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Quick Hits

This Monday is Memorial Day, the national holiday where we honor our service men and women who gave their lives to our country.

It's a solemn day, but it's also a celebratory moment. We can thank those individuals for the freedoms we have today.

If you have a few spare moments on this busy weekend, there will be a short commemoration on Monday, May 25, at 10 a.m.

The Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council will host a Memorial Day Service at St. Ladislaus Church (2700 Caniff).

A reception will follow at PLAV Post 10 Hall (11824 Jos. Campau).

If you can't make it, that's understandable, but at the very least reflect a little bit Monday on the sacrifices made by so many for so many.

America is a very politically divided nation these days, but at least we have one thing in common: No matter how bad it gets, we stick together and fight the good fight.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Thank You Veterans Memorial Day May 25th

Construction will be tying up local roads for the summer

By Charles Sercombe

First there were potholes all over the city to dodge, and now, there is utility work being done on Conant.

You may have noticed that from about Casmere to Caniff there is one huge mess of construction and congestion on Conant.

If you're not paying attention, you could easily find yourself nose first in a huge pit on the side of the road.

The work being done, said Mark Ragsdale, the Director of Public Works, is the replacement of gas mains by DTE Energy/MichCon.

Ragsdale said the city's engineering firm is on site every day to "to protect the interest of the city and residents."

Ragsdale said the work should be completed in about two weeks. But that's

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New gas mains are being installed along Conant, which has caused traffic congestion. The work should be completed in two weeks, but there will be more construction work throughout the city in the months to come.



An abandoned lot on Carpenter was transformed into a playground during the recent "Porous Borders" Festival.



TOAST of the TOWN

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events throughout the city.

By Charles Sercombe

Last weekend's "Porous

Borders" Festival may not have attracted a lot of people, but it sure sparked some ideas.

The arts festival celebrated the neighborhoods along the Hamtramck and Detroit border on Carpenter.

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Candidates receive fair warning

By Charles Sercombe

City council candidates received an unusual reminder from the City Clerk's Office.

They were sent a letter citing a city charter requirement for all elected and appointed officials to be up to date on city bills, including income or property taxes and water bills.

Charter Section 6-08 says:

"Elective, appointive office; persons in default disqualified. No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who is a defaulter to the City or to any board, or office, or department thereof, or to any school district, county, or other municipal corporation of the State, now or heretofore existing. All votes for the election or appointment of any such defaulter shall be void."

In the recent past the city has had city councilmembers who have been behind in property taxes and water bills, but no action was taken to remove them from office.

This is the first time it has been known for the city to alert candidates of this requirement. The Review attempted multiple times to get a comment from City Manager Katrina Powell on what prompted this new policy but she did not respond.

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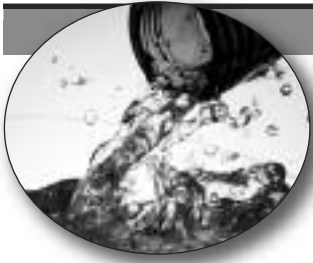
Memorial Day... It's more than just a day off from work

Construction will be tying up local roads for the summer

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not the end of it. “This is part of a program, that has been going on for a couple of years now, and will continue throughout the construction season all over the city,” Ragsdale said. As for the sidewalks that were removed during the project, Ragsdale said they should be replaced within two or three weeks. In other road news, Jos. Campau is looking a little better these days, thanks to the city’s Downtown Development Authority. The DDA had parking spaces and curb spaces receive a new coating of yellow paint for the entire

length of Campau, from Carpenter to Hamtramck Dr. Wayne County, which owns the road, will also repaint crosswalks and the center traffic lines. The repainting cost the DDA \$6,700, and it is just one of several improvement projects in the works, said Kathy Angerer, the Director of Community & Economic Development. The DDA will be installing banners promoting local businesses and buy new garbage cans. “It’s part of the ongoing project to spruce up the city,” Angerer said.



TOAST of the TOWN

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There were various events happening up and down the street, some planned, others just spontaneous (like a group jam session in front of the former North Detroit General Hospital). A stage was set up at Carpenter and St. Aubin, across from the Poppo art studio

space, where a wide variety of music was performed, including Arabic folk music and a Bengali group. On the Detroit side of Carpenter someone created a seesaw in the middle of an empty lot. That simple act transformed the lot, which before then was likely

viewed as part of the vast blight on that side of the Hamtramck-Detroit border. With a seesaw there, however, it softened the look of the lot, and one could see possibilities. One big possibility – and one we have harped on for quite awhile – is this: Wouldn’t it be great if there were neighborhood festivals throughout the city on any given weekend? They wouldn’t even need to have a theme or anything artistic about them. Locals could simply commandeer a lot, set up a tent, get some musician friends to play and get some barbecues going. In big cities like Chicago and New York, there are unofficial block parties held in vacant lots all over, some publicly promoted, others just spontaneous. Hamtramck is increasingly attracting young artists, but it always has. The trick is getting people to plant long-term roots here. It looked

like this past weekend confirmed that this is happening. There is an awful lot of energy in town, and a bunch of new places to eat and drink. It seems that thing called a “critical mass” is happening. And it’s happening organically, or in other words just coming up from the streets by people with no official plan. There is no need to wait for government officials to hatch a strategy – and if they ever do it will likely clash with the underground regrowth going on. That’s what this past weekend’s arts festival was about. The DIY movement (Do It Yourself) is being changed to Just Do It. Where ever this movement, or non-movement, is going, it’s making the Hamtramck social scene more exciting, and best of all, mostly walkable and bike rideable.

Candidates receive fair warning

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It is Powell’s policy that department heads cannot speak to the media without first getting her permission. What’s also not clear is whether candidates can be thrown off the ballot before the election if they are in default to the city or any other government agency. There are also two council candidates who are claiming a 100-percent Homestead tax exemption at Hamtramck houses where they do not live. The Review asked Powell if receiving a tax credit under false pretenses qualifies as being a defaulter but she did not respond.

In other candidate developments, one candidate has taken to social media to raise funds for his campaign, and it looks like a historical first for the city – and perhaps the state. Saad Almasmari has set up a “Gofundme” site online where he has a goal to raise at least \$5,000 for his campaign in 22 days. While there is nothing illegal in seeking contributions this way, Fred Woodhams, a spokesman for the Michigan Secretary of State Office, which oversees elections and candidates, said he still has to follow all the rules for reporting candidate finances. “You need to record the name, amount donated, address and occupation or place of work for each contributor,” Woodhams said. As of Thursday, the day The Review went to print, Almasmari had not received a contribution. On his site he has this greeting: “Hello! I’m running for the city council in my town and have no money to spent (sic) for my campaign. Helping people and serving my community made me do that.” There are nine candidates on the Aug. 4 ballot. Six of those will go on to faceoff in the November General Election for three seats on council.

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This week at the library...

Common Word Alliance of Hamtramck - Monday, May 25 at 7 p.m. The Hamtramck Common Word Alliance will hold its monthly meeting at the Library. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

Tutoring for High School Students - Tuesdays and Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. The APIA is offering tutoring for high school students and below. For more information and registration inquire at the circulation desk.

Children's Movie Night - Tuesday, May 26 at 4 p.m. All children are invited to see a movie shown on high-definition screen and enjoy a serving of popcorn. This week's feature is "Paddington."

Make & Take Workshop - Wednesday, May 27 at 4 p.m. All children are invited to an arts and crafts workshop. This week's theme is "Youth Art."

Family Story Time for Children - Thursday, May 28, at 6 p.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a storybook

for children "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus." This is part of the Michigan Reads Program.

Registrations for the Summer ESL Classes - Tuesday, May 26 to May 29. The Summer ESL classes will be held on Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, June 18 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

Registrations for the Children's Summer Reading Program - Monday, June 22. Children who want to participate in the 2015 Summer Reading Program can register for the program starting June 22. The SRP will be held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. from July 8 to September 2. This

year's theme is "Every Hero has a Story." Free to Hamtramck residents.

Registration for the Teen Summer Reading - Monday, June 22. The SRP program for Teens will be held on Thursdays at 4 p.m. It will start on August 6 and continue to September 3. Students who are 12-17 years old are eligible to participate in the program.



Author Barbara Rylko-Bauer signs her new book during a visit to the library where she also talked about her work.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access our online catalog.

Second Front Page

Detroit police officer arrested for obstruction after night of drinking

By Charles Sercombe

An off-duty Detroit police officer found herself behind bars after a night on the town in Hamtramck.

According to news sources and the Hamtramck Police Department, Deloma Stone, a 16-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, was arrested Tuesday night after getting into an altercation and then obstructing Hamtramck officers who were arresting her.

Some media reports said the incident occurred at Jean's Bar, but an employee told a Review source that although Stone had been there drinking, the confrontation happened next-door at the former Eden Polish Bookstore on the corner of Jos. Campau and Commor.

The location is now a social club, called "That Chess Club," said the owner, who identified himself as Mark.

In an interview with The Review, he said Stone walked by the club and was noticeably drunk. Mark said he offered a cup of coffee so she could sober up, and that's where things unraveled.

"She was crazy," Mark said.

Stone took offense at those in the club talking in Albanian and began recording the goings-on with her cell phone. One thing led to another, and Stone slapped Mark.

That's when police were called, he said.

"What am I going to do? I can't hit a woman," he said.

Stone went inside her car, and when officers arrived she initially refused to get out.

Hamtramck Acting Police

Chief Anne Moise said in a press release:

"The female was uncooperative with officers and was placed under arrest for assault and obstructing a police officer in the discharge of their duties. She identified herself as a Detroit Police Officer who was off-duty and unarmed at the time of her arrest."

Moise also said that Stone appeared to be intoxicated. The owner of the social club, Mark, has declined to press

charges, but Stone was arraigned in Hamtramck 31st District Court on Wednesday for obstruction – a misdemeanor.

Detroit's Police Department has placed her on suspension without pay.

According to media reports Stone has a history of getting into bar fights and public intoxication.

In previous incidents she had her department-issued handgun on her while intoxicated.

Police step up seat belt enforcement for month of May

By Charles Sercombe

By the looks of it, dozens of drivers in Hamtramck got a pricey reminder to buckle up.

On Tuesday, Hamtramck police set up traffic stings at key intersections to enforce the seat belt law. One driver after another was pulled over.

It is all part of a nationwide campaign called "Click it or ticket."

The enforcement will continue through the month of

May.

Acting Police Chief Anne Moise said enforcement zones will be set up throughout the entire city.

For those not wearing a seat belt, the fine is \$65.

In Hamtramck, drivers who are pulled over for one infraction often face being caught on several others, such as driving without a license or proof of insurance.

Many drivers are often arrested for being wanted on other offenses.

But not everyone will get a ticket.

"It's the officer's discretion," Moise said.

According to police sources, 93 percent of the drivers nationwide comply with the law, but Moise said that's down from 98-percent compliance six years ago.

With this being Memorial Day weekend, expect heavier traffic enforcement throughout the state, especially on highways.



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Kosciuszko Middle School Students of the Month

Kosciuszko Middle School is proud to announce its students of the month for the month of May: Emad Alge-haim, Zakaria Al-Aswar, Hen-rietta Bartell, Jaylin Caldwell, Poll Chowdhury, Elma Du-rakovic, Mohamed Elhady, Mohamed Halemi, Bismah Imran, Omor Jabbar, Jubeda Juby, Aaliyah Kayum, Khadeejah Laskar, Amra Lekic, Marcel Mackey, Look-nath Paul, DeMarkos Oneil, Stanley Rogers, Mohamed Saleh, Jayson Smith, Suria Tarver, K'Von Thompson-Doze, Joe White Jr. and Ra-hela Zabin.



Kosciuszko students of the month pose for a photo.

Hamtramck High School Physics Team wins 1st place in the Physics Olympiad

On Saturday, May 9, some 21 Hamtramck High stu-dents went to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to compete in a Physics Olympiad. They finished in first place.

The team consists of Jenny Ghose, Waheeda Bil-baria, Tapia Miah, Elsa Nilaj, Lubna Begum, Fabiha Sul-tana, Susmetha Baidya, Illma Bilic, Tazia Miah, Una Jakupovic, Logan Hughes, Abdul Hasib, Azhar Im-sirovic, Muhammad Qadri, Luthfur Khan, Tahmim Sad-diquee, Zachery McIntosh, Farhana Chowdhury, Farzana Chowdhury, Latifur Khan and Amal Alzendani.

According to their teacher, Mr. Preston “more impor-tantly everyone did have fun.”

Mr. Preston added that the students “represented Ham-tramck very well.”

Congratulations to Mr. Pre-ston and to all HHS science teachers and to Mr. George and the entire HHS staff for establishing the framework for these talented students to be academically success-ful. A tip of the hat to all Hamtramck Public Schools teachers, administrators and support staff for a job well done.

Most of these students started here, stayed here and succeeded here. For more information regarding the Physics Olympiad please refer to <http://olympiad.physics.lsa.umich.edu/winners.html>.



Holbrook students celebrate Earth Day with a clean-up.



Dickinson East Elementary School students of the month also pose for a photo.



The Hamtramck High School Physics Team recently won first place in the Physics Olympiad held at U of M.

Hamtramck High School Peacemaker of the Month

Azhar Imsirovic, a Junior, was named the Peacemaker of the Month for Hamtramck High School.



Azhar Imsirovic

Holbrook Elementary School

Holbrook students cele-brated Earth Day with an in-formative student led presentation and an outdoor clean-up. Students, par-ents, and teachers all pitched in outside to clean-up the playground, parking lot and the Holbrook Gar-den.

It was a great day to take care of our community and the earth. Thank you to all of the parents that sup-ported our clean-up efforts.

Events taking place for the week of May 26-29

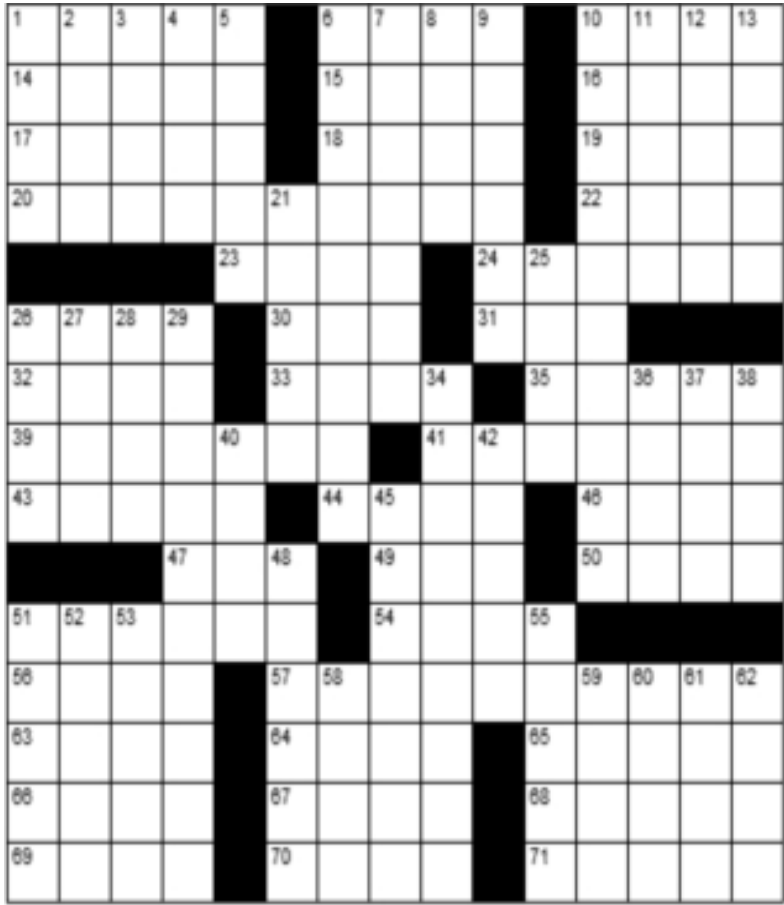
All Schools

- Monday, May 25 – No School, Memorial Day Holi-day.
- Thursday, May 28 – Last day for Horizon Seniors.
- Friday, May 29 – Last day for Hamtramck High School Seniors.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, June 1 – Kosciuszko Middle School NJHS induction ceremony at 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 2 – Dick-inson East multicultural ce-lebration from 5:30-7 p.m.
- Thursday, June 4 – Friends of Historical Ham-tramck PowerPoint presenta-tion of Hamtramck Public School buildings and school history. Dickinson East au-ditorium 4 p.m. \$10 admis-sion.
- Thursday, June 4 – Last day for Preschool students.
- Friday, June 5 – Gradua-tion for Hamtramck High School 6 p.m.

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- Equipment
- Vipers
- Prohibits
- Not rented
- Cooking fat
- Distinctive flair
- Drive
- Box
- Exploded star
- Australian kingfisher
- Blacken
- Cut back
- Breathe in
- Curdled soybean milk
- Precious stone
- French for "Name"
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- Biblical garden
- Scrapes gently
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- Picnic insects
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Coming events

MONDAY, May 25, 10 a.m. – The Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council will host a Memorial Day Service at St. Ladislaus Church (2700 Caniff). A reception will follow at PLAV Post 10 hall (11824 Jos. Campau).

THURSDAY, May 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. – A fundraiser for Detroit Friendship House, which serves hundreds of local folks who are able to stock up on needed food supplies. The fundraiser is \$25 and will be held at the Fowling Warehouse, located at 3901 Christopher here in Ham-tramck. The event includes two hours of free fowling, food and a T-shirt. To get tickets, go online to: www.detroit-friendshiphouse.org.

SATURDAY, June 13, 9-3 p.m. – Hamtramck’s Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your re-cyclables for free.

WEDNESDAY, June 17, 7 p.m. – Join the Midtown Block Club! Attend our next scheduled meeting in St. Florian’s convent, 2626 Florian, across from the church. A guest speaker will participate in our discussion. We meet the third Wednesday of each month. The Midtown Block Club works for promoting community safety, stewardship, serv-ice and social events. Add your voice on any neighbor-hood concern.



Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council Memorial Day Services

**Monday, May 25, 2015
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In Our Opinion

Crackdown on candidates is a welcome relief

It's been a law on the books, but something the city hasn't bothered to comply with for years – for whatever reason. The City Clerk's Office is now doing a complete check on candidates running for office over whether they owe the city any money. If it's found out that they do, whether it's overdue property taxes or water bills, they will not be able to hold office. As of Tuesday, the city was still conducting its background check.

Bravo, we say. For too long we've allowed folks to run for office while being deadbeats to the city. Some of them even managed to get elected, and continued to be deadbeats. It boggles the mind why people who owe the city money seek public office. It's the most basic responsibility one has to their city. Not doing so is a slap in the face of those honest, hard-working residents who pay their fair share, no matter how hard it gets to

make ends meet. Quite frankly we're tired of these jokers, and that includes those who claim a 100-percent Homestead tax exemption for a house they own, but don't actually live in. Hamtramck has always attracted all sorts of opportunists who think winning a seat on city council somehow elevates them. It's time to put a stop to this, and collect money that is owed to the city.

City's water shutoffs leave many households without service

By Charles Sercombe
Out of the 711 water shutoff notices the city sent out in April, less than half of the households and businesses have made a payment. According to the city, 332 water customers paid their bill or agreed to go on a payment plan. Most of the customers paid the bare minimum to avoid a shutoff. At the time the shutoff notices were mailed out, the city said \$1.2 million was owed and that 30 percent of its water customers were behind in their bills. Despite facing the threat of a shutoff, some 292 customers ignored the warning and had their service turned off. Amazingly, only 96 customers had their service restored – and out of that some of the service was illegally turned back on, the city said. Another round of shutoffs has already begun, affecting 99 customers. The city is

targeting those who owe at least \$250. So how much did this crackdown bring in, revenue-wise? A consultant to the Water Department, Rodney Johnson, said in his report to our inquiry about the water shutoffs: "I was unable to break down the collections from shutoff customers versus customers paying their regular bills," Johnson said. "The Treasury or Finance team might be able to assist with a report?" City Manager Katrina Powell said no matter how much was collected, it was more than before. "Given that consistent monthly shut-offs haven't happened in quite some time, if ever, the payments received for past due amounts, are more than we've collected previously, according to staff," Powell said in an email. We asked Powell if it is legal to occupy a dwelling

without water service. In the past it was generally believed that it is considered unsanitary to remain in a house without water service. The Review also inquired whether the city would force residents out of dwellings without water service and place a notice warning not to occupy it. Powell declined to talk on the record about that matter. She did say the city has no choice but to continue the water shutoffs. "The city will continue to actively pursue those who owe the City money for services we've already provided to the customer, as we've already paid the City of Detroit for the water and sewerage service and now need to be reimbursed for costs associated with providing that service," Powell said. "Unfortunately, treated water is not free."

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Letters • Letters

There is a lot at stake in renewing our schools' millage

There are a lot of good reasons to live in Hamtramck. I moved here 20 years ago. I bought a house and later had a family. At first, we weren't sure about staying here and putting our kids in the schools, but what we discovered is that the Hamtramck Public Schools are solid. They have a dedicated group of excellent teachers. They are run efficiently and have the most amazing multicultural body of students of any district in the state. They are truly a gem. They are worth moving here for, and certainly worth staying for.

This past February, something very bad happened that might undermine our entire Public School system and potentially ruin this city for people like me who are raising a family. In February, voters were asked renew a millage that the schools need in order to operate. A group of people who would not identify themselves went door to door, handing out false literature, which stated that every-

one's taxes would go up by \$500 if the millage were renewed. The statement is a bald faced lie. It's shameless and underhanded and manipulative. The fact is this: The millage was only up for renewal. If it passed nothing would change for anyone. Furthermore, the millage only affected commercial properties, so no homeowner would pay anything at all, and neither would renters.

On August 4, we have another chance to approve this millage renewal. This is a huge and important vote for our schools and our city. It's important to know that if the upcoming millage fails to pass, the Hamtramck Public School system will not survive. It is already operating on a bare bones budget. What does that mean for us? It means our school system will probably be taken over like Highland Park's. It will become a "Charter District." I can think of nothing worse.

Charter Schools are not public institutions. They are businesses and their primary goal is to make a profit. They make money on the kids they teach. They don't pay their teachers as well. They aren't held to the same standards as our Public Schools, and simply stated, they are not good for our community. The difficult truth I'm facing is that if we can't come together as neighbors and support our Public Schools, then the entire fabric of this city will be ripped apart. Frankly it will become a city where I can no longer live. I have a lot invested here, and I don't want to leave. But if the Public Schools can't make it, then neither can my family. August 4 is coming quickly. Please remember to vote Yes. You can make a difference. You can help save Hamtramck's Public Schools and make our city a place where families can thrive.

Steve Hughes
Hamtramck

Odds & Ends

Counting down ... As of today, Friday, May 22, there are only 10 days left to donate to help renovate Pope Park. The Karol Wojtyla Hamtramck Committee is hosting a fundraiser to make needed repairs to Hamtramck's Pope Park and is doing so through an online crowdfunding site. The goal is to raise \$25,000 by June 1, and once the goal is reached the Michigan Economic Development Corporation will kick in an additional \$25,000. That means a total of \$50,000 will go toward renovating the park. As of Thursday some 129 people had kicked in \$17,705. Come on readers, they are almost there. You can donate online by going to: https://www.patronicity.com/project/pope_park_renovation_hamtramck Or, if you like the old-fashioned way, make out a check the Karol Wojtyla Hamtramck Park Committee, and mail it to that group at: P.O. Box 12248, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

True to their schools ... Last Friday the committee drumming up support for a school millage renewal held a fundraiser at Krakus Restaurant, one of three genuine Polish restaurants we are lucky to have around here. There were plenty of teachers, administrators and local elected officials on hand, and it was a pretty swell time. Don't forget folks, the public schools need your support on Aug. 4. Be sure to vote "yes" to the millage renewal, which only affects people who own houses but don't live in them as well as commercial property owners. For most voters this is not


a tax they pay. There are some in the community spreading lies about this millage. Don't listen to them folks. **Holy day ...** This Monday local Hindus will be celebrating Buddha Purnima, the most important holy day for Hindus. The public is welcomed to attend festivities being held at PNA Hall, at 10211 Conant. Local Buddhists will gather at the hall starting at 10 a.m. for the arrival of Maha Sangha. At 12:30 p.m. there will be a lunch, and at 1:30 there will be a presentation.



City Councilmember Robert Zwolak (left) and School Board member Dennis Lukas chat during a recent fundraiser for the school millage renewal committee.

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Obituaries

MURASZEWSKI

Anne T. Muraszewski, 98, died May 14, 2015.

Mrs. Muraszewski was preceded into God's care by her husband, John; sons, John A., Raymond, and Thomas. Mrs. Muraszewski is survived by son, Joseph; daughter-in-law, Joanne; grandchildren, Tammy (Joseph) Huot, Gina (Kenneth) Miloser, Paula (Chad) Donnelly, John Deconnick; great-grandchildren, Kenneth, Kevin, Marisa, Joseph.

Mrs. Muraszewski was a retired Detroit Public Schools crossing guard.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Krot Funeral Home.

PUCHALSKI



Richard J. "Sunshine" Puchalski, 77, died May 20, 2015.

Mr. Puchalski was predeceased by his mother, Emily; father, Jerome; brothers, Robert, Dennis, John. He is survived by brother, Daniel (Donna); sister-in-law, Janice; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. Inurnment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.



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:

On the long block of Caniff between Jos. Campau and Gallagher streets in Hamtramck, a tiny storefront has been brought back to life.

Inside, everything looks clean and fresh: the walls are painted white, yellow, and orange, and new wood floors shine underfoot. A chess board and other games are strewn about the room.

Mohammad Rahman, owner of the Chai House (3004 Caniff), stands behind a little bar topped with pecan pie, chocolate cakes, and cookies. He reaches for one of many containers behind the bar, opens it, and

puts it under your nose. The fragrance of fruit, herbs, and spices fills your nostrils.

"How much is a cup?" you ask.

"It's free," Rahman says.

ness?

"I wanted this to be a place for my friends to meet and hang out," Rahman says. "But it's an open place for everyone who wants some tea and cake.

here.

There is a row of cups where you can stuff bills and coins. We have some bills, they get stuffed into the cup that asks "feeling tipsy?"

Rahman, 26, says he started his business in a building he sold to a friend, who now leases it back to him at a low price. He grew up at the corner of Lawley and Klinger, just north of Hamtramck. His father came from Bangladesh at age 17 and bought the building that the family later sold to Mitch Cope and Gina Reichert, the pair behind the real-life-meets-art-and-design project Power House Productions.

"They did it, man. They helped that neighborhood so much," Rahman says. "I want to do the same with what I do."

By Walter Wasacz



Mohammad Rahman recently opened Chai House on Caniff, which specializes in teas.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week’s Crime Log covers May 12-18.

Tuesday, May 12

- A resident reported that his grandchildren assaulted him with a shoe.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for disorderly conduct and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A man was arrested for breaking and entering at a residence in the Moran and Carpenter area.
- A man reported another man stole his medication while he was in the 9300 block of Conant.
- A man was arrested following a traffic stop for being wanted on a warrant in the state of Georgia.

Wednesday, May 13

- At about 2 a.m. a resident was arrested following a traffic stop for not possessing a license, improper plates and driving on a restricted license.
- A man reported that someone stole his license plate from his 2000 Honda Odyssey.
- A woman reported her 16-year-old son had run away from home.

Thursday, May 14

- At 11:30 p.m. a Detroit woman was arrested in the 11500 block of St. Aubin for a severe felony case of child cruelty. She assaulted a 3-year-old and attempted to set on fire the clothes of her 8-month-old baby.

- A man reported someone stole his 2008 Ford Econoline while it was parked in the Casmere and Lumpkin area.
- A man was arrested for stealing an item from Dollar Tree on Jos. Campau and fleeing.

Friday, May 15

- At a little after midnight officers observed a window had been removed from a business in the 11800 block of Conant.
- At 12:35 a.m. a resident was robbed at gunpoint of his 2008 Jeep while he was entering it in the 3200 block of Holbrook. The suspect drove off with the vehicle and another car, an orange Pontiac Grand Prix, followed the suspect. Officers recovered the Pontiac after it had been set on fire while in the Vincent-Georgia area.
- A man reported someone used his identity and Social Security number to file 2009 income taxes.

Saturday, May 16

- At 11:30 p.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license and possessing fraudulent proof of insurance.
- At almost 5 a.m. a Norwalk resident reported that her boyfriend assaulted her.
- At almost 11 a.m. a person reported being assaulted by a delivery truck driver during a dispute over a parking space.
- At about 1 p.m. a person was arrested for a break-in in the 2700 block of Norwalk.
- A Belmont resident reported the theft of her lawnmower from her garage. The lawnmower had been recovered during an earlier break-in arrest.
- A Sterling Heights resident was arrested for drunk driving following a traffic stop at Conant and Hamtramck Drive.

Sunday, May 17

- At a little after midnight

- a Detroit resident was arrested for not having a license and possessing prescription pills that did not belong to him.
- At 2 a.m. a woman said her boyfriend struck her several times while in the 12000 block of Dequindre. The man fled before officers arrived.
- A Charest resident reported someone put sugar in the gas tank of his car while it was parked in his driveway.
- A Trowbridge resident reported a break-in
- A Hanley resident was arrested for assaulting a neighbor’s daughter with a metal pipe.

Monday, May 18

- At about 9 p.m. a resident was arrested in the 3200 block of Hanley for felonious assault.
- A break-in was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- At about 11 p.m. a robbery occurred near Commor and Sobieski. The suspects were two men.
- A man reported that three men, described to be 17 to 20 years old, entered his backyard in the 3100 block of Holbrook and attempted to steal his bike. Later in the day officers received the identities of the suspects.
- A man reported someone opened a Verizon account under his name without his permission.
- A woman reported being assaulted by her husband after an argument. The husband also took her 1999 Dodge Durango without her permission.
- A resident in the 12000 block of Charest reported his neighbor violated a personal protection order by attempting to flood his backyard.
- A woman reported that her roommate assaulted her and two other residents in the 3900 block of Edwin following an argument.

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Waiting for war

By Greg Kowalski

America was not at war in 1940, but there was a sense that it was inevitable.

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In January, 1940, some 300,000 people, mainly Poles, gathered at Cadillac Square and Cass Technical High School for a mass rally against the Nazi aggression.

Included in the mix were representatives from 100 organizations in Hamtramck. Mayor Walter Kanar issued a proclamation urging participation in the mass rally and so many people from Hamtramck were expected to attend that special street car runs were scheduled from the city to the gathering sites during the day of the event.

Hamtramckans, of course, were especially impacted by the invasion and virtual destruction of Poland. More than three-quarters of the city's population was Polish or of Polish descent at that time and many residents here had relatives there.

Months after the rally, as the situation in Europe grew even more grim, the mood in town became more ominous. It was clear that America was preparing for war. The national draft was in the works, America was sending aid to Britain and Russia and voices for getting involved in the war were growing louder.

Whatever happened, it was already clear that Hamtramck would play a major role in any war, mainly because of the massive Dodge Main plant. It was certain to be a hub of war material production, and, indeed, it became just that when American entered the war following the attack on

Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

But 18 months prior to that, in June, 1940, concerns were already being raised that Hamtramck could become a target for the Nazis.

"Steps should be taken to protect this locality against invasion by air and destruction," said Councilman Frank Leach.

He sought funds from the Works Progress Administration to install anti-aircraft guns at the city's industrial areas.

That wasn't as far-fetched as it might sound today.

Prentiss M. Brown as well as Congressman Rudolph Tenenowicz. They agreed that an anti-aircraft unit should be stationed at the city.

But that apparently is as far as the idea went. No guns were ever installed here, and in fact, even the old World War I cannon at Winfield Park in front of St. Francis Hospital was later hauled away and melted down for the war effort.

However, Dodge Main did fulfill its expected role in being part of the Arsenal of Democracy. During the war



There were no anti-aircraft guns in Hamtramck during World War II, but Civilian Defense exercises at Veterans Memorial Park brought out an impressive array of weapons.

There was a real fear the German bombers could reach Hamtramck by traveling to Norway then Greenland and Canada coming in down from the north.

Plus Leach's proposal would have benefitted the city in that the installation of the guns would have been paid for by the Federal government and would have provided jobs to local folks. Remember, even at this stage the Great Depression still wasn't completely over. The WPA still provided jobs to tens of thousands of people.

At any rate, the city council passed a resolution approving Leach's motion, and that received support from Senators Arthur Vandenberg and

years it stopped manufacturing cars and produced war goods. And its workforce soared to nearly 45,000 people.

But no Nazi bomber ever threatened it, although a couple of Japanese balloon-bearing bombs did make their way across the ocean and most of the U.S., with one falling near Grand Rapids and another in Farmington Hills. No one was injured.

You can see a genuine World War II Civilian Defense helmet and gas mask at the Hamtramck Historical Museum. The museum is at 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call (313) 893-5027.



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The Our Lady Queen of Apostles family is preparing for its Century (100th year Anniversary) in the spring of 2017, and we're inviting all former parishioners, friends, families, and children to join us in celebration.

On this Sunday, May 24, 2015 there will be a 11:00 am Mass in Polish and English to celebrate the Pentecost and Evangelization. After Mass there will be a reception in the Activity Center hosted by Fr. Janusz Iwan and Dr. Clark Okulski. At this time Dr. Okulski will make a short presentation on Evangelization.

Please Join us for this special event.



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Summer Recreation

HAMTRAMCK RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2015

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Registration going on now!

Tennis Lessons- ages 4 and up
 Art Classes- ages 7-14
 Dance- (tap, ballet, pre-ballet) ages 3-13
 Swimming Lessons- ages 5 and up
 Open Swim- all ages
 Playground Program- ages 5-13
 Volleyball/Basketball Camps- ages 7 and up

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register Today!

Adult Softball League
 June-August on Fridays
 Adult Coed Kickball League
 June-August on Tuesdays
 Men's Basketball League
 June-August on Thursdays
 Fitness Classes

SPECIAL EVENTS

Movie Nights in the Park

- June 12, July 10, August 7 and 28

Celebrate America in Hamtramck Fireworks

- July 25

Back to School Carnival

- August 27



FIELD TRIPS

Registration required by certain dates!

See Recreation Brochure for sign up dates.

Family Trips

CJ Barrymore's Family Fun- June 20

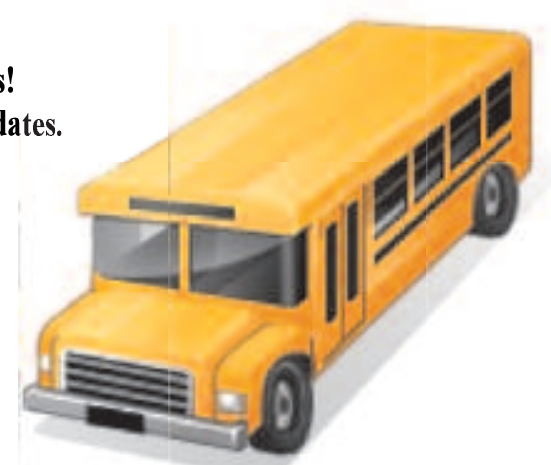
Cedar Point- July 11

Senior Trips

Pippin The Musical- June 13

Four Winds Casino (Tentative)- July 16

Eastern Market Tour- August 18



Please visit the Hamtramck High School Community Center to sign up for these programs, space is limited and fees may apply. Full details available at the Center or call 313-892-2635 for up to date information.

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