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### Quote of the week ...

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

**"These boys started their journey at a very young age."**

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Massive sewer repair project is nearing completion on southend

**By Charles Sercombe**  
 In the next couple of months Hamtramck's sewer system will be greatly improved. Since April the city has taken the first steps toward updating its entire sewer system with a new line being installed on Jos. Campau from Goodson to Denton. This new line is 60-some inches in diameter, as opposed to the existing line that is only several inches in size. The city's older line will flow into a chamber structure currently being built that will then spill into the new and much larger line. That line in turn connects with another that is 90 inches in diameter. This first part of the project "will help alleviate" a good portion of the city-wide basement flooding problem, said Project Manager Ryan Kern, who is part of Hennessey Engineers. This first of several phases should be completed by September, said Kern. The cost of this project is \$3.5 million, which came from a state loan. That price tag also includes placing new liners in some of the city's sewer lines. For many years a num-

ber of basements in the southend have been flooded. This first part of the project "will help alleviate" a good portion of the city-wide basement flooding problem, said Project Manager Ryan Kern, who is part of Hennessey Engineers. This first of several phases should be completed by September, said Kern. The cost of this project is \$3.5 million, which came from a state loan. That price tag also includes placing new liners in some of the city's sewer lines. For many years a num-



**Huge new sewer lines are being installed on Jos. Campau to Denton. City officials say this will reduce the incidents of basement flooding throughout the city.**



**There was no shortage of July Fourth firework displays in town over the holiday weekend. One thing many revelers didn't do was clean up after themselves. Leftover debris littered the city parking lot on Caniff.**

## Fourth of July went off with a bang and a big leftover mess

**By Charles Sercombe**  
 Despite an ongoing drought, Hamtramck and most communities in the state did not impose a ban on fireworks during the July Fourth holiday. As usual for this holiday, many residents shot off fireworks in streets,

alleys and parking lots. According to several residents the fireworks display was loud and widespread. Marie Kendzierski, the city's former city clerk, said on her Facebook page that it sounded like she was in a war zone

## City budget takes a turn

**By Charles Sercombe**  
 In a matter of one month, the city's budget went from a half-million dollar deficit to a budget with a surplus. How did that come about? City Manager Katrina Powell recently told the Transition Advisory Board, which oversees all financial decisions by the city, that there were several things that fell into place: An across-the-board cut in spending combined with an increase in tax collections from the income tax department and Wayne County delinquent property taxes. All told, over \$400,000 was collected in the last month. That means the city's 2015-16 budget year, which ended June 30, finished with a surplus, Powell said. The city's new budget year is also shaping up to be balanced — although not immediately. If a federal grant comes through to fund 12 positions in the Fire Department the city won't have a deficit.

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**16th Annual Missing, Murdered Molly Bish Day, and, 25th Anniversary of the All-Faiths Festival and Care of the Soul and Companions' Counselling,** Thursday, August 25, 7 PM, Complimentary Meal by reservation, at Saint Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 4575 E. Outer Drive at Van Dyke, Detroit.



## Massive sewer repair project is nearing completion on southend

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ber of households in the city experienced repeated basement flooding whenever there was a heavy rainstorm. The existing system could not handle the sudden inflow of

sewer system is \$40 million.

Next up is looking for funding for the second phase, said City Manager Katrina Powell. That work would include connecting



**A retainer basin on Jos. Campau and Goodson will help alleviate heavy rainfall overflow.**

water and subsequently backed up raw sewage into basements.

Those floods caused many households to throw out contaminated furniture and other possessions.

Over 100 residents filed a class action lawsuit a few years ago for damages and won. A court-ordered tax judgment was passed on to homeowners – including the same people who filed the lawsuit – to pay for the damage.

The city was also ordered by the court to begin fixing the problem.

It is estimated the total cost for updating the

a new line from Jos. Campau and Goodson to a main line on Lumpkin.

"So far it's not looking good," Powell said in regard to finding funding.

However, Powell said she is optimistic a grant will be found.

In other city improvements, Powell said the city will be awarded \$1 million from a federal grant to reconstruct Holbrook from Jos. Campau to Conant.

The only catch is the city has to kick in \$300,000 on top of the \$1 million grant. But that will be taken care of through an annual state road repair fund.

That project is scheduled to begin in 2018, she said.

It was one of five proposals the city submitted to Wayne County, which administers the grant, for approval. Powell has said since she took her position in the city over a year ago, she has aggressively sought county funding for road repairs.

Her effort has paid off. "We've been at the table," Powell said about her role in pursuing the county.

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**State of the Community Address** – with State Senator Bert Johnson, Monday, July 18, 6 p.m.

**Family Feud Family Fun Night** – with Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition, July 28, 5 p.m.

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# Second Front Page



## 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 June 28. Mayor Karen Majewski was absent.

Before the council meeting a work session was held. Councilmember Anam Miah questioned if there is oversight on repair projects and lot clean-ups.

"I want accountability," he said.

City Manager Katrina Powell said the city is keeping track of the work being done.

Permission was sought for three Eid events to be held the following week. Councilmember Andrea

Karpinski said the requests should have come before the council weeks ago – not the week before.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said the city should tell the organizers to get their requests for street closures earlier next year or face having their requests denied.

Later in the meeting Councilmember Miah agreed, saying the city needs to "draw a line in the sand" over these late requests.

As it turned out the council approved the

closing of Latham at Holbrook, Conant from Casmere to Caniff and the use of Veterans Park.

(A few days after the meeting Wayne County officials denied the closure of Conant, which is a road the county owns and controls.)

During the regular meeting, Community & Economic Development Director Kathy Angerer reminded the public of an upcoming tour of outdoor artworks on display throughout the city.

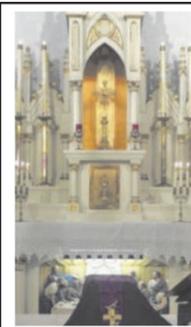
The tour was conducted by the DIA director.

The first step was taken to change the city's fee schedule on how much to charge residents for accidents they are involved in. The new policy will no longer charge residents the costs of emergency personnel if they do not receive a misdemeanor ticket for the incident.

The council approved spending \$16,000 on an actuarial study that is mandated by state law to happen every other year. The study plays a part in determining the city's health care costs.

Councilmember Karpinski said that in light of an upcoming conference in Mackinaw Island that councilmembers will be attending, the council should adopt a policy about councilmembers who signed up for a conference but failed to attend should reimburse the city for the cost of lodging.

City Manager Powell urged the council to consider a resolution to that effect for the next council meeting.



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# Online fundraiser for 'Disneyland' artwork has a long way to go

**By Charles Sercombe**

There is little over a month to go to raise \$50,000 for the restoration of the "Hamtramck Disneyland" site.

Hamtramck's artist collective Hatch is sponsoring an online fundraiser to reach that goal. If that happens, the state Michigan Economic Development Corporation will kick in an additional \$50,000.

That amount of money will allow Hatch to pay back investors who purchased the two houses on Klinger that hold up the folk art creation.

As of Thursday, when The Review goes to print, the group had a long way to go in reaching their goal. There was only a little over \$5,700 raised so far from 84 donations.

"Hamtramck Disneyland" is the creation of Ukrainian immigrant artist Dmytro Szyrak who passed away last year.

In the 1980s and 1990s he created a complex web of whirligigs and whimsical items that



An online fundraiser is being held to restore and maintain "Hamtramck Disneyland" on Klinger. The Hamtramck art collective Hatch is seeking to raise \$50,000.

span over two roofs.

His survivors didn't want to take on the upkeep of the project and sold both houses to private investors connected with Hatch for \$100,000.

Szyrak's creation is now showing plenty of wear and tear.

"After the artist's death, Hamtramck Disneyland stood neglected and deteriorating, a prey to the elements," said Mayor Karen Majewski in a recent email request

for donations. "But with your help, it will not only be restored, but provide a new venue for the arts in Hamtramck."

The artwork has attracted visitors from out of state and all over the world. On any given day it is not unusual to observe onlookers posing for photos next to it.

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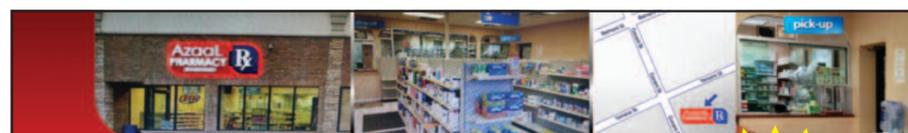
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**(8) This section shall not apply to residents of the City of Hamtramck, unless the resident or residents are convicted of a misdemeanor in connection with any actions or inactions which are determined to be the proximate cause of the emergency response situation. Residency shall be determined by the address on the individual's valid driver's license or state identification card at the time of the incident.**

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# City budget takes a turn

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Powell said she expects the grant to come through.

If there is no grant, the city has a back-up plan to draw down about \$1 million from its \$4 million surplus.

Powell stressed she will also immediately work on ways to cut costs.

"We have to look at everything and make tough decisions," she said.

One expense that is handcuffing the city is a

\$3 million obligation to its pension fund. Over the next few years that cost will rise to the point where the city could find itself once again in a financial crisis.

The city has been placed under state supervision through an emergency manager twice in the last 15 years. The most recent emergency manager left her post over a year ago.

The city was put under the supervision of the TAB after the EM left.

Hamtramck's finances have been rocky ever since its tax base began eroding over the last several years, with largest hit coming from the American Axle when it closed down its Hamtramck plant.

Powell echoed Mayor Karen Majewski's sentiment, saying the key to improving the city's finances is to "grow our way out," by which she meant attracting new businesses.

# Fourth of July went off with a bang and a big leftover mess

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on her block of Sobieski. "I don't know what's worse: My neighborhood sounding like Bagdad under attack or the little girl who screams after every BOOM!!"

Heather Martin of Pulaski was featured in a Detroit News story prior to July 4th in a report on how fireworks stress out pets. It is during the Fourth of July fireworks season when most pets run away from home.

That's why experts say it's important to keep

your pets inside during fireworks.

Martin said her now-deceased dog "Bailey" was terrified by the noise and tried to jump her fence to get away.

Her new dog "Boomer" was a puppy last year when it experienced his first Fourth of July. There was no problem then, but as dogs get older loud noises tend to scare them.

It didn't go well this year, Martin said.

"He was freaked out."

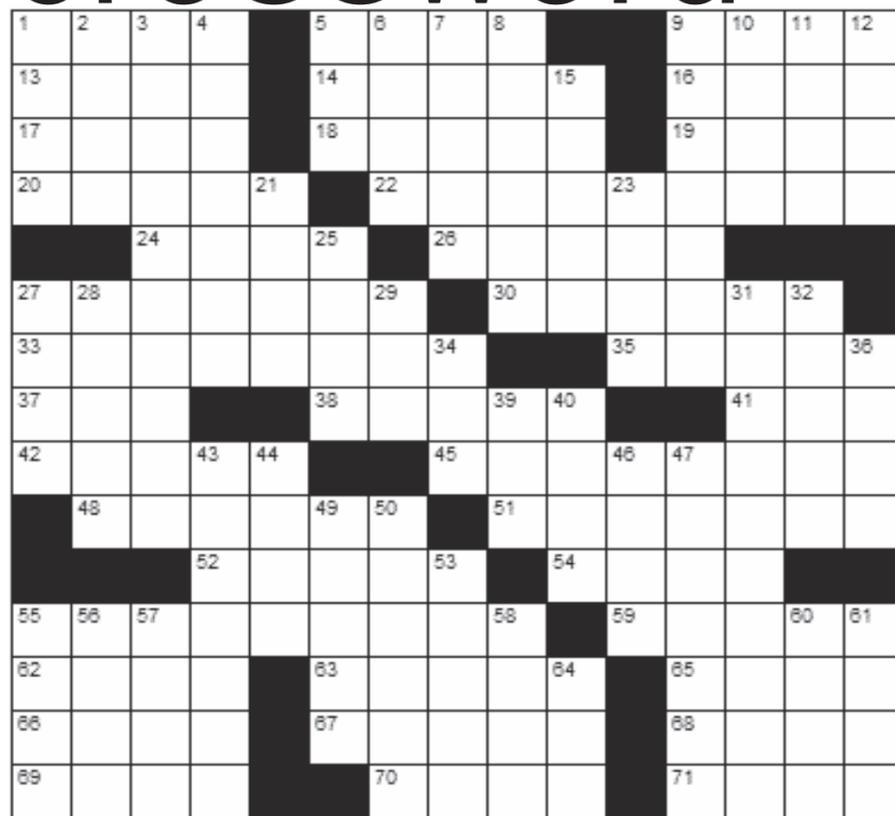
she said. "He laid on the landing panting because we were in the yard. The mortars were what freaked him."

Kendzierski said the fireworks were not only loud, they went on for hours and left a lot of debris behind.

"The fireworks went on long after midnight, and the lot on Carpenter between Gallagher and Sobieski is a mess," she said. "If you did do fireworks please clean up your mess the next day."

As of Thursday, the day The Review goes to print, the parking lot on Carpenter and the city lot on Caniff and McDougall were still filled with leftover fireworks casings and wrappings.

# Crossword



## ACROSS

- Sneaker or pump
- All excited
- Square block
- South American rodent
- Corporate symbols
- Mining finds
- Away from the wind
- Animal tissue
- Applications
- European black bird
- Assign
- Hairpieces
- Thresholds
- Listening
- A gripping hand tool
- Leaving out
- It masks an expletive
- Large
- Interrupt temporarily
- Consumer Price Index
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- Every 2 years
- Steps
- Spire
- Suite
- A few

- Back pieces on coats
- Audacity
- Sly
- Spot
- Travel on water
- Bobbin
- Electrical pioneer
- Bit of gossip
- Corpse
- Store
- Stitches

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- Fraud
- Fit
- Obese
- Anagram of "Seedily"
- Alien Life Form
- Valuable metal
- S-shaped moldings
- Gabfest
- Advise
- Constellation bear
- Red vegetable
- Being
- A decoy
- Auspices
- Smooth-tongued
- Trim
- Vagabond
- Gives forth
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All interested parties are invited to observe.

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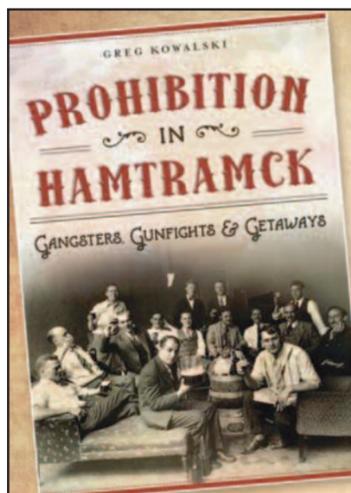
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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Take ownership of your city and pride by cleaning up

Illegal dumping is always going to happen in a city like Hamtramck.

We recently reported on a problem spot in the city and the need for constant vigilance.

We are vulnerable because of the high volume of traffic, lack of police protection and dumping sites that are largely out of sight from nearby residents.

But we must remain aware of our surroundings.

That's where residents have to step up.

Although most illegal dumpings likely happen at night when no one is around, residents need to take ownership.

If you have an empty lot on your block take extra steps to monitor the site. See anything

suspicious? Don't hesitate to call the police department, which unfortunately is sometimes short-staffed.

At the very least get license plate numbers so an investigator can follow up.

There is a more common problem with trash in our neighborhoods. Too often we see piles of loose trash next to garbage cans. Why someone can't manage to lift the lid of a garbage can and dispose of their litter the proper way baffles us.

But it does happen. This is where neighbors need to call code enforcers in city hall to take action.

Regardless of who dumped trash in the alley, it's up to the homeowner where that

trash is located to clean it up. That may sound unfair, but that responsibility comes with home ownership.

That means residents need to monitor their alleys.

Although these are problems that have persisted, Hamtramck has come a long way since city-issued garbage cans were distributed. Before that happened, our alleys were clogged with filth and we had an explosion in the rodent population.

Hamtramck was once known as the cleanest city in America – way back in the 1950s.

It doesn't take much to restore that pride and make our city shine again.



## School Bell

**Awarded...** High School student Sadia Farha was recently selected to be a member of the National Society of High School Scholars for her academic excellence.

Congratulations, Sadia.

To register students for Hamtramck Public Schools, application packets are available at 3201 Roosevelt, Monday-Friday from 7:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Please bring the following information with you to register: original birth certificate, up to date immunization record, current transcripts/report card from previous school, parent ID (current Michigan's Driver's License or Michigan State ID), two current proofs of residency (past

30 days) are required: e.g. utility bill, mortgage, rent receipt, etc.

Also, Hamtramck Public School District is accepting non-Hamtramck residents for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please be advised of the following School of Choice application deadlines: 1st-8th grades accepted through August 25, 9th grade through August 5, 10th-12th grades through August 12.

Applications are being accepted at Horizon High School for the School of Choice program through August 12. Kindergarten School of Choice applications are being accepted through September 9th. No late School of Choice applications will be accepted after these due dates.

### Recreation Department News

Spend the weekend with the Hamtramck Recreation Department. Join us Saturday, July 30 for "It's A Blast in Hamtramck" fireworks event at Keyworth Stadium from 6-10 p.m.

This year we'll have a mobile zipline, human hamster ball race, euro bungees, and much more.

Then come along on Sunday, July 31 to honor and dedicate the pavilion at Pulaski Park to the beloved Titus Rudolph Walters, former Hamtramck Public School Board President and City Council member. The dedication ceremony will begin at 3 p.m.

Compiled by  
Janice Gandelman

## Odds & Ends

**Scores!...** Review reader and Hamtramck resident Olga Shalaj is one proud mom. Her son, Mark, and his two friends, Wail Tawfik Aljahim and Alaa Nasser Aljahim, are soccer teammates who have been asked to join the Michigan Wolves Soccer Academy – a very prestigious honor.

Here's what Olga had to say about her son's and friends' journey in soccer.

"With soccer growing in the United States – and especially with Detroit City Football Club now here in Hamtramck – more and more younger generations are participating in this sport.

"This is the first time ever that three boys at the age of 14 have been selected to play for the Michigan Wolves Soccer Academy, which is ranked as one of the top six soccer academies in the U.S.

"The Michigan Wolves is also affiliated with the professional club in MLS, The Columbus Crew.

"These boys started their journey at a very young age. Reaching to this point was a lot of hard work, dedication and discipline. The boys played together for the last three years at Waza Football Club, bringing them to the MRL First Division and taking them to the 2016 State Cup Finals.

"Here's a little about the boys themselves and the goals that they want to reach:

"My son, Mark, is currently a University of Detroit Jesuit honors



**Above: Hamtramck resident Mark Shalaj (middle) hopes to one day play professional soccer. Below: Mark (far right) and his teammates Alaa Nasser Aljahim and Wail Aljahim have been selected to join the Michigan Wolves Soccer Academy.**



student who has a lot of goals academically – along with his interest in soccer. Mark started playing soccer by the time he was able to walk.

"With his father as his inspiration and as his mentor, he has been trying to follow his father's footsteps. His father, Engjell (Angelo), played with a professional team in Croatia and also in Michigan Soccer Leagues since he has come in the U.S. in 1991.

"Every year as Mark grew, his love of the sport also grew, and he has enjoyed a lot of success to this point. Since he was little he dreamed of playing for the U.S National team and to play hope-

fully in Europe.

"Mark is an offensive player and enjoys playing in the midfield, and he makes things happen in that position and also is a striker where he loves putting the ball in the net and getting goals.

"Mark works extremely hard each day to reach his goals, from running every night, to training daily. There are a lot of people who have supported him, including his parents, siblings and grandparents.

"He is honored to be a part of the Hamtramck Community. He hopes to be an icon for Hamtramck as a son of an immigrant in this city, as

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## Metro news

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modelmedia.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:

Next fall, residents of Southeast Michigan will have an opportunity to vote on a property tax millage to fund a new regional public transportation system. One of the components of that system is bus rapid transit, or BRT. Since we've never had a system like that in place, it's understandable to wonder what it might look like.

But Cleveland's BRT HealthLine has been around since 2008. And for those wondering, The Detroit Free Press recently published an article with the title, "Curious about bus rapid transit? Check out Cleveland."

There are many benefits and services of HealthLine. "Buses generally arrive at each station every 5-7 minutes during busier times of day," writes Eric

Lawrence. "They travel on separate lanes for about 80 percent of the route and get traffic signal preference that is controlled by GPS. Service also runs all day. Level platform boarding makes getting on and off easier. Stations are covered and have seating and message boards, and riders purchase passes ahead of time."

That dedicated lane and traffic signal preference means commutes have been shortened considerably, which has resulted in a 60 percent increase in ridership. This does contribute to a complaint, expressed by rider James Hunt: "He said the 'only downside' to the HealthLine is 'how full it'll get.'"

BRT has had measurable effects on Cleveland's economy as well: "\$6.3 billion in economic development," according to experts.

HealthLine has been so successful, that it's the only BRT line in the United States to receive a "silver" rating by the New York-based Institute for Transportation and Development Policy.

## Obituaries

### JACEK



Alvin W. Jacek, 74, died June 28, 2016.

Mr. Jacek was the beloved husband of Nancy; father of Cheryl (Ray) Wisniewski, Michelle (Rob) Krolkowski, Mark, Kimberly (Bryan) Boyce; grandfather of Amanda (Dan), Jennifer, Rachel, Raymond, Alexis, Andrew, Kennedy, Reagan; brother of Arthur (Alma), Pamela (Tom) Witkowski, and the

late Walter; many nieces and nephews also survive.

Memorial visitation is Sunday, July 10, 2016 from 2-8 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212. A memorial Mass will be held Monday, July 11, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck. Private interment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly MI.

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**By Charles Sercombe**  
This week's Crime Log covers June 28-July 4.

### Tuesday, June 28

- A resident in the 2400 block of Burger reported the theft of two flower pots from their front porch.
- A Warren resident was arrested following a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A Whalen resident reported his passport was stolen from his car while it was parked in front of his residence.
- A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on multiple Hamtramck warrants.
- Several parents were issued parental responsibility tickets after their juveniles were found smoking marijuana in an abandoned garage.

### Wednesday, June 29

- A resident said she was the victim of an online fraud scheme.
- At 2:30 a.m. a resident complained about loud music coming from a neighbor.
- At 3 a.m. a resident in the 3900 block of Caniff reported a break-in and the theft of sev-

eral items.

- A Warren landlord reported damage to his rental property on Whalen.
- A Doremus resident reported a break-in and the theft of assorted items.
- A resident reported he allowed a person to borrow his lawnmower but that person pawned it.

### Thursday, June 29

- At 7:30 a.m. a resident was arrested for domestic violence and property destruction while in the 3200 block of Lehman.
- An agent for Video 22 on Jos. Campau reported fraudulent activity on a customer's credit card.
- A resident reported someone damaged her car with an unknown substance.
- A Florian resident was arrested for assault.

### Friday, July 1

- At 4:30 a.m. a resident in the 2900 block of Belmont was arrested for domestic violence.
- A child who was reported missing was found in the area of Dequindre and Poland.

• The Public Works Department was told to secure an open door at an abandoned residence in the 2700 block of Florian.

- A person was arrested for a garage break-in that occurred in the 2300 block of Andrus.
- A resident reported someone opened a T-Mobile account in her name.
- A Nagel resident reported a break-in and the theft of several items.
- A resident reported a suspect pulled him to the ground and stole his wallet.

### Saturday, July 2

- A domestic violence report was taken from a resident in the 2600 block of Pulaski. The suspect fled before officers arrived.
- A resident flagged down officers at Holbrook and Jos. Campau and turned over a cell-phone that he had found.

• At almost 1 a.m. two Detroit juveniles were arrested while attempting to steal a car in the 3000 block Lehman. The juveniles were also arrested for violating the

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# Odds & Ends

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Rudy Tomjanovich was and still is. This city needs more people like this.

“Wail started playing at the age of 6. He is a unique player who can play multiple positions and plays them all to the best. He is a left-footer, and his shots are powerful. His dream is to play pro and represent the United States one day. His biggest supporter is his father, Tawfeek.

“Alaa as well started at an early age and is what you call a very finesse player. He is capable of changing the game around and is a great team player. His father is the one that he thanks

for all the hard work and for all goals that he has reached. He hopes to play professionally in Europe one day.

“These boys are aspiring stars from Hamtramck on their way to a soccer career. These aspiring young players live in a small city in the heart of Detroit and you must remember their names because you will hear them soon on a professional team squad.”

## Congratulations...

Hamtown Farms organizers Michael Davis and Andy Rice celebrated their marriage on July Fourth with many guests at their favorite location in Hamtramck – their

farm.

The couple was married by Mayor Karen Majewski a few months ago, but went through an officiating of their bond with City Clerk August Gitschlag.

Gitschlag really stood out with an ensemble of a pink sports coat, pink shorts, pink tie and pink Converse shoes.

Various city officials were on hand, including Mayor Majewski, City Manager Katrina Powell and Councilmembers Ian Perrotta and Saad Almasmari, who also supplied ice cream for the wedding party.

DJ Top Kat, also known as Tony Liggett, spun tunes, and from what we saw in the various photos posted online it was the social event of the year.

Michael and Andy are great fellows and an inspiration of the do-it-yourself ethic. We wish them the very best.

**Update...** Our soccer correspondent Konrad Maziarz has the latest on the Detroit City Football Club's season.



Above: City Clerk August Gitschlag officiates the wedding of Michael Davis (left) and Andy Rice on July Fourth at the Hamtown Farms. The wedding was the social event of the year. Below: Also attending the wedding, besides Gitschlag, were City Manager Katrina Powell and City Councilmember Saad Almasmari.



The Detroit City Football Club's season is about to wrap up in a couple of weeks. The soccer team lost their game on Wednesday at Keyworth Stadium.

Here's his report:

“On Friday July 1, DCFC kept their playoff hopes alive against Grand Rapids FC with a 0-0 draw.

“DCFC had plenty of chances to win the game but hit the post, crossbar, and missed a penalty kick. The team dominated the play, but luck was just not on their side that night.

“The game drew 5,024 supporters to Keyworth Stadium. On Sunday July 2, DCFC played in Ann Arbor, and with their playoff chances slipping away, DCFC dominated the last 15 minutes of play and scored three goals to win 3-1 in Ann Arbor.

“On Wednesday July 6, DCFC fell to the Columbus Crew SC College program in a non-league friendly match in front of 4,568 supporters in Keyworth.

“Their next league match is Sunday, July 10, in Lansing, and their final two home matches at Keyworth are Friday, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. vs. the Michigan Stars, and Wednesday, July 27, vs. the Windsor Stars.”

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city's curfew and possessing burglarly tools.

• A resident reported someone fraudulently cashed a check in his name.

## Sunday, July 3

• At a little after 2 a.m. a person reported their car at Zinow and Jos. Campau had been broken into and the theft of school items and assignments.

• At about 2:30 a.m. a hit-and-run accident occurred in the area of Sobieski and Commor.

• A business in the 12000 block of Conant reported receiving a fraudulent check.

• A person was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license and possessing a gun and narcotics.

• A person filed a report of being bitten by a dog.

## Monday, July 4

• At almost 9 p.m. two residents in the area of

McDougall and Evaline were approached by three males and a verbal altercation took place. There was also pushing and shoving between the two groups.

• At about 11 p.m. a resident in the 11300 block of McDougall reported her neighbor fired his gun into the air. Officers were unsuccessful in contacting the neighbor, but two .45 caliber rounds were found on the grounds of that residence.

• At 3:30 a.m. a resident in the 2300 block of Andrus reported a garage break-in.

• At 10 a.m. a man was arrested at Conant and Caniff after urinating in public.

• At about 12:30 p.m. a Lumpkin resident reported that a purple Dodge Caravan pulled up behind his Dodge Caravan and a person from the first Caravan attempted to remove his license plate.

• At a little after 12:30 p.m. a car struck a parked fire truck. The driver fled but was later located and ticketed.

• At almost 4 p.m. a victim reported being robbed by a tall male while at Caniff and Mc-

Dougall.

• An agent for a store in the 3400 block of Holbrook reported a customer used fraudulent credit cards during a transaction.

## Coming events

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

**WEDNESDAY, July 20, 7 p.m.** – The Hamtramck Midtown Block Club will meet in St. Florian's Convent; please use the side entrance. Naheda Khan will be the guest speaker. A recent Wayne State graduate, Ms. Khan is a Bangladeshi-American who has lived in Hamtramck for 20 years. She has worked as an intern for Hamtramck Community & Economic Development Director Kathy Angerer and Rev. Sharon Buttry. Ms. Khan has a strong background in social work with a particular interest in research with the immigration population. She is a strong advocate for social justice and in finding new ways to strengthen low-income communities. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors. Light refreshments will be served. Thank you for your support. Michelle Odrobina, president/secretary.