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Quick Hits

Museum displays locally crafted music instruments **By Alan Madlane**

Hamtramck has seen its share of characters over the years.

And we mean that in the fondest way possib-

But we'd also bet that this little berg has birthed more eccentrics per capita than old London town, or Bohemian Czecholslovakia, or whatever part of Spain Salvador Dali was from, or whichever part of Japan all those film directors who made black and white ghost movies originated in.

If you've spent as much time here as we have, you know what we're talking about. It's a treasure trove of lovely weirdness here, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

And, if you ever need a reminder of this fact, you can always check out the local repository for all things weird and wonderful, the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

Which brings us to our point (finally, finally): There's a new exhibit there, through Jan. 11, all about homemade musical instruments.

And some of them are pretty, well, weird.

Weird looking, or weird playing, or both, but they've all been lovingly brought to life by one person, Micheal F. Copado.

Copado's specialty, or the one we're concerned with here anyway, is the making of homemade musical instruments, you see, or if not, you can, because some of them are currently on display at the museum.

It's a tradition that has a long history throughout

the world. Continued on page 2

HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD -

Is Hamtramck a target of ICE for a crackdown on immigrants?

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck, the city of immigrants, may be the target of ICE agents soon.

According to a Facebook post by a retired Hamtramck police officer, Walt Tripp, who is also a former investigator for the state Department of Health and Human Services, he has signed up for work with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to work in the 48212 zip code which includes all of Hamtramck.

And, according to the officer, the DHS is seeking others with law enforcement experience and who are familiar with Hamtramck to patrol here.

Hamtramck, once a Polish-American majority city, is currently home to a large number of residents who emigrated from Bangladesh and Yemen. According to the U.S. Census, about 44 percent of the city's approximate 27,000 residents were born outside the U.S.

The census does not question whether residents are legal citizens.

The immigrant crackdown by ICE, which is under the auspices of the



A retired Hamtramck officer says the Department of Homeland Security is seeking people with law enforcement experience to patrol in Hamtramck, presumably to focus on illegal immigrants. Hamtramck has long been an immigrant destination. File photo

DHS, has alarmed a number of people here and across the country for its aggressive rounding up of suspected illegal immigrants.

endorsed President Trump in the 2024 presidential election, downplayed the chances of ICE coming here, telling The Review: "I don't think they have any interest in Hamtramck, simply because we don't have illegal immigrants

"They would have to use the microscope to find them because they don't exist in our community; at least, to my knowledge."

Back in 2018, the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Rela-Mayor Amer Ghalib, who tions (CAIR), a Muslim rig-

Amy Doukoure, an attorney for CAIR, told WXYZ Channel 7 news back then that ICE agents are "fishing to see if they can find undocumented individuals out in the community."

But, at that time, the Hamtramck Police

partment said it had no knowledge of ICE agents being active in the city.

Ghalib told The Review that his issue is that "some people in our community who claim that they watch hts group, warned that ICE out for their neighbors, are agents were active in the trying hard to prove that we are illegal immigrants, and I have seen some posts and articles with a lot of misinformation directed against certain individuals. This is the hypocrisy and unethical behavior that we see in some of our community members."

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Later, gator: A close encounter on Detroit's Belle Isle



An alligator in Detroit's Belle Isle? That's what Hamtramckan Lynn Blasey says she witnessed recently while visiting there. The gator was eventually captured by the Michigan DNR. Photo by Lynn Blasey

Lynn Blasey is wellknown around town, a frequenter of city council meetings, a write-in candidate for mayor and a generally concerned Hamtramck citizen.

She recently had a rather extraordinary encounter while out on Belle Isle, observing a creature not totally suited for the Michigan climate year 'round – we're talking about an alligator, here.

reports have mentioned that it's since been captured. More on that at article's end, but for now, let's hear from

Lynn herself about her unusual day in the park.

The Review: Let's talk alligator. Where were you, exactly, when you spotted this fella?

Lynn Blasey: Paddleboarding in Blue Heron Lagoon on Belle Isle.

The Review: What was your first (and second, and any other) reaction(s) to seeing what you thought you saw?

Blasey: First, I couldn't believe my eyes, and I hastily retrieved my phone out of its waterproof pouch to begin documen-

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Former police chief and city agree on separation

By Charles Sercombe

Former Hamtramck Police Chief Jamiel Altaheri and the city have officially parted ways.

At Tuesday's regular city council meeting, a separation agreement was reached with Altaheri that will give him five months' worth of salary and allow him to say he's resigning.

That payout amounts to about \$50,000.

The former chief, in turn, agreed to drop his lawsuit against the city.

The city council agreed to the settlement without comment at Tuesday's council meeting.

The Review asked Altaheri for comment, and he took issue with past reporting by this paper that said he was "officially fired" - insisting he had resigned.

After the city council fired City Manager Max Garbarino, the council then directed the interim city manager to take steps to "terminate" both Altaheri and police officer Dave Adamczyk.

After that council resolution, the city and Altaheri entered into negotiations for a "separation agreement" that termed his departure a resignation.

Altaheri had served in Hamtramck for about a year before he had a falling out with the city manager.

The chief's downfall came after an internal investigation alleged several wrongdoings including some that have reportedly caught the attention of the FBI, although it cannot be confirmed yet whether he is under investigation.

According to an internal investigation conducted by the law firm Miller Johnson, a number of accusations were looked into, including: driving a city vehicle after consuming alcohol; and reducing another officer's discipline in exchange for the destruction of evidence

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Ghalib added: "They call people to watch out for their neighbors but they try hard to label some legal immigrants as illegals. I hope they stop this kind of double standards behavior. We can disagree over some political views as much as we want, but trying to score points by hurting others is so unethical. If we can't help people, at least don't harm them."

Ghalib, a Yemeni immigrant, is also credited with influencing a number of other Arabs and Muslims to abandon the Democratic Party throw their support behind Trump.

Trump campaigned heavily in 2024 on deporting illegal immigrants, although critics say ICE agents are targeting those who are here legally, or who are going through the lengthy legal steps to remain in the country.

Trump later nominated Ghalib to be ambassador to Kuwait, apparently in gratitude for his support. Ghalib is waiting to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate to take on that role.

Former Mayor Karen Majewski, who was supportive of a prior city council resolution barring police officers from questioning people about their citizenship status, warned residents on her Facebook page of a possible crackdown here.

"Back in 2008, when we created a policy enjoining our own police from questioning people about their immigrant status, it was because we recognized the flaws in the U.S. system that placed administrative and financial barriers on establishing legal status," Majewski said, in reference to the city council's resolution that banned police officers from inquiring about a person's immigration status.

Majewski continued: "It was because we honored Hamtramck's reputation as a city that welcomed immigrants and understood their importance to our national ideals and identity. It was because we were committed to keeping our residents safe. The presence of ICE in our city would be a betrayal of the promise we made to our residents, and to the rule of law as enshrined in our Constitution.

"If our elected officials

and our police won't protect us, it's up to our residents - especially those of us at less risk because of our own position of privilege - to stand up for our Constitutional guarantees and to stand up for our vulnerable neighbors."

Also weighing in is Lynn Blasey, who is a write-in candidate for mayor in the upcoming Nov. 4 election.

"We, as a city of immigrants, need to stand together against the kidnapping of our neighbors and friends," Blasey said.

Blasey also said that the 2008 city resolution "is not bold or strong enough for the current environment, especially with the removal of the right to due process for individuals kidnapped by ICE by executive order earlier this year."

Former police chief and city agree on separation

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damaging to the chief, among other allegations.

Altaheri denies these allegations, and told The Review that the investigation is a "hoax."

Altaheri's fall coincided with the firing of City Manager Garbarino and police officer Adamczyk, all of whom were part of the internal investigation that included Altaheri.

Both Garbarino and Adamczyk still have ongoing lawsuits against the city, city council and mayor. Both were offered the same deal as Altaheri. but both rejected it.

Altaheri came to Hamtramck after retiring from the New York City Police Department. He was the first Yemeni-American to be appointed as chief, and also one of the few outsiders hired as police

Altaheri was sworn into office in an outside ceremony, held across from city hall in Zussman Park on May 13, 2024.

The day was sunny and the event was festive, with many Yemeni-Americans from both Hamtramck and Dearborn attending the ceremony, where Altaheri was given a rockstar welcome.

In the year-plus that he served. Altaheri initiated a number of community outreach programs, earning him widespread praise.

The police department is now being supervised

by Deputy Police Chief Andv Mileski.

There has been no word on whether a new chief will be hired, or whether Mileski will remain in the post permanently.

Quick Hits

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It certainly has taken root in the U.S., and flourished, and Copado is one good soul who is helping keep this great tradition alive.

And you can see some of the fruits of his labor by going over to the mu-

The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau, between Norwalk and Po-

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KPop Demon Hunters: Join us on Thursday, October 30 for an evening screening of this movie. This animated production has lots of fans and awesome soundtrack. Audience can sing along when their favorite melodies are played. The screening starts at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

Halloween: Friday, October 31st we will be celebrating Halloween at the library. Trick-or-treat will begin at 3:30 pm and last until closing at 5:00

Albert Einstein: He warned President Franklin D. Roosevelt that his theories could lead to Nazi Germany's development of an atomic bomb. Einstein suggested the U.S. develop its own bomb. This resulted in the top secret "Manhattan Project."

United States Navy: It was founded after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships on October 13, 1775.

Universal Time: On October 13, 1884, Greenwich was established as the location for universal time from which standard times throughout the world are calculated.

Exercise at the Library: The RIM Foundation was begun exercise classes again this fall. On Tuesdays, its back to Yoga at 2:30 pm. and on Fridays, it is Tai Chi at 10:00 am. To register for the program, stop by the library circulation desk.

Preservation of Jazz: Continuing into the autumn and winter season, the Jazz Masterclass program will take place on Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 pm. Participants will cultivate a deeper understanding of this elegant artform through guided discussions, curated listening experiences, documentary screenings, and more. Heading this class will be Sky Covington, founder of The Preservation of Jazz. The sessions start on October 16th. Class size is limited to 20 individuals. Register on Eventbrite.com to secure your place. For more information about the program, please call Sky Covington (248) 383-3385, or stop by the library.

White House Cornerstone: On October 13, 1792 the cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington. The building located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, is three stories tall with over 100 rooms, and was designed by James Hoban. In November of 1800, President John Adams and his family moved in. The building was first known as the "Presidential Palace," but acquired the name "White House" about 10 years after its completion. It was burned by British troops in 1814, then reconstructed in 1817.

ESL Classes: These classes are held Monday to Thursday at 9 am and 12 noon. To participate, you must register with the Horizon School.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Hamtramck's election integrity is at stake

with the Nov. 4 election coming up, we need to protect the integrity of Hamtramck's elections.

We've heard from a number of folks that they feel it's pointless to vote here in town for local offices since there appears to be rampant ballot stuffing by some candidates and their accomplices.

"Why vote you've got cheaters rigging our election?" is the frequent sentiment.

That's why we again stress that state inves-

We don't mean to tigators need to go afrepeat ourselves, but ter these scoundrels. Instead, the word we hear is that there is no interest in pursuing the matter, despite compelling evidence.

> Fortunately, we have a city clerk who is catching the suspicious ballots, but there is nothing she can do other than alert investigators.

Unfortunately, when sense of urgency is falling on deaf ears at the state level.

> Hamtramck has political become a playground for certain

people - some of whom may not even live in the city.

We doubt this editorial will stir any renewed interest on the part of the state. That's why the public has to speak out, and call our local state legislators and state Attorney General's Office to take this issue seriously.

We need more public that outcry, and to not resign ourselves that voting here is pointless.

> Let your voices be heard, folks.

Odds & Ends From the mayor ... holds true to the history the corner, and the city is

Mayor Amer Ghalib, among many others, joined in the celebration of the Israel-Hamas peace that President Trump's administration helped broker.

On his Facebook page Ghalib, who is a supporter of Trump, said:

"The war is over!

"THE WAR IS OVER!

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"The only President who can achieve lasting peace in the Middle East."

That celebration now seems premature, as news reports indicate that Hamas, the militants who controlled Gaza before Israel invaded it, have once again reasserted themselves and have started killing perceived collaborators, and taking control of Gaza.

And there are reports that Israel has continued to fire at, and kill, Palestinians during this so-called time of peace.

Israel has also accused Hamas of not keeping up its end of the bargain to return all the remains of the deceased hostages it had been holding.

It has been pointed out that this peace deal is far from complete, as the deal is only in its first phase, and the likelihood of other phases falling into place now seems less sure by the day.

This is an ever-changing situation, which loween is right around more.

of this troubled region of the world.

You may want to recork those champagne bot-

Cleaning up ... Time once again to get out there and do your civic duty, Hamtramck citizens!

We're talking about a city-wide cleanup.

The Hamtramck Beautification Commission is hosting the event, which is coming up on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Here's what the group has to say about the event:

"The main meeting place will be at our City Hall, but there will be additional clean-up zones in the Sarah Garrett neighborhood and Veterans Park.

"Volunteers will pickup supplies from the city hall, then make their way to their clean-up areas."

You can register via email at mgilginas@hamtramckcity.com.

Also, snacks, water, and supplies are provided, and the commission is looking for businesses to reward volunteers.

Can't make it on Nov. 1? At the very least, you can clean up around your property and neighborhood at your convenience. As the old advertise-

ment slogan went: Be a good neighbor.

Sweet tooth ... Hal-

getting into the spirit of the season.

Once again, the city and public school district will host a "Trunk or Treat" at Zussman Park on Wednesday, Oct. 29, starting at 5 p.m. and going until 6:30.

The trunk part of the party refers to the trunks of vehicles where volunteers offer all sorts of treats for Hamtramck's little goblins to enjoy.

The city is looking for folks to volunteer and be "host cars."

To sign up, email your full name and phone number to ccdeskstaff@ hamtramckschools.org.

The sign-up deadline to participate in this event is Friday, Oct. 24.

Note: You must provide your own goodies to distribute.

Know your rights ... State Sen. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit), whose district includes Hamtramck, is hosting a meeting on immigration rights.

The event is this Sunday, Oct. 19, from 2-5 p.m. at a location that will be provided only to those who register.

And, to register, you can call (313) 922-6949, or send an email to abohn@ senate.michigan.gov.

You will be able to get free citizenship legal services. There are a whole bunch of requirements and things you'll need to bring with you.

Call or email to find out

On the campaign trail City council and mayoral election heats up The next election is

By Charles Sercombe

Two Hamtramck city council candidates had some sharp words for some of the current councilmembers.

Both Abdulmalik Kassim and Lugman Saleh recently spoke at the Masjid Al Ihsan mosque on Holbrook for about three minutes total.

In a post on a Hamtramck Facebook page, Kassim said the reason they are running is "because of the reputation the city council has accumulated, that Muslims are corrupted. ... That's why we're running to clean up this



Although Kassim and Saleh avoided naming specific councilmembers, there are two on council, Mohammed Hassan and Muhtasin Sadman, facing felony election fraud char-

Two other councilmembers, Abu Musa and Muhith Mahmood, are alleged to not actually live in the city and thus are non-residents. They are not facing criminal charges, and sources have told The Review that it's unlikely they will be charged.

Kassim continued: "We are running to help everybody. We are running also to bring back the respect to city council. We Muslims are people of faith and ethics. We have man-

theme, and said that it's important to "keep our Muslim community uni-

He also warned voters to not let anyone handle or fill out their ballots, presumably meaning absentee ballots.

"Don't give it to nobody else," Saleh said. "No fraud. We should do it the right way."

Saleh said the public deserves the "best" elected now. They make us look and children in Warren. so bad," Saleh said.

in about two and a half weeks, on Nov. 4, from which the top three vote-getters in the council race will fill three seats, and one of the two mayoral candidates will get the job.

In other election news, mayoral candidate Adam Alharbi took a verbal swipe against his sole opponent Muhith Mahmood for allegedly not being a resi-

Alharbi told the Detroit News this week: "It's a competition between someone who has lived here since he was a kid and someone who doesn't live here."

Mahmood, who is finishing up his first term on city council, has admitted that his wife and children live in Troy, but says that Saleh continued on the he became committed to Hamtramck and lives in an apartment here, on Holbrook.

> He has also stressed that he does indeed visit his wife and children frequently, but insists he eats and sleeps here.

> According to an investigator who looked into the issue of residency, Councilmember Abu Musa allegedly lives in Warren with his wife and children.

Musa also insists he liofficials. "Not the worst ves in a house on Mitchell, like what we have right and only visits his wife

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By Charles Sercombe and Brombach. This week's Crime Log · A theft was reported covers Oct. 7-13. on Klinger. Tuesday, Oct. 7 · Family trouble was re- A theft was reported ported in the 3900 block in the 11000 block of of Trowbridge. A theft was also reported in the Charest.

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to a call about shoplifting

at a business in the 9000

block of Jos. Campau,

arrested one suspect for

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suspect for being wanted

· A complaint was made

· A theft from a vehic-

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Friday, Oct. 10

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block of Grand Haven.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

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A business in the

A business in the area

Officers attempted to 12100 block of Klinger. · Family trouble was repull over a stolen vehicle, ported in the 3200 block · An assault was reporof Lehman.

> · An assault was reported at Jos. Campau and Roosevelt.

Saturday, Oct. 11

 Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 3030 block of Holbrook.

· A domestic assault

- was reported in the 11700 block of Grand Haven. · A theft was reported
- in the 3800 block of Dorothy.
- · A business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported an incident of fraud.
- · Gunshots were reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

Sunday, Oct. 12

- · At 1 a.m., gunshots were reported in the 12039 block of Selfridge.
- · A trespassing complaint was made in the 9500 block of Conant.
- · A suspect was arrested on Caniff for domestic assault, and for obstructing an officer.
- · Trouble between neighbors was reported in the 12100 block of Charest.
- Disorderly juveniles were reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

Monday, Oct. 13

- · A break-in was reported in the 3300 block of Evaline.
- Family trouble was reported on Dequindre.
- · A business on Caniff reported trouble with a customer.
- · A domestic fight was reported on Holmes.
- · An incident of fraud was reported in the 2900 block of Jacob.
- · Gunshots were reported in the area of Circle · A hit-and-run accident Dr. and Grand Haven.

School Bell

Michigan schools budget

Recently, state legislators and the governor passed a new state budget that provides additional funding for schools.

Here are some highlig-

Free school meals

\$248.1 million to continue providing free breakfast and lunch to Michigan's 1.4 million public school students.

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Coming Events

SUNDAY, Oct. 19, 11:30 a.m.-7p.m. – St. Florian Roman Catholic Church will again be hosting its Polish Soup Festival in the church hall, 2626 Poland. Free admission and parking are available. Soups, food and a bar are featured along with the accompaniment of music and performances. For more information, call the church office at (313) 871-2778.

Later, gator: A close encounter on Detroit's Belle Isle

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My process, as I circled back around for another look, was to provide the DNR everything they'd need to positively identify the animal (such as close-up pics) and find it, to capture and rehome it (context pictures with more shoreline and treeline, plus a screenshot of my map app so they knew exactly where I saw it).

I made a few passes, taking videos and photos, as I was still in disbelief at what I was seeing.

Review: Where would you guess he/ she/they came from?

Blasey: I'm assuming someone didn't want it as a pet anymore, so they dumped it on the island.

The Review: Did you try to engage the animal in any way - say, feed it, or capture it yourself?

Blasey: I did not. I was on an inflatable paddleboard and, while it wasn't huge, I didn't want to pop by (on my) watercraft, and I also have zero experience handling that type of animal.

The Review: Did you call it in immediately to the authorities?

Blasey: I wasn't sure (as to) the correct process to call it in. My gut reaction was to find a DNR officer

We found one by the besecond thought ach, and showed him the videos, photos, and location screenshot. He said there had been a few reports, but officers hadn't had enough information (come in) fast enough to successfully capture it

> (They) thanked me for my report.

The Review: Did you think up a name for the gator? For that matter, are you sure it was a gator - or could it have been a (caiman, croc, etc)?

Blasey: I am notoriously bad at naming things - I'm content calling it "gator." I am not very experienced with this type of animal, and am not 100% sure if it was, indeed, a gator, croc. or caiman.

(It turns out, according to the DNR who caught it and then rehomed it to the Westland Serpentarium, to be a perhaps two-year-old, foot-and-ahalf long young alligator.)

The Review: I heard a brief news bite yesterday, later in the day, that they had caught this gator - what is your hope for him?

Blasey: The animal that was reported captured doesn't seem to be the same animal I saw (the coloring and markings

cared-for moving forward.

Hamtramck Review

The Review: What do you think you'll see out there next? What do you hope you'll see out there next? And - what do you most fear you'll see out there next?

Blasey: We see a lot of wildlife on the waterways inside Belle Isle, from pike to trout, carp to snapping turtles to goldfish. I love nature, and don't really have any fears about animal encounters.

The Review: Any last thoughts on the matter?

Blasey: I think this is a good opportunity to remind folks that pets grow up and, if (the pet owners become) unable to care for their pets for whatever reason, it is important to find a rescue or other party to surrender them

Releasing domestic, especially non-native, animals into the wild can have severe consequences on the ecosystem, and pose a threat to humans and other pets

The Review: And, may we add, whether domesticated or otherwise, the animal in question doesn't usually fare well or last long in an environment that is often quite different from their na-

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Sept. 23, and all councilmembers were in attendance except for Abu Musa.

Proclamations were made to honor the following: Yemeni Revolution Day, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Fire Prevention Week.

Hamtramck is home to a sizable Yemeni community. The revolution anniversary acknowledges a key revolution that happened in Yemen on Sept. 26, 1962, which eventually led to the unification of the country in 1990.

Previously, the country had been split into North Yemen, or the Yemen Arab Republic, and South Yemen, or the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

In public comment, an email was read in which a neighbor near Trixie's Bar on Carpenter complained about noise from the bar.

"Some of their events can be heard a couple blocks away," the neighbor said.

The neighbor also complained that officers do not do anything when they complain.

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said the city does have a noise ordinance. Deputy Police Chief Andy Mileski said the department is aware of the matter and is working on it.

Attorney Mark Koroi congratulated the city for winning a lawsuit filed against the city for its ban on displaying a pride flag on public property.

Shaker Sakead spoke about the allegations of election fraud by some councilmembers others.

He said the investigations into the matter are a way to intimidate residents and are "unlawful, and a direct attack on our democracy. Certain city officials have overstepped every ethical and legal boundaries in their attempt to control the city."

As for the charges, Sakead said they are "fabricated," and residents were pressured into making "false testimony."

"This is an assault on our community and democratic right," Sakead said.

has asked the state attorney general and FBI to look into the investigations. A lengthy discussion

was held on a complaint by a Goodson resident whose property was damaged during the repaving of the alley behind his house.

He said the city failed to respond to his comp-

laints and concerns. Mayor Amer Ghalib said that making those repairs

"has to be prioritized" by city officials. Another resident queskeep increasing.

Interim City Manager Syed Aamir Ahsan said it's because the city's supplier of water and sewerage services keeps passing on their cost increases.

City Hall Insider ...

We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

What is our City Council up to these days?

A resident on Jacob complained about the condition of the street and how bumpy it has become.

It was explained that, when lead water lines were replaced at houses on the street, portions of the street had to be dug up and repaved.

"We pay taxes. Where's my tax dollars going?" the resident said.

In new business, the council agreed to a state lawsuit settlement with Purdue Pharma with regard to what is perceived as the city's opioid crisis.

The exact financial payout is not yet determined, but once the city receives the funding it is earmarked for "approved opioid remediation strategies, including prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and related public health initiatives. ..."

contract with the police department's command officers. Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri voted against the resolution, but he did not explain why he did so.

The council OK'd a

The 11 command officers received an extra \$1,000 each.

Mayor Ghalib noted that there are ongoing complaints about how officers interact with the public.

"We have a lot of issues in the police department we need to address," Ghalib said.

The mayor said that, while he appreciates police officers, the council has heard about certain behavioral allegations that "need to be addres-

"We cannot continue the same behavior that we heard about from some officers, including the morale, the work ethics, stuff about overtime." In another matter, the

council approved site plans for the construction of a new building at 8760 Jos. Campau, which is located at the corner of Goodson. The agreement also cal-

an artist, who created a mural that celebrates the Yemeni community that is located at the side of an existing next-door building, to recreate that mural on the side of the new building.

The reason for that stipulation is that the new building will block the view of the existing mural.

Councilmember Alsomiri voted against the agreement, but he did not provide an explanation for his objection.

Later, it turned out that there are ongoing negotiations regarding the mural. Former State Rep. Abraham Aiyash (D-Hamtramck) said at a later meeting that he is leading the negotiations.

In Mayor Ghalib's report, he said he has been in contact with the Trump administration about getting financial help to pay for the city's pension obligation.

"I had some promises from the White House that they will try their best to do that for us," Ghalib said. "If we can accomplish that we will save \$6 million a year."

Ghalib said this financial funding will solve "the most chronic and complicated issue for the city."

Ghalib said he has also requested financial help for other issues, such as infrastructure repair.

"If we only get half of what we requested ... that would be a historic accomplishment," he said.

In the second portion for public comments. Ibrahim Aljahim said he noticed a Hamtramck police officer driving while holding a cellphone and talking to someone, despite a state law forbidding

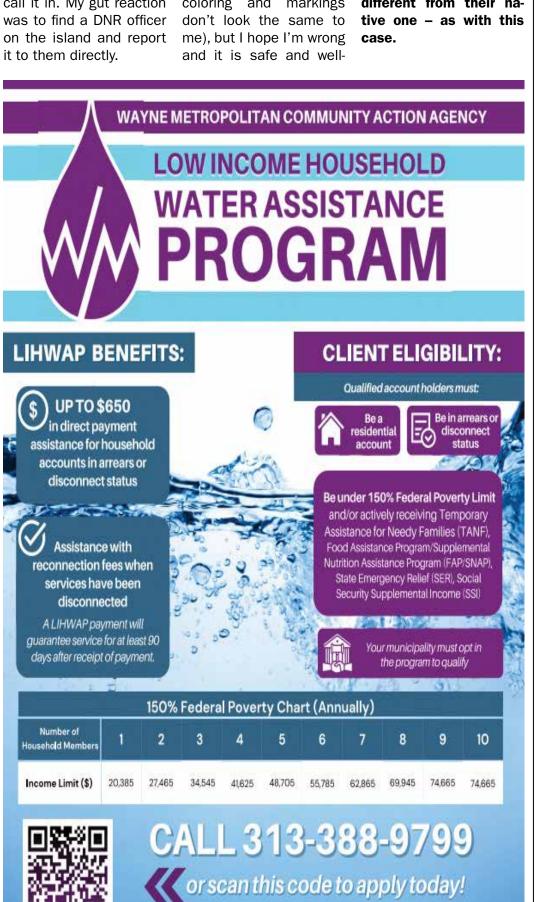
that. He said the city needs a "citizen oversight commission" for the police department.

Aljahim said Hamtramck police officers are not respectful and "they're not nicer."

A resident complained about a police officer who was observed by her daughter "taunting" her dog "deliberately" when the dog was in her backvard.

Officers, she said. are "not nice. They are mean."





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DWIHN and DPD Crisis Response Collaboration excels in its first phase

Groundbreaking partnership improves mental health outcomes and eases the load on 911

DETROIT, MI - October 10, 2025—In a pioneering move to revolutionize crisis response and mental health care in Wayne County, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN), the Detroit Police Department (DPD), and the City of Detroit launched a pilot program, in August, designed to directly transfer nonviolent mental health calls from 911 to behavioral health professionals in real time.

"We identified a great and urgent need for a smarter, more humane approach to crisis calls — and we knew we could step in and provide that support," said James E. White, President and CEO of DWIHN. "We know 911 works, but together, we can make it work more efficiently for the people of Detroit while freeing up officers to respond to other incidents."

This innovative partnership marks a critical milestone in public safety and mental health collaboration, while continuing the vital relationship between DWIHN and DPD to better serve Detroit residents. The need for this initiative became increasingly clear this year between January and May, DPD received 368 "mental health nonviolent" calls and 227 "suicide threat" calls during the overnight hours of midnight to 7 a.m. when the need for assistance for these types of calls tends to increase.

The first month's operations resulted in 250 calls transferred to the

DWIHN Crisis Call Center, that's 250 less times a DPD officer had to get engaged.

After extensive planning and collaboration with DPD's Communications Section and the Mayor's Office, DWIHN helped develop new, well-organized protocols to ensure that those experiencing a behavioral health crisis are connected immediately with the help they need.

Phase 1 of the program launched over a month ago. During the overnight hours, 911 operators now conduct a "warm transfer" — staying on the line until the caller is safely connected to DWIHN's 24/7 Crisis Line at 844-IN-CRISIS. This not only ensures a smoother handoff but also begins the de-escalation process earlier, when it matters most.

"This system is about more than just reducing the strain on 911 — it's about saving lives and ensuring the right care at the right time," said Grace Wolf, DWIHN Vice President of Crisis Services. "Our professionals are highly trained, and if needed, we will dispatch mobile crisis teams directly to the scene."

In tandem with the new protocol, DWIHN continues to expand its Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for both 911 operators and DPD officers, strengthening a full continuum of crisis care.

"This isn't just a pilot program — it's a model for the future of public safety and mental health collaboration," White added. "It reflects our shared commitment to building a safer, more compassionate Detroit."

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