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Quick Hits

It's fireworks season. On Monday, June 22, the Detroit Fireworks will take place, as usual, on the Detroit River.

This year's fireworks display is hosted by Ford Motor Company.

One way to enjoy the fireworks without having to go downtown is to gather on the Caniff overpass, where you can get a pretty decent view of the show.

Also this weekend, on Friday night (June 19) at 9 p.m. there will be a free shadow puppet show and live music at 2221 Carpenter. It's part of an ongoing arts program this summer sponsored by the Carpenter Exchange.

Tonight's performance is called "O Motherland."

And then on Saturday, June 20, there will be a free pinewood derby workshop and barbecue at Pops Packing, located at 12138 St. Aubin. That goes from 1 to 5 p.m.

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City is back on the road to fixing potholes again

By Charles Sercombe

Just in case you missed this last week in our special public schools issue, the city's pothole repair program is back on track.

But before we get to that, prepare to be inconvenienced this week.

The Detroit Water Department needs to shut down Jos. Campau today, Friday, June 19, at 7 p.m. for a full week. Repairs need to be made to a water main at Jos. Campau and Trowbridge.

Traffic will be blocked off

at Caniff to Holbrook.

Last week we reported the work was going to begin on June 12, but that was pushed back to this week.

The road is owned and maintained by Wayne County and the city has no say in the matter.

Mark Ragsdale, the Director of Public Services in Hamtramck, said the road repair is what will take longer. That's because Jos. Campau has to be able to support the

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Pothole repairs will begin once again by early next week. The city was dealt a setback a few weeks ago when a state board overseeing financial decisions demanded a new contract, which caused a delay in repairs.

Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 21st

It's fix up time for homes

By Charles Sercombe

For decades Hamtramck has run hot and cold when it comes to enforcing housing codes.

You can now say the city is in its hot mode.

Barbara Cotter is one of possibly dozens of homeowners who have received a letter from the city's Department of Community & Economic Development detailing repairs that need to be made, and completed within two weeks.

The letter also says that failure to comply with the city's demand can result in a misdemeanor ticket and the possibility of 90 days in jail.

That threat is what particularly upset Cotter.

"The rebellious side of me said 'OK, take me to jail because I didn't fix my porch,'" Cotter said.

More problematic was the two-week deadline and coming up with the money to fix the needed repairs.

"The house needs lots of repairs we can't afford," Cotter said.

But Kathy Angerer, the Director of Community Development, said there was no need for alarm. She said the city is willing to work with homeowners and grant extensions.

She said the point of the letters is for homeowners to start taking action to

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Second Front Page

More trees taking root in neighborhoods

By Charles Sercombe

Thanks to dozens of volunteers, Hamtramck is looking greener.

Recently, volunteers planted 58 trees around the city's Downtown Development Authority district, mostly in the central part of the Jos. Campau business area.

The event was organized by the city's Beautification Commission, the Greening of Detroit and the city's Department of Community & Economic Development.

Kathy Angerer, the Director of Community & Economic Development, said the project had been in the works for months.

"This area surrounding



Volunteers recently planted trees in the central business area of Hamtramck. City officials say more plantings will likely continue in the fall.

our DDA district was selected to add to the walkability of our neighborhoods as residents and visitors come to shop," Angerer said in an email. "Other neighborhoods have been targeted for future plantings."

A variety of trees that will survive better in an urban setting were selected. Angerer said she plans to apply for more grants to plant trees. She said another planting will likely happen in the fall.

Trees, she said, serve a number of purposes.

"Not only will these trees will add to the beauty of our neighborhoods, they will provide oxygen, shade, and have a positive economic influence on property values and neighborhood desirability," Angerer said.

It's fix up time for homes

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ward code compliance.

"The goal is to have homeowners improve their properties. As long as forward progress is being made we work with the homeowner," Angerer told The Review.

"If property owners ignore the notice, we list the action that will be taken. Some homeowners state that repairs are too many for a short period of time. We give them more time, but follow up regularly to make certain that issues of 'health and safety' are addressed promptly."

In the case of Cotter, she was given a month extension to make repairs.

There will likely be more

homeowners upset with the city as more letters are mailed out.

"Building inspectors walk the neighborhoods on both the front sidewalk and down the alley doing inspections," Angerer said.

"They note items like broken garage doors, windows, peeling paint, roofs in disrepair, broken or missing handrails or any of a variety of other 'property maintenance' issues. A letter is sent to the property owner listing the violations and asking them to contact the department."

In the past when the city cracked down on code violations there would inevitably be a backlash from homeowners. Past administrations would eventually back down.

But this is a new era for Hamtramck. The city recently emerged from a fi-

nancial emergency and being under the control of a state-appointed emergency manager.

Although there is no longer direct state control of the city, the roles of the mayor and city council have been greatly curtailed until a state-appointed Transition Advisory Board, which overlooks all financial decisions made by the city manager, is dissolved.

That situation has left the city administration pretty much immune from political pressure to reverse things like code enforcement.

In other words, don't expect code enforcement to go away any time soon.

Angerer said despite the city's past history, the main message should be this:

"You should voluntarily take pride in home ownership."



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School Bell

Holbrook Elementary School News

On Wednesday, June 10th, Holbrook hosted the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum for a family science night. They explored animal bones, made rockets and learned about different types of animal adaptations along with many other fun experiments. It was a great night full of fun and learning.

Kosciuszko Fun Fair

A new tradition has begun at KMS. This year the student council de-

cided to celebrate the end of the school year with an outdoor fair. Judging by the turnout on Monday, it was a huge success.



Above and below: Kosciuszko Middle School students celebrate the end of the school year with an outdoor fair.

All Schools

• Thursday, June 25 – Final Report cards mailed to all students.

At Dickinson West it's truly a small world

By the Dickinson West School Improvement Team

The Dickinson West Elementary School family enjoyed a wonderful evening of family sharing and educational fun.

The Dickinson West community was proud to present the "3rd Annual Passport to Learning Family Night." This program is a showcase of all the wonderful lessons learned during the school year.

Each family received a Passport upon arrival so they could begin their journey of discovery. The theme for this year was "Countries of the World." Families were able to participate in a fun family activity highlighting the wonders of each county.

Mrs. Bradley's class took each family on an adventure through Australia and the Australian out-

back. Mrs. Sliwinski's and Mrs. Twymon's third grade classes gave a romantic tour of France. Paris was the first stop on this journey of French culture and architecture. Mrs. Stoddard's fourth grade class explored the wonders of Spain.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade students performed a dance to the song Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars. While Mr. Kupiec put on an art show for the parents, Mr. Jones challenged the students and parents to display their throwing arms.

It was especially fun to watch two fathers concentrate to get a higher grade than their sons and daughters. This evening of family is always a great event and once again we proved the Dickinson West family knows how to have a good time while learning.



Above: Holbrook Elementary School hosted the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum for a family science night. Below: HHS graduating seniors continued the school's tradition of a final walk-through the school.



By Shalika Robie Director of Special Services Department

My, how time flies... another school year successfully coming to an end!

As I reflect on this past year it has been wonderful. As a new member to the Hamtramck Public Schools family I found much compassion, patience and understanding from the families of Hamtramck.

As the new Director this year for the Special Services Department, I have continually been in awe of the staff within the Special Services Department and the level of commitment, dedication and professionalism they show while providing services for the Hamtramck Public School's students and families.

The staff didn't allow the change in leadership to affect their level of services rendered nor the pace in which it was executed. I have had a chance to meet lots of students and forge a few relationships with students and their families alike. The students of Hamtramck are creative,



Shalika Robie

pleasant and respectful! The Hamtramck com-

munity offers a culture and experience unlike any other and it's a wonderful place to be. Our Special Services team has already begun the process of reflecting over this past school year and refining our practices even more to better serve our students and families for the 2015-2016 school year.

We are looking forward to ending this year on a positive note and being refreshed and well rested for the upcoming one.

My highlights for this year were having a chance to package turkeys for

families of Hamtramck with the gentlemen from the Order of the Alhambra organization, reading to students at Dickinson East, Dickinson West, Holbrook and Early Childhood Elementary Schools and also attending my first of many Hamtramck and Horizon High School graduations, watching the students and their families celebrate the accomplishment of high school completion along with transitioning from being teenagers to young adults.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Public schools are part of the fabric of our community

Last week and part of this week’s issue, you may have noticed, was dedicated to our Public School District.

The district is one of the city’s most valuable jewels. It’s an institution that has boasted of educational excellence for generations. And it’s where all cultures of the city meet.

It’s been that way for generations, and it’s no wonder the high school’s team name is called the Cosmos – short for Cosmopolitans.

Our district is truly a melting pot of ethnicities, and the students who attend schools here benefit greatly from that experience. In short, we are the world, and anyone who experiences that kind of upbringing will be ready for the world.

You can’t get that kind of life experience anywhere else.

With this in mind, it’s important to make sure the public schools remain financially solvent. The district is coming out of a budget deficit thanks to some very smart planning by our school officials and school superintendent, Tom Niczay.

That’s why we need to keep the ball rolling, so to speak, and support a school millage renewal that will appear on the Aug. 4 ballot.

Unfortunately, there are some folks out there plotting to destroy our public schools in order to allow the encroaching charter schools to take over. These folks, who work behind the scenes and spread anonymous claims, are falsely telling folks they will save money if they defeat the millage.

That is simply not true for the average voter. Only those who own rental dwellings and commercial buildings will realize a savings.

All of our property values depend on a strong public school district.

By supporting our schools you essentially support the value of your own house. Vote YES this Aug. 4 for the school millage renewal.

Anyone who tells you that you will save money by voting this millage down is a liar. For the average homeowner, this millage will cost you nothing – nothing.

If you vote against it, you are voting against secure property values and your house will end up being worth far less. So in the long run, you will lose money by voting this millage down.

Don’t let the liars win this election.

Pope Park fundraiser brings community together

Hamtramck has once again proven it comes through when needed.

Recently, the Karol Wojtyla Hamtramck Committee hosted an online fundraiser seeking at least \$25,000 in donations in order to receive another \$25,000 from a state development agency.

The committee exceeded that goal by several thousand dollars.

Committee member Andrea Karpinski said many of the contributions came in from ordinary folks who chipped in \$10 and \$20 – modest sums from modest folks.

We agree with her: That’s the way it should be. Hamtramckans are largely working class people who live on a pretty tight budget. They can’t afford much, but when they are asked to contribute to a worthy cause, they do what they can.

Now that’s Hamtramck.


The money donated will go a long way in renovating the park and continuing its maintenance for generations to come.

The park committee deserves a round of thanks, as well as Kathy Angerer, the city’s Director of Community & Economic Development, who donated a lot of her time and knowledge to make this fundraiser a success.

In the end, we are all winners. Pope Park is truly an asset to the community, and it adds that extra special something to Hamtramck.

Obituaries

HOWELL




Cleo Howell (nee Karas), 76, died June 5, 2015.

Former resident of Hamtramck and currently of Lexington, MI. Wife of the late Richard.

She is survived by her sisters, Annette Datko, Bessie (Joe) Johnson and Mary (John Hippo) Hynarowicz; nieces and nephews John Jr (Renata), Joe(Mariah), D'Ann (Leon) and Kathy (Brian) ; great-nephews Jake, Da-Shaun (Tony) and Leon Jr, and Jake; great-niece, Megan.

Visitation Saturday, June 20, noon to 4 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

GIVEINS



Dennis Allen Giveins; died in the hospital on June 8, 2015 after a lengthy illness.

He was 74 years old. Dennis was born to John and Dorothy Giveins. He was a member of the 3rd & 4th degree of the K of C, Alhambra, Amvets, VFW, and PLAV#6. He retired from Chrysler on December 31, 2001.

He loved his dogs; he loved kids, he had a passion for life and in life he did it his way.

Dennis is survived by his niece Cindy Kallapure, his nephews Terry Miklos and Ronald Aneed, his step-daughters, Christine and Juanita; great uncle,

Teri Acedillo.

He was great great uncle to Richard and Kelly Kallapure and Joseph Jordan and grandfather to Ryan and Stephanie.

Dennis was preceded in death by his wife, Diane; sister, Evelyn Chrabaszewski; brothers, Lawrence, Melvin, William and Norman, and his niece, Sandy Swick-Owiesny.

Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. Burial of cremated remains at Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date.



Letters • Letters

On Father’s Day, a special letter of thanks

Dear Dad,

You surround and shield our Hamtramck and dwelling this day, this night, in fact, all times and hours. You are a blessing of God. How grateful I am.

In you, as a child, I felt safe and secure. All nine of us did 'til the day you died, dear dad! Thank you!

I learned from you, and mom, what I live out today: My deep roots and relations, and, fast and hurried walking in our 2-mile trek from the Detroit City Airport to Miller and Townsend for school and praise of our heavenly Father who is more than Maker, Mother, Creator, and, the One I try daily to unite with now to help my heart, my city and my street to reside in calm and peace in how to pray often. We talked and walked, and, talked some more at supper each evening on Arcola Street in our 2-story aluminum-sided home near Lynch Rd.

We walked single file with you in front of our long and lingering parade and procession along Van Dyke with you leading like a train's engine, and mom, Patti and me with mom at the caboose, it seemed, since we had the littlest feet to fast forward.

Where did dad learn to walk so fast, and, to farm in Port Austin, MI., and, to work so hard at the Budd Company? Raking the leaves and sweeping the floors, shoveling snow, peddling Free Press newspapers, scrubbing tombstones, and serving ice cream at Dairy Queen trained me well to watch over and care for my flock today, my family in the town square, Pope Park, and, Elmwood Park by the MLK., Jr. Apts at Lafayette/Chene, not to mention 15/ Harper wherw I reside now with Woof and Cara, my 4-legged companions.

With inner faith and fervor you showed me to be resilient, how to bounce back and rise from the predicaments of betrayal, rejection, sickness, exclusion, and, corruption, and headaches of life's brief hearbeats, and, jaunt before you call us home to heaven (unless other plans are in my mind far from your divine plan).

Dad, above all, you gave me the strength to be honest, to stoop low to lift up the lowliest, and to be true, tender and joy filled through life's downs, ups and all else along this beautiful path of life's road. What a wonderful world, Louis Armstrong's word I like to awaken to most days before the sun breaks.

I grew up just like you, dad.

I did. And, for being there always, all ways, thanks.

You were/are the wind beneath my 66-year-old wings now as a light in the dark, and, like a candle in the breeze aflame with hope even when only a little light holds hope, as you once held me, to keep on walking.

After all, I really learned who is my Father! I did, from you, dear dad!

Your Grateful Son, Larry (Ventline)
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Candidates are all up to date on city bills, says city clerk

By Charles Sercombe

City council candidates are good to go.

A few weeks ago the City Clerk’s Office mailed letters to all of the nine candidates reminding them that in order to hold office, they must be up-to-date on all bills owed to the city.

That means they couldn’t have unpaid bills for property taxes, income taxes, water service or anything else. In fact, according to the city charter, Hamtramck elected officials and appointees can’t owe money to any government agency.

City Clerk August Gitschlag said there were three candidates, Saad Almasmari, Mohamed Alsomiri and Frank Woodman, who were behind on property taxes, but they paid up after receiving the letter.

Gitschlag said he sent all city departments a request to review their files to see if the candidates had overdue bills. The request was not extended to any other government agency.

Gitschlag said he sent out the letters of reminder to avoid repeating past instances where some office holders owed the city thousands of dollars in back taxes or for water service.

“I wanted them to take care of it,” he said.

The nine candidates will be on the Aug. 4 ballot. The top six vote-getters will then go on to square-off in the November Election. That election will determine who will fill three seats on council for the next four years.

Six candidates are challenging incumbents Anam Miah, Abu Musa and Robert Zwolak.

Besides Almasmari, Alsomiri and Woodman, the other challengers include Cathie Gordon, Susan Dunn, and Monzurul Karim.

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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 26, and all councilmembers were present. Before the regular council meeting a work session was held.

A discussion was held on a proposal to have the state of Michigan take over income tax collection as a way to streamline the process.

City Clerk August Gitschlag said at this point it is only a proposal being made by other cities.

Another discussion was held on the city issuing financial bonds to raise \$7 million to fund sewer repairs. The bonds will be paid off by an increase in the water service rate.

It was not said how much of an increase will be passed on. Construction is expected to begin in October.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski questioned why some sidewalk slabs are marked in pink spray paint. There was no clear consensus on the reason,

but it was suspected that it had to do with DTE Energy work being performed throughout the city.

During the public comment portion of the regular meeting, retired firefighter Bill Kinsman

complained about his water bill. He said he is being double-charged.

"I don't feel like I'm being treated fairly," he said.

A presentation was made on the upcoming sewer repair project.

Councilmember Robert Zwolak said he prefers to have voters decide on

whether to seek bonds to fund the project since homeowners will be faced with paying increased water rates.

Zwolak also objected to a \$7 fee being tacked onto water bills for sanitation collection.

"The sanitation fee has nothing to do with water-sewerage," he said.

For that reason Zwolak said he won't support seeking bonds for the sewer repair project.

City Manager Katrina Powell said she was instructed by the Transition Advisory Board to seek bids for pothole repairs, which will mean a disruption in the repair project.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers June 9-15.

Tuesday, June 9

- A person reported the theft of their 2000 Dodge Caravan while it was parked in the 2000 block of Norwalk.
- Royal Market on Jos. Campau reported receiving a bad check.
- A man reported someone attempted to withdraw \$2,955 from his bank account via Western Union.
- Michigan State Police reported they found an elderly man who had been reported as missing. The man was taken home.
- An agent for St. Joseph's Nursing home reported an employee who had been fired failed to return a laptop.
- A juvenile reported someone took his bike, a black Mongoose with a black front tire and a white rear tire. The bike was stolen from the Lumpkin-Edwin area.
- A man reported a garage break-in in the 9300 block of McDougall.

Wednesday, June 10

- A 13-year-old resident reported his black and white Mongoose bike was stolen.
- A resident in the 11500 block of Nagel reported a garage break-in. The resident said his red

Homelite weed eater was stolen.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for robbery after he used force to steal an iPhone from a Hamtramck resident in the 10200 block of Jos. Campau. The phone was recovered and the suspect was charged with multiple felonies and was also wanted on a warrant from St. Clair Shores for a probation violation. A Hamtramck woman was also placed under arrest during the investigation for having three outstanding Hamtramck warrants.
- A woman was arrested after striking a man on a bike with her car and then fleeing the scene. The victim was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital with a serious head injury.
- An agent of a business in the 10200 block of Jos. Campau was chasing after a group of suspects who stole his cell phone when another person in his store stole his laptop that was sitting on a counter.
- A man reported someone broke into his house in the 3800 block of Miller through an unlocked front door.
- A man reported the theft of his dumpster trailer in the 8600 block of Jos. Campau.
- A person reported receiving threatening phone calls.
- A man reported the theft of his handicap sign in front of his residence in the 2600 block of Zinow.
- A man reported the theft of his daughter's bike from his garage in the 2700 block of Belmont.

off a porch in the 2300 block of Neibel.

Friday, June 12

- A resident dropped off a purse at the police station. The purse was found on the sidewalk in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- At almost midnight, a woman reported that after she walked in on an argument between her sister and her sister's boyfriend, she left her sister's residence. The boyfriend followed the woman outside and punched her in the face and broke her cell phone as she tried to call police.
- A woman reported the theft of her Chevrolet Impala while it was parked on Dorothy.
- A break-in of a garage in the 11000 block of Mitchell was reported.
- A Belmont woman reported that someone she knows broke her front door window following an argument.
- A man in the 2400 block of Burger reported someone stole a metal gate off his window.

Saturday, June 13

- At about 11:15 p.m. a woman reported that her ex-boyfriend kicked out her car window. However, the ex-boyfriend and other witnesses said it was the woman who kicked out her own car window.
- At 11:30 p.m. a man in the 2600 block of Belmont assaulted his father, and then flipped over furniture and broke out windows. A 4-year-old child was injured by the flying debris and glass.
- At 1 a.m. a homeowner in the 12000 block of Nagel reported waking up and finding a suspect inside their home. The suspect fled but left behind a backpack that had been stolen in an earlier break-in.
- A resident in the 12000 block of Lumpkin reported a break-in and the theft of three laptops,

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tomato, onion into tabbouli and shaving lamb off the spit.

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Care to dance?

By Greg Kowalski

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People of all cultures since the dawn of humanity have danced. Babies that can't even stand up will swing their butts in time with a rhythmic tune.

People still go dancing, but not on the scale they used to. At one time it was a primary form of entertainment and a variety of places hosted dances.

Almost any reason would do to hold a dance. Consider the Pre-Lenten Balloon Dance, sponsored by the Progressive 100 Club, held Feb. 6, 1932, at PLAV Post No. 1 hall on Holbrook. Admission was 35 cents and the fun started at "8 p.m. till... ?" And everybody got a balloon.

The Progressive 100 Club was one of the dozens of social clubs in Hamtramck that flourished prior to World War II – and the advent of television, which kept many people at home.

The PLAV hall on Holbrook was one of the prime dance venues. Hundreds were held there through the years.

On Sunday, Jan. 24, 1932, the Ladies Republican Club hosted a Leap Year Prize Dance there. There's a lot wrong with that concept. First, it's hard to imagine there

Dance cards were a popular way to promote events. This one promotes a dance put on by the St. Florian Jr. Ushers Club in 1937.

even was a Ladies Republican Club in Hamtramck, which was overwhelmingly Democratic. And it was held on a Sunday, which is not a typically a hot night for dances. And why have a "Leap Year" dance in January?

Anyway, Phil's Harmony Boys provided the entertainment. Whoever they were.

On the other side of the political aisle, the 1st District Young Democrats held a Spring Frolic on a more conventional Saturday, May 14, 1938, at the Knight of Columbus Hall on Conant. Not the hall that's here now. That was built later.

Another popular venue was St. Ladislaus Hall. On Oct. 24, 1937, the Dandies (another club) held "Rhythm-Mania" featuring Mike Falk and his Orchestra, with vocalist Bert D. Jerkiss.

An especially popular dance venue was the old Kanas Hall at Conant and Evaline. It hosted perhaps hundreds of dances through the years. Typical was the Pre-Labor Day Dance put on by PNA Group 2623 on Sept. 4, 1932. Admission was only 25 cents and it featured music by W. Babish Orchestra.

St. Florian also hosted dances, as did other churches in Hamtramck. Even the notorious International Workers Hall on Yemans – home of the local Communist Party – hosted dances.

On Saturday, March 19, 1932, the Rev-Valliers hosted the St. Joseph's Day dance there. It featured "Real Dance Music" with Billy Richardson's Syncopaters. And admission was 35 cents.

Not all dances were held in town. Warsaw Park at 21 Mile Road and Dequindre was a popular spot. Our friends, the 100% Club, held a picnic there on July 31, 1938.

But the most exciting place may have been aboard the Steamer Tashmoo. This popular ship sailed the Great Lakes through the 1930s, carrying passengers up and down the Detroit River. It was on such a trip in June, 1936, that the Tashmoo, which was filled with partiers from Hamtramck, struck a rock and sank in the Detroit River. No one was hurt, but it was a real party pooper.

See more about dancing at the new display of historical dance cards at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. OR call for an appointment, (313) 893-5027.

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a backpack, credit cards and a French passport.

- A Hanley resident reported his 2002 Chrysler Voyager was stolen from the 3200 block of Hanley.
- A Comstock resident reported the theft of two bikes and a grill from her backyard.

Sunday, June 14

- A resident in the 12000 block of Fleming reported a break-in.
- A resident in the 2400 block of Florian reported a garage break-in.
- A resident in the 2900 block of Roosevelt reported being assaulted by four men.
- A woman was shot at her Botsford residence by a Detroit resident. The suspect was later arrested for attempted murder.

Monday, June 15

- A business owner reported a break-in of his

business in the 11600 block of Lumpkin.

- A Yemans resident reported receiving harassing phone calls from someone in New York.

- A Detroit resident reported someone broke into her car while it was parked in the 1700 block of Caniff.
- A woman reported a break-in at her residence in the 2200 block of Hewitt. Officers noted no damage was made to her doors or windows.

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