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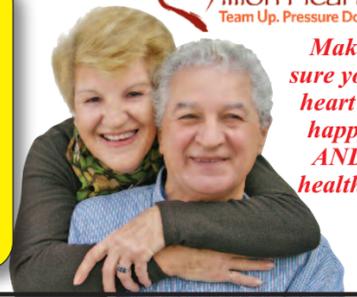
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Quick Hits

It's hard to believe that the month of May has blown by so fast. And that brings us to this Monday, May 28, which is Memorial Day. Once again the Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council will hold a Memorial Day Service at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church (Conant and Prescott).

The service starts at 10 a.m. After the Mass, a reception will be held at PLAV Post 10 on Jos. Campau.

If you can spare an hour, stop by the service. Our local veterans are dwindling in number and really appreciate your interest.

Hamtramck has a long history of sending its young men and women into service, and the city has paid a high price in lives over the last several decades.

You can read the names of those who have sacrificed over the years at the memorial site in Veterans Park.

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.

"How I wish we had iPhones with cameras then."

HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

Thank You Veterans Memorial Day May 28th

Teachers walk in protest of state funding of school districts

By Charles Sercombe
Hamtramck Public School teachers had their own version of a "walk-out" on Wednesday morning.

For the past year students across the country have staged peaceful "walk-outs" to protest school shootings.

Instead of walking out, Hamtramck teachers held a "walk-in."

Teachers, who were also wearing red in solidarity with a national movement called #redford, said it was a protest of state funding to school districts.

"It's in support of our district," said Jamie Jankowski, a math specialist at Dickinson East Ele-



Dickinson East Elementary School teachers joined teachers at other Hamtramck Public Schools in a "walk-in" on Wednesday morning. Teachers were protesting underfunding for schools throughout the state.

mentary School. Teachers at Dickinson gathered at the school's entrance just before students arrived in the morning and walked around the building to the Edwin St. entrance.

Michelle Cook, the president of the teachers' union, said Hamtramck does not receive proper funding.

"While there are many is-

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Robert Kennedy campaigned in Hamtramck 50 years ago. Several Hamtramckans remembered that visit. Photo courtesy of the Hamtramck Historical Museum

A campaign visit that many remember and cherish

By Charles Sercombe
A recent article in The Review about Robert Kennedy's campaign visit to Hamtramck 50 years ago stirred some memories from residents and former residents.

Over at the Facebook page called "Hamtramck Memories - Back in the

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City lot sales raises questions

By Charles Sercombe
As everyone in Hamtramck knows, parking is a premium. But one lot owner in the southend managed to purchase a parking lot believed to have once been owned by the city.

According to sources, the city may have lost it to Wayne County because of a clerical error in not recording the lot as city-owned and thus tax-exempt.

According to Wayne County deed records, the city issued a quit claim deed in January 2017 to IG Immobilien LLC for \$1 for the parking lot, located at 2936 Goodson.

That does not necessarily mean the city actually owed the parking lot at that time.

The quit claim deed was signed by former City Manager Katrina Powell.

The Review obtained a

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Pot law to be discussed

By Charles Sercombe
A town hall meeting will be held next Tuesday (May 29) to discuss medical marijuana regulations.

City officials are seeking to adopt an ordinance to allow medical marijuana dispensaries to operate here.

But before that happens city officials want input from the community on what direction to go. City Attorneys James Allen and Harry Kalogerakas will be at the meeting to discuss the legal options for the city to take.

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Teachers walk in protest of state funding of school districts

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sues that our members care deeply about, today we want to shine a spotlight on the chronic underfunding of our public schools," Cook told The Review.

Cook said that according

to the School Finance Research Collaborative, the cost to educate a student in this state is \$9,590 per student each year.

Hamtramck receives \$7,631 per student.

The Collaborative is a pri-

vate organization of Michigan business leaders and education experts.

The organization, which is funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, is studying how to undertake changing the way the state funds education.

Cook added that the base cost to educate students goes up for at-risk students (who cost an additional 35 percent) and those who do not speak a foreign language (costing 35 to 75 percent more), Cook said.

Hamtramck is a unique district compared to the rest of the state. Out of over 3,000 students enrolled here, more than 2,000 speak a foreign language as their first language.

While the district has a comfortable \$9 million budget surplus, the district's Director of Finance, Sherry Lynem, earlier in the year warned that there is talk in the state and federal government to slash school aid in the coming years, which would require dipping into that surplus.

The language barrier has long been a challenge to the district. For generations Hamtramck has been the home to recently arrived immigrants.

School officials have beefed up the number of teachers – now standing at 25 – who specialize in teaching English.

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School Bell

Cosmos Girls' Soccer Team is League Champs!

The following information is from Brian Anderson, HPS athletic director:

Congratulations to the Hamtramck High School Girls Soccer Team! The team brought home a League Championship Saturday morning, defeating Taylor Prep on penalty kicks after being tied 1-1 throughout regulation.

Scoring the game-tying regulation goal for the Cosmos was Daisha Jackson. Amra Lekic, Filloreta Killokoqi and AnnaBella Shalaj scored the penalty kicks.

The win clinched a League Championship for the Cosmos, who now look to districts against Hazel Park.

The district game is being played at Keyworth Stadium on Tuesday, May 29 at 5 p.m. Please come



The Hamtramck High School Girls Soccer Team recently brought home a League Championship.

out to support the team on game day.

Go Cosmos!

Kosciuszko Middle School News

Kosciuszko Middle School is proud to announce the Students of the Month for May/June:

Israt Ahmed, Janat Alawadi, Reem Alsomairi, Rami Alzokary, Sabyasache Baidya, Marzana Begum, Andrew

Bist, Dawayne Brown, Fatehul Bushra, Yunae Gillespae-Thomas, Nusrat Hossain, Kenya Harris, Jelan Jafree, Naima Khanom, Arbulena Killokoqi, Tahj Lindsey, Selma Mesic, Munshat Rahman, MD Shah, Angel Szalach, Safwan Uddin and Chester Wozniak.

Congratulations to these students. Keep up the great work!

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This week at the library...

Holiday – The Hamtramck Library will be closed on **Monday, May 28** in observance of Memorial Day

ESL Class – Wednesday, May 30, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class – Thursday, May 31, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Food for Fines – Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan is once again teaming up with The Hamtramck Public Library for the annual "Food for Fines/Food for Thought" campaign. From now until May 28 the Hamtramck Public Library will accept non-perishable food donations on behalf of Gleaners to help feed hungry neighbors in need. To thank you for your donation, you will receive library fine forgiveness for each item you bring! (See Library personnel for details. Fine forgiveness cap may apply.)

City Wide Poets Are you a writer? Join City-wide Poets – Every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. At the Hamtramck Public Library, free and open to all teens. For more information, contact: justin@insideoutdetroit.org or visit www.insideoutdetroit.org

Community Garden – Registration for the Hamtramck Public Library Community Garden is still available. Please see a member of the Library staff for a registration packet.

A Conversation w/ The Nomads: Casey Rocheteau (of Write a House) – Thursday, May 31, 6:30-8 p.m. We are

very happy to be hosting the Nomads Read Series again this month! Donations for this event will go towards the Hamtramck Public Library.

ABCmouse.com – Now available at the Hamtramck Public Library, ABCmouse.com is a free digital learning resource for children ages 2-8+ with more than 8,500 Learning Activities and 850 lessons. ABCmouse.com is the most comprehensive early learning curriculum available online.

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For more information about events at the library call **(313) 733-6822**, or visit its website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

Second Front Page

A message from the Purple Gang

By Greg Kowalski

When it comes to locating Hamtramck memorabilia, no one does it better than Chris Betleja.

Chris is a member of the board of directors of the Friends of Historical Hamtramck, the organization that owns and operates the Hamtramck Historical Museum. Chris has donated more material to the museum than anyone else. Much of it is extraordinarily rare.

Recently he turned up a deceptively simple item that is shocking in one way and incredibly revealing in another – if you know how to read it.

The item is an event program, 7-inches by 10-inches in size and a mere nine pages in length.

It's for a "Wild West Rodeo – A Gigantic Array of Western Talent" to be held May 30 to June 5, 1927, at the Detroit Lumber Company grounds, which would later become the site of Veterans Memorial Park.

The event would include "cowgirls, cowboys and Indian races, bucking broncos, a bullwhip demonstration and even a "Roman Standing

Race," whatever that is.

This was being sponsored by the Metropolitan Club, an organization made up of police officers, firefighters and post office employees, which considering what was printed inside, makes this document even more startling as these are groups that would not consider associating, at least openly, with gangsters and other lawbreakers.

Yet, there the criminal are, nestled among the other numerous ads for such places as The Whip restaurant, Hamtramck Undertaker and O. Witte's candy store.

Let's start with the innocuous looking ad for the McGraw House, at Clay and St. Aubin. The proprietor was P.J. McGraw, better known as Paddy McGraw. The McGraw House – and this is the first reference we've seen of the actual name of Paddy's place – was Hamtramck's most notorious brothel and speakeasy.

Everyone knew and seemingly loved Paddy. Despite his occupation, he was beloved in town.

He was generous, a founder of the Hamtramck Goodfellows, which provided gifts to poor kids at Christmas, and sponsored sports teams. But his ad in the program merely says "McGraw House."

Then there's the strange little ad that says: "White Lite. All Nite. Gasoline Next Door."

Chris figured this one out. "Lite" is white lightning, aka booze. "Next door" is where it could be found as in next door to the "Gasoline," or gas station. The folks then would know what it meant.

And then there's the big one, the inside back cover half-page ad that seems harmless but says so much: "Compliments – Oakland Sugar House – Corn Sugar our Specialty." And below in smaller print is "Our Eyes for Your Look Out." "Our Men at Your Service."

The Oakland Sugar House was the property of the notorious Purple Gang, the most wicked, vicious gang that ever prowled the streets of Detroit.

Understanding that you can easily see what they were really saying in the ad: You need some dirty work done? We got the guys who can do it."

You can bet there were some chuckles around the police station when this program came out. But then, they probably were the guys who solicited the ads.

You can see a genuine illegal still and much more at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call (313) 893-5027.

Pot law to be discussed

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The meeting will be at the Hamtramck Public Library and will start at 7 p.m. and go until 8:30 p.m.

"Hamtramck residents are welcome to be a part of the conversation," said Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer.

Metro news...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at model-media.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years.

With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

We all know Hamtramck can be weird in a good, cool way.

But are there any houses here that would be considered quite unusual?

If so, the organizers of the upcoming Weird Homes Tour coming to the Detroit area would like to hear about it.

Founded in 2014 to celebrate unconventional homes across America, this national brand is having its first tour in Detroit on August 25.

The tour is self-directed – when you purchase a ticket, you're given a map of eight to 10 homes that you can visit at any point throughout the day.

"In many cases, the owners are in their homes, available to answer questions and dive deeper into the unique design, decor, and collections found within their walls," according to a press release.

There's also a VIP

ticket that provides access to an additional house.

Weird Homes Tour is a triple-bottom line company, and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the United Community Housing Coalition to help support their fight for affordable housing.

The company is also scouting Detroit for potential homes on the tour. If you know of a weird home or would like to offer your own, go online to: www.weirdhomestour.com/submit/

By Aaron Mondry



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Sports clinic takes place Saturday at Hamtramck Stadium

By Charles Sercombe

Get your gym shoes on kids and head over to Hamtramck Stadium tomorrow (Saturday, May 26).

The Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium and the Michigan Opera Theatre have teamed up to host a "Spring Games Challenge."

The event, which is lim-

ited to youths who are in the age range of 7-to-14 years old, starts at 10:30 a.m. and runs to 2:30 p.m. The stadium – not to be confused with Keyworth Stadium – is located in Veterans Memorial Park on Jos. Campau at Dan St.

On hand will be coaches for baseball, softball and soccer. Players of all skill

levels are invited.

Instructors include the Hamtramck Warriors Soccer Club and the Woodbridge Baseball Academy.

The event is free and includes free refreshments and snacks.

You can pre-register by calling (248) 355-3710, or just show up Saturday morning shortly before the day's activities begin.

A campaign visit that many remember and cherish

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"I was thrilled," he said. We take our smart phone cameras for granted these days, but back then the concept of a phone taking photos was a fantasy out of a Dick Tracy cartoon strip.

Jeanne Geb wishes she had such a camera when Robert's brother, John Kennedy, also motored through town in 1960 in his quest to become president.

"How I wish we had iPhones with cameras then," Geb said.

Rob Wojtylo thinks he has a photo of Robert Kennedy's visit, but he may have lost it in a flood in 2014.

"I was in 7th grade. I remember he drove east on Caniff past the fire house and St. Lad's and turned south on Jos. Campau,"

Wojtylo said. "There were so many people lined up on both sides of Caniff. I also remember a young lady in one of those imitation straw hats passing out Kennedy bumper stickers."

Gary Gruskowski was one of the lucky ones.

"I shook his hand," he said.

Bobby Kennedy and his older brother John were known to be good looking guys. John Kennedy also motored through Hamtramck in 1960 in his campaign to become president – which he did achieve.

Carol Pakulski Orton was there in 1968.

"I shook his hand. He was very handsome," she said.

Marilyn Roa's family came prepared.

"My Mom filmed his visit. Still have it," she said.

Christine Komisarz was a kid then and went with her mother to see Kennedy.

"Bobby shook our hands," she said. "That's all I remember though. Besides it being very exciting."

That moment of excitement turned to tragedy for many – and the nation – just a month later. Bobby Kennedy was shot and killed at a campaign rally in Los Angeles after winning the California Democratic Primary Election.

Since then Hamtramck continues to be a magnet for presidential visits and campaign stops for leading national candidates.

City lot sales raises questions

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copy of that agreement through a Freedom of Information Act request submitted to the city.

The Review reached out to Powell for comment through email at her new job with Munetrix, a data management company based in Auburn Hills, where she is vice president of municipal services.

Powell did not respond.

The company that now owns the lot also owns a loft building across the street from the parking lot at 8820 Jos. Campau.

The parking lot has only several spaces, and became the focus of attention recently when it was reported a towing company was hooking up cars on a Detroit City Football Club game day.

While the towing company had warning signs in the lot, the management company for the loft building did not authorize the tows, said Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer.

Angerer added that the towing company, Shattila Towing, has since been told to back off from towing cars unless called by the lot owner.

The sale of that parking lot also raised a question about a city-owned lot sold under Powell's management in August of 2016.

The lot, the former site of the Hamtramck Pub at 2048 Caniff, was sold to local developer Henry Velleman for \$2,500, ac-

ording to a deed agreement The Review obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request to the city.

Technically the lot was sold to the Judith A. Velleman Revocable Living Trust, but Henry Velleman appeared to have signed the deed agreement. Powell also signed the deed agreement.

The sale may have violated one of the final orders laid down by former Emergency Manager Cathy Square, which required that if a city asset was going to be sold, it must go through an auction process.

Square's final order also required all sale proceeds of city assets to be deposited in the city's pension fund.

Square was appointed by the governor to oversee management of the city for 18 months after the city fell into a financial crisis around 2012. Square left the city in 2014.

Square told The Review she had nothing to do with this sale and was no longer acting on the city's behalf at the time of the sale.

It appears the lot was not put up for auction.

We also emailed Powell for comment about this sale, but she did not respond.

The lot is now connected with several other lots that Velleman owns on that por-

tion of Caniff. The lots remain empty and undeveloped.

The lot is now overgrown with weeds.

Velleman owns dozens of lots and commercial buildings in the city. He has been criticized by some in the community for keeping most of his commercial properties vacant, which has made a large chunk of Jos. Campau look empty.

Velleman owns Progressive Poletown Properties, located on Jos. Campau in Hamtramck.

City Councilmember Anam Miah, a critic of Powell, said if it is true that the Caniff lot was not sold through an auction, he will ask the city attorney to look into the matter.

Powell left as city manager at the end of June in 2017 when her employment contract expired.

In September of 2016, a month after Velleman purchased the Caniff lot, the online publication Mlive.com reported on local complaints about the blighted condition of Velleman's various lots and his empty storefronts.

In the article, Mlive.com said it obtained an email Powell sent to "community stakeholders" explaining why she was not aggressively going after Velleman to take care of his lots and fill his empty storefronts.

"Clearly, if someone has

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

A crackdown is due for rogue towing companies

Enough with rogue towing companies operating in Hamtramck.

Now that there has been the appearance of another predatory towing company operating in town, city officials and the police department need to take an immediate look in regulating this industry.

Councilmember Ian Perrotta is introducing proposed legislation to rein in towing companies and how they can

conduct business in Hamtramck.

(Editor's note: Perrotta is the copy editor here at The Review.)

There is also a state law regulating towing services. Companies should not be allowed to hover around privately-owned lots to tow away unsuspecting car owners.

It should be that a tow company can only tow a car when the lot owner requests it.

Companies should also need to provide written proof of the owner's request to the police department before a car is towed.

Incidents of aggressive-predatory towing practices are widespread in Detroit. This is an industry that is out of control.

Hamtramck can be the first community to protect car owners and set an example for other cities.

Odds & Ends

Paying respects...

Veronica Smith of the Hamtramck Sisterhood spent part of Mother's Day afternoon with residents at St. Joseph's.

The group shared tea and light refreshments and passed out 75 carnations.

"We were blessed by the lovely voice of Mrs. E. Hamilton, with her rendition of "You Are So Beautiful," Smith said in an email to us. "This event was something beyond my wildest imagination."

Smith also wanted to thank Mayor Karen Majewski, Maine Street Restaurant, Flowers By Deb.

Smith added that her group consists of women who had graduated from Hamtramck High School "who want to see where we can make a difference in the Hamtramck Community."

For more information about the group, call (313) 872-6770.

Remembering...

Our friend Darla Swint emailed us this week a photo of the The Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 67, of Hamtramck.

Darla wanted to share their memory in honor of Memorial Day coming up this Monday. She described the women as a "very dedicated hard-working Christian group of women that was always willing to step up and take care of the needs of their Communities."

Unfortunately, the women in the photo are now all deceased. We salute you ladies!

Speaking...

Our friend and a member of the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium, Dave Mesrey, will be holding a talk about one of his favorite subjects: Baseball.

More specifically, he will be talking about "the failed efforts to preserve Tiger Stadium and the ongoing effort to restore his-

toric Hamtramck Stadium, home of the Detroit Stars and one of just a handful of Negro League ballparks still standing in America."

That's what it says in a Facebook page promotion of the event, which will be June 9, noon to 2:15 p.m. at La Palma: Mediterranean Restaurant, 113 East Canfield in Detroit.

Mesrey is an award-winning journalist and editor of Willie Horton's autobiography, "The People's Champion."

He is also a Mesrey-merizing speaker, if you pardon the pun.

Here's how he's described in the Facebook page promoting the event:

"With a speaking style at once sincere, irreverent, and absurd, Mesrey will recount growing up a Syrian baseball fan in Detroit's MorningSide neighborhood and why he became a shortstop instead of a camel jockey."

City lot sales raises questions

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ever met Henry and/or had a conversation with him, you know threatening him or pushing him against the wall, to get your way, Will. Not. Work," Powell said in her email.

"Trying to shame him publicly just gives him the

fight he so desires, and no one wins."

Powell, who came from Florida to be Hamtramck's city manager, also further explained in her email to community stakeholders, according to Mlive.com, what her strategy was in

dealing with Velleman.

"In the south, we believe you get more flies with honey than vinegar. Since the vinegar route hasn't worked for this town in 25+ years, isn't it time to try another route?" she said.

There were once big plans for Caniff site

By Charles Sercombe

Just how did the city come into the possession of the former Hamtramck Pub?

Like a lot of other buildings, houses and empty lots, the city took possession of the building when it fell into tax foreclosure. That was back in 2010 when the city purchased it from the Wayne County Treasurer's Office for back taxes owed.

There were plans to rehab the structure, which

was located at 2048 Caniff, and sell it.

But when inspectors got a look inside they found the basement full of water.

The city was not allowed to inspect the building before purchasing it – that's how the rules go.

So, it was decided to raze the building and eventually sell the lot to someone who would hopefully develop the site.

A suspected arson fire destroyed the building before the city tore it down.

The property was remediated by the city, which included backfilling the basement.

It sat there for several years until local developer Henry Velleman bought it in 2016 for \$2,500. The lot sits empty with one-foot-high weeds that join several other lots — some of which have been paved over.

School Bell

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Hamtramck Public Schools Pre-K – 12th Grade Enrollment For the 2018/2019 School Year

Please bring the following documents to the HPS Enrollment Office located at 3201 Roosevelt: Original birth certificate, up-to-date immunization record, parent ID, two proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage, etc.), proof of income (preschool only.)

An unlimited number of Kindergarten School of Choice applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be accepted through September 4, 2018. No late applications for School of Choice can be accepted.

Hamtramck Recreation Department News

Open Basketball: For students ages 13-18 with student ID for high school students. Through June 7, 3:15-5 p.m. Free.

Dickinson East Spring Concert

Dickinson East Spring Concert: Friday, June 1 at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All Schools

• Friday, May 25 – Half



The Kosciuszko Middle School Students of the Month for May/June pose for a photo.

day for students and staff.

• Monday, May 28 – No school for students and staff. Memorial Day.

• Thursday, May 31 – Last day for Hamtramck High School and Horizon High School Seniors.

• Thursday, June 7 – Last day for preschool.

• Friday, June 8 – Hamtramck High School and Horizon High School Graduation at Keyworth Stadium at 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, June 13 – Hamtramck and Horizon High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Semester Exams. Half day for all schools: HHS, Horizon, KMS, and all elementary schools. Records day in the afternoon for all schools.

• Thursday, June 14 – Hamtramck and Horizon

High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Semester Exams. Half day for all schools: HHS, Horizon, KMS, and all elementary schools. Records day in the afternoon for all schools. End of 4th quarter and 2nd semester.

• Friday, June 22 – Final report cards mailed.

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Athletic Events

• Tuesday, May 29 – HHS Girls' Soccer Districts vs. Hazel Park at 5 p.m. Home. Winner of game plays Thursday, May 31 at 5 p.m.

• Saturday, June 2 – HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Detroit Western Baseball at 12 noon. Away.

Compiled by Janice Gandelman

Letters • Letters

If councilmember can't handle his own budget, he should not seek office

City Councilmember Saad Almasmari has a strange way of thinking about government service.

As a Hamtramck City Councilmember, one of the things that he is expected to take part in is the making of the city budget. Then when that is done, city councilmembers are expected to keep the city following the budget and not to be-

come overextended.

The same thing is true for the state legislators. It is a big part of their job.

If a person is not able to adequately handle his own finances, he certainly has no business trying to handle the much larger and more complicated city and state finances.

I know a lot of people with limited incomes in

Hamtramck who manage to pay their bills and their taxes. This is because they know how to make a budget and follow it.

Mr. Almasmari obviously does not know how to do this, and therefore has no business running for public offices where budgeting is part of the job.

Maryann Whitty Hamtramck

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Obituaries

SPAKOFF

Helen Spakoff, 97, died May 21, 2018.

Mrs. Spakoff was the widow of the late Samuel; mother of Steven (Deanna) and Randy; grandmother of Steve Jr. and Margie; sister-in-law of Al Spakoff.

Visitation was Thursday May 24, 2018 at Bagnasco and Calcaterra Funeral Home, 28500 Harper, St Clair Shores, MI 48081. Mrs. Spakoff will lie in state, Friday, May 25, at 8 a.m., until the time of the funeral service at 9 a.m., at Holy

Trinity Old Believers Church, 2315 Carpenter at Goddard, Detroit MI 48212.

Interment will be at Church Cemetery following the service. A reception will be held at the Gazebo Banquet Center, 31104 Mound Rd. Warren, MI 48092. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck MI.



Coming events

WEDNESDAYS, 7 p.m., every second Wednesday of the month – The 3C7 and Midtown Block meets at 2339 Caniff PCS Senior Day Center. This block club includes all residents and businesses west of Jos. Campau and north of Holbrook.

MONDAY, May 28, 10 a.m. – The Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council will hold a Memorial Day Service at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church (Conant and Prescott). A reception will be held after Mass at PLAV Post 10.

WEDNESDAY, June 6, 9-11 a.m. – Join the Hamtramck Police Department and CN Railroad Police for "Coffee with a Cop" at Maine Street Restaurant (11650 Jos. Campau). Officers will be on hand to talk about safety issues and other matters the public would like to discuss.

SATURDAY, June 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

SATURDAY, June 9, 2-4 p.m. – Soup kitchen at Holy Cross Parish, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. All are welcome.

Get Out on the Hamtown!

Attention: Hamtramck High School graduates, Class of 1968

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on June 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., to consider and afford the opportunity for input to be recorded on the request for a modification under Zoning Ordinance 497 on the premises described below. The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearing or to make written comments on or before the date of the hearing. Written comments should be made to the attention of City Clerk, ATTN: Zoning Board of Appeals, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

A. **Public Hearing – Sadaam Mohamed, 3515 Caniff**

The request is to waive the on-site parking requirement for a proposed Yemeni Community Center at 3515 Caniff and to permit the use of a valet parking company to meet the parking requirement using off-site parking lots. A Variance from the requirement of the following section is requested:

Section 5, Off Street Parking

IX – 5.01. General.

When the main building is erected or experiences a change in use or when such buildings is altered, enlarged, converted, or increased in capacity, there shall be provided minimum off-street parking space with adequate provision for ingress and egress by standard-sized vehicles under this requirements of this Ordinance.

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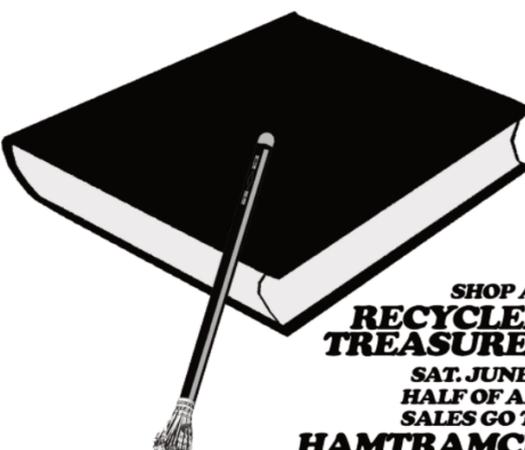
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers May 14-21.

Tuesday, May 15

- At about 10 p.m. a resident was arrested for drunk driving after causing a traffic accident.

- At 1 a.m. a resident was arrested for driving without a license and being wanted on Hamtramck warrants.

- A Miller resident reported a ladder was stolen from his garage.

- A McDougall resident reported the theft of his city-issued trash can. A Lumpkin resident also reported theft of his city-issued trash can.

- A Macomb resident was arrested for being disorderly and obstruction during a police investigation.

- Two Detroit residents were arrested after assaulting a person on Faber.

Wednesday, May 16

- At 10 p.m. a resident was arrested for reckless driving.

- A resident reported being assaulted by a person they know.

- At 2 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for ob-

struction after officers responded four times to a residence in the 2200 block of Florian, where a man was attempting to enter his girlfriend's home.

- A McDougall resident reported their vehicle stolen.

- Officers recovered a stray dog and transported it to the Michigan Humane Society.

Thursday, May 17

- A Trowbridge resident reported fraudulent activity on his credit card.

- A resident reported that while their vehicle was parked at a business in the 3900 block of Holbrook, someone broke out their passenger side window and stole \$6,700 in cash.

- A resident in the 2000 block of Belmont saw a person they know run away from their home after writing "vulgar words" on their door with a red marker.

Friday, May 18

- At about 4 a.m. a resident was arrested for driving without a license and possessing an open intoxicant.

- A resident in the 3900

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block of Edwin reported someone damaged his car.

- A Selfridge resident was arrested for domestic assault.
- A Sobieski resident reported being assaulted.
- A Sobieski resident reported someone stole her city-issued trash can.

- The owner of a rental unit on Lumpkin reported someone broke into the apartment and stole assorted furniture.
- Saturday, May 19**
 - At 11:30 p.m. officers responded to a break-in alarm at a building in the 3300 block of Norwalk. Of-

ficers found an open door, and waited for a person with a key to the door to arrive.

- Officers found a driver asleep at the wheel on Hamtramck Dr. The driver was arrested for being drunk.
- Sunday, May 20**
 - A woman reported her car window was damaged while it was parked in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

- A resident reported her vehicle was stolen during the night.
- A resident reported receiving an email fraud scheme.
- Monday, May 1**
 - A break-in of an "establishment" was reported in the 2900 block of Holbrook.
 - A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a valid license, having improper plates, and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant. The driver has 10 current license suspensions.
 - A resident dropped off to the police station a laptop that was found on the sidewalk near Jos. Campau and Norwalk.

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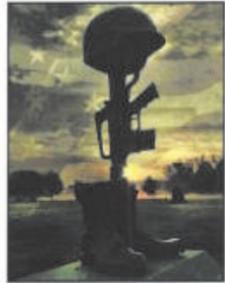
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