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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Hamtramck's Memorial Day celebration had a special meaning this year

By Charles Sercombe

The roar of canon fire could be heard throughout Hamtramck on Monday.

A special Memorial Day celebration was held in Veterans Park, but this was no ordinary Memorial Day event. This was a re-dedication ceremony for the gravesite of Col. Francis Hamtramck.

Guests from the Michigan Society of Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution Michigan, the Michigan Society of Children of the American Revolution and the California Society Sons of the American Revolution were just some of the groups that turned out for the dedication.

The hour-long event drew about 100 people to

the park on a sunny and blazing hot afternoon.

Adding color to the backdrop of the event were men dressed in Revolutionary War-era military clothing.

A brass marker has been installed in front of the grave, which is a replica of the original one that disappeared a number of years ago.

Hamtramck was a French-Canadian, who fought with valor during the war.

While the name Hamtramck may not sound French, the city adopted that namesake over 100 years ago when it was still a village.

Mayor Ameer Ghalib noted that Francis Hamtramck started a tradition of immigrants making a difference in this city and

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HPS Supt. files federal lawsuit

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Public School District Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed is fighting back.

Ahmed, who has been placed on leave, filed a lawsuit in federal court on May 23 accusing five board members and the teachers' union of conspiring to get her fired.

She is also accusing them of discrimination and defamation.

Ahmed took a family medical leave of absence back in October, citing stress from handling school affairs during the Covid pandemic.

She had planned to return in January, but the school board placed her on extended leave. The board has not explained why they took that action, other than to say that Ahmed is under investigation, although the nature of that investigation has not been explained.

In her lawsuit, Ahmed is seeking back pay, but she has been on a paid leave. It's not clear what back pay she is claiming.

Named in the suit are board members Evan Major, Showkat Choudhury, Regan Watson, Salah Hadwan, and Moortadha Obaid.

Board members Daz' Shavon Hall and Jihan Aiyash were not named in the lawsuit. Aiyash, who was not re-elected among fellow board members as president of the board, has not attended a board meeting since January.

Neither Aiyash nor the school district have explained her absence.

Ahmed said in her lawsuit that trouble began with several job transfers of teachers, which resulted in backlash from some board members about former Human Resources Director Michelle Imbru-

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Quick Hits

Take pride in Hamtramck

By Alan Madlane

The city has announced a schedule of cleanup events on its Facebook page for the month of June.

June is also National Pride Month for the LGBTQ+ community, and some of this month's events have tie-ins.

For example, this Saturday, June 4, there will be a city-wide casual and non-centralized cleanup corresponding to the Detroit/Hamtramck Queer Art Festival's opening. Bring gloves and trash bags with you, along with sanitizer, and look for the art all around town to keep you company as you go. Clean up your block or alley, or try another part of the city if you're feeling bold.

If you need cleaning supplies for the day, contact M. Gilginas at mgilginas@hamtramck-city.com.

Sarah Garrett Park – located on Dequindre, west of I-75 – will see a general area cleanup on Thursday, June 9, beginning at 10 a.m. Volunteers just need to show up dressed for work; supplies will be issued if you need them.

The last activity so far listed will occur on Saturday, June 25, at Zussman Park, across from City Hall.

Billed as a PRIDE cleanup, volunteers are invited to wear rain-

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the country.

"Hamtramck has a tradition of being a welcoming community that focuses on our strengths, not our differences," Ghalib said.

This year marks Hamtramck's 100th anniversary of becoming incorporated as a city.

As a village and town-

ship, Hamtramck extended all the way to the Detroit River and all the way east to Lake St. Clair. Over the years, that territory got divided up into several other communities.

The Memorial Day dedication is just one of several centennial celebrations planned for this year.



HPS Supt. files federal lawsuit

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none.

Ahmed defended Imbrunone and her decision to make the job transfers because they were needed to fill positions required by federal guidelines.

In her lawsuit, Ahmed also pointed out that former Superintendent Tom Niczay had made job transfers but didn't face opposition.

The board recently voted to not renew Imbrunone's contract. Imbrunone also took a family medical leave back in October.

After Ahmed took a leave of absence, several teachers came forward at board meetings to complain about the management style of Ahmed and Imbrunone.

One teacher said that, since Ahmed became superintendent, the district has been "going backwards from our best years."

Toni Coral, the president of the teachers' union, characterized the

working conditions in the district as "chaotic" – a description that was repeated over and over.

Another teacher said that there was "no confidence in the leadership," and that the district was not prepared to start up the new school year with in-classroom teaching.

"This is not an environment I want to return in," said the teacher.

Ahmed is the first Yemeni-American to be appointed as superintendent of the Hamtramck School District.

Since her leave, Nabil Nagi, who had been an administrator in the district, has been Interim Superintendent.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hanley International Academy will be holding a public hearing on its 2022-2023 proposed budget directly followed by its Annual Organization Meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The meeting will be held in person with a virtual option.

Date of Meeting: **June 30, 2022**

Place of Meeting: **2400 Denton Street, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212**

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Board Documents are Located at: **2400 Denton Street, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212**

A copy of the meeting minutes is available for public inspection at the Academy within 8 business days for proposed minutes and 5 business days for approved. The Academy shall comply with subtitle A of Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC 12101 et seq or any successor law. Should you require specific accommodations please contact Steve Paddock at SPaddock@TheRomineGroup.com 5 days prior to the meeting.

This week at the Library . . .

June 3, 2022

Adaptive Yoga: Starting June 9 on Thursday, 10 am you can join morning fitness program featuring adaptive yoga. The classes are presented as a courtesy of RIM Foundation. To register call the library. The group is limited to 10 individuals.

"The Temps": Check out this Andrew DeYoung's novel, now till June 15th. This author chat, courtesy of hoopla, tells the story of an apocalyptic end to the daily grind in an office complex. 350 temporary hires walk away from the old world of menial tasks and step into the unknown future ahead. To register and learn more visit theclub.hoopladigital.com.

First American Coin: On June 10, 1652 in Massachusetts, silversmith John Hull opened the first mint in America, in defiance of English colonial law. The first coin issued was the Pine Tree Shilling, designed by Hull

Summer Reading: It will start in the second half of June. Stop by the library to pick up schedule of activities and register your little ones. Our program features science labs, magic shows, arts and crafts and various activities to keep kids engaged and learning while the school is out.

Volcano: On June 11, 1991 mount Pinatubo in the Philippines erupted, spewing ash into the air, visible over 60 miles. The surrounding areas were covered with ash and mud created by rainstorms. Nearby U.S. military bases were also damaged.

Teenage Reading: How about reading group for teenage patrons? This summer, we will be diving into the work of Ayn Rand in particular, the novel "Atlas Shrugged". The book is thick, and text is tiny, and it is full of viewpoints that conflict one against another. Readers will have to think. There is no way around it. Consider it preparation for college. Get your teen started by checking out a copy.

George Bush: The 41st President of U.S. was born on June 12, 1924 in Milton, Massachusetts.

Afternoon Story Time: Presented by the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers. Bring your kids to the library and experience an exciting new tale every Monday at 4 pm.

Game Night: Drop in on a Friday Game Night, starting at 4 pm (open to all ages)

Checkers TV: Whether you are after animal adventures, STEM learning, or story times, you can view all the awesome kids' content by visiting our website (www.hamtramck.lib.mi.us) and clicking on Checkers Library TV under the Programs.

Library Quest: The Michigan Library Quest contest for teens will run June 15th to July 31st. Combining on line sleuthing with offscreen problem solving, it's a great way to keep them engaged during the summer. Plus there will be prizes to win! Visit www.milibraryquest.wixsite/quest1 to register and learn more.

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Second Front Page

Urban farming is proving to be increasingly popular

By Alan Madlane

If you look down at your hand one day and find that your thumb is looking just a little bit green, well, maybe it's time to do some planting.

And Hamtramck has just the place.

The only catch is, you're going to have to wait until next year to get onboard – they've just filled all 114 of their available spaces for this summer and fall.

It's called the Sylhet Farm Community Garden,

and they rent four-foot by ten-foot spots there for six months (May through October) for only \$20.

It's absolutely a great deal, and not only that, but water and organic compost are included in the price. It's also a "pesticide-free zone," so you don't have to worry about interacting with a bunch of nasty chemicals.

This garden spot is at 12500 Jos. Campau Ave., on the east side between Halleck and McLean.

That's several blocks north of Carpenter St., strictly speaking just over into Detroit. They refer to themselves as an "urban farm that supports a community garden and the Sylhet Farmers Market."

The market is just a block north of the farm, at 12818 Jos. Campau, north of McLean St.

Check it out, ask some of the local farmers there some questions if you see them, and consider acting fast next season

to hop aboard.

And could this success mean that they might expand the project next year? We'll have to wait and see.

It's all a partnership between two aid agencies, Hope Center and One New Humanity.

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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 April 26, and all councilmembers were present.

A proclamation in honor of Yvonne Myrick was read into the record. It said, in part:

"Myrick was passionate about politics. She was a rare anthem for female and minority empowerment; and she became the first African-American to be elected president of the Hamtramck Public School District Board of Education; and in 1997 Myrick founded the Concerned Women of Hamtramck, who supported youths in education and aided in expanding African-American contributions to the community and nation; and Myrick was a retired supervisor with the City's water department; and she was also the first African-American department head and the first African-American to be the president of the city employee's union, AFSCME 666."

The council approved several adjustments to the city budget. The city projects to receive \$17.9 million in revenue. The largest revenue stream is \$6.6 million, coming from property taxes.

The city's budget surplus has gone from \$4 million to \$1.4 million.

During public comment, Latrelle Sephers complained about the city's new parking meter system, and parking fines set at \$25.

"You're sticking the people up for \$25," he said.

He said the new system is "a ticket-writing scam. It's a scheme to keep people out of Hamtramck."

Bill Meyer said that the city's Downtown Development Authority has been "an elitist group, and racist."

He said the DDA, in the past, kept black-owned businesses out of its organization. He said the DDA is now discriminating against Muslim-owned businesses.

The owner of a pawn shop on Jos. Campau said that the new parking meters have caused a 50-percent drop in business.

"Jos. Campau is empty now," he said.

The Hamtramck Arts and Culture Commission was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

In a note to council, the grant will be used to "present 'Getting to Know You,' a series of intimate events focused on performance, skill shares, culinary and textile arts throughout the city of Hamtramck. ... The series will celebrate the varied cultures, experiences and diversity of our vibrant community."

The closure of Conant, from Casmere to Comor, was approved for the Hamtramck Diversity Festival, to be held on July 29-31.

The council approved changes in the city's bicycle ordinance. The main change is that bikes no longer have to be registered with the city.

The council approved a contract for lawn services. Although the city administration recommended the highest bidder, at \$52,000, the council decided to award the contract to the lowest

bidder, who came in at about \$41,000.

Bill Diamond, the city's director of Public Works, said he recommended the higher bidder because the company has been doing the work for the city for the past few years and has proven to be worthy.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said that city should give the lowest bidder the contract.

He said the city should give the company "a chance" to prove their worth.



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bow-related clothing or accessories. Arrive a bit early, and remember to bring a dish to pass – some soft drinks or dessert items, even – as there will be a pre-clean-up picnic lunch.

Obviously, pick up after yourself on that one.

Once again, cleaning supplies will be provided; just be sure to dress for outdoor work.

Contact the above email address to get more info, get supplies, or become part of the "100 Volunteers for the City of Hamtramck Centennial" for the summer.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Get to know your city for 100th birthday

This past Monday, the city's centennial anniversary plans kicked into high gear.

A re-dedication of Col. Hamtramck's gravesite was held, to much fanfare, at Veterans Park.

Hamtramck was named after a revolutionary war hero, Francis Hamtramck – a French-Canadian.

It's been a 100-year ride for Hamtramck. From what we hear, there will be many more celebrations in the com-

ing months to honor this incredible city.

To say Hamtramck is rich in history is an understatement. We don't know even where to begin.

Hamtramck is known far and wide, and there is a great amount of love out there for this city. You may have lived here at one time, but even though you moved on, your heart still resides here – we are that kind of place.

A great way to im-

merse yourself in all things Hamtramck is to visit the city's historical museum on Jos. Campau Ave.

The director of the museum, Greg Kowalski, is a font of knowledge about Hamtramck, and loves to talk about this great city.

We are lucky to have Greg, and the museum.

Take some time this year, and get to know your city. Trust us, it will be time well spent.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Prioritizing mental health awareness year-round

By **Melanie Pieknik, RN, MSN, BSN**

Like many others in my profession, my role as a nurse has exposed me to a wide variety of ailments.

From cuts and bruises to illnesses, including the COVID-19 pandemic, nursing is certainly dynamic. To me, it's a privilege and humbling opportunity to help ensure the health of our community's children.

While a large part of my job is promoting the physical safety of our students, it's not the only component. A student's mental and emotional health is just as important to provide care and support to ensure their developmental growth.

After reflecting on Mental Health Awareness Month this May, I want to share a few reasons why we should all prioritize our mental health.

Mental health provides a foundation on which our children's social interactions, intrinsic motivation, learning, positive self-image, confidence and creativity can flourish.

They tend to make bet-

ter decisions, such as nutritious food choices and positive social activities, and have a brighter outlook when their mental health is being prioritized.

The ability to navigate changes in our lives is impacted by our mental and emotional health.

For example, a student entering high school for the first time who has a positive inter-dialogue and open communication with trusted adults might feel less stressed or overwhelmed than a student who does not. Changes like the COVID-19 pandemic also highlighted how vital promoting mental health can be.

A recent study from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) found that more than 4 in 10 high schoolers felt consistently sad and/or hopeless in the last year. Prioritizing mental health and spreading awareness is increasingly important, and something that we can all partake in promoting.

As parents and adults in the community, we can help reinforce our children's mental health

by having open conversations about its importance.

Creating a space where students can talk about their feelings, learn coping skills and practice self-regulation techniques are great places to start. Some ideas you can model at home, especially when your children might be feeling overwhelmed. These actions include taking deep, counted breaths, voicing our feelings, reciting positive affirmations and encouraging the idea that all emotions are valid.

Although Mental Health Awareness Month has come to an end this year, I urge families and community members to continue keeping the mental health of our children at the forefront of our minds.

Quality of life stretches beyond the physical, and its imperative that we nurture and care for our students' minds and bodies alike.

(Melanie Pieknik is school nurse for the Hamtramck Public School District.)

Odds & Ends

Hats off to Maggie...

The Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew sent out a big thank you to Maddalena Srodek, of Srodek's Sausage, for her \$700 donation to the ground crew.

Here's what the grounds crew volunteers had to say:

"This (donation) will help keep our mowers filled with gas as we continue to maintain this historic baseball field.

"Someone recently spray-painted graffiti over a mural at the stadium. Her donation will also help us repair this vandalism.

"Magdalena, thank you for this generous gift."

Good guys... Recently, the John W. Smith Old Timers Club donated \$1,000 each to the following local charities:

- Detroit Friendship House – Executive Director, Cathy Maher
 - Hamtramck Moose Lodge – John Cambell
- Another round of applause goes out to the Old Timers Club.

One more reminder... We're putting this out there, since this could

prove to be a serious issue for some folks.

Hamtramck is cracking down on overdue water bills.

After about a two-year hiatus in enforcing overdue water payments through service shut-offs, Hamtramck restarted its shut-off policy this week – as in now.

The city reminds residents that there are still ways to avoid a shut-off.

The Wayne Metro agency offers two programs, the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) and Low-Income Household Water Program (LI-WAP), that may be able to help. Learn more at www.waynometro.org/programs.

Well, we all knew this break would come to an end someday.

You can also still enter into a payment plan with the city by contacting the Department of Public Services for more information, (313) 800-5233 ext. 355 or (313) 800-5233 ext. 306.

The Old Testament, seen new... Book Suey will host an unusual and intriguing event on Thursday, June 9 at 6 p.m.

Artist – and now, author – Sam Robertson has published a 520-page hardcover book on the Old Testament. That, in itself, may not be thought of as extraordinary.

But Robertson is a self-proclaimed agnostic. Still, don't jump to conclusions yet.

He has created 257 illustrations for his version of the OT, and published them all in this book. He says the paintings are meant to be respectful, despite his not fully aligning with the biblical precepts he took on as subject matter.

One of eight stops – #6 to be exact – on a northern-state book tour that starts Saturday, June 4 in Minneapolis and winds its way through Wisconsin, Chicago, Michigan, and back into Wisconsin, the event will feature a podcast episode and copies of the book and the illustration prints for sale.

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Michigan lottery money gets invested in schools

Governor Whitmer has announced the Michigan Lottery contributed a record-breaking \$1.419 billion to the School Aid Fund in fiscal year 2021, shattering its previous record set last year by nearly \$240 million. This is the third consecutive year the Lottery has contributed more than \$1 billion to the fund, and the Lottery's seventh consecutive record contribution.

"When Michiganders play to win, our students and schools win too," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "The Michigan Lottery's record contribution to the School Aid Fund helps us keep kids safe and learning in-person, delivers critical funding to support K-12 programs, and ensures every family has access to a high-quality, public education. The Lottery's record-setting performance over the last seven years has helped us put Michigan students first. Together, we have closed the funding gap between schools, raised per-student funding, and improved school facilities, all without raising taxes. I am grateful to everyone who has made this substantial investment in our kids possible."

Since the record-breaking streak began in FY15, the Lottery's contribution to the School Aid Fund has increased 78.5%.

Lottery contributions to the School Aid Fund over the prior six years were:

FY20: \$1.179 billion

FY19: \$1.070 billion

FY18: \$941.2 million

FY17: \$924.1 million

FY16: \$888.9 million

FY15: \$795.5 million

Lottery retailers received a record \$370.9 million in commissions in FY21, up more than 82% from \$203.6 million in FY15. The average payment to retailers in FY21 as a percentage of sales was 7.4%, including commissions, incentives, and bonuses. Lottery products are sold at more than 10,000 locations across Michigan, ranging in size from independent-owned businesses to large chains. In FY21, 925 retailers sold \$1 million or more in Lottery games.

"Lottery purchases help support Michigan schools and businesses," said Lottery Commissioner, Brian O. Neill. "These incredible results would not be possible without our players, retailers, vendors, the dedicated team at Lottery, and support across state government."

Other records set by the Lottery in the FY21 include more than \$5 billion in sales and more than \$3.1 billion in prizes to players. Record sales in FY21 were driven in large

part by instant games, a \$1 billion Mega Millions jackpot, and the Lottery's internet platform.

Since it began in 1972, the Lottery has raised more than \$26 billion for public education in Michigan. Approximately \$7.2 billion, or 28%, of that amount was raised over the last seven record-breaking years.

The Lottery is also committed to promoting responsible gaming. Michigan was the first state lottery to receive certification of its online program through the National Council on Problem Gambling and has also attained Responsible Gaming Verification through the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries. Responsible gaming information and resources are available on the Lottery's website at: www.michiganlottery.com/responsible-gaming.

For each dollar spent on a Michigan Lottery ticket in FY21, approximately:

- 61 cents went to players as prizes
- 28 cents went to the

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Charter schools need to invest in speed humps

As a longtime Hamtramck resident, I'm very concerned about the reckless drivers from a charter school near St. Florian Church.

The students barrel out of the parking lot when school lets out and proceed to race each other to the Stop sign at Latham and Holbrook.

To counter this safety hazard across Hamtramck, the city administration recommended to the city council that the charter schools invest in the installation of speed humps along their routes.

Hamtramck's public school district is pitching in 50 percent of the cost of speed humps near their schools.

Another recommendation is that the police patrol the area of the charter schools when school lets out, as they have done successfully in the past.

Let's put the safety of all pedestrians, especially children who play in the area, first.

**Michelle Odrobina
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers May 24-May 30.

Tuesday, May 24

- An assault was reported in the 11400 block of Charest St.
- A break-in was reported in the 1500 block of Commor St.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St.
- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 12000 block of St. Aubin St.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 11400 block of Klinger St.
- A theft was reported in the 1900 block of Evaline St.

Wednesday, May 25

- A suspicious situation was reported on Charest St.
- Officers pulled over a suspicious vehicle.
- A prowler was reported on Pulaski St.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 3000 block of Caniff Ave.
- An Edwin St. resident reported being the victim of fraud.
- A reckless driver was reported in the area of Comstock and Conant.
- Officers responded to a residence in the 12000 block of Dyar St. about a child dispute.

Thursday, May 26

- A complaint was made about fireworks in the area of Buffalo and Doremus.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2000 block of Belmont St.
- A disorderly customer was reported at a Jos. Campau Ave. business.
- A suspicious person was reported on Trowbridge St.
- A theft was reported on Edwin St.
- A hit-and-run accident happened on Jos. Campau Ave.
- An assault was reported on Caniff Ave.
- Family trouble was reported on Grand Haven St.

Friday, May 27

- A complaint about noise was made in the 2600 block of Carpenter St.
- A complaint was made about a semi-truck driver refusing to leave a loading

dock at a business in the

- 9400 block of Buffalo St.
- An assault was reported on Conant Ave.
- A Goodson St. resident reported that someone damaged her car.
- Family trouble was reported in the 11600 block of Moran St.
- A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau Ave.

Saturday, May 28

- A male was arrested in the 2300 block of Goodson St. for assault.
- A woman in the 2300 block of Whalen St. reported that her ex-boyfriend pointed a gun at her head.
- A resident in the 2700 block of Belmont St. was arrested for domestic violence, and for resisting officers.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 3300 block of Caniff Ave.
- A resident of Warren was arrested for domestic violence.
- Two males were taken to a hospital after being shot. The incident happened in the 12000 block of Selfridge St.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2700 block of Evaline St.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 10000 block of Conant Ave.

Sunday, May 29

- Gunshots were reported in the area of Lumpkin and Commor.
- Officers attempted to stop the driver of a Dodge Charger, but the driver sped off.
- A noise complaint was made in the 3900 block of Evaline St.
- A break-in was reported in the 2600 block of Pulaski St.
- A theft was reported on Comstock St.
- An assault was reported on Yemans St.

Monday, May 30

- A break-in was reported in the 9400 block of Gallagher St.
- A juvenile was arrested, in the 12000 block of Selfridge St., for stabbing her mother's boyfriend.
- A domestic disturbance was reported on Yemans St.
- A report was made

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 about an unsupervised toddler on Carpenter St. Officers located the toddler's mother.
 • A neighbor dispute was reported on Bernard St.

• A person on Caniff Ave. reported a theft, but later refused to cooperate with officers.
 • A complaint was made about a suspicious group on Dyar St.



School Bell

Honor students

On Friday, May 20, 14 honor roll students from Hamtramck High School gave up part of their Senior Skip Day to help their community's food pantry.

These students embarked upon Detroit Friendship House, a food pantry that has been serving an average of 65,000 pounds of food per month to hundreds of Hamtramck residents since 1929.

For two hours, from 10 a.m. to noon, their goal was to help the food pantry get ready for a necessary renovation project. Their tasks included washing windows, pulling weeds, cleaning up trash around the area, washing walls, cleaning the break-room and several other odd tasks.

The renovation project is part of an effort for Detroit Friendship House, who was forced to change from a client-choice pantry to a drive through pantry due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Now, the food pantry wants to re-open as a client-choice pantry that will offer patrons the opportunity to choose the foods that are most important to their family's lifestyle.

The food pantry wishes to thank the following students who participated: Nisha Mirza, Mira Hughes, Israt Ahmed, Mohamed Alnhawi, Nafisa Haque, Nadia Sardar, Wael Measar, Fariha Ahmad, Humayra Nawshin, Fahmida Meem, Cheryl Moubarak, Tawhid Khan, Sam Saleh, and Rafiqul Islam.

Detroit Friendship House wishes each of



Hamtramck High School honor roll students recently volunteered their time to help out at Detroit Friendship House, a local food pantry that serves thousands of area residents.

these seniors the best of luck as they leave high school behind and pursue their dreams.

Enrollment

At Hamtramck Public Schools, we offer in-person learning options and a Virtual Learning Academy to meet your children's needs. Enroll your children today at Hamtramck-Schools.com, or by visiting the HPS Administration Building at 3201 Roosevelt.

Families will need to bring the ID of the parent/guardian enrolling their child, proof of residency, a birth certificate, immunization records, most recent report card, or transcript, IEP (if applicable) and a 504 plan (if applicable).

Heat wave

How hot was it this week?
 Hot enough to have classes dismissed at noon on Tuesday.
 (There was no school on Monday in observance of

Memorial Day.)

Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi notified parents that the district's buildings are not air conditioned, and that posed a concern about students overheating.

The good news is that the district received federal funds to install AC units in the district's buildings, which will happen sometime within the year.

Stay healthy

At Hamtramck Public Schools, we understand these last few years have not been easy, especially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Continuing this spring, the Michigan Stay Well program is presenting free interactive workshops for parents and children.

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