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Quick Hits

Enjoy the last days of summer.

We had a summer? Yeah, it seems like we got cheated a little bit with the mild weather and tons of rain, but all in all it was a pretty good summer. Better than the last couple of years, when temps stayed in the 90s and rain barely fell.

This Sunday (Sept. 22) is the start of fall. We've already gotten a taste of it the last couple of weeks.



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.

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Hamtramck's first-ever 'Food Week' is set to deliver



Attention foodies, set aside some money this weekend and get ready to splurge next week. You'll see why below, as Modeldmedia.com, reports on a major culinary happening in town.

By Noelle Lothamer
Special to The Review

It's a great time, with Detroit Restaurant Week about to roll again at mostly downtown Detroit locations, for food lovers across the region to get excited. But the well-known event isn't the only culinary happening this September, as Hamtramck debuts its first-ever Food Week.

A celebration of Hamtramck's diverse edible delights, Food Week is meant to showcase the flourishing food scene that has long been a point of pride for the city. Although Hamtramck lacks the fine dining establishments associated with Detroit's Restaurant Week events, it more than makes up for this with the range and quality of its many markets, cafes, and casual dining options.

The events and activities planned for Food Week reflect this richness and depth.

Food Week is the brainchild of Jason Friedmann, Hamtramck's former Director of Community & Economic Development.

As the city's community and economic development director for the last few years, Friedmann has long been an active and vocal champion of all the great things Hamtramck has to offer. And although his official position was eliminated recently due to budget cuts, Friedmann isn't about to let that small detail prevent him from bringing Food Week, a project he's had in the works ever since May, to fruition.

Running Sept. 23-28, Food Week bears some resemblance to Restaurant Week in that several restaurants will create specials to run that week only.

Restaurants on the list include old favorites like Polonia, newer but well-established places like Royal Kabob, and even newer restaurants like Bonoful Sweets and Café and Reshmi Sweets on the north end of Conant, serving Bangladeshi, Indian and Pakistani food.

The list also includes American and Coney standbys Maine Street, L. Georges and Caniff Coney Grill. Hamtramck has long been a haven for the budget conscious, so in keeping

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Photos by Marvin Shaouni
Hamtramck has a rich culinary diversity, and it's yours to explore during a week-long special event starting on Monday (Sept.23).



Three face felonies for ballot delivery

By Charles Sercombe

The Attorney General's Office said it would act quickly in its investigation into various allegations of illegal election activity in the August Primary Election.

A week after the AG took up its investigation, the first round of charges were announced on Wednesday.

Three Hamtramck men face felony charges of delivering absentee ballots to the city clerk's office from people not related to them or members of their household.

State law says that those who vote by absentee ballot can deliver the ballots themselves, through the mail or by a member of their immediate family or a household member.

Anyone else delivering the ballots is unauthorized by law.

The investigation had originally been handled by the Hamtramck Police Department after Deputy City Clerk August Gitschlag reported three men illegally dropped off a total of 48 absentee ballots.

The result of the investigation went to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, which turned it over to the AG's office. In the meantime, those ballots were counted in the primary election.

One of the men, Armani Asad, 33, was an unsuccessful candidate for city council.

The other men charged are Mohammed Russell, 32, and Salim Ahmed, 50.

Asad is charged with 14 counts of improper return of ballots, while Russell is charged with six counts and Ahmed is charged with 21 counts of the same charge.

If convicted, they face a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a

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with that accessibility, Food Week participating restaurants will offer special dishes at under \$10.

Restaurant specials are just the tip of the iceberg, though. Friedmann's vision was to make Food Week a more involved, community-wide happening. Along with help from Meagan Elliott, a graduate student in urban planning who worked for the city during her summer break, Friedmann has orchestrated a variety of events designed to enrich and engage the public.

Several of Hamtramck's independent grocers (Polish Market and Al-Haramain International Foods included) will host cook-

ing demonstrations at their stores.

Successful area food businesses (Maria's Salsa; McClure's; Srodek's) will give behind-the-scenes tours of their facilities. And most importantly, people will be encouraged to connect through fun community activities like a neighborhood food history tour, a food trivia night at Small's, a Zimbabwean recipe exchange at Public Pool, and a pop-up biergarten.

And this being Hamtramck, music will also be served up by DJs collage artist George Rahme, Richie Wohlfeil of Lo & Behold and Walter Wasacz (full disclosure: Walter is also managing editor of Model D) of

nospectacle.

Food Week offers a great excuse to reacquaint yourself with restaurants you haven't visited in a while, and discover new ones. But for those who frequently dine in Hamtramck and are looking for something completely new, fear not: a couple of brand-spanking-new businesses are opening their doors early, just for the week, to offer a sneak peek and a taste of what's to come.

One of Hamtramck's newest eateries is in a good position to lure novelty-seeking fine-dining customers. (revolver), a table d'hôte restaurant that will feature a rotating series of chefs from around the city, will make its debut during Food Week, with twice-nightly seatings on Friday and Saturday (Sept. 27-28).

Partners Tunde Wey and Peter Dalinowski are breathing new life into the long-empty space on Campau at Evaline that formerly housed Thai Bangkok, with the idea that the constantly changing menus and chefs will keep people excited and create buzz.

The \$35 prix-fixe menus include enticing items like blistered corn salad with eggplant, grilled leek and green chiles from Chef Brad Greenhill and grilled pig heart with grilled vegetables and chimichurri from Chef Ollie Honderd.

HenriettaHaus Coffee Roasters, a semi-finalist in this year's Hatch business competition, also plans to participate in Food Week before its official opening in 2014.

Owners Amy and Jeremy Dun-

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\$1,000 fine.

Arraignment was scheduled for Thursday, the day The Review went to press. According to the AG's office, the men will have to come up with 10 percent of \$10,000 for bail in order to stay out of jail while further legal proceedings take place.

Speaking about the charges, Attorney General Bill Schuette said in a press release:

"Preserving the integrity of the voting process is vital to maintaining the foundation of our free democracy. On election day, voters cast their ballot to make sure their voice is heard. We will not tolerate election law violations."

An investigation into allegations of fraud and ballot tampering continues.

At last week's Board of Canvassers meeting in Hamtramck, which was held to confirm a ballot recount of the mayoral election and the race for the two-year term on city council, the two candidates who requested the recount said they were offered money in exchange for votes.

Cathie Gordon, a city councilmember who ran for mayor, also said that because there was a much higher than usual number of absentee votes, there was a likelihood of voter fraud.

Usually a primary election will have about 300 voters voting absentee. In the primary election last month, over 700 absentee ballots were cast. However, there is an explanation for the increase. Some have said that because the primary election was held during Ramadan, many voters decided to vote absentee.

Hamtramck has a large Muslim voting bloc, and during Ramadan Muslims fast during the day, and many sleep through the day or restrict their movements to avoid becoming thirsty.

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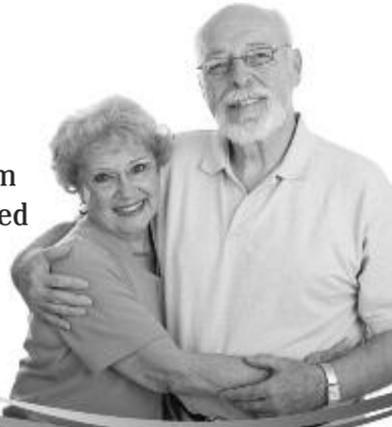


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The documentary "IFTAR 2013," sponsored by the Common Word Alliance, is available on DVD at the Library. The documentary was shot on the 20th day of Ramadan at the Islamic Center of Hamtramck illustrates the breaking of fast, the sunset prayer and comments delivered by members of interfaith community and local leaders. The documentary can also be viewed on the library website, under videos.

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday, September 23 at 11 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, and games. This week's theme is "Welcoming Fall." (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Basic Computer Class - Tuesday, September 24 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.

Movie Night - Tuesday, September 24 at 4 p.m. All children

are invited to see a movie shown on high definition screen and enjoy a serving of popcorn.

Citizenship Preparatory Classes - Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m. Hamtramck residents are invited to take part in the citizenship preparatory classes conducted by legal staff from the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit. Classes and legal assistant are provided free of charge.

Make & Take Workshop - Friday, September 26 at 4 p.m. The theme of this week's arts and crafts workshop is "Back to School."

Michigan Reads Program - Thursday, September 26 at 4 p.m. Join us along with hundreds of other libraries in the state of Michigan in reading "Woolbur."

Library Gardening Club - Friday, September 27 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the library gardening club, with activities in the library community garden. For more information see Ania or Kate.

Family Story Time for Children - Thursday, October 3, at 6

p.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a story book. This week's topic is "A Good Day."

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, October 10 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, October 17 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

Michigan Adventure Pass - This program is a partnership between Michigan libraries and 60 arts and cultural organizations. It provides complimentary or reduced price admission to participating institutions, including discounts in their gift shops. A list of participating organizations and Michigan Activity Passes are available now at the Hamtramck Library at no charge to library patrons.

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Second Front Page

Landmark Conant bar heavily damaged in fire

By Charles Sercombe

Blame a wire that broke off from an electric transformer in the alley behind Hippo's bar for causing a fire to break out last Sunday night.

That's the unofficial word on the cause, said bar owner John Hypnarowicz. He said sparks from the loose wire hit the garage behind the bar.

"That's when it took off," Hypnarowicz said about the resulting fire.

The Fire Department said the cause is still undetermined. Fire Chief Paul Wilk said that the garage was old and the wood was dried out.

"All of a sudden there was a lot of fire," he said.

The department had to call in four off-duty firefighters to help out.

The fire destroyed the garage and the roof of the bar. The bar itself was spared from flames, but it suffered heavy water damage.

Hippo's is one of only a handful of neighborhood bars that remain in Hamtramck, which once boasted having a bar at the end of almost every block of the city.

Although the name of the bar implies something huge, it was one of the smallest drinking establishments in town, rival only to Suzy's bar for who's the tiniest bar.

The Conant bar has been operating under one name or

another for about 50 years and before that as a shoe store, said Hypnarowicz.

The name of the bar is ac-

company. In recent years he has been unsuccessful in selling the bar.

"I didn't want to go out this



A man looks out a window at Hippo's Bar on Conant to survey the damage caused in a fire last Sunday night.

tually a play off and the nickname of Hypnarowicz, who is one huge guy with a heart to match.

He is a retired public school bus driver who has organized annual Christmas parties for his Special Ed kids he drove home for years.

Hypnarowicz said he won't know what will happen to the bar, as far as rebuilding, until he meets with his insurance

company." Hypnarowicz said.

The structure also has three apartments upstairs, which were empty and undergoing renovations, Hypnarowicz said.

He and his wife Mary have owned the bar for 23 years. In recent years, the business became a victim of a changing neighborhood. An influx of Bangladeshi-Americans moved in as Polish-Americans

moved out to the suburbs.

Because most Bengalis are practicing Muslims, alcohol consumption is not allowed.

Hippo's has become a part of the national trope of cinema trivia. The name of the bar wound its way into the movie "Grosse Pointe Blank," which was partially filmed on location in Grosse Pointe.

A producer with the film

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can are renovating a 1920s building they purchased from the family of the original owners at 8609 Jos Campau, on the south end of Hamtramck, where they'll live upstairs and open a coffee shop at street level.

Amy tells us that although they have quite a bit of work to do before opening (they don't anticipate being ready until sometime next summer), they

will be a part of the event with a "desserts of the world" evening event with coffee, tea and sweets.

In keeping with the community spirit of Food Week, the planning has been an all-volunteer effort, with Friedmann and Elliott getting a helping hand from the Arts and Culture Commission and the Hamtramck DDA.

Welcoming Michigan, a non-

profit organization that works to build immigrant-friendly communities, is also involved, and will be conducting cooking classes at People's Community Services, Wednesday-Friday, from 6 to 8 p.m.

In hopes of making Food Week an annual event that is self-sustaining, a Patronicity campaign was launched to raise funds. Elliott says these will cover hard costs such as

food ingredients for the cooking demos, so that there will be little to no cost for participants.

Experience the many flavors and faces of Hamtramck by having a meal, watching a cooking demo, attending a tour, or participating in one of the many other community events.

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For the most up-to-date information on Hamtramck Food Week, follow us on Twitter and Facebook:

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- 5:00 PM Kickoff at the Hamtramck Farmer's Market 10037 Joseph Campau
- 8:00 PM Planet Ant hosts a BBQ and night of food-inspired improv! 2357 Caniff

Wednesday 9/25

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- 6:30 PM Cooking demonstration at Polish Market 10200 Joseph Campau
- 8:00 PM Trivia Night at Smalls! Form a team, eat sliders, and compete for prizes and glory! 10339 Conant

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- 6:30 PM Cooking demonstration at Al-Haramain International Foods 3306 Caniff
- 7:00- 9:00 PM Cross-Continental Recipe Exchange Tired of rice? Pasta? Try Sadza! Zimbabwean staple food. Join us for a demo and sample at Public Pool. Organized by the Zimbabwe Cultural Centre of Detroit 3309 Caniff

Tuesday 9/24

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- 6:30- 7:15 PM Behind the Scenes Tour of the Zen Center 11464 Mitchell

Thursday 9/26

- 6:30 PM Cooking demonstration at European Mini Mart 11415 Joseph Campau
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By Charles Sercombe

If you see snakes on the side of New Dodge Lounge don't worry.

No you haven't been drinking too much.

It's a mural that bar owner Cathie Gordon commissioned, and it's also a sign

now. "I always wanted to do something with that wall," she said, referring to what had been a drab grey side. The Review caught up with the Charleston, South Carolina-based muralist when he had just begun to create his



New Dodge Lounge now has a colorful abstract mural on the side of its building, thanks to a graffiti artist (below) who goes by the moniker "Patch Whiskey."



that Hamtramck is becoming a Mecca for muralists.

Add the New Dodge Lounge to the growing list of buildings and structures that are sporting sanctioned graffiti art. A year ago the Montana Paint Co. sponsored a mural fest of sorts in town in which internationally-known artists travelled to the metro area to do their art.

Hamtramck is home to several of the murals created.

Gordon hired an artist who goes by the name of "Patch Whiskey" to spray paint the side of her building. That was a month or so ago, and you can see the finished product

"I just paint monsters for a living," he said.

When you see the finished product there are indeed a number of squiggly creatures throughout the artwork.

He calls the critter that keeps reoccurring in his work as "Winkel." The character takes different shapes in his murals, but in this case he said "it's coming out more snake-like."

Gordon says the mural is a treat for the eyes.

"Every day I drive up and see something different," she said. "It's energizing."

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Review: Opinion Page

Let's start planning now for a new charter revision commission

Now that the issue of whether City Councilmember Abdul Algazali was a "defaulter" to the city has been settled, it's time to consider other questionable city charter provisions.

Hamtramck voters approved the charter eight years ago and since that time there have been a number of questions raised about some of the provisions.

The Algazali matter highlighted a little-known provision that says if an elected official is a defaulter to the city, the election results of that official are voided.

Algazali fell two years behind in property tax, which a number of people considered to be in default. But the emergency manager and city attorney dismissed the matter as an "oversight" on Algazali's part.

Obviously, that provision needs to be cleared up, as well as others.

The charter also prevents elected officials from talking to department heads, which is ridiculous. We understand that the authors of the charter were probably trying to prevent elected officials from interfering with management of the city, but that provision gave elected officials fewer rights than the average resident who is free to talk to department heads.

We suggest city officials begin organizing to ask voters in next year's primary election to approve a charter revision commission.

Let's clean up the charter, which has served the city well, but like all things needs to be updated.

One thing we don't recommend, however, is going away from a city manager form of government. There has been talk by some to do away with the city manager position and go to a strong mayor form of government.

The world is far too complex these days to leave the city in charge of someone not schooled in municipal management.

Let's not go back to the bad old days when the mayor and city councilmembers bickered constantly over management of the city. That's what got Hamtramck into a financial mess several years ago when the state first appointed an emergency manager to take over.

The city finds itself in another financial crisis not because of the city manager form of government, but largely because of labor contract issues that cannot be changed without consent from the city's labor unions.

Only the newly-appointed emergency manager can make sweeping changes. Since we're in the change mode, let's extend that to the charter as well.

If a tree falls in the city, who will get the blame?

By Charles Sercombe

Three years ago Lawrence Smith warned city officials about the big tree in front of his house on Botsford, near Fleming.

The tree had been leaning at a dangerous angle, giving many the impression it was about to topple over.

"We knew the tree was going to fall," Smith said.

Sure enough, it did a week ago Friday during a wind storm.

It fell forward, the way it was leaning, and crushed the roof of a parked car and slammed into the house across the street.

The tree has now become a lightning rod of finger-pointing over who was at fault.

Emergency Manager Cathy Square said Steve Shaya, the Director of Public Works, should have included it on a list of dangerous trees that needed to come down.

"It's his job to maintain a dangerous tree list," she said.

But the tree had been marked for removal in last June's sidewalk repair program. That's when a number of trees were removed suddenly over a weekend, which in turn drew public outrage.

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag, who was let go by

Square two weeks ago, reversed the tree removal plan and ordered that instead of cutting down the trees, the

walk repair program.

City Councilmember Cathie Gordon faults Tertzag for allowing the cement contractor



A large tree that fell on Botsford St. has set off a debate on the city's tree removal policy.

roots causing sidewalk slabs to buckle would be cut out.

That was the case of this tree on Botsford, but some question the wisdom in doing that because it was feared the tree would be left unsecured.

The tree's base was left exposed when it fell over, and it appears the remaining roots ran very shallow for a tree that size.

When Emergency Manager Square started work on July 1, she put a halt to the side-

to cut off the tree roots instead of having an arborist continue to do the work.

But Square seems to be blaming Shaya for not having taken care of the tree before.

"Was a tree at a 60-degree angle going to fall down anyway in a big wind? Yes," she said.

"They have been half-managing everything," Square said about the city's past administrations. "It's pervasive, and I'm here to straighten it out."



City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Sept. 10, and all councilmembers were present.

After a lengthy discussion about the volume level of the call to prayer from two mosques (see story on this page for more details), the council moved on to other topics.

Walter Williams, a retired city employee, complained that one of his sidewalk slabs was marked for replacement by the city a few months ago but it has not yet been replaced.

Steve Shaya, the Director of Public Works, said the sidewalk repair program is over, and that there are

about 300 slabs that still had to be replaced. Shaya said there had been a change in the sidewalk project contract with the city's cement contractor.

Joe Marecki said that the new grass that was replaced next to his new sidewalk during the sidewalk repair project was washed away during one of the recent downpours.

He asked if the city will replace what was lost.

Susan Dunn, who is a candidate running for city council, said her basement has flooded five times, and that she had been part of the mass lawsuit filed against the city a few years ago re-

garding basement flooding.

She wanted to know what the solution is to prevent further flooding. She also complained that there is still a problem with the volume of the council meetings being broadcast.

She pointed out that Greg Kirchner had volunteered to look into the matter. Deputy City Clerk August Gitschlag said he would follow up.

Beverly Tran asked when the next Election Commission meeting will be held. Gitschlag said that as soon as he receives word on who will be on the November ballot a meeting will be scheduled.

Residents complain that 'call to prayer' is too loud

By Charles Sercombe

The debate over the Muslim call to prayer is reverberating once again.

At last week's city council

ter said no one ever said it would not be a mosque, saying an Islamic center "covers everything."

He warned Marsh that if

she continued claiming she was lied to he would file a defamation lawsuit.

He also denied accusations that the call to prayer was broadcast earlier than 6 a.m. Islam said he has since turned down the volume when the police department informed him of the complaints.

Islam accused City Councilmember Robert Zwolak, who lives in the apartment complex, of whipping up complaints.

"He's against Muslims," he said.

The center on Holbrook was not the only mosque accused of broadcasting the call too loudly.



Tenants at the Holbrook Senior Plaza apartments say the Ideal Islamic Center across on the street from the apartment complex broadcasts its call to prayer too loud and too early in the morning.

meeting, several residents of the Hamtramck Senior Plaza apartments on Holbrook complained about the volume level of the call to prayer coming from the Ideal Islamic Center, located across from the apartment complex.

Jeanette Powell said she's not complaining as a way to "bash anyone's religion."

She said the call or prayer was broadcast at 6 a.m. and found the volume "overbearing."

"Just turn it down a little bit."

Carol Marsh said not only was the call to prayer too loud, she insisted that the organizers of the center never said it would serve as a mosque.

"We were lied to," she said. "We were told it would never be turned into a mosque."

But Sakrul Islam of the cen-

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You are encouraged to attend a pre-proposal conference on Thursday September 26, 2013 at the Hamtramck City Hall at the address listed above.

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Obituaries

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Kathryn Czarnowski (nee Woys), 54, died September 13, 2013.

Mrs. Czarnowski was the co-proprietor of Kimberly Tire and Wheel for over 30 years, a former officer of the Clawson Chamber of Commerce, and a Troy hockey and baseball mom.

Mrs. Czarnowski is survived by her husband, Mark; son, Zachary; mother, Josephine Marasovich; sister-in-laws, Irene (John) Thompson, Marline Chester, Martha Gasiewicz; brother-in-laws, Ray (Chris), Vincent (Tina),

Henry (Sue) Czarnowski; numerous cousins.

A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, September 21, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Ladislaus Church in Hamtramck. Memorial bequests in Kathy's name may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements entrusted to Krot Funeral Home.



Odds & Ends

New hours ... The good news is that the Hamtramck Public Library is now back open on Saturdays.

The bad news, not that it really is all that bad, is Friday hours of operation will be cut. Here's the deal, the library will now be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ouch! ... Last Friday the 13th was truly a day of bad luck for the Hamtramck High School varsity football team. The Cosmos got a licking by Shrine Catholic High School 48-0.

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Here are the activities scheduled for the public school district next week.

Students have next Monday, Sept. 23, off in order to allow teachers to take time for professional development.

Horizon Alternative Education - Open House, Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 3:30-5 p.m.

Athletic Events:

HHS Varsity Football - Friday, Sept. 27, versus Harper

HHS Varsity Volleyball - Monday, Sept. 23, versus Henry Ford Academy at 5:30 p.m. (Home).

HHS Varsity Volleyball - Wednesday, Sept. 25, versus River Rouge at 5:30 p.m. (Home).

HHS Varsity Soccer - Monday, Sept. 23, versus Detroit Western at 5 p.m. (Home).

HHS Varsity Soccer - Tuesday, Sept. 24, versus Madison at 5 p.m.

HHS Varsity Soccer - Thursday, Sept. 26, versus Cesar Chavez at 5 p.m. (Home).

Kosciuszko Volleyball - Stadium.

Tuesday, Sept. 24, versus HP Barber at 5 p.m.

Kosciuszko Football - Wednesday, Sept. 25, versus Summit at 5 p.m., Keyworth

Upcoming Events

Early Childhood Elementary Open House- Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 4-6 p.m.

Coming events

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 25, noon - The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will hold a card and bunco social, featuring lunch, door and table prizes, raffle and share the wealth. Admission is \$7, and the event is located at the Queen of Apostles' Activity Center, entrance on Harold St., fenced-in parking.

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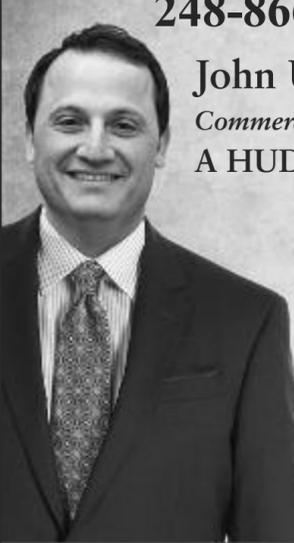
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 10-16.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

• A Belmont St. woman was transported to Detroit Receiving Hospital after she took an overdose of pills as a result of her depression.

• A man was attacked by his girlfriend who struck him in the head with a meat cleaver. The woman was eventually arrested.

• A man living in the 2400 block of Commor heard a pounding noise at almost midnight outside his house. When he went outside to investigate, he saw a man driving away in his 1995 Dodge Neon.

• A woman was arrested at Royal Market after attempting to cash a fraudulent check.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

• A woman living in the 11600 block of Klinger reported someone broke into her garage.

• A woman reported that someone stole her 2000 Dodge Stratus while it was parked in the 2700 block of Florian St. Later, Royal Oak police confirmed they had recovered the car.

• Detroit police arrested a woman wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

• A Holbrook resident reported someone damaged the steering column to his car in an attempt to steal it.

• Another Holbrook resident reported someone stole his iPhone from his unlocked car.

Thursday, Sept. 12

• The principal of Dickinson East Elementary School reported someone stole three laptops.

• A man was arrested after he stole a bicycle from Holbrook Elementary School.

• A Hamtramck man reported that someone opened a credit card in his name and charged over \$18,000 worth of purchases.

• A boy who was bitten by a dog while on Andrus St. required medical treatment. The dog was captured and taken to the Michigan Humane Society.

Friday, Sept. 13

• At 11 p.m. a man living in the 2200 block of Bernard St. reported his girlfriend assaulted him.

• Officers responding to a business security alarm in the 12000 block of Conant discovered someone broke in through the front window.

• At 2:30 a.m. a person on Jos. Campau was issued a ticket for being intoxicated in public.

• At 3:30 a.m. a woman living in the 3600 block of Doremus St. reported someone stole her Dodge Charger.

• A man reported someone stole his 1997 Chevrolet from Ellery and Evaline streets.

• At 12:30 p.m. a woman reported that while in the 3300 block of Comstock St. a man holding a silver handgun stole her purse as well as another woman's.

• A man reported that someone he knows wrote him a bad check.

• A Detroit man and woman were arrested at Walter's Party Store after attempting to cash a fraudulent check.

Saturday, Sept. 14

• At about 11 p.m. a person reported being robbed at gunpoint while in the 2600 block of Evaline St.

• At a few minutes past midnight, a woman in the 12000 block of Dyar St. reported her boyfriend assaulted her. The boyfriend fled before officers arrived.

• A man living in the 1900 block of Yemans St. reported the theft of his Jeep.

• A Trowbridge St. resident reported that an unknown person opened a Verizon account in his name and ran up a charge of over \$400.

• In a drug raid on Andrus St., officers confiscated marijuana and prescription pills. Two men were arrested and charges are pending.

Sunday, Sept. 15

• A man said while in the 11400 block of Mitchell St. another man approached him, removed a handgun from his waist and threatened him. The suspect then fled the scene in a car.

• A Warren resident reported her vehicle was stolen while it was parked in the 3300 block of Norwalk St.

• An employee at Amicci's Pizza reported that two men gave him two counterfeit \$20 bills while delivering a pizza to a residence in the 12000 block of Selfridge St.

Monday, Sept. 16

• A juvenile boy reported that his mother and aunt assaulted him, and also chased him down the 2700 block of Trowbridge St. He said they were swinging a broom and a hammer at him. When officers arrived the women were gone. The matter was referred to Child Protective Services.

• A woman reported that her car's front passenger window was knocked out while it was parked in the 10000 block of Conant.

• A Yemans St. resident said he was swindled out of \$3,400 in a telephone scam in which he was told he won a large sum of money and two cars but needed to forward money to pay for shipping.

• A woman was arrested for assaulting her ex-boyfriend with a knife. Officers needed the assistance of the Fire Department to recover the knife from a roof where the woman had thrown it.

• A Mitchell St. resident reported that a person she knows entered her house and assaulted her.

• A resident reported that someone opened a Verizon cell phone account in his name without his permission.

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Landmark Conant bar heavily damaged in fire

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saw the name of the bar and asked Hypnarowicz and his wife if he could use it for the fictitious "Hippo Club" in the movie.

Both John and Mary flew out to California to see scenes of the movie being shot, and had lunch with its stars, John Cusack and Minnie Driver.

Cusack, Hypnarowicz said, "was very personal. He didn't have his nose in the air."

Also damaged in the fire were Bengal Spices next door and a garage across the alley from Hippo's. Damage to Bengal Spices was where live chickens were kept.

Fire Chief Wilk said the chickens survived.

Residents complain that 'call to prayer' is too loud

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Susan Dunn, who is a candidate for city council, said the new mosque on St. Aubin St., the Abu-Bakr Al-Siddique Islamic Center, also broadcasts the call loudly. Dunn lives on Hewitt St., which is a block away from the center.

She said she asked neighbors who attend services at the center to tell organizers there to turn down the volume.

ter up to a ballot vote.

Voters approved the ordinance by a 55 to 45 percent margin.

The issue also attracted national and international attention. Periodically, residents complain about the volume of the call to prayer, mostly from the mosque located on Caniff near Jos. Campau.

Since then, she said, it's been "turned down some."

The complaints launched a long discussion on the city's noise ordinance and the ordinance regulating the call to prayer.

According to Councilmember Cathie Gordon the city's ordinance has no teeth.

Police Chief Max Garbarino said the way he's been dealing with the issue is to talk with mosque leaders and ask them to turn down the volume.

The call to prayer issue first came up in 2004 when city officials were considering an ordinance regulating it. At that time, there was a heated debate over the issue.

Eventually, the city council at the time OK'd the ordinance. But that decision was challenged after Zwolak, who was not a member of council at the time, led a successful petition drive to put the mat-

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