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Quick Hits

It's the second Saturday of the month, and regular readers know what that means. This Saturday (July 13) is recycling day, and the public is welcomed to drop off their recyclables at a dumpster set up in the city parking lot on Caniff at McDougall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. And speaking of recycling, the city's Recycling Commission is looking for more volunteers and board members. Stop by Saturday to find out more information, or call the chairman of the commission, Bill Wiitala at (313) 875-2521.



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.

"My legacy? I didn't even get to vote on this."

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City trees will be spared from chainsaws, says city manager

By Charles Sercombe

No more Hamtramck trees will be coming down.

Acting City Manager Kyle said he has put a halt to cutting down trees as part of a city effort to replace buckled sidewalks.

He said that from now on the roots of trees that are lifting up sidewalk slabs will most likely be ground down. There has been public outcry over the removal of large trees in the past week.

Tertzag said he received complaints from some residents who said there were trees removed that had not buckled any sidewalk slabs.

He said until recently he had not received complaints about trees marked for destruction at specific addresses.

Those complaints finally came into his office, he said. The calls he received previously over the weekend, were only from people saying they were against removing trees in principle. Tertzag had insisted that trees that caused damage to sidewalk slabs must come down to prevent trip-and-fall accidents.

The city has been sued numerous times from people who have tripped and injured

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Work crews will no longer take down trees that have damaged sidewalk slabs. Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag halted the work last week after receiving complaints.

MEAP scores fail to consider effects of poverty, says superintendent



When poverty rates are factored into test scores, Hamtramck Public School students are doing better than you'd think.

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Public Schools' test scores don't tell the whole story, says Superintendent Tom Niczay.

While the Michigan Department of Education ranks Hamtramck schools in the bottom 10 percent, Niczay said what the department doesn't do is factor in the city's poverty rate.

Over 80 percent of the district's students receive free lunches, which is an indicator of the poverty rate

in the city.

Education experts have noted that as the poverty rate increases, student test scores decrease.

According to a study by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a conservative think tank located in Michigan, Hamtramck student achievement is actually better than what the MEAP test results indicate when you include the effects of being from a low-income family.

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EM hires new city attorney

By Charles Sercombe

With just a week into her new job, Emergency Manager Cathy Square has already made some changes in city hall.

Before Square started last week there was speculation about who might be on the chopping block, and the first to go was City Attorney James Allen, who was hired on when Councilmember Tom Jankowski was mayor several years ago.

Taking over his job is the Troy-based law firm of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton. The attorney assigned to Hamtramck is John Clark, who, like Square, is no stranger to Hamtramck. Both Square and Clark worked for Lou Schimmel when he was Hamtramck's Emergency Financial Manager back in the early 2000s.

Clark was with Schimmel from the first day he started in Hamtramck, while Square worked for Schimmel for six months in 2003-2004.

Square went on to work for Schimmel in Pontiac, where he is currently the emergency manager.

Square said she switched law firms in order to consolidate legal services under one firm.

"One way to do this is to get a fresh set of eyes," she said.

Square also appointed Kathy Angerer as her assistant. Angerer had been the assistant to Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag. Tertzag also remains on board.

Salaries for the mayor, city council and Tertzag were also reinstated by Square. Their salaries were automatically suspended when the governor appointed Square.

The mayor and council actually receive a small stipend, amounting to \$27,000 total a year for each elected official.

According to the new law regulating emergency managers, Square has 45 days to submit a financial plan for the city. Last week she told The Review that one of her first actions will be to review all contracts.

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Letters • Letters

Council candidate calls on black community to get more involved

Again I write and pray that I can appeal to my Beautiful Black Community in reference to our Representation throughout our fine City.

Where are you my Beautiful Black Community? Why aren't you present throughout our fine City? Are you sleeping spiritually to the point that you don't care about your present state as Hamtramck residents and the future of our children who might decide to live in this City?

Scripture tells us that God said his people perish for a lack of knowledge! No one can tell me, Darla Swint, that

my Beautiful Community of Blacks lacks knowledge, because we are a very knowledgeable peoples. We have always been knowledgeable, that is how we were able to overcome the past obstacles and continue in the present to break the invisible chains that attempt to hold us back!

Our ancestors right here in this City, fought tirelessly that the invisible chains of being brainwashed that they were less than or that according to many teachers of the past told them that they could not achieve the same goals of Europeans.

That they as a "Colored or Negro" race could only be maids and at best the men could be butlers of some sort. It is factual that in "that day," our ancestors felt that the less they were seen or heard from, the safer they and their families were! With their heads down and their tired bodies, they drew strength from their faith in God foremost and then in one another.

They didn't give up. They humbly lived and worked in this City all the time determined to make this City a better place for not only themselves, but the future

"Colored or Negro" families to come. They kept watch for any little opening that would bring them changes in their ability to be seen by the Europeans and other races in this City as equal.

In "that day," with all the opposition, they had "Colored or Negro" owned stores, they had a "Colored or Negro" Democrat Club where whole families were involved. They had their own beauty and barber Shops.

They had their own Social Clubs. They had a female social group that took care of the needs of under privileged families. They had their own funeral home that took care of families on their word! There were Block Clubs, throughout the City. There were four major churches where the Pastors were present in the Communities.

There were fine "Colored or Negro" Police Officers, who could call the children by their family names. The women nursed new Mothers back to health while the men stood

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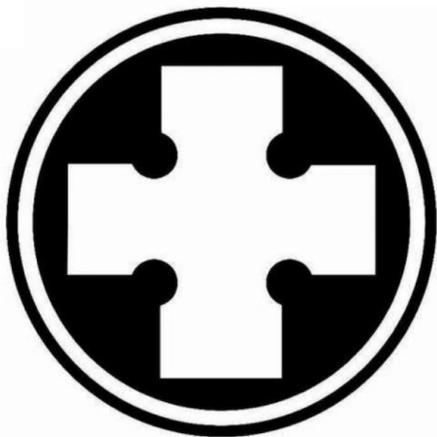
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Movie Night - Tuesday, July 16 at 4 p.m. All children are invited for a movie shown on high definition screen and a serving of popcorn. This week's feature is "Riddles of the Sphinx."

ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, July 17 at noon. Ms. Latisha conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

Summer Reading Program Final Registration - Wednesday, July 17 at 1 p.m. The regular session of the Summer Reading Program will start with a presentation by Michigan author, S. Ciara Mitaro. Games, contests and reading journal entries will follow. All children are invited.

Basic Computer Class - Thursday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m. This week's class is on basic computer usage, Internet searches, e-mail and word processing. Registration is required, and new students are welcome.

Reading and Writing ESL Class - Thursday, July 18 at noon. The reading and writing ESL class conducted by Ms. Latisha is free to the public (registration required).

Teen Club Meeting - Friday, July 19, at 2 p.m. Teens are invited to join us for summer meeting of the Teen Club.

Citizenship and Naturalization Classes - Thursday, July 18 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, July 18 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regu-

lar monthly meeting.

ESL Class "News for You" - Friday, July 19 at 3:30 p.m. This intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha consists of reading news articles prepared for ESL from "News for You." Free to Hamtramck residents

Library Gardening Club - Friday, July 19 at 4 p.m. 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.

Family Story Time for Children - Thursday, July 25, at 5 p.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a story book for children. This week's topic is "Sleepy Time Stories."

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, August 8 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

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

Bargains can be found at Campau's newest thrift store



Sabrina Sloan is the manager of the newly-opened Rayan Thrift Store on Jos. Campau.

**By Kirstin Rose
Special to The Review**

Thrifty-minded shoppers have a new outlet to save money.

Rayan Thrift at 9514 Jos. Campau is one of the city's newest stores specializing in second-hand goods.

The store features many of the typical treasures found in our local thrift stores: furniture, clothing, jewelry, books and electronics. The shop is well laid out, with a large selection of clean, well-cared for items.

In addition to the already very reasonable prices, a weekly sale gives 10 to 20 percent off on designated

items. Next week, the sale is on knick knacks, dishes and small goods.

Owner Jamal Aljaheim said that although he is new to the thrift business, he expects that his central location, the high volume of foot traffic and his low prices will attract patrons to his store.

There are now six resale shops on Jos. Campau, not including three pawn shops as well.

If you're looking for a great deal on household goods, make sure to stop in and check out what's in stock.

For more information, and to find out the weekly sales, visit Rayan-Thrift-Inc. on Facebook.



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 June 25. Councilmember Cathie Gordon was absent.

During public comment, Mickey Pokoj complained about unlicensed ice cream trucks, and trucks being recharged by electric cords running from inside houses.

He said the city could make money by stepping up code enforcement – especially homeowners who fail to cut their grass.

The council unanimously approved a new design for a proposed mosque at a former commercial building at the northwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff. The design was previously approved by the city's Plan Commission.

Mayor Karen Majewski complimented the design.

"They did a good job of meeting our zoning requirements," she said.

Councilmember Robert Zwolak said he's not pleased that there have been a number of tax-exempt developments in the city, including this one.

(Religious institutions do not have to pay property taxes.)

Zwolak added that this development trend is part of Majewski's "legacy."

Majewski responded: "My legacy? I didn't even get to vote on this."

(Editor's note: Majewski sits on the Plan Commission. The Zoning Board of Appeals is the body that decides whether to grant a variance of use in a commercial district. The ZBA approved the mosque to operate out of the commercial building.)

The council also OK'd the design plan for another mosque located on St. Aubin St.

Police Chief Max Garbarino was given permission to purchase new computer equipment. He said the money for the purchase won't come out of the general fund.

Councilmember Tom Jankowski urged Garbarino to look into getting equipment to issue electronic tickets.

Councilmember Zwolak was the lone dissenting vote in the

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MEAP scores fail to consider effects of poverty, says superintendent

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Of the 2,362 schools that were graded and ranked by the Mackinac Center, here are the results for Hamtramck Public Schools:

Dickinson East – Grade "A" State Ranking 141 out of 2,362

Kosciuszko – Grade "B" State Ranking 628 out of 2,362

Holbrook School – Grade "C" State Ranking 1,533 out of 2,362

Dickinson West – Grade "C" State Ranking 1,563 out of 2,362

"This report card is a useful tool for parents, educators and policymakers," said Audrey Spalding, the Center's director of education policy and author of the report card.

"By taking student family background into account, it enables parents to compare schools, helps school officials assess school performance and provides policymakers with school rankings that do not penalize schools for educating needier students."

Andrea Karpinski
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Review: Opinion Page

Our endorsements for the Aug. 6 Primary Election

By the time we went to print, the correct version of Hamtramck's absentee ballots had been mailed out.

With that in mind, we offer our endorsements for the Aug. 6 Primary Election.

However, and this is a big however, we can only endorse one of the three races on the ballot. That's because we wish to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. John Ulaj, the owner of The Review newspaper, is a candidate for mayor, and Review copy editor Ian Perrotta is a candidate for the two-year council seat.

That leaves us with making an endorsement only for the four-year council seat. In this race there are three empty seats to fill, and there are 10 candidates vying to face off in the November General Election.

Voters can vote for no more than six candidates in this field.

We recommend voters select the following candidates for the four-year term positions:

Anthony Liggett, Jewel Mohammed, Titus Walters, Asad Armani and Andrea Karpinski.

We are not recommending

the only incumbent council candidate, Mohammed Hassan because in our view he has been part of the problem and dysfunction in city hall.

We think any of the above candidates will help in the transition of this city while it is under the control of an emergency manager. And since the emergency manager has just a year to do her job, whoever wins in November will be back in control shortly.

Choose wisely, voters, and remember to vote on Aug. 6.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Republicans play politics over expanding health insurance

By State Senator (District 2) Bert Johnson

Many irresponsible decisions have been made during the two-and-a-half year Republican reign in Lansing.

The majority of bills signed into law have negatively affected Michigan's citizens. Earlier this month, Republicans continued their reckless political gamesmanship by twice refusing to pass a bill that would expand Medicaid coverage in Michigan and provide health insurance to roughly 450,000 Michigan citizens.

Senate Republicans adjourned session on June 20 to take a summer vacation without a Medicaid expansion vote, despite there being enough votes to pass the bill. This means the state will miss a critical deadline giving the Department of Community Health enough time to institute needed changes before Jan. 1, 2014, when states are required to have completed implementation.

The Senate convened again on July 3. Just 18 of 26 Republican senators bothered to show up and once again, the Senate was adjourned without a vote. This bill re-

ceived bipartisan support in the State House, was a legislative priority of Governor Snyder and had the support of healthcare professionals and small business owners.

As a result of this failure of leadership, Michigan could lose out on \$2 billion in federal Medicaid funding and will continue to spend more than \$200 million annually on healthcare costs for those that remain uninsured. Almost comically, Governor Snyder cut short his trip to Israel, under the assumption he could come back and lobby his GOP friends in the Senate.

However, even though he signs nearly every far-right item on the Republican Legislature's agenda, when it comes to policies important to their Governor, GOP legislators turn their backs on him in favor of catering to the extreme Tea Party elements of their party.

Let's be clear about what expanding Medicaid would accomplish:

- Insure 450,000 Michiganders who currently lack health insurance.
- Save the state roughly \$1 billion over the next 10 years.

- Provide regular access to healthcare services, which decades of research has shown keeps people healthier.

- Restore certain mental health and substance abuse services that have been eroded over the years. Those who suffer from these conditions without insurance either do not receive medical attention or often wind up in the corrections system.

- Lower costs for all Michiganders: our hospitals today spend close to \$900 million a year for patients unable to pay. These costs are borne by all citizens.

Following this dereliction of duties by my Republican colleagues, the Senate Majority Leader formed a special "workgroup" consisting solely of Republicans to "review" the bill passed by the House in June. Only after public criticisms were two Democrats added to the so-called workgroup.

The ostensible goal is to design a compromise in order to appease right-wingers in the Senate who fear the incoherent rants about socialism from Tea Party-types in their

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- Associate Degree in Marketing, attended Walsh College
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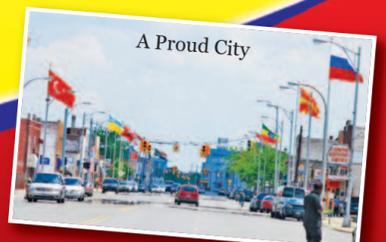
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5. Market the City of Hamtramck as a safe and welcoming community
6. Restore pride in our city

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U.S. Representative Gary Peters and John at the 2012 Review Christmas Party



A Proud City

Former councilmember says Gordon should be kicked off council

By Charles Sercombe

Former City Councilmember Scott Klein is accusing Councilmember Cathie Gordon of violating the city charter.

In a complaint filed with the city clerk, Klein said Gordon received health care insurance from the city. The city charter forbids elected officials from receiving benefits.

The complaint was filed last week. Reached on Tuesday, Gordon said she was unaware of the complaint.

Gordon said she indeed received health insurance through the city but it was allowed.

"I bought it from the city,"

Gordon said.

She also admitted that she had fallen behind on payments to the city but she finally caught up. Gordon said she stopped getting insurance through the city some time ago.

As for Klein's complaint, she said: "What's the matter with him? What a goof-ball."

In his complaint, Klein said it doesn't matter if Gordon paid for the insurance.

"Simply by receiving the benefit of health insurance, regardless, is a violation of the charter and probably the ethics ordinance in that the council member received a benefit from her office not available to other



Councilmember Cathie Gordon

elected officers or the general public," Klein said.

According to Klein, Gordon can be removed from council. Gordon is running for mayor in the upcoming election and was forced to resign to become a mayoral candidate. Regardless of the outcome of the election, she will have to vacate her seat on council at the end of the year. She has two years remaining in her term.

Councilmember Robert Zwolak disagreed with Klein's interpretation of the

charter, saying elected officials can purchase health insurance coverage through the city.

Councilmember Abdul Al-gazali also apparently buys his health insurance through the city, Gordon said.

Both Zwolak and Klein were members of the Charter Revision Commission which drew up the current city charter.

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag said he was unaware of the complaint or whether Gordon had re-

ceived health insurance.

Emergency Manager Cathy Square said the complaint was being reviewed.

This isn't the first time Klein has accused Gordon of a charter violation. When he sat on council several years ago, he was behind the accusation that Gordon was not a resident of the city.

A legal investigation ensued, but councilmembers eventually backed off from further pursuing the matter when legal fees began to pile up.

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Republicans play politics over expanding health insurance

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I am proud to stand with my eleven other Democratic colleagues and with millions of Michigan citizens who support and will benefit from expanding Medicaid. It is imperative that we take measures to support a healthier population, better access to preventative and primary care, better quality services as well as fiscal responsibility.

The Senate should allow a vote on Medicaid expansion on July 17 when it reconvenes for its second session of the month.

(Editor's note: Sen. Johnson's district includes Hamtramck.)

Council candidate calls on black community to get more involved

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tall and proud as husbands and Fathers. There was a "Colored or Negro" Public Health Nurse, who was able to relate to families in the community.

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(Read up on you City's history for those who didn't know this fact!)

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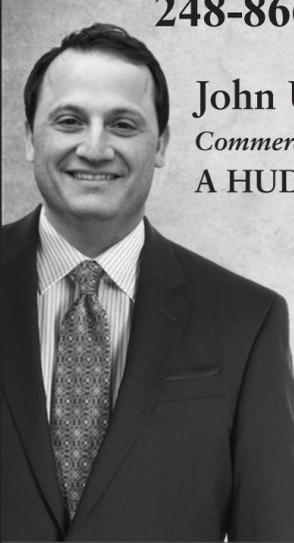


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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers July 1 through 8.

Monday, July 1

- At 9:30 p.m. a man was arrested at Lumpkin and Norwalk for disorderly conduct.

- Officers investigated two rental units in the 2600 block of Casmere because the doors to the units appeared to have been kicked in.

- A motorist reported that while driving southbound on I-75 at 11:30 p.m. someone threw a rock from the overpass which struck her vehicle. On Saturday, another motorist reported the same thing but this time at the Commor overpass.

- A man was arrested after a traffic stop for having an improper license plate and improperly transporting medical marijuana.

- At almost 4 a.m., a Lumpkin St. man was arrested for abusing the use of the 911 emergency phone number.

- A Wyandotte St. resident reported the theft of his bicycle.

- A Casmere St. resident reported that a man attempted to kick in her front door and then fled on foot.

Tuesday, July 2

- At almost 11 a.m. a man was arrested at the Carpenter Medical Plaza for public intoxication.

- At about 4 p.m. a hit-and-run accident was reported at Jos. Campau and Caniff.

Wednesday, July 3

- At 1 a.m. an adult and a teenager were arrested for disorderly conduct after a disturbance was reported at a residence in the 3000 block of Trowbridge St.

- A Carpenter St. resident reported her house was broken into sometime between 3 and 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 4

- At 11:30 p.m. a man reported that a man followed

him over a dispute about fireworks.

- At 2:30 a.m. a resident in the 2400 block of Neibel St. reported a break-in.

- A man was arrested after a traffic stop on southbound I-75 for carrying a concealed weapon.

- A man living in the 2900 block of Goodson St. reported a break in.

- A man reported his 2002 Chrysler Voyager was stolen in the 11600 block of Klinger St.

Friday, July 5

- At 11 p.m. a Holbrook St. resident reported being assaulted by a man with a baseball bat.

- At 11:30 p.m. a woman in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St. reported being assaulted by her boyfriend.

- A resident reported being bitten by a dog in the 2000 block of Belmont St.

- A Belmont St. woman reported receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown woman.

Saturday, July 6

- A prisoner in the Hamtramck police jail threatened to commit suicide and was then taken to the Crisis Center at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

- At 2 a.m. a man was arrested for assault following a fight at Jos. Campau and Pulaski.

- A woman living in the 9400 block of Charest St. was issued a ticket after her dog was found running around the neighborhood.

- A juvenile in the 12000 block of Gallagher St. reported a man in his 40s, wearing blue shorts and no shirt, stole his bike.

- A Moran St. man reported someone broke into his garage and stole several items.

- A Sobieski St. man reported his son threw several flower pots at his car, causing

damage.

- A Clinton Twp. resident and a Detroit resident were arrested at a Conant business after attempting to cash a stolen check.

- An Edwin St. woman said her husband assaulted her.

Sunday, July 7

- At 8 a.m. a man was arrested for urinating in public at Conant and Caniff.

- At almost 6:30 p.m. a Commor St. man was arrested for assaulting his girlfriend and giving police a false name and date of birth.

- A Selfridge St. woman reported a juvenile damaged her car. Police ticketed the juvenile's parent.

Monday, July 8

- At about 7:30 p.m. a man was arrested at Holbrook and Brombach for being drunk in public.

- A man reported that local juveniles threw a rock at his car and damaged it.

- At 12:30 a.m., a man reported his red 2000 Dodge Caravan was stolen from the Caniff and Conant area. Prior to the man's call, residents told police that a vehicle matching that description was seen going down Trowbridge St. the wrong way at high speed.

- A woman reported that her son got into a physical fight with a teacher at Kosciuszko Middle School.

- A Detroit resident said that people he knows attacked him with baseball bats and stole his cell phone and cash.

- A woman reported someone used her Bridge Card without permission.

- A man said that two people came up from behind him while he was walking on Prescott just east of Conant and attacked him. The suspects stole his cell phone and \$300.

- A resident reported being hit by a car while on Trowbridge St. The driver fled.

- A woman reported that someone took her dog.

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Sally Lynn Barnes, 67, died July 10, 2013.

Mrs. Barnes was preceded in death by her daughter, Laura Sue.

She is survived by her son, Charlie; grandchildren, Shela, Sherry, Erika, Darrel John, Kelsey Tiffany, Keegan Brandice and Marcus; great-grandchild,

Kaiden; and longtime friend and companion, Wiley Banks.

Funeral arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home (2396 Caniff, Hamtramck).

Visitation is Sunday at 11a.m. and services at noon at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

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Council candidate calls on black community to get more involved

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Attend one of the Hamtramck Historical Club Meetings (I have no idea when they meet or where they meet)! But they are present, they have their own office. Walk through City Hall, go on each of the floors and count our presence. Public Housing, the majority of the occupants are of our race, yet what is the percentage of Black representation on the Housing Board? WAKE UP MY-BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE! It is time for change and that change begins with you getting out and voting for a qualified

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- Advocate for greater Community involvement in City Government.

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issue, saying the council should not be spending money when an emergency manager is coming in. Zwolak said the new emergency manager may decide to go a different direction with public safety.

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag said the equipment is needed now and that the existing equipment "could go at any time."

Mayor Majewski disagreed with Zwolak, saying it's the council's responsibility to make these decisions.

Acting City Manager Tertzag said that the city's garbage contractor, Rizzo, has agreed to a 10 percent reduction in cost in exchange for not picking up yard waste separately. The savings will equal \$72,000 per year for the city. Residents can still throw out yard waste, but for now on it has to be mingled in with household trash.

Councilmember Anam Miah said he is concerned that yard waste will no longer be recycled. Tertzag said that it's his understanding the waste is dumped at the same place where household garbage is also disposed of.

(Editor's note: Which poses the question, why did we bother separating yard waste

all these years?)

Tertzag also asked the council to approve cutting checks for a cement contractor and allow him to dole out the checks as work for the city is completed. Tertzag said the contractor is concerned he will do the cement work but the city will not have the money.

Councilmember Zwolak objected, saying this is "highly irregular." He and Councilmember Abdul Algazali were the only councilmembers to vote against the arrangement.

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