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## Quick Hits

Last week's power outage did more than inconvenience folks.

At Friendship House the lost power resulted in the loss of 300 pounds of meat that would have been distributed to many low-income households.

Friendship House is one of the largest food pantries in the area. They are now in dire need of donations, especially with Mother's Day coming up this Sunday.

If you can spare a few bucks, or have some food to give away, stop by Friendship House at 9540 Conant.

And speaking of Mother's Day, we wish all mothers the best and good health. Everyone, give your mom a special hug.



## Quote of the week ...

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

**“It took me about six months to complete, more or less.”**

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# Happy Mother's Day

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## Marking an anniversary: Bobby Kennedy's visit to city precedes tragedy

A few years ago Greg Kowalski wrote about the anniversary of Robert Kennedy's visit to Hamtramck. This year marks the 50th anniversary of that visit. In commemoration of that visit, we are reprinting an updated version of Kowalski's story.

**By Greg Kowalski**

It was 50 years ago that Robert “Bobby” Kennedy drove down Jos. Campau on May 15, greeting thousands of well-wishers and just curious folks who wanted to see the famous member of the Kennedy clan. Four weeks later he

was dead, gunned down by assassin Sirhan Sirhan in Los Angeles.

Kennedy's trip to Hamtramck in 1968 elated his supporters. He was in the running for president, and he carried a lot of momentum just by being a Kennedy, the brother of John F. Kennedy who himself had been slain by an assassin five years earlier. And both brothers had visited Hamtramck, John having been here in 1960 shortly before being elected president and again after the election.

Bobby only made one trip, but it was memo-



**This month is the 50th anniversary of Robert Kennedy's visit to Hamtramck. He was campaigning to seek the Democratic presidential nomination. He died a month later in Los Angeles after being shot by an assassin.**

rable in itself. In June, 1968, days after his death, local photographer Tony Tenerowicz, who had

photographed John and Bobby during their visits, recalled Bobby's quick

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## Councilmember falls behind on bills again

**By Charles Sercombe**

City Councilmember Saad Almasmari is attempting to climb up the political ladder and become state representative in this election year.

And in order to achieve that goal he's not shy in admitting to something many voters here can relate to: He's broke.

“I am a poor person,” he told The Review. “I'm suffering just like my constituents.”



**Saad Almasmari**

As proof of his financial challenges, Almasmari readily acknowledges he has fallen behind on his water bills and property taxes.

In the last couple of weeks the city shut off water service at his home and at a rental dwelling he owns, according to city utility records. According to the city's website, Almasmari was behind \$173 for his house at 2261 Faber, but he made a partial payment two days later.

On May 3, a house he owns at 2267 Faber had service shut off because he owed \$743. On May 4, he made a partial pay-

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**Get your walking shoes on this Saturday morning for the annual Health Hike. Participants will first meet up at Keyworth Stadium at 9 a.m.**

## Start your Saturday morning right at the annual Health Hike

**By Alan Madeleine**

If you feel healthy enough to hike, why not do a Health Hike?


For the ninth year “running,” no pun intended, the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition, or HDFCC, and Hamtramck Public Schools Recreation Department are spearheading the hike, with a good deal of help from

some local businesses.

This year, it will be held on Saturday, May 12, and will begin at 9 a.m. at Keyworth Stadium.

The HDFCC is a community organization whose stated aim is to try to steer the city's youth population away from drug use, and toward generally healthier lifestyles.

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**“If you treat people right they will treat you right... ninety percent of the time.”**

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# Marking an anniversary: Bobby Kennedy’s visit to city precedes tragedy

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trip through town. “Robert Kennedy was not a friendly as his brother,” Tenerowicz said. “He was a more forceful politician – made more of a business of it. My impression of John F. Kennedy was that he was a softer spokesman. You felt more relaxed around him.” Yet Robert Kennedy was not a “distant” person. “He seemed to be trying to reach out to the ethnic groups in his speeches,” Tenerowicz said. “Here he wanted to shake the hands of all the children who lined Caniff and Jos. Campau, as well as older folks...” Those who met with Kennedy said he was in good spirits as he rode down Jos. Campau, where thousands of people lined the streets. Kennedy had come to Hamtramck after speaking at a youth rally in

downtown Detroit. He also toured Detroit’s 12th Street area, where the riot had erupted less than a year earlier. Because of heavy traffic Kennedy was late in arriving at Hamtramck. Mayor Joseph Grzecki and Councilmen Eugene Pluto and Edward Kondrat were parked at the railroad tracks at Caniff for 90 minutes waiting for Kennedy to arrive. It was an unusually hot day, and the wait became increasingly uncomfortable. Workers from the nearby Celanese plant, who were lined up along Caniff, began to give up and leave. Finally a worker from the plant brought out a tray full of cups of water. When Kennedy did appear, Grzecki was hustled into Kennedy’s car, and they sped into the city. The ride through town was fairly quick, culminat-

ing at a big gathering at the Dodge Main plant before Kennedy left for the airport and the next campaign stop. Bobby Kennedy was just one of a host of presidents and politicians who have visited Hamtramck through the years. Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, Bush Sr., Clinton and Reagan (just before he was elected) all came to Hamtramck. So did such political leaders as Hubert Humphrey, Thomas “Tip” O’Neill, Edmund Muskie, Michael Dukakis, Adlai Stevenson and many more. But the visits by both Kennedys were special. Perhaps it was because both men were so legendary and their lives ended so tragically. The city was stunned after both Kennedys were shot but Bobby’s death carried a special impact, as he had just been in Hamtramck. You can learn more about Hamtramck’s history at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call (313) 893-5027.

# Councilmember falls behind on bills again

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ment to that debt. Almasmari said that bill should have been paid by the renter – not him. On top of that, he is behind on his 2017 property taxes for his residence at 2261 Faber (\$498) and another house at 2267 Faber (\$883), according to the Wayne County Treasury Department. He is also behind on property taxes for a commercial building he owns at 9723 Conant. He owes the county \$1,646 for 2017. Almasmari told The Review he was going to pay his property tax bills on Thursday, the day The Review went to press. Almasmari has a history of falling behind on water bills and property taxes. In 2017 alone, he faced water shut-off service four times. If Almasmari does not pay what’s owed for property taxes, the county will put his properties up for sale after three years. Almasmari told The Review he makes no qualms about falling behind on his taxes and water bills. In fact, he said having financial troubles makes him uniquely qualified to hold office. “I’m an example of everyone in the district,” Almasmari said in reference to the residents who live in the House district he seeks to represent in Lansing state representative. “I don’t have a million dollars in the bank.” The 4th District consists of Hamtramck, Highland Park and part of Detroit. The district indeed has many low-income residents. “Everybody gets their water shut off,” he added. “It’s normal to not afford your bills all the time.” The issue of a city elected official falling behind in bills to the city raises the question of whether Almasmari is a “defaulter.” According to the City Charter, any public official who falls behind on bills owed to Hamtramck or any other government agency is a “defaulter” and thus disqualified from holding office. There have been instances in the past where elected officials fell behind on water bills and property taxes, but city officials have been reluctant to pursue the matter. Last year Carrie Beth

Lasley, a government watchdog, submitted documentation to the city showing that in 2015 Councilmember Anam Miah lost property he owned in Detroit to foreclosure after failing to keep on top of property tax payments. But in a review of the matter then-City-Attorney John Clark said that since the issue happened before Miah was elected, he was not technically a defaulter.

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**ESL Class** – Wednesday, May 16, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**ESL Class** – Thursday, May 17, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

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

**City Wide Poets Are you a writer? Join Citywide Poets** – Every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. At the Hamtramck Public Library, free and open to all teens. For more information, contact: [justin@insideoutdetroit.org](mailto:justin@insideoutdetroit.org) or visit [www.insideoutdetroit.org](http://www.insideoutdetroit.org)

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

**A Conversation w/The Nomads: Casey Rocheteau (of Write a House)** – Thursday, May 31, 6:30-8 p.m. We are very happy to be hosting the Nomads Read Series again this month! Donations for this event will go towards the Hamtramck Public Library. A Conversation with The Nomads is a series that will feature local authors, artists, and musicians.

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



# Second Front Page

## Former first lady is remembered in library mural

By Alan Madeleine

America lost a first lady a few weeks ago. But Hamtramck still has her, in a way.

Barbara (nee Pierce) Bush, wife of 41st president George H. W. Bush, passed away on April 17 at the age of 92.

She had been second lady, the term given the wife of the vice president, when her husband was Ronald Reagan's veep from 1981 through 1989. She then assumed the mantle of first lady immediately thereafter for the next four years, upon her husband's inauguration.

Noted as a champion of reading and universal literacy, she founded the Barbara Bush Foundation For Family Literacy. This made her an obvious choice for inclusion on a mural in a library.

Well-regarded local muralist Dennis Orlowski, now 74 himself, received the go-ahead for the mural project while he was also in the process of becoming a dad.

"It was around 1990,



Local muralist Dennis Orlowski paid homage to former First Lady Barbara Bush in a mural at the Hamtramck Public Library. Bush died a couple of weeks ago.

maybe 1989," Orlowski recalls. "It took me about six months to complete, more or less.

"I sketched some local kids that I would have pose in small groups. Then I mixed in the historical figures with them," Orlowski said.

His process included sketching the separate pieces of the work first on an artist's pad, and then transferring the drawing into the much larger work upon the wall.

A number of the people in the mural were then invited to its unveiling, in-

cluding the famous ones. Unsurprisingly, most were too busy to attend, but many responded with letters politely declining, including former Russian Chairman and later President Mikhail Gorbachev, and former U.S. Rep and civil rights and LGBT icon, the late Barbara Jordan.

It is a well-documented fact that the Bushes first met in high school, and had a seven-decade-plus marriage. Known in later years for her distinct white hair, she was often derided for perhaps look-

ing older than the president because of it. Despite this, she never wavered from keeping it its presumably natural shade, leaving her with the comfortable mantle of America's matron.

She was also noted for her grace and poise, as well as for producing her equally politically famous sons President George W. and John, aka "Jeb," among six children. A daughter, Pauline, aka "Robin," died at the age of 3 from leukemia. Ms. Bush was pregnant with that same daughter when her mother was killed in a car accident, and the child was named for her.

She was notably more liberal in some areas, stating for example that abortion and homosexuality were private matters.

"I hate abortions, but I just could not make that choice for someone else," she stated, while on the 1992 campaign trail with her husband.

In general, she was known to take fewer pub-

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# School Bell

## Dickinson East Elementary School and Kosciuszko Middle School News

Twelve Dickinson East and three KMS students enjoyed the Optimists of Downtown Detroit's Annual Law Day and Winners' Circle luncheon on May 3.

The students have amassed a total of \$1,400 in prize money, eight medals, and 17 certificates for their Optimist essays and speeches.

The students who participated are: Nilla Ghose, Mahema Miah, Shaira Choudhury, Jae'da Sims, Essence Hinton, Huda Anam, Yazmeen Alwaisi, Areefin Ahmed, Tarik Custovic, Al-Khalil Mashrah, Farisa Zarin, Nazifa Suhal, Stella Hughes, Shinha Chanda and Fariha Mirza.

The students were escorted to the luncheon by family members and DE teacher/advisor Mrs. Rahiel Housey-Johnson. Congratulations to these students and their advisor for their amazing accomplishments. The students are

looking forward to the next competitions in October.

## Holbrook Elementary School News

Holbrook School hosted a family game night on Tuesday, April 24. Learning Gizmos, an educational store located in Warren, brought many different literacy, math, and critical thinking games for Holbrook's students and their families to play together.

The first 50 families even received a \$15 coupon towards a purchase of their favorite game!

"I love my new games!" said fifth grader Zekrah Saleh.

Family game night was an evening of fun, laughter, and learning for all.

## Early Childhood Elementary School News

The kindergarten through second grade classes were excited about going to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

ECE received a Target grant for the students to attend and view the many works of arts. Students



Above and below: Scenes from family game night at Holbrook Elementary School.



loved the mummies, contemporary art paintings, sculptures, the interactive displays in the Japanese and European galleries as well as the "I Spy" clue cards.

The students read the clues and looked for the works of art in the gal-

leries. They were amazed by the giant masks in the African Art Gallery.

The students loved the medieval suits of armor as well as the stained glass windows. The students picked up many of the little booklets that are free to visitors so their

families could come back and enjoy the DIA as well. It was a fun and educational day for all.

## Hamtramck Public Schools Pre-K – 12th grade enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year

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## Upcoming Music Concerts by School

- Hamtramck High School Spring Concert: Tuesday, May 22 at 6 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
- Early Childhood Elementary Spring Concert: Tuesday, May 22, 2 p.m. in the ECE Gymnasium.
- Dickinson East Spring Concert: Friday, June 1 at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the DE Cafeteria.



Above and below: ECE students were recently treated to a field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts.



residency (utility bill, mortgage, etc.), proof of income (preschool only.) An unlimited number of Kindergarten School of Choice applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be accepted through September 4, 2018. No late applications for School of Choice can be accepted.

## Hamtramck Recreation Department News

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

## All Schools

- Friday, May 11 – End of Progress Report Period 4.
- Thursday, May 17 – Progress Report #4 Distributed.
- Friday, May 25 – Half day for students and staff.
- Monday, May 28 – No school for students and staff. Memorial Day.
- Thursday, May 31 – Last day for Hamtramck High School and Horizon High School Seniors.

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CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2018-19 budget on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Hamtramck City Hall, City Council Chambers, 3401 Evaline St. The proposed budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, at the office of the City Clerk. **The property millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

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# Former first lady is remembered in library mural

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lic stands than either Nancy Reagan before her, or Hillary Clinton after, for example. It had the effect of making her comparatively popular.

Check out Bush's likeness along with all the others in the mural during Hamtramck Public Li-

brary hours, currently Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Note that the library is closed on both Saturdays and Sundays.

## Get Out on the Hamtown!

**Public Budget Hearing will be held for the following Public School Academy:**

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### State legislators need to regulate tow services

In last week's issue we reported on a tow truck service that appears to be out of control. The city is now investigating whether a Detroit tow service has the authority to tow cars that are parked in the CVS parking lot after the store closes. The tow company has three signs warning car owners that unless they have business at CVS, their cars will be towed. The company has been pursuing that policy aggressively in recent weeks. Even if this company is operating within the boundaries of legality, the whole situation

doesn't pass the smell test. There have been accusations that the drivers of this company have threatened and intimidated car owners. One night there were five tow trucks lined up to haul away their bounty. On top of that, the company demanded car owners to pay in cash – anywhere between \$400 and \$500 – to get their car back. For a long time people have complained bitterly about the behavior and predatory practices of tow truck services in the area. It is time the city and state legislators step up and take a closer look

at how these companies operate. There is a need to regulate this industry. And while we're at it, the city ought to look into collecting income taxes from the tow truck drivers who are earning an income working here. The folks at CVS headquarters also need to re-examine its policy on non-store customers using their parking lot. Parking is extremely tight in the city, and other businesses rely on these lots. Be a good corporate neighbor, CVS, and take down those tow truck signs.

## Odds & Ends

**Election...** In last week's story about the upcoming election season, we neglected to include all of the candidates running for state representative for the 4th District, which includes Hamtramck. We mentioned the five residents seeking the job — City Councilmember Saad Almasmari, MD Rabbi Alam, Justin Jessop, Michele Oberholtzer and Syed Rob. Other candidates include: Derek Boston, Christopher Collins, Matt

Friedrichs, Myya Jones, Ernest Little, Diane McMillan, Jeffery Nolish, Rico Razo and Isaac Robinson. Current State Rep. Rose Mary Robinson is being termed out. That's her son, Isaac Robinson, seeking to keep her seat in the family. The candidates will square off in the Aug. 7 Primary Election. Whoever wins that election will then proceed to the November General Election and face the Republican challenger.

For years the Democratic candidate who has won the primary has gone on to win the November election. It's a two-year term. All state representatives can serve a maximum of three terms, or six years.

**Grant winner...** A hearty congratulations goes out to the Friends of Historic Hamtramck. The group was awarded \$4,127 by the MotorCities National Heritage Area, a non-profit organization dedicated to the historic preservation of the automotive industry. The grant money will be used for the "renovation of the main exhibit hall of the Hamtramck Historical Museum to present the exhibits in a way that will appropriately highlight the importance and educational value of the museum's collection including automotive and union artifacts."



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### Police report an increase in car break-ins and thefts

**By Charles Sercombe** Warm weather has finally arrived – hooray! But that also means criminal-minded folks are out and about – looking for something to steal. During the past few weeks there has been a sharp increase of car break-ins and the theft of many items. It happens in all corners of the city, including on busy streets like Caniff. The thefts are usually at night or early in the morning. Sometimes, though, it happens in the

middle of the afternoon. Hamtramck police have these words of advice to avoid becoming a victim: “Please do not leave any valuables visible in your vehicle while parked and unattended. This would include but not be limited to your cellphone, wallet, purse, laptop computer, iPad/iPods, GPS, etc. “It is best to take them with you after you park your vehicle. If for some reason you cannot, please secure them in your trunk. Thieves look

for these items to steal as they walk by your vehicle.” There has also been a slight uptick in mail packages being stolen from front porches. There is not much you can do about this other than install a security camera to capture a photo of the thief, or use a post office box for deliveries. As always, the police department encourages folks to call 911 if you see anything suspicious.



## School Bell

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- Athletic Events**
- Monday, May 14 – Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. Canton Prep at 5 p.m. Home
  - Monday, May 14 – JV Boys' Baseball vs. Summit Eastside at 4:30 p.m. Home.
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  - Monday, May 14 – Kosciuszko Girls' Soccer vs. Summit at 5 p.m. Away.
  - Tuesday, May 15 – KMS Boys' Baseball vs. Trillium at 4:30 p.m. Home.
  - Wednesday, May 16 - Kosciuszko Girls' Soccer vs. Star International at 5 p.m. Home.
  - Wednesday, May 16 - Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Harper Woods at 4 p.m. Away.
  - Thursday May 17 – Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. UPSM at 4 p.m. Home.



Above and below: Dickinson East Elementary School and Kosciuszko Middle School students recently attended a luncheon at the Optimists of Downtown Detroit's Annual Law Day and Winners' Circle.



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Obituaries

SALATA



Stephanie Salata, 93, died May 9, 2018. Mrs. Salata was the loving wife of the late Walter; mother of Sheila (late Lawrence) Makowski, Steven (Christine); grandmother of Renee (Shannon) Upham, Brian (Jamie) Makowski; great grandmother of Olivia, Mason, Keegan (Rock) Upham, Haley and Landen Makowski; beloved daughter of the late Barbara and Nicholas Wojnarowski; sister of the late Anthony and Mary. Mrs. Salata was a lifelong resident of Hamtramck and longtime member of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Visitation is Monday, May 14th from 2-8 p.m. with Prayers at 7:30 p.m. at Buhay Funeral Home, 3103 Commor, Hamtramck, MI, 48212. Mrs. Salata will be in state Tuesday, at 8:30 a.m., until the Mass at 9 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church, 11700 McDougall at Commor, Hamtramck, MI. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck MI,

(313) 365-9600. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Capuchin's at <https://www.thecapuchins.org/donate> in Stephanie's name.

WAGENAAR



William J. Wagenaar, 68, died February 14, 2018. Mr. Wagenaar was born June 27, 1949 and went home to Jesus on February 14, 2018. William was married to Valerie Taylor Wagenaar for 47 years. He has two beautiful daughters, Michelle (Abdul), Cheryl Lynn (Matt); seven grandchildren, Crystal, Joe, Jacob, Marissa, Nicholas, Laith and Haythem. He was also the proud great-grandfather of Serenity Lynn.

William Wagenaar was a life-long resident of Hamtramck and was well liked by everyone who knew him. He will be missed by all.



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:*

Is Highland Park Michigan's community solar hub? At the very least, it's where the most innovative uses and plans for community solar come from.

That's not too surprising, given that the city's 1,000-plus street lights were repossessed in 2011. Soulardarity, a membership-based non-profit based in Highland Park that installs solar street lights, was founded in response.

On May 12, a free "Energy, Sustainability & Tech Fair" is being hosted in Highland Park.

Presented by the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association, Parker Village, and Soulardarity,

the fair will engage participants in energy conservation and "best practices that you can take home and use," according to a press release.

Highlights of the fair include a tour of Parker Village, a sustainable and holistic redevelopment project in the former Thompson Elementary School. Solartronic, an Ann Arbor-based solar street light manufacturer, will officially commission a solar light on the property after a successful crowdfunding campaign last year.

There will also be break-out sessions, speakers, exhibitors, and the first-ever meeting of the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Michigan Solar Users Network, an organization of solar owners to share information regarding their experience to educate and expand solar to other homeowners and businesses.

Everyone, from people engaged in sustainability

work to activists, interests citizens, or those who just want to reduce their home energy bills, is encouraged to attend.

The Energy, Sustainability & Tech Fair takes

place on May 12 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and is free to the public. The event will be held at 21 Highland St. in Highland Park.

By Aaron Mondry

Start your Saturday morning right at the annual Health Hike

Continued from front page

No surprise then, that some of the other players on this year's organizing committee were the Hamtramck Public Schools and the Police and Fire Departments, along with City Hall.

Local businesses offering support include the Detroit Football Club, Amicci's Pizza, Fowling Warehouse, Steve's Party Store, Enviro-Clean, Trinity Transportation, Sodexo, Chemical Bank and The Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority.

The first 400 people to show up will each get a

free T-shirt, and it won't cost a thing because registration is free. The event typically draws up to 500, so make sure to get there promptly and secure your apparel.

The route of the hike goes along the city's main streets, and will take place rain or shine, with all ages and abilities welcome.

For more information, contact Malgorzata Tulecki at (313) 733-4535, extension 106, or else by way of email: [tulecki@piastinstitute.org](mailto:tulecki@piastinstitute.org).




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CRIME LOG

**By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log covers May 1-6.

**Tuesday, May 1**

- At 1:30 a.m. a Farmington Hills resident was arrested in the 12000 block of Selfridge for possessing an open intoxicant in public and also possessing narcotics.
- A school bus driver reported that while dropping off children in the Gallagher and Edwin area a male threw a rock at the bus and cracked the windshield.
- A Detroit resident reported that a person she knows who lives in Hamtramck struck her with an aluminum bat in the area of Carpenter and Fleming. The Hamtramck resident later made a cross complaint against the Detroit resident.
- A resident in the 2200 block of Florian reported their 2003 Jeep Liberty was stolen.
- Officers assisted an ambulance crew with a homeless man who possibly had a heart attack.
- Officers chased a suspect riding a black motorcycle who was last seen westbound on Caniff crossing the railroad tracks. The suspect was described as a black male, 35-40 years old, 150-160 pounds and had a goatee and dreadlocks.

**Wednesday, May 2**

- A resident reported someone opened a Verizon account in his name.
- A resident reported that while in Pulaski Park an 11-year-old male assaulted her 3-year-old son.
- Officers helped an ambulance crew with a highly-intoxicated homeless man who was found unconscious on the ground near Conant and Caniff.
- A backpack that was found in Veterans Park was turned in to the police.

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lice station.

#### Thursday, May 3

- At about 3:30 a.m. a Gallagher resident reported being assaulted by her boyfriend.
- A Selfridge resident reported someone damaged her vehicle.
- A Jos. Campau business reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A Bloomfield Hills resident reported someone damaged his vehicle while it was parked at

Conant and Comstock

- A Burger resident reported receiving threats.
- A resident in the 11600 block of Moran reported four males pried open their side door and stole various items.

#### Friday, May 4

- A business reported receiving harassing phone calls.
- A Conant business reported an incident of retail fraud.

- Officers checked out a house alarm in the 11000 block of Gallagher. An open door was found. Officers secured the residence.
- A resident in the 11300 block of St. Aubin reported someone broke into their car and stole assorted items.
- A juvenile was arrested for animal cruelty.
- Officers responded to a call about gunshots being fired during a domestic situation. The mother of a child said the father was attempting to kidnap the child. A few minutes later Detroit

police arrested the father and returned the child.

#### Saturday, May 5

- At a little after 2 a.m. two people said someone stole items from their car while it was parked in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.
- A resident in the 2200 block of Holbrook reported someone damaged his car window.
- A resident in the 2200 block reported someone stole an item from their car.

#### Sunday, May 6

- A resident was ar-

rested for possessing a stolen bike. The bike was returned to its owner.

- A resident reported being assaulted by a Detroit resident they know.
- A resident reported being bitten by two loose dogs while in the area of Nagel and Commor.

#### Monday, May 7

- A Charest resident said someone injured his dog while it was in his yard.
- A break-in was reported on Dequindre.
- A Carpenter resident

reported their car was stolen.

- A Bernard resident was ticketed for having too many pets.
- A landlord reported a break-in at a rental unit in the 11300 block of Jos. Campau.
- A resident reported receiving harassing text messages.

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## Coming events

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

**SATURDAY, May 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

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



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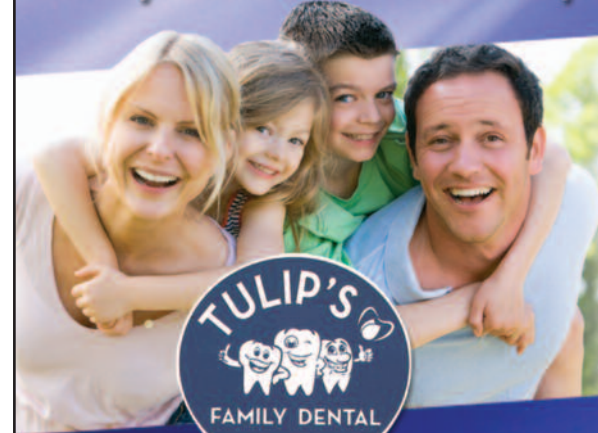
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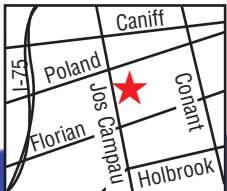
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