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## Quick Hits

This year's Music in the Park kicks off next Thursday, June 28.

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The best part is it's free.

Next up is Street-Corner on July 26.



## 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.

**"We're still pursuing it. But to prove car theft the bar is high."**

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Historic baseball stadium scores a run with Comerica Bank

**By Alan Madlane**

You can't keep a good stadium down.

Just before Christmas last year, we wrote about Hamtramck Stadium getting a formal review done on its restoration. That was courtesy of a \$50,000 African American Civil Rights Grant from the National Park Service.

Now the first corporate sponsor has gotten behind the actual physical restoration process. Comerica Bank recently presented the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium with a \$20,000 check at the Negro Leagues Legacy Luncheon held at the bank's own namesake, Comerica Park.

Hamtramck Stadium, also once known as Roesink Stadium after former Detroit Stars owner John A. Roesink, is an almost 90-year old structure on the southend of



**The renovation of the historic Hamtramck Stadium, located in Veterans Park, got a needed boost from Comerica Bank. Comerica recently donated \$20,000 to the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium.**

Veterans Park.

Presently used at the moment for such recreations as pick-up cricket or soccer games, Hamtramck Stadium is both on the National Register of Historic Places and a Michigan State Historic Site. It's also sorely in need of some major cosmetic upgrading.

The baseball diamond itself is not in usable condition, nor are the old concrete and wooden stands. The grandstands originally could hold 8,000 spectators.

The stadium is believed to be one of only five known remaining Negro

## City lot sale under investigation

**By Charles Sercombe**

City Councilmember Anam Miah is asking the city administration to look into the sale of a Caniff lot to a local developer.

The lot, located at 2028 Caniff, had been city-owned until 2016 when former City Manager Katrina Powell sold it to Henry Velleman for \$2,500.

The lot had not been put up for auction, which at the time was required by the final orders laid down by former Emergency Manager Cathy Square.

One of her orders said that if a city asset was going to be sold, it must go through an auction process.

Powell also did not tell the city council about the sale. Powell left her position last year when her employment contract ran out.

Miah asked Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer and City Attorney Jim Allen at last Tuesday's council meeting to investigate the matter and take appropriate action.

He also asked for a review of "other lots that were sold that we don't know about," Miah told The Review in a telephone interview.

He said the sale of the Caniff lot was unfair to others in the community.

"It was not advertised so nobody else in the community had an opportunity to bid on it," Miah said.

The lot is now one of several lots that Velle-

# For this resident, preserving our heritage is her life's work

**By Alan Madlane**

Sometimes people earn all the good things that come to them.

Here at The Review, we prefer to focus on this type of person. And Rebecca Binno Savage is one of those people.

Perhaps you know her name. Perhaps you don't. But we think you should.

So just what all has she done, exactly?



**Rebecca Binno Savage**

It would probably take less time to list what she hasn't done. Let's start with the fact that she's written up the language for numerous nominations for many of the buildings and historical districts in Detroit for entry onto the National Register of Historic Places (this, she says, is what allows the owners of properties with these designations, or within

these designated areas, to apply for federal Historic Tax Credits).

She has also assisted with many of these applications.

As such, she is something of an expert on what's there. Or, what "used to be there," as she puts it, for each building and lot in these areas.

She serves on the

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# Historic baseball stadium scores a run with Comerica Bank

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organization in 2014 when it sponsored the historical marker for the stadium.

“We’re honored to support this project,” said Michael T. Ritchie, President of the Michigan branch of Comerica, “and we hope our commitment inspires other organizations to help preserve this historic stadium.”

The stadium was home to the Detroit Stars in the

early 1930s, and saw the likes of Satchel Paige and Norman “Turkey” Stearnes grace its sod.

Interested potential donors, both corporate and individual, can find a link on the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium’s webpage ([www.hamtramckstadium.org](http://www.hamtramckstadium.org)) under the heading “Donate or Contact Us.”



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# For this resident, preserving our heritage is her life’s work

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Boards of Directors for both the Detroit Area Art Deco Society and the Architectural Salvage Warehouse of Detroit. She is an advisor for the Detroit Sound Conservancy, an organization that “remains dedicated to partnerships and programs that preserve Detroit’s musical legacy.”

On top of that, she volunteers in various capacities related to her preservation knowledge base with Wayne State’s historic Freer House, the historic St. Albertus church, and the Downtown Detroit Partnership Stakeholder Committee.

Lastly, she also served on the commissions and boards of all of the following: the Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority, or DDA; the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium; the Hamtramck Brownfield Authority; Preservation Wayne; the Michigan Historic Preservation Network; and the Detroit Area Chapter of Columbia University’s Alumni Association.

But best of all, she was a recent recipient of Michigan Historic Preservation Network’s Citizen

Award, an award given to “an outstanding individual” who has “made a significant contribution to the preservation of Michigan’s heritage.”

Congrats, Rebecca! Oh, and did we mention – she stills lives here?

So please join us in once again tipping our

cap to Hamtramck’s own busybody for good deeds, Rebecca Binno Savage.



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**The library is located at 2360 Caniff.**



# Second Front Page



## 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 8, and all councilmembers were present. Before the regular meeting a work session was held. At that meeting a discussion was held on a request to hold the annual North American Bangladeshi Festival on Conant.

Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer said she told organizers to choose a different date because it was too close to another Bengali Festival also being held on Conant.

Councilmember Anam Miah said the organizer is “game playing.”

“Don’t come here deceiving and lying and trying to bamboozle us,” Miah said.

The organizer agreed to a new date, which was scheduled for this weekend (June 22-24). The festival has since been cancelled.

A discussion was held

on the hiring of a company to install new water meters. The installation will take 10 to 12 months.

Councilmember Ian Perrotta suggested going with another contractor who can finish the job in half the time at a cost of only \$1,200 more.

But Rodney Johnson, the Director of Public Works, said that would create extra work for his staff, and that they might not be able to keep up with the processing of paperwork and scheduling.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski questioned why the Public Works Department is understaffed.

Acting City Manager Angerer said there is “only so much revenue” the city has to spend.

Mayor Karen Majewski called for unity on the council.

“There’s no need to trash the city in talks

with your neighbors,” she said.

She stressed that there is a “process in place” to settle problems.

During the regular meeting a presentation was made by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The agency is working with the city in a state project called Redevelopment Ready Communities.

The state is offering technical assistance and other resources for Hamtramck to tap into.

“It’s a self-help program,” said a representative from MEDC.

During public comment, Carrie Beth Lasley took up Councilmember Karpinski’s comment about the city hall work staff being cut over the years. Lasley said cutting employees results in reducing productivity.

“It’s gets to the point where we’re not going to get things done,” Lasley

said.

Jason Eddleston of the city’s Recycling Commission pleaded for support from the city. He said the group needs more volunteers or else the city’s recycling program would have to shut down.

“I need help so the project doesn’t die,” he said.

Mark Koroi, an attorney, said the city needs to look into the towing company that had been hooking up cars at the CVS Pharmacy lot without authorization.

“We need to find out who these people are,” he said.

He said people were victimized by the company. CVS has since told the company to cease towing, and the company’s warning signs on the lot have been removed, which now legally prevents the company from towing there.



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## City officials begin discussion on regulating medical marijuana facilities

**By Charles Sercombe**

City officials have their work cut out in adopting regulations for medical marijuana dispensaries and related services.

A city council work session was held Tuesday afternoon, but only Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi showed up. Mayor Karen Majewski was out of town but joined the discussion via telephone.

City Attorney Harry Kalogerakos handed out a copy of the state law requirements, which has a myriad number of requirements – which the city must also abide by.

Councilmembers have the option to not allow this type of business to operate here, but they had previously said they were in favor of allowing it. However, Al-Marsoumi said he initially thought “this would never come to Hamtramck, it being just 2 square miles.”

Instead, he assumed residents could go to a dispensary in Detroit.

There are several categories to regulate, including sellers, growers, transporters and quality control.

The council also has to decide how many licenses it will issue for each service, and the location of grow facilities

and dispensaries.

“I don’t think it’s a quick conversation,” Angerer said about the process lying ahead of the council.

Mayor Majewski agreed, saying: “You could step in some legal s—.”

As complicated as it can get, other cities have already adopted ordinances, which Hamtramck could easily copy or adjust.

“You don’t have to reinvent the wheel,” said Fire Chief Danny Hagen, who was asked to be part of the council’s work session.





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Tennis begins at Veteran's Park on June 23. Practice on Saturday 9:15 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. \$15 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. Ages 4 and over. For more information call (313) 892-2637.

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### All Schools

• Friday, June 22 – Final report cards mailed.

Compiled by Janice Gandelman

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The Board of Education of the School District of the City of Hamtramck will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3201 Roosevelt Street, to review and consider the school district's 2018-2019 proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Copies of the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget will be available for examination in the Superintendent of Schools Office, 3201 Roosevelt, from 8:00 a.m. June 22, 2018, until the time of the Public Hearing.

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# The lore of Hamtramck ...

## Care to dance?

**By Greg Kowalski**

You may not do it, you may not like it, but there's no denying that you were born to dance. 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 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?

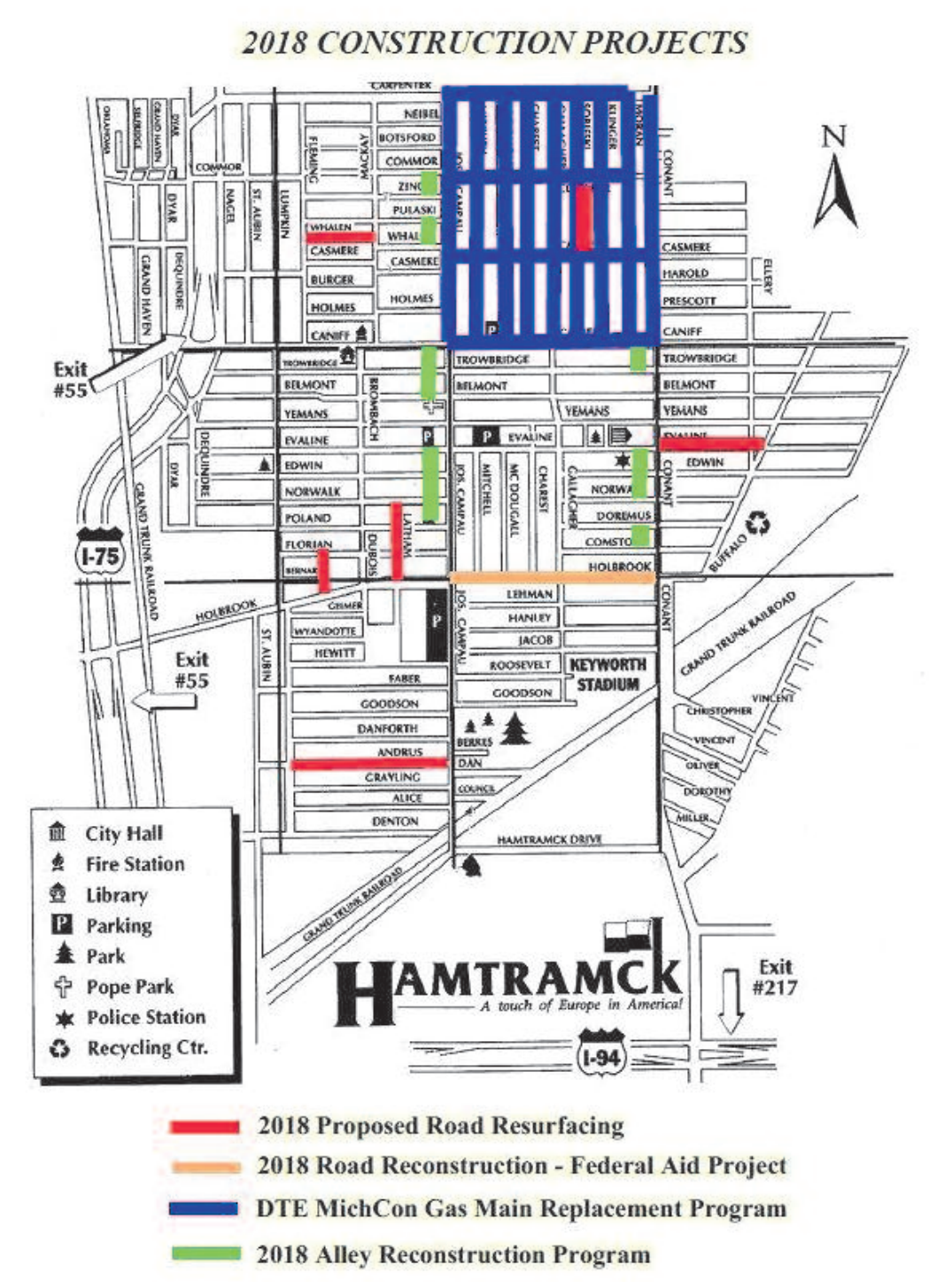
Anyway, Phil's Harmony Boys provided the entertainment. Whoever they were.

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. Babbish Orchestra.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### After years of delay, city is moving forward on medical pot

City officials are now finally taking steps toward allowing medical marijuana dispensaries operate in town.

It's been an issue on hold for a few years, and it's one that is long overdue in addressing.

The city has several options in adopting an ordinance regulating this activity. The first is to simply do nothing and not allow this business to be here. It's pretty clear, though, that a majority of the city council is in agree-

ment to welcome this business.

It's a matter of how many dispensaries to operate and where this can happen.

The decision is not really that complicated. It's a legal business, and the only holdback is from the state in dragging its feet on issuing licenses.

In the meantime, the city can move forward and set up its own regulations. Let those who wish to get into this business deal with

state officials.

There has been a lot of interest from folks looking to locate in Hamtramck, and the city has been missing out on collecting taxes.

We also know there are a number of medical marijuana card holders here who would prefer to shop locally.

Coming up with regulations and zoning requirements are not complicated decisions. City officials just have to buckle down and do their job.

## Odds & Ends

**“Chat with the Chief”...** Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise will once again invite the public to meet and talk with her about public safety matters next Wednesday (June 27) from 2 to 3 p.m. in city hall on the second floor.

You don't need to make an appointment. Just remember, though, she can only handle public safety concerns.

**Celebration...** The good folks at Walter's

party store, located at Carpenter and Conant, will hold their annual July 4th bar-be-cue from noon to 3 p.m. Stop by, it's all free.

**Busted...** According to a recent Detroit Free Press report, Carpenter Pharmacy has had its license suspended because it was selling a suspicious amount of controlled substances – mainly painkillers.

The article said investigators believe a number

### City lot sale under investigation

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man owns on Caniff, which are sitting undeveloped.

Velleman owns dozens of lots and commercial buildings in the city. He has been criticized by some in the community

for keeping most of his commercial properties vacant, which has made a large chunk of Jos. Campau look empty.

Velleman owns Progressive Poletown Properties, located on Jos.

Campau.

As for why Powell sold the lot, that is not known. She did not return an email from The Review asking for an explanation.

But according to an email Powell sent to community stakeholders a couple of years ago, it appears she was trying encourage Velleman to take care of his other lots and rent out his empty storefronts.

"Clearly, if someone has ever met Henry and/or had a conversation with him, you know threatening him or pushing him against the wall, to get your way, Will. Not. Work," Powell said in her email to the stakeholders, which was obtained by Mlive.com, an online publication.

## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### Deny the Permit!

Residents and activists are working together to stop the massive expansion of toxins into our community by the hazardous waste facility, U.S. Ecology (USE).

The Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) plans to grant U.S. Ecology's request to increase their intake of toxic wastes – heavy metals, cyanide, hydrochloric acid, arsenic, hazardous sludge and PCBs – and increase their waste storage from 64,000 gallons to nearly 666,000 gallons.

Their waste will be held in containers that do not meet EPA criteria according to the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center.

Residents near the Georgia St. facility, which borders on Hamtramck, have repeatedly said:

- Their health complaints have not been

addressed by either the city or the state. The state monitors fish for toxins; what about people?

- There is no safety standard for the cumulative effects of these hazardous elements. Looks like we are all lab mice.
- Soil and ground water needs to be regularly tested and the results made public.
- Constant air and water quality violations must be taken seriously. USE should be fined or shut down when EPA violations occur.
- Investigate environmental racism. Local officials must pressure EPA to investigate, report on and act on behalf of the residents.
- Additional safety training of officials responsible for transportation of hazardous waste accidents. Southeast Michigan has one such commercial acci-

dent weekly.

The MDEQ held a meeting on the requested permit at our public library in 2015. Did you know about it? Most of us did not. And did they provide interpreters there for the large number of our residents who have difficulty understanding English? We all matter.

Send your concerns to MDEQ Director, Heidi Grether, (800) 662-9278, or email her at: gretherh@michigan.gov.

*(This editorial is the result of collaborative work by the Coalition to Oppose the Expansion of U. S. Ecology. It was edited by coalition member Barbara Beesley, an Immaculate Heart of Mary sister and board member of the Hamtramck Community Initiative.)*

## Metro news...

*It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at model-media.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years.*

*This week, with their permission, we are sharing a story from their sister publication, metromode.com:*

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# Care to dance?

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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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# Police chief says towing victims should seek legal help

**By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise said the issue of a towing company hooking up cars without authorization is not over.

Recently, The Review reported on Breakthrough Towing operating without permission in the CVS Pharmacy parking lot at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

The company’s aggressive practice came to light when patrons at Bumbo’s bar, located behind CVS, complained that the company was towing their cars at night after the pharmacy had closed.

While there were warning signs posted at the lot that said those who park there would be towed if they are not shopping at CVS, it turned out CVS management never had an agreement with the company nor even knew the signs had been posted.



**For those who were victims of a towing company that did not have authorization to tow away cars from the CVS Pharmacy parking lot, there might be a legal remedy.**

The signs have since been removed.

But some have wondered if this activity required a criminal investigation.

Moise said she talked with the Michigan State Police and the state Attorney General’s Office about the matter.

“We’re still pursuing it,” Moise told The Review. “But to prove car theft the bar is high.”

Moise said that the recourse for those who had the their cars towed away, or were charged for having their car hooked up before the driver could drive away, is to go to Hamtramck 31st District Court and take civil action.

Moise said car owners should refer to the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, section 257.252. In that section there are a number of steps towing companies

have to take, including:

- “Before removing the vehicle from private property, the towing agency shall provide reasonable notice by telephone, or otherwise, to a police agency having jurisdiction over the vehicle that the vehicle is being removed.”
- Car owners can also question the “reasonableness” of the towing and storage fees.

Some reported paying \$200 to have their car unhooked when they confronted the tow truck driver. Others said they were charged \$400 to get their car out of the company’s lot.

All payments, they said, had to be cash only.

Moise added that Hamtramck is not alone in being targeted by predatory tow companies.

“It’s happening everywhere,” she said.

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• A Lumpkin resident reported someone broke into their car and stole their handgun.

Friday, June 15

• At a little after 1 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested in the 12000 block of Selfridge for being disorderly.

• An agent for a Jos. Campau business reported someone damaged their building.

• A dog bite was reported on Botsford.

• A resident reported that a business in the city sold tobacco to his underage child.

Saturday, June 16

• At a little after 1:30 a.m. officers found an extremely intoxicated Detroit resident in the area of Conant and Prescott. The resident was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital.

• A Detroit resident re-

ported that while in the 11600 block of Mitchell her purse and gun were stolen.

• A car owner reported someone damaged his car by firing BB gun pellets at it.

• A resident was arrested for obstructing and interfering with officers.

Sunday, June 17

• Three males said that while at Jos. Campau and Dan a group of males assaulted them. While at the scene, officers arrested a man for obstruction.

• A Hewitt resident reported their home was broken into.

Monday, June 18

• A Gallagher resident made a complaint about a neighbor's pet.

• A Lehman resident was struck by a vehicle driven by a person they know.

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**WEDNESDAY, June 27, 2-3 p.m.** – The public invited to meet with Police Chief Anne Moise in her ongoing “Chat with the Chief,” on the second floor City Council Chambers. No appointment is needed.

**WEDNESDAY, July 4, noon to 3 p.m.** – Walter’s party store (Carpenter and Conant) is hosting its 17th annual bar-be-cue. All are invited.

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