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Quick Hits

We don't often do this, but we are going to give up this space for a very important heads up from the good folks at Hamtown Farms.

Here's what Farms organizer Michael Davis wants you to know about a very special event coming up on Saturday, May 30. Take it away, Mike:

Something is growing on the city's south side.

Hamtown Farms, a unique non-profit community orchard and garden, is entering into its 4th growing season and you can be a part of its continued growth. At 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, rain or shine, volunteers will roll up their sleeves and spruce up the farm. Activities include planting vegetables, installing new pathways, and building new smaller raised beds for junior farmers.

As the farm enters into its fourth year, organizers reflect on everything that has gone into making the farm a valuable community asset. Getting to where they are today has been no cake walk.

Despite having to seek out private funding, at-

lawsuit is far from over **By Charles Sercombe**

As Hamtramck's infamous housing discrimination lawsuit inches ever closer to being settled once and for all, there are some plaintiffs in the case who feel left out.

"We have been done an injustice," says Charlene Sloan of Grand Haven.

Before we go on with her story, let's go back a bit in history. In the 1960s Hamtramck city officials tapped into federal "urban renewal" funds that were meant to clear out blighted areas and build anew.

But a group of African-

claimed city officials targeted mostly black neighborhoods in an effort to get rid of them. Flash forward and a class action lawsuit was filed against the city.

The case lingered for decades in federal court, but an agreement came along where the city agreed to build 200 housing units. Problem was, there was no money. All those funds for urban renewal were long gone.

Even if there had been money, both sides squabbled over how to proceed with building new housing and how plaintiffs could

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Charlene Sloan and Antionette Wimbush are plaintiffs in a longstanding housing discrimination lawsuit filed against Hamtramck over four decades ago. As the lawsuit nears its end, they and others still have griev-



Hamtramck Firefighter Nick Seward was named Fire Fighter of the Year at a recent Hamtramck Community Initiative dinner.

HCI honors those who serve the city

It was a night that Hamtramck celebrated all things Hamtramck – and especially those who serve the city.

The Hamtramck Community Initiative organization recently held its "Hamtramck's annual Finest" award ceremony.

Hamtramck firefighters, police officers, reserve officers and residents received kudos from the group.

The awards presentation was held in the banquet hall above Polonia Restaurant.

Here are the winners of the year's awards (information was provided by HCI):

Hamtramck Fire Fighter of the Year: Nick Seward - Nick is commended by HFD Chief Paul Wilk for life saving action on two occasions, along with the

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City hits a pothole in repairs

By Charles Sercombe

Pothole repairs are temporarily on hold.

During a meeting of the state Transition Advisory Board, which oversees city finances, Boardmember Cathy Square stressed the city has to follow its purchasing ordinance in awarding a contract for pothole repairs.

Square, who is the former Emergency Manager of Hamtramck, said the city erred in piggybacking on a contract that Southgate entered into.

"Hamtramck is a Home Rule city. It has its own ordinances," Square said.

And later she added: "You've got to follow the purchasing ordinance. You just have to. It's not op-

tional." Since Tuesday's TAB meeting, that interpretation has become less clear.

The Review called Square for an explanation on Thursday when the issue came to light but did not hear back from her by the time the paper went to press later that day.

What was clear, however, was that pothole repairs in Hamtramck came to a halt on Tuesday.

City Manager Katrina Powell says the takeaway point of the TAB's objection

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HCI honors those who serve the city

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crew, on February 2, 2014 and February 2, 2015.

Investigator Michael Stout is commended as the Hamtramck Police Officer of the Year, by Acting Chief Anne Moise. Investigator Stout is responsible for auto theft cases and has effectively handled hundreds of cases in the last year. He has also been commended by auto insurance companies for his outstanding efforts in solving auto theft crimes and keeping rates down.

Acting HPD Chief Anne Moise also chose Reserve Chief Kevin Szuminski as the Reserve Officer of the Year for his dedicated service and Dispatcher Andrew Robinson as the Civilian Employee of the Year. Andrew trains new dispatchers and often voluntarily takes on tasks for the benefit of the Department.

Hamtramck Resident of the Year Award goes to a group of high school students who responded to Susan Dunn's call for volunteers to shovel snow for Senior Citizens all winter long. They are: Albert Williams, Jr., Gulgar Matin, Mamoon Nagi, Kyon Jones, Azraf Bakth, Yousef Rageh, Oliver

Patel, Rich Man, Alen Talic, Deante Murray and Sean Pelak.

Hamtramck Student of the Year is Hamtramck High School student Amila Causevic. She exemplifies excellence as a student in every way. Amila has outstanding grades with a GPA of 3.87. She is a member of NHS and DECA, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Volleyball, the Student Action Team and Class Officer. All her teachers and the school administration have an outstanding opinion of

Hamtramck Community Initiative (HCI) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 dedicated to preventing crime and blight through "neighborhood watch" and block club organizing, graffiti removal, Town Hall meetings, community gardens, and community clean ups. HCI hosts the "Citizens Patrol" in cooperation with the Hamtramck Acting Police Chief, Ann

HCI meets the third Wednesday every month at City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 PM. Meetings are public and resident participation is

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acquire them.

And so some 30 years went by until city officials - with the help of Wayne County development officials - came up with a plan that both sides agreed on. Then just several years ago there was an infusion of federal dollars that sealed the deal and completed the housing construction - well almost, but that's a different story.

One of the deals that city officials and the plaintiffs' attorney, Michael Barnhart, agreed on was a home fix-up offer to homeowners in the Grand Haven-Dyar-Dequindre neighborhood, one of the neighborhoods targeted in the 1960s for housing demo.

These were residents who weren't chased out by the city during the 1960s urban renewal fiasco.

One of those residents is Charlene Sloan.

A deal offered about 10 years ago – or so – to her and other homeowners in the area was that they could receive free house renovations. The details of the plan are not immediately available, and the players in this deal are long gone.

Except for Barnhart, the plaintiff's attorney and still their current attorney.

The Review asked him to explain the details of the offer, but he refused to talk, saying: "I'm just not going to discuss matters involving my clientele. Have them give me a call."

Barnhart then abruptly hung up on a reporter, but then called back to apologize.

The last time Sloan said she talked to Barnhart he told her, "It's over

Since that conversation Sloan said she has been unable to get a hold of Barnhart. If he had taken her call, he would have heard plenty.

Sloan and three other residents from the neighborhood recently met with The Review.

They said that while it may look good on paper that they got free house fix-ups, the work performed was shoddy and incomplete.

Sloan said they even went to the federal judge overseeing the case all these years. Judge Damon Keith, who still handles the case even in his retirement.

"We tried to get him to listen to us," she said.

John McCotter owns a home at Dyar and Woodland which is 105 years old. He questions why anyone would bother to fix up a house that old.

"Why would you put a new door on a 100-yearold house?" he said.

Instead, McCotter said they should have demolished his house and built a new one – a new house just like other plaintiffs and their descendents were able to purchase with generous subsidies and tax breaks.

Anthony Whitlock lives

down the street from Sloan on Grand Haven.

He complains of yellow water from his water faucet and frozen pipes in the winter. The renovations he received were superficial at best.

"After a 30-year lawsuit that's all we got," he said. "What did Barnhart get paid?"

"We got nothing," Mc-Cotter added.

Barnhart's role in repre-

senting the housing plaintiffs has long been contentious and expen-

From January 2011 through February 2015, he has been paid \$905,305, according to financial records the city filed recently in federal court.

Yes, you read that right. The city has been paying Barnhart's salary per court order.

For all of the 40 years this case has dragged on Hamtramck taxpayers have been footing the

legal bills for Barnhart and the various city - and other - attorneys on the

It was not immediately known how much city attorneys have been paid. The current city attorney on the matter is John Clark. He did not return a call for comment, nor has he returned several other calls regarding this issue and other matters.

Barnhart has been the plaintiffs' attorney for most of the 40 years of the lawsuit's existence, and it's anyone's guess how much he has earned during that time.

Could be millions.

With their attorney not returning calls, Sloan said she hopes some other attorney will help her and her neighbors out, or maybe get a new judge appointed to take over the case.

"We've been asking but no one is listening," she



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This week at the library...

Reads Program.

children, "Don't Let the Pi-

geon Drive the Bus." This

is part of the Michigan

Registrations for the

Summer ESL Classes

Summer ESL classes will

be held on Mondays from

Meeting of the Library

Tuesday, June 2.

11 a.m. to noon.

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

Children's Movie Night - Tuesday, June 2 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 "Box-Trolls."

Make & Take Workshop - Wednesday, June 3 at 4 p.m. All children are invited to an arts and crafts workshop. This week's theme is "Youth

Family Story Time for Children - Thursday, June

4, at 6 p.m. Join your

friends at the library for a

reading of a storybook for

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 meeting.

volunteers to participate in the regular monthly Registrations for the **Children's Summer Read-**

ing 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 an continue to September 3. Students who are 12-17 years old are eligible to participate in the program.

Common Word Alliance of Hamtramck - Monday, June 29 at 7 p.m. The Hamtramck Common Word Alliance will hold its monthly meeting at the Library. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

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



School Bell

Kosciuszko Middle School

The KMS student council is very busy planning the KMS End of the Year Festi-

It will be on June 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be games, face painting, contests, prizes and food for sale for KMS students and families.

The KMS girls' soccer team has been on a hot

streak. Their current record

is 5 wins and 1 loss. This

year, the team is made up

of five returning 8th

graders and six new 7th

The Lady Cougars have

already scored 18 total

goals as a team and still

have a few games left. If

this scoring streak keeps

up, they will set a new

school record for most goals in a season by a

The Lady

graders.

KMS team.



Shawn Khan, Aldin Muhamedovic, Habibur Rahman, Waheedalam Laskar & Kamrul Hassan explore the relationships between distance and weight when balancing forces in Ms. Youmans' and Mr. Preston's Physical Science class.

Cougars are coached by Hasib Lekic, a former Hamtramck High School Boys' Varsity Soccer player. Go Cougars.

Hamtramck High School News

Approximately 20 students from Hamtramck High School won first place at the Mock Trial Competition held at the Wayne State University School.



It's Time to Pray, Please Join Us We are a Multicultural Parish Family Sunday English Mass 9 a.m. Everyone is Welcome to Worship with Us

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Above left: The KMS girls' soccer team has been on a hot streak. Their current record is 5 wins and 1 loss. Above right: Approximately 20 students from Hamtramck High School won first place at the Mock Trial Competition held at the Wayne State University Law School. Below: The Dickinson East Spring Concert featured music from the 1960s.



Dickinson East Elementary Spring Concert The Dickinson East

Team sponsors were Mr.

Anthony Battaglia from

Hamtramck High and Ms.

Heather Herbert of Neigh-

borhood Legal Services.

Spring Concert was a hit. The wonderful and talen-

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City hits a pothole in repairs

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to the city piggybacking on Southgate's contract is that the work needs to be bid out by Hamtramck, and she has no objection to

The advantage of piggybacking off of Southgate's contract in the first place, she said, was that it saved money and time and pushed forward pothole repairs as soon as possible.

Southgate hired Highway Maintenance & Construction, a Romulus-based company, over a year ago in April 2014, to fix its pot-

Hamtramck particularly wanted this contractor because of the method the company uses to fix potholes. Instead of throwing down cold patch, the company uses a spray patch method that seals in an asphalt mixture.

Southgate's City Engineer, John Hennessey, who also performs engineering consulting for Hamtramck, highly recommended the spray patch method to Southgate officials, according to an April 2014 report in the downriver area newspaper News Herald.

He said spray patching lasts anywhere from 18 months to three years. In recent years the city has relied on cold patching, which lasts only a few months before washing

Southgate agreed to pay \$365 per ton for spray asphalt, which is the same price Hamtramck was pay-

Bidding for the service should only take up to seven days, said Square.

At the time of the TAB meeting a work crew from **Highway Construction was** spray-filling potholes on Gallagher.

Now that the city can seek bids, there are other companies in the area that provide the same service that can join in on the bid process. In the long run Hamtramck may lose a few days in pothole repairs, but gain a savings.

In a brief internet search, The Review found two other local companies that perform the job, Spray Patch Road Repair, Inc. of Madison Heights, and SJR Pavement Repair of War-

Both companies said they could do the work here in Hamtramck. Mark Meek, the owner of Spray Patch, said he could even beat the price Hamtramck was paying.

In the meantime the city is developing a plan on how to go about fixing roads. This past winter appeared to be especially brutal on streets throughout the metro area. There are still many side streets here that have numerous and deep – potholes.

Quick Hits

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tending land use hearings, acquiring permits, and navigating a gut wrenching land auction the team has always maintained an unshakable sense of optimism.

The farm is located at 9026 Lumpkin, just south of the intersection of

Lumpkin and Holbrook. Activities for all ages and range of ability will kick off at 10 a.m. Lunch, provided by Amicci's Pizza and Maria's

House Made Salsa, as

well as dessert, compli-

ments of Rock City Eatery will be served at noon. At 3 p.m. private free raised beds will be distributed to community members wishing to grow on the farm. Do note, for those requesting a private raised bed, a \$5 refundable deposit will be necessary to cover the cost of a water tank adapter. To learn more about

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townfarms.

Hamtramck, MI 48212 Hamtown Farms and the volunteer day visit their facebook page- https://



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Veterans and residents pay their respect to our war dead

By Charles Sercombe

Each year the number of Hamtramck veterans who come out to commemorate Memorial Day gets smaller and smaller.

But no matter, the tradition will carry on said Gary Nosis, a member of the Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council.

"As long as two veterans are alive, we're going to be here," Nosis said.

on Monday, where for the service. The HAVC and last several years the PLAV Post 10 Ritual team Parish has welcomed vets with a special Mass and service.

As customary, veterans representing different

posts in the city presented wreaths in honor of those who sacrificed "Here," was at St. Lad's their lives in times of fired three volleys at the end of the ceremony.

> Afterward, it was hotdogs, potato salad and cold beer at Post 10.



A Memorial Day service was held on Monday at St. Lad's Church.



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tented Kindergarten through 6th grade choirs were rockin' the '60s as they sang songs from the Beatles, The Monkees, The Foundations, Bob Dylan and Stevie Wonder. Teachers, Mr. Rautio and Mr. Duncan also shared their musical talent with the audience.

Hamtramck High School Lady Cosmos varsity soccer news

On May 20, the Lady Cosmos varsity soccer team defeated Detroit Western 2-1 to claim the inaugural Detroit Metro High School Soccer Alliance tournament championship. They will now compete in the MHSAA districts game.

Events taking place for the week of June 1st-June 5th

Kosciuszko Middle School

 Monday, June 1 — Kosciuszko Middle School NJHS induction ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

Dickinson East Elementary School

- Tuesday, June 2 Dickinson East multicultural celebration from 5:30-7 p.m.
- Thursday, June 4 Friends of Historical Hamtramck PowerPoint presentation of Hamtramck Public School buildings and school history. Dickinson East auditorium 4 p.m. \$10 admission.

tary School

Last day for Preschool stu- School 6 p.m. dents.

Early Childhood Elemen- Hamtramck High School

 Friday, June 5 — Grad-Thursday, June 4 — uation for Hamtramck High



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Please be advised there is a Budget Hearing scheduled for Oakland International Academy for the 2015-2016 school year, to be held at 8228 Conant Street, Detroit, Michigan 48211 on June 15, 2015 at 5:30pm.

All public are welcome to attend.

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Caniff Liberty Academy

Notice of Budget Hearing Caniff Liberty Academy 2015-2016 School Budget

Please be advised there is a Budget Hearing scheduled for Caniff Liberty Academy for the 2015-2016 school year, to be held at 2650 Caniff Street, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212 on June 16, 2015 at 5:30pm.

All public are welcome to attend.

248-372-7673. Arrangements must be made 48 hours in advance of the meeting

A copy of the budget is located at 2650 Caniff Street Hamtramck, MI 48212

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Proposed 2015-2016 Budget Public Hearing

DATE: June 12, 2015

LOCATION: Academy of International Studies

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Hamtramck, MI 48212

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at Academy of International Studies School Board Offices, 3056 Hanley Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Telephone: (313) 347-0026.

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The Academy of International Studies Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A pre-bid meeting will not be scheduled. A copy of the RFP will be available by e-mail at gmach@hanleyharpergroup.com by June 15, 2015. Potential bidders are asked to email their questions to gmach@hanleyharpergroup.com by June 19, 2015. The

school district will e-mail its response to these questions by June 24, 2015. All proposals must be submitted no later than 11:00 am on July 8, 2015. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Academy of International Studies c/o Hanley Harper Group and be clearly marked: Food Service



Vended Meal Proposal.

Review: Opinion Page

Hamtramck Review

In Our Opinion

A nagging question: What to do about people without water?

On the one hand, getting your water service shut off by the city is a bad thing.

On the other hand, the city can't afford to give away that service for

It's alarming that some 30 percent of our households and businesses have failed to keep up with their bills and are faced with shutoffs. About 100 households and businesses have not only had their service turned off, they also failed to have it turned back on.

That may create a serious health hazard in the community, especially with the city ready to begin another round

of shutoffs.

Hamtramck is not alone in this issue. Detroit is also poised to cut off water service to tens of thousands of residents because of overdue water bills.

The source for this

tragedy has been the economic collapse since 2008. Sure there have been some signs of improvement, economicwise, but many have been left behind. So the nagging ques-

tion is: What are we going to do about folks who have no water serv-

The problem is far too big for small cities like Hamtramck to shoulder. But it's clear that as a

society we can't have people without access to water.

And it looks like asking the state to step in will be useless since legislators can't even come to an agreement on how to fix our crumbling roads.

On the local level, it's going to come down to neighbors helping neighbors. If you know someone who has been cut off from water service, lend a hand, offer to fill containers of water, let them use your shower and so on.

Yes, that's a big imposition, but this appears to be desperate days for some. Turning a blind eye is not an option.

The lore of Hamtramck ...

Hollywood comes to Hamtramck

By Greg Kowalski

Hamtramck has had many brushes with Hollywood stars.

Gene Hackman and Al Pacino were here to film "Scarecrow."

"Polish Wedding" was filmed in town and a and Fred Kovaleski, who would go on to win at Wimbledon.

Ed Roszak, Wally Preston

pretty good. It had just played in the National Boys Indoor Tennis championship in New York Horton returned to be

made him a star in the movies.

Horton seemed to have a great time as well, so Hamtramck's team was much so that he became a regular visitor to Hamtramck well into the 1960s. In January, 1943,



Edward Everett Horton (left) meets with Jean Hoxie and Hamtramck High School Principal E.M. Conklin in May 1942 during one of Horton's visits to Hamtramck.

Odds & Ends

So close ... Oh come on. The fundraiser to help renovate Pope Park is just a few thousand dollars short of its goal.

As of today, Friday, May 29, there are only four 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

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 Friday some 181 people had kicked in a total of \$21,042. Come on readers, they are al-

most there. You can donate online by going to:

https://www.patronicity.com/project/pope_par

k_renovation__ham-

Or, if you like the oldfashioned way, make out a check to the Karol Woityla Hamtramck Park Committee, and mail it to that group at: P.O. Box 12248, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

Volunteers needed ... On June 5 volunteers are needed to help plant trees throughout the city. Hamtramck's Beautification Committee and the Greening of Detroit will be planting trees on Yemans and Belmont streets, but they need your help.

The planting starts at 9:30 a.m. and volunteers will meet up at Pope Park.

Any groups or citizens interested in attending are asked to contact Volunteer Manager, Julia Sartor at julia@greeningofdetroit.co m or call her at (313) 285-1254.

There are 55 potential locations and only small shade trees, such as Hornbeams and Ironwood trees and ornamentals such as

Serviceberry and Thornless Hawthorns, will be planted due to the shallow width of the tree lawns.

Breaking news ... On Wednesday, May 27, Hamtramck police say an individual robbed PNC Bank at Jos. Campau and Caniff.

The incident happened at 12:15 p.m. No other details were provided. Police did release a photo of the suspect, who could either be a man or a woman. The suspect is an African-American who is wearing what looks like a blond wig and

Anyone who has information about the robbery or suspect is asked to call the Hamtramck Police Department at (313) 876-7800.



number of Hamtramckans found fame and fortune in Tinsel Town.

But only one movie star ever came to Hamtramck to play tennis. His name was Edward Everett Horton, and you probably have to be at least over age 50 to remember him.

But he was a genuine movie star who appeared in a host of great films including "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World." His final film was "Cold Turkey," a 1971 comedy that is fairly hilarious.

Between films Horton toured in theater productions, occasionally passing through Detroit. It was during an appearance at the Cass Theatre in January, 1940, that he heard about Hamtramck's extraordinary tennis program under the direction of Jean Hoxie.

Horton loved to play tennis. So off he came to Hamtramck where he visited Hamtramck High School - "and won the hearts of the students," The Citizen newspaper reported. In short order he was playing indoor tennis with some of Hamtramck's best, including

where Kovaleski made it to the semifinals. Horton

challenged

them - and got his butt kicked by one boy after another. "He didn't quite meas-

ure up to the aggressive youngsters," the paper noted.

But he apparently had a great time and the school was so happy to have him that he was invited back to put on a one-man show two days later. News of his impending visit spread fast, and by the time he came back attendance school soared that day. He was a hit there, per-

guest speaker at the Hamtramck Rotary Club.

In warmer weather he played tennis at the park and grew to know Hoxie, at one point commenting that he'd like to take lessons from her.

If you get a chance, check out some of Horton's films. They have beautifully up through the years. His comedic style appears timeless.

You can learn more about Hamtramck's connection to Hollywood at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunforming some of the rou- day and by appointment. tines and scenes that Call (313) 893-5027.

Obituaries

KONDOFF

Thomas Kondoff, 84, died May 23, 2015.

Mr. Kondoff was predeceased by his son, Steven in 2003. He is survived by sons, Thomas, Isaac; daughters, Anna, Tanya (Wesley) Williams; grand-Victoria, daughters, Rachel; many nieces and nephews.

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Mr. Kondoff was a retired restaurant chef and a member of the Macedon-Club Association (Ljubojno).

Funeral services were held at St. Mary Macedonian Orthodox Church on May 27, with burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Krot Funeral Home.

Letters • Letters

A thank you to those who came to the rescue

Recently, I had to call 911 because my husband was having a stroke.

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I was told by the doctors and nurses in the ER that the quick response by the EMT's and police officers saved my husband from becoming paralyzed.

I can't thank all of you enough for your help and concern. God bless you!

Mrs. B. Tolentino **Hamtramck**

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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on May 12, and all councilmembers, except Anam Miah and Mohammed Hassan, were present. Before the regular council meeting a work session was held.

A discussion was held in the work session on a motion that the council would be entertaining later that evening about establishing a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone, which would affect plaintiffs in a longstanding housing discrimination lawsuit.

City Assessor Jay Singh said the NEZ is "a tool to help revitalize distressed" areas.

Councilmember Robert Zwolak noted that some of the plaintiffs who received subsidized housing have been having problems paying taxes and some of the houses are in foreclosure.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski questioned the status of city contractor Platinum Landscaping.

City Manager Katrina Powell replied: "Can I get back to you on that?"

It was noted that the city hired a company to collect illegally dumped tires.

Mark Ragsdale, the Director of Public Services, said he recently met with the city's engineer to tour every street in the city.

From that tour a plan will be worked out on how to proceed with street re-

Ragsdale said pothole repairs began and will continue every day at a cost of \$3,300 per day.

Councilmember Zwolak asked if there was an end date to the repair work or whether there was a "blank check."

Ragsdale said work will continue "until we tell them to stop."

City Manager Katrina Powell added: "We'll do as many streets we can get done by June 30."

Ragsdale also noted that the city saved money from not having to snow plow too much this past

Zwolak said: "Don't tell me that."

Asked to explain that comment, Zwolak said that Jos. Campau was not plowed. Ragsdale said that Jos. Campau is under the control of Wayne County.

City Manager Katrina Powell said she met with county officials about repaving Conant. She said the city is 86th on a list of roads to be repaired in the county. Conant is owned and maintained by the county.

She said the county considers Conant a "minor" road based on the amount

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of traffic that travels on it. Conant. Powell said. has not been repaved since 1974.

To get the street repaved, she added, Detroit would have to agree

to dedicate federal street repair funds it receives for its side of Conant that runs through Hamtramck.

In the regular meeting during the public comment portion, Mickey Pokoj said that the city's garbage hauler "dumped" garbage as it was emptying a dumpster.

He said the city needs to make sure the company cleans up the spilled de-

Kathy Angerer Community & Economic Develop-Director businesses will have a chance to be a part of a city map that will advertise local businesses.

Councilmember Musa said the city's water bills that include notices printed in the Bengali lan-

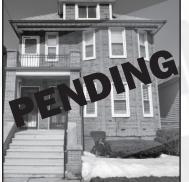
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City Manager Powell gave her report. She said she is working on hiring someone to cut the grass in Veterans Park. The Public School District had been providing that serv-



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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers May 19-25.

CRIME LOG

Tuesday, May 19

No incident report was available for this date.

Wednesday, May 20

- Two teenagers were arrested after being caught spray-painting garages in the 2600 block of Holmes.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for assault and battery and also obstruction.
- At almost 1 a.m. officers impounded a car after the driver offered fraudulent proof of insurance. At almost 4 a.m. a
- resident said that two men, armed with a gun, robbed him of cash and his car, a 2007 Toyota Camry.
- A man was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant during an investigation of a suspicious situation at Carpenter and Mackay.
- A landlord reported a former tenant took appliances out of his rental dwelling in the 5100 block of Belmont.
- · A juvenile was arrested for shooting off fireworks in Keyworth Stadium.

Thursday, May 21

- · At 4:20 a.m. officers checked on a business alarm in the 8800 block of Jos. Campau. The building was cleared and an open door was secured.
- · A resident was arrested following a traffic stop for driving without a license and having improper plates.
- A Charest resident was issued a ticket for allowing their dog to roam free. A resident com-
- electrical meter installed at her residence. A resident reported

his daughter is missing.

plained about an illegal

- A man reported that while at Harold and Conant he was approached by another man who demanded his money and
- A man was arrested after a traffic stop for possessing narcotic paraphernalia.

then assaulted him.

- A man reported he was stopped by four men in the 3400 block of Doremus who then stole his Samsung cell phone.
- A man reported the theft of his Dodge Stratus from the 10300 block of Jos. Campau.

Friday, May 22

- A resident was arrested following a traffic stop for carrying a concealed weapon.
- · At 2 a.m. a resident was arrested following a traffic stop for possessing narcotic paraphernalia. · At 4 a.m. a resident in
- front door and was pistolwhipped by a man accompanying his roommate's ex-girlfriend. The suspects then fled.
- A man reported someone damaged his car while it was parked in front of his residence. Officers assisted em-
- ployees from the Department of Public Works with a water service shutoff. · As 12:30 p.m. a man
- reported he was approached by two men while in the 2200 block of Poland who "borrowed" his cell phone and then fled in a 2002 Ford Explorer. A woman reported
- being assaulted by her boyfriend at their residence. The boyfriend fled before officers arrived. A man reported a ju-

venile stole his cell phone, but officers apprehended the juvenile. The juvenile was released to his mother.

 A missing juvenile was recovered in the 12000 block of Grand Haven, but her father was arrested for interfering with officers.

Saturday, May 23

- · At 2 a.m. officers recovered a car that had been carjacked in Hamtramck.
- A woman reported damage to her car while it was parked in front of her residence. The woman said her rear and side windows were broken out.
- A resident was arrested for driving without a license.
- A Hanley resident reported she found her stolen bike at a business in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.
- A resident recovered a street sign stolen by a person in a red and white pickup.

Sunday, May 24

- · At 12:20 a.m. a Detroit teen was arrested for violating the curfew law. He was turned over to his mother.
- · At 12:37 a.m. a blue Caravan was stolen while it was parked in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- · A resident reported the theft of his Plymouth Voyager while it was parked in front of his residence on Dyar.
- A man reported a the 1900 block of Nor- break-in at his Commor walk said he opened his house and the theft of assorted tools.
 - A Holbrook resident was bitten by a neighbor's dog. The dog's owner was located and arrested for being wanted on a warrant. The owner was also ticketed for allowing his dog to run free and for being vicious.

Monday, May 25 A person reported the

- theft of a laptop computer and headphones from a residence in the 12000 block of Lumpkin. · A woman reported
- someone broke the window of her rear door at a residence in the 9500 block of Conant. A woman reported
- that her ex-husband's mother is abusing her two children during parenting time with their father.

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Hindu community celebrates

birth of Buddha

By Charles Sercombe

Last Monday was a very special occasion for Hamtramck and Detroit's Bangladesh Hindu community.

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About 100 members of the community gathered at PNA Hall on Conant to commemorate the holiday. There were cultural dances, prayers and discussions on Buddha.

Also on hand were Mayor Karen Majewski, Public Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay and Review Publisher John Ulaj.

Mayor Majewski welcomed the gathering, saying: "Hamtramck is a city that welcomes people from all over the world. ... This is a city you can feel at home."

Both Niczay and Ulaj reminded those present—the millage.

of an upcoming school millage renewal election on Aug. 4 and the need to support it.

Ulaj said he is a product of the public schools, which has also produced doctors and lawyers.

"It's a school district that welcomes diversity," he said.

Niczay warned that there was an anonymous flyer that was distributed before special February Election in the community that falsely promised an extra \$500 in savings if the millage renewal was rejected.

Niczay reminded those at the hall that only a select few pay the millage: Those who own rental dwellings and those who own commercial properties. He said people who own their own their home or rent do not pay



Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay speaks at a gathering celebrating the birth of Buddha.







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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, service and social events. Add your voice on any neighborhood concern.

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