwolak to prepare a three-year city budget. Councilmembers felt that it was pointless to prepare budget that far ahead since they can't balance the current

year's budget.

In another proposal by Councilmember Zwolak, he urged the council to ask the governor to immediately appoint an emergency manager.

Councilmember Anam Miah agreed, saying: "Let's stop kicking the can down the road."

He added that the budget deficit will only continue to grow and that the council "doesn't

have the power" to make the budget changes that are needed.

Councilmember Zwolak said that although there is a state financial review team looking at the city's financial situation, he wants to "expedite" the appointment of an emergency manager.

"We're drowning," Zwolak

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## Cricket league fans have something to chirp about

By Ian Perrotta

It was a packed house at Gates of Columbus a few weekends ago when several teams from the Metro Detroit Cricket League (MDCL) met up for an awards ceremony celebrating the sport.

About 150 people were at the event, highlighting cricket's increasing popularity in the area. Most in attendance were young men from the league who live in Hamtramck and play on various cricket teams

The event was one of the first of its kind and included trophy presentations for sev-

eral teams. Among the teams honored were the Cheetahs (the 2011 and 2012 MDCL Champions), the Gladiators (2013 Indoor Champions) and Killers (Night Tournament Champions).

Other teams in the league – some new for the 2013 outdoor season – include the Rising Stars, the Challengers, the Royals, the Warriors, and the Hamtramck Knight Riders. The 2013 season has already begun.

"Cricket is a very popular sport among the youth of our city," said City Councilmem-

ber Anam Miah, who was in attendance at the event. "It would be great to have a field in Hamtramck."

Miah got his wish, as at a recent meeting the Hamtramck City Council unanimously voted to authorize the use of Veterans Park for the construction of a cricket field and other park improvements. We'll have more on that development in the coming months.

## Obituaries

### KUREK



Czeslawa Kurek, 85, died May 22, 2013.

Mrs. Kurek was predeceased by her husband, Edward, and her daughter Paula (Lee) Sloan. Mrs. Kurek is survived by children, John (Sherry), James, Frank (Nancy), Chris, Donna, Basha (Leo). Mrs. Kurek is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and family in Poland.

Visitation is at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, on Tues., May

28, 1 – 9 p.m. with a K of C Rosary at 7 p.m. In state Wed., May 29, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, 11200 Conant at Prescott in Hamtramck, until time of the Funeral Mass which is pending. Internment is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

survived by her four loving children, Joseph (Carrie) Platt, Edward Platt, Teresa Platt, Danielle (Joseph) Puchalski. Mrs. Puchalski is also survived by her grandchildren Jackie III and Joseph III; loving brothers, Gerald (Carol) Kopec, Kenneth (Gail) Kopec, Edward (Linda) Kopec; loving sister, Patricia (Pete) Herrmann.

She will be missed by her family and many friends.

A memorial luncheon will be held at Jean's Bar, Saturday, May 25, at 2 p.m.

Arrangements were entrusted to Krot Funeral Home.

### PUCHALSKI



Victoria Puchalski, 61, died May 20, 2013.

Mrs. Puchalski was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, also of Hamtramck. Mrs. Puchalski is

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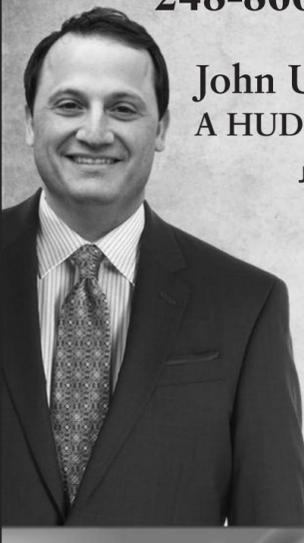


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## By Ian Perrotta

This week's Crime Log covers some of the highlights from Wednesday, May 15 to Wednesday, May 22.

### Wednesday, May 15

- At 7:10 p.m. officers were dispatched to Caniff and Moran regarding an intoxicated male. After a brief investigation the subject was issued tickets for possession of narcotic paraphernalia and public intoxication, and then transported to Detroit Receiving Hospital (DRH).

- At 8:05 p.m. a Hewitt resident reported that someone had stolen his Jack Russell/pit bull mix from the backyard.

### Thursday, May 16

- At 10:03 a.m. a female was arrested in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau for a fraudulent check.

### Friday, May 17

- At 2:20 a.m. a victim was assaulted and robbed by an unknown black male while walking westbound on Botsford west of Jos. Campau.

- At 11:59 a.m. a white male wearing a burgundy shirt, brown shorts, and a green baseball cap attempted to break into a building in the 2200 block of Caniff by throwing a piece of concrete through the front door.

- At 4:18 p.m. EMS and police

responded to an unresponsive female who had possibly been "popping pills" while at a Detroit residence. She was dropped off behind the Hamtramck Fire Department, where firefighters began treating her. Detroit Medical Center (DMC) EMS transported her to DRH.

### Saturday, May 18

- At 4:06 p.m. officers responded to a female who was walking half-nude on Evaline near Dequindre. After a brief investigation it was determined she was off her medication and could be a harm to herself, and officers transported her to DRH.

- At 4:36 p.m. a mother reported her juvenile son assaulted her at their Hamtramck residence. The teen had already fled the scene before officers arrived.

- At 5:38 p.m. three adults were arrested on Andrus St., two for disorderly conduct by fighting and one for obstructing a police investigation.

### Sunday, May 19

- At 11:18 a.m., while she was begging for money a woman was placed under arrest in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau for three outstanding Hamtramck warrants.

- At 11:31 a.m. a man reported that someone threw

rocks and damaged his semi truck while it was parked on the southeast corner of Conant and Holbrook.

### Monday, May 20

- At 10:30 p.m. a Dyar resident attempted suicide by ingesting prescription pills. The resident was transported by EMS to DRH.

- At 3:40 a.m. a man reported being attacked by two pit bulls near Gallagher and Carpenter.

- At 12:40 p.m. a female employee of a restaurant on Jos. Campau was arrested for felony assault after assaulting a male manager because he asked her to fill the condiment trays. The female refused and escalated the issue by punching him in the face several times. She also grabbed a french fry frying basket and swung it at him.

- At 1:32 p.m. a victim reported a purse snatching on Evaline. One suspect was a younger black male wearing a black shirt with graphics on the front and a hat with a black brim. Another suspect was a younger black male wearing a white shirt and no hat.

### Tuesday, May 21

No report was issued for this date.

### Wednesday, May 22

- At 8 p.m. juvenile victims reported being robbed of their cell phones at Norwalk and Conant.

## City Hall Insider ...

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said in reference to the city financial losses.

Councilmember Cathie Gordon added: "We've been drowning for a long time."

But Gordon also said that the state will do what it wants to do on its own time line.

Mayor Karen Majewski advised against the proposal, saying that the council should not "second guess" the state. She said the review team will reach its own conclusion.

Councilmember Gordon agreed with the mayor. She said asking for immediate action by the state is like throwing

up their hands and admitting they can't fix the problem.

The resolution passed with only Councilmember Gordon in opposition. (*The mayor did not have a vote on the matter.*)

In another proposal by Councilmember Zwolak, he suggested setting in motion to have a judgment regarding public safety officers' retirement payment be placed on the property tax rolls.

That will amount to an additional \$180,000 a year for taxpayers to bear. Councilmember Gordon objected, saying that decision should be up to the emergency manager.

"I'm not helping him," Gordon said about the yet-to-be appointed manager.

Zwolak said it's a timing issue. He said the city would first have to go to a judge to agree to the proposal, and that would have to be in time for the summer tax season.

The proposal was defeated with only Zwolak in support.

Councilmember Zwolak made another proposal to undo the city's host agreement with a recycling business that plans to set up operations on Vincent St. Zwolak said there have already been a number of resi-

dents near the proposed facility who have spoken against it.

The host agreement was only the first step for the facility to begin operation.

Before a vote was taken on the matter, Councilmember Gordon stepped out of the council chamber. When she returned it was her turn to vote. But before voting, she asked: "How's the vote going so far?"

A groan rose up from those watching the meeting. Gordon ended up voting against the proposal, which defeated it. Councilmembers Zwolak and Abdul Algazali voting in favor while Councilmember Tom Jankowski abstained because he is a co-owner of the recycling company.

A discussion was held on whether to spend \$7,000 on improving the sound system on the city's cable television broadcast of the council meetings.

(*Many residents have complained that they can't hear what is being said while watching the council meetings on TV at home.*)

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag said that the cable television provider for the city, Comcast, is offering to help solve the problem by watching the broadcast from the homes of residents.

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## Candidates are all set for this year's election season

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on Wednesday and paid \$100 for the filing. She withdrew from the race, however. Shulgon could not be reached for comment.)

There is one two-year seat on the ballot because Councilmember Cathie Gordon had to resign from the remainder of her term in order to run for mayor. She doesn't actually vacate the seat until Dec. 31. Councilmember Tom Jankowski decided to bow out from re-election, leaving his seat wide open.

Councilmember Abdul Algazali also decided not to

seek re-election and instead opted for a second try at the mayor's position. He did not have to resign from office because his council term runs out on Dec. 31.

The last time he ran against Mayor Majewski, four years ago, he came pretty close – some 124 votes behind.

Majewski has served two terms. She is the first female to become Hamtramck's mayor.

So far there has been no word of a "Meet the Candidate" forum before the Aug. 6 primary.

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Comcast wants to see if the problem is with households' reception or in city hall. The council agreed to hold off on the matter.

A lengthy discussion was held on whether to update the city's ordinance regarding vacant houses. The city currently allows people to live in houses while they bring them up to code.

The proposed ordinance would require houses to first be brought up to code.

Councilmember Gordon objected.

"You're going to discourage people from buying properties," she said.

Acting City manager Tertzag replied: "No, you're going to discourage them from being slumlords."

Councilmember Miah said the proposed requirement might cause an investor to spend more money than they thought.

Tertzag said investors need to know what they are buying before making a purchase.

The council eventually all agreed to approve the ordinance.

lection which will then be put on display throughout the city. The locations of the displays are not known yet.

Councilmember Algazali requested several of his absences be excused. No on council made a motion to support the request, which then prompted Algazali to support it.

He was told that it would be a conflict of interest for him to second the motion. With no support from council, the proposal was rejected.

From the public, Susan Dunn said that since Algazali failed to have his absences excused, he should reimburse the city for the stipend he received.

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