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## **Quick Hits**

Get your dancing shoes ready.

Hamtramck is in for a real treat this coming Thursday. The second Music in the Park concert will be held on July 27, at 6:30 p.m. in Zussman Park.

The five-member singing group Street Corner will entertain us with Motown oldies and goodies.

The family-oriented evening is brought to you by the City of Hamtramck. It's free, and you are invited to bring your own lawn chair or blanket and make yourself comfortable.

There will be one more concert in August.



## 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.

"The goal is to be able to set an example for other business owners in the City to do the same."

## - HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

## Firefighters use vacant house to train for rescues

By Danny Hagen **Hamtramck Fire Chief** 

7 DAYS

Recently, you might have heard a lot of chainsaws running and loud banging in the area of Holbrook and Lumpkin.

Not to worry, it was just the fire department performing training exercises in a vacant home on Bernard St.

The house, which has been vacant for some years and is slated for demolition, was used by the Hamtramck Fire Department to practice some skills that can't be replicated in everyday training at the station.

Over the winter, with the help of donated lumber and supplies, the fire department assembled a training prop at the sta-

Review Hagen to explain.

"This training prop allows our firefighters to practice their skills in rescuing a downed firefighter as well as self-rescue skills," said Hagen.

"Having a house to train in allows us to enhance this training and do additional drills that our guys just aren't able to perform in the station."

Some of these additional drills include vertical ventilation, which is performed by cutting a hole in the roof of a house with a chainsaw or axe, and wall breaching, which involves busting through walls to either rescue a civilian or trapped firefighter.

Other scenarios in-**Continued on page 2** 



Hamtramck firefighters practice how to rescue a colleague who is trapped inside a house. The fire department recently rehearsed a number of rescue situations at a vacant house on Bernard. **Photo by Danny Hagen** 

## **Election 2017: Candidates talk** about issues facing the city

By Charles Sercombe

This is now week three of The Review's candidate survey.

voters will be going to the polls to vote for candidates for mayor and city council.

This is the primary election, and the candidates who survive that first round will square off

in the November General Election.

The Review mailed each candidate a survey On Aug. 8 Hamtramck of questions about some of the issues facing the city.

> In the coming weeks The Review will present their responses, in their own words. The Review asked for candidates to respond by June 30, but

several of the candidates did not return the

survey. This week, we present Cathie Gordon, a former city councilmember who is running for mayor, and council candidate Akil Alhalemi.

NAME: Cathie Ladzinski-Gordon

**Education:** Associate



Degree Nursing, R.N. **Continued on page 3** 

## **School** district expands

**By Charles Sercombe** 

A charter school's loss is the public school district's gain.

In order to make room for expanding student enrollment, the school district purchased an additional building.



Hamtramck Public Schools now has a new building, located on Hanley. It will be known as Hanley Elementary School.

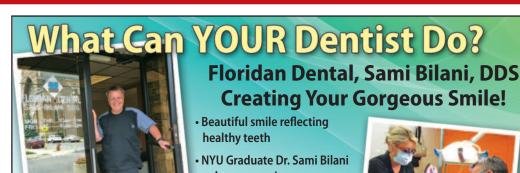
School Superintendent Tom Niczay announced recently that the district purchased the former building that housed the charter school American International Studies located on Hanley.

The building, which also includes a parking lot and house next-door, cost \$3 million.

The former charter school was forced to close after it lost its authorizing sponsor. Central Michigan University

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## School district expands

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Beata Chochla, the President and Founder of the Hanley Harper Group, which operates the school, earlier told The Review that was because most of the students speak English as a second language.

There were almost 300 students enrolled in the charter school.

Niczay said in a press release that those students are welcomed to enroll in the public school district and remain in the building.

"We are pleased to welcome the former AIS families to the Ham-

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tramck Public Schools community and look forward to working together to provide a quality education for our students," Niczay said in a press release.

The district plans to continue to operate kindergarten through 8th grade classes at the building.

It was not immediately known how many students from the charter school have enrolled in the district. It is also not known if students from other school buildings will be transferred to the Hanley site.

The new building will be called Hanley Elementary School. Niczay said the district is inspecting the building to see if it meets all building and safety codes.

"The building is in excellent condition," he said.

The building has long been part of Hamtramck's history. It was formerly known as the Tau Beta Community Center. Many former residents who were new immigrants from Poland were taught civic lessons and other subjects in order for them to assimilate easier to their new country.

For years, though, it stood vacant and deteriorated, requiring an extensive amount renovation.

## Firefighters use vacant house to train for rescues

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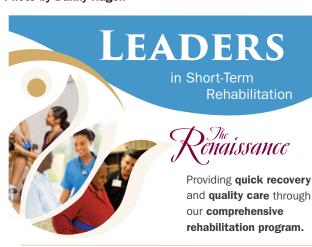
cluded a firefighter who has become trapped to figure out how to rescue himself and bailouts where a firefighter escapes through a window using a ladder or jumping to the ground.

Hagen further plained:

"We are always looking for opportunities like this to enhance the training we do every day," said Hagen. "Having the opportunity to use this house and practice our skills makes our firefighters better prepared to serve the community."



Firefighters practice how to get into a house using a chainsaw when an emergency rescue is required. **Photo by Danny Hagen** 



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**Youth Town Hall** – Tuesday, July 25, 5 p.m., Come support Hamtramck youth as they discuss community issues and solutions. Sponsored by: The Be a Good Neighbor youth Ambassador Program.

**Website Development** Camp - July 31 - August 3, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Registration: Hamtramck Public Library Front Desk. Contact: Andrew He (248) 345-6863. Tuition: Free.

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**Business For Youth** -Personal Finance and Entrepreneurship, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28), 2-3 p.m. Location: Hamtramck Public Library. Registration: Hamtramck Public Library Front Desk. Contact: Andrew He (248) 345-6863. Tuition: Free.

This program is designed to help young students take charge of their own financial life.

The Personal Finance and Entrepreneurship

class is intended to teach

students the principles of saving and investing in stocks and bonds. The class will discuss credit and investment, the difference between the NYSE and the NADAQ Stock Markets, and how to deal with interest rates in an easy to understand way.

Students will make their own mock stock portfolios, and monitor them throughout the class. Then, take their newly gained investing knowledge and research how to start a business of their own.

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## Second Front Page

## **Election 2017: Candidates talk** about issues facing the city

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**Employment:** Retiredself employed, owner of New Dodge Lounge

Experience in government/municipal affairs: Councilwoman six years, DDA board member five years

#### As a challenger or incumbent, explain why you are running for office:

As a challenger for the position of mayor, I feel that our city is badly in need of a strong leader. Leadership consists of many qualities one of which is communication skills.

Not only will I communicate clearly but part of that communication will be facilitational as well as cooperative. I established many working relationships with Wayne County i.e. the Road Commission, Sheriff Benny Napoleon to mention a few.

I facilitated, while on council, an appearance of our entire city council, our C.M. and Finance Director, at a Detroit City Council meeting. This happened on two occasions, which improved our relationship with Detroit immensely. I am also very knowledgeable and have a working relationship with the Mayor and Councilmembers in Highland Park.

The other important quality I feel that's most important is a leader who is not only knowledgeable regarding parliamentary procedure, but someone who will consistently use those rules to maintain order minus any chaos, no matter WHO has the floor.

There has been many violations of charter, supposed OMA violations, not to mention the poor implementation of Robert's Rules. There appears to be someone in charge but never anyone in control. I promise I will never try to assault someone with a foam mallet, nor call anyone out of order just because I don't agree with their opinion.

Lastly I believe prioritizing projects is very important. Parks, paths, and arts are feel good projects and an important asset to our city. However, I would put the state of our alleys and streets, the cost of our water and sewage, and public safety ahead of

those niceties.

What are the city's

top three challenges, as you see it? How would you solve/meet these challenges?

Financial stability is still Hamtramck's number one priority. Streets are filthy, alleys are potholed to death, and crime is on the rise (police dept. of approx. 18 officers). Yet we boast of a balanced budget with dollars left over. No mention of the quality of life issues.

No mention amnesty with regards to water bills, taxes, police issued violations mention a few. If this is a small portrait of our city, how appealing is this to investors, i.e. new businesses? Which brings me to our second most important challenge.... Economic stability. Jos. Campau must continue to be our prime real estate area. We must employ an Economic Development Director with the expertise to bring in new business, develop working agreements with these new businesses and (bottom line) FILL THESE EMPTY BUILDINGS.

Third, but not last, is friendly cooperation between the city and local residents and business owners. Everyone is feeling the pinch financially, not just the city but local businesses as well as residents. We need to work closely with the many property owners who are struggling to keep their water running, and maintain that roof over their head. Not only would amnesty program aid and assist these Hamtramckans, but it would also bring in a flood of \$\$\$\$\$ to the city.

#### The city is transitioning back to full local control. What will you do to facilitate this transition if elected?

Transition back to full control of our city, must begin with the council and mayor. Consideration and cooperation, along with respect for each other, will keep council meetings on track and productive. Elected officials must respect decisions made by our C.M. as well as the suggestions made by department heads. If we work together. Elected officials, administrative officials as well as residents and business owners, transition will

soon become a word of

the past.

Financial stability and the city's budget go hand in hand. Hopefully, our next C.M. will review all positions within our city. Many new positions have been created as well as some vitally important positions that have been eliminated or just not filled. I feel we prioritize must spending. Quality of life issues must be most important. Public safety must top the list. We cannot provide or even make our residents feel safe with only approx. 18 officers. I believe we also need to review services that have been outsourced and make sure that the numbers prove them to be financially advantageous to our

budget. Finally, the issue of MERS, our retirement program, must be resolved. Our day to day costs are exactly what got us here. We must find a way to balance, change, or fund this retirement program without the exorbitant costs we've been paying. This situation is not uncommon in many Michigan cities, however common happenings do not facilitate a balanced budget.

#### What will you do to prevent the city from falling into another financial crisis?

We must remove politics from the relationship between elected officials and the City Manager. Too many times in the past 12 years, political manipulation has been the downof a productive relationship between C.M.s and elected officials. Approximately 7 C.M.s in 8 months, tells us that behind the door deals never work.

These tactics have been a commonality dating back to Mr. Crawford's regime. Not to mention irresponsible decision making which, on one occasion, cost us taxpayers approximately \$125,000 to settle a lawsuit. There should be no room for political allegiance in the working relationship of elected officials and C.M.s.

Talk about the city's budget. Do you think there should be some changes to where money is spent or changes to any depart-

ment or service? The economic deterio-

ration of our business

district has metastasized to other areas within our city. Without a vibrant business district, we will become stagnant financially as well as economically.

To begin, we must develop a marketing campaign for our city's business sections. That campaign should include tax incentives, services provided, and most importantly an individualized Development Plan that is beneficial to the city as well as the incoming business. Let us not dismiss business retainment and current busiexpansion. ness Creation of NEZ zones (if currently available), façade grants, etc. to benefit those currently in business and supporting our city.

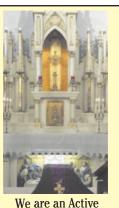
#### For those of you seeking to become the mayor, what do you envision your role as, besides what is in the city charter?

Just as I visualize the charter as Hamtramck's Bible, so do I also see the Mayor as the face of the city. Presentation and good communication skills are a very important part of that facial make-up. I also see the Mayor as the leader of the community.

Reaching out to our sister cities, establishing a rapport with other city, state and county officials. Most importantly I see the role of the Mayor as the advocate of the residents, bringing their thoughts and feelings to light whenever necessary.

I would implement an open door policy at least

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All interested parties are invited to observe.

August R. Gitschlag Hamtramck City Clerk

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## Election 2017: Candidates talk about issues facing the city

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two days a week, for anyone who feels the need to see or speak with the Mayor. Availability is a must if you truly want to devote your time as Mayor.

#### Also for those running for mayor, what is your vision of the city, and how would you achieve your goals?

Call me old if you may but as a lady born and raised here, I remember the hustle and bustle of shoppers on Jos. Campau in the 60's not to mention the 152 bars in town back in the 80's. Economically it was great, streets were safe, Hamtramck was on the

map BOOMING! Can we go back and resurrect those times and happenings, probably not. But we can institute a path of RE-BIRTH for our city. Clean and safe streets are a must or we can forget any further business influx. No one will invest in a dirty, crime-ridden city. Let's market what we have. Restaurants, liquor establishments, entertainment venues, specialty shops and many diverse food menus.

As economics and finance meld together, then we can move to the next stage of movement. Those niceties we'd all like to see. Parks, bike paths, the gorgeous redesign of our streetscape just to mention a few.

We must build on who we are and what we currently have. Let's try and keep Hamtramck HAMTRAMCK with all its diversity, all its food, all its drinks and all its uniqueness, like a pearl in an oyster.

In closing, I can only add that becoming Mayor of Hamtramck does not mean power, control, or notoriety. The Mayor of Hamtramck must be knowledgeable, caring, and unselfish. I consider being elected Mayor a privilege and an honor.

Not a held position that protects me from the city rules, laws and/or monies owed. It is truly a job, not one for those weak of heart, but for one who is strong for Hamtramck's people.

**NAME**: Akil Alhalemi **Education**: Bachelor degree in English Lan-



guage and Literature

**Employment:** Administrative Assistant and freelance translator

Experience in government/municipal affairs:
None

#### As a challenger or incumbent, explain why you are running for office:

I believe that I can do a lot in making this city better. I am a social activist, and I can gain the people's trust for good.

## What are the city's top three challenges, as you see it?

Safety, cleanliness and infrastructure.

## How would you solve/meet these challenges?

Will work hard on putting plans to resolve these issues. The city is transitioning back to full local control. What will you do to facilitate this transition if elected?

I will work with other city officials on facilitating the transitioning and will do our best to achieve that.

## What will you do to prevent the city from falling into another financial crisis?

By making the city safe, we will bring more business that will help the economy in Hamtramck.

Talk about the city's budget. Do you think there should be some changes to where money is spent or changes to any department or service?

I have to look in depth into the city budget and I promise if I find a chance to improve the budget I will never wait. If necessary we might do some cuts from the budget.

The city has had a problem in getting along with its city managers. What has been going wrong in this rela-

tionship, and how can the city avoid the constant change in management?

We need a good relationship between the city officials, so we can work together in making the City of Hamtramck great. We will resolve all these issues.

Talk about economic development. How can the city spur economic growth?

I will prompt and enlarge more and more business to open in Hamtramck. There is a big chance for that.

How can the city encourage commercial property owners to fill their retail spaces?

Reduce the taxes and encourage them by facilitating the processing of opening these retail spaces.

## Metro news ...

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

With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

ornate art deco lobby of the Fisher Building, a building celebrated as a major work of art by architects and enthusiasts the world over, stands to attract even more people craning their necks as they take in their surroundings.

This fall, two noteworthy businesses are scheduled to open in the historica Fisher Building, just a 10-minute drive from Hamtramck: Yama, the third women's retail store from The Peacock Room and Frida's Rachel

Lutz, and City Bakery, a popular New York Citybased bakery and cafe.

Lutz's first two stores, The Peacock Room and Frida, opened in 2011 and 2014, respectively. Both are located in the Park Shelton building in Midtown.

While The Peacock Room curates a more vintage-inspired collection of women's clothing and accessories, and Frida features casual and bohemian fashion, Lutz says that Yama will focus on edgy, architecturally-inspired clothing. Yama is named in honor of renowned Detroit architect Minoru Yamasaki.

"I'm excited at the thought of joining a strong, veteran retail mix at the Fisher," says Lutz. "I'm joining Gallery

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## Hanley International Academy, located in Hamtramck, is accepting bids for new playground equipment.

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## Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

## Now it's time to let the city heal and move forward

We're assuming the appointment of Kathy Angerer as acting city manager will get the approval of the state advisory board that oversees all city expenses and contracts.

In the last month the city has gone through a total of four temporary city managers in a whirl of disagreements among city council members.

At this point, Angerer makes the most sense to remain as acting city manager until a permanent city manager is hired.

She has worked for the city in several roles and has extensive contacts process. with state and county officials. It could take the city up to several months to find a new city man-

Former City Manager Katrina Powell ended her employment here a couple of weeks ago after serving in that role for a little over two years. A bare majority of city councilmembers decided to not give her a contract extension.

That set off a series of botched appointments to fill in the job by the same bare majority of councilmembers. A lot of ugly things were said in the

Right now, the city needs to heal and bridge a divide among elected officials. Angerer will serve as a calming influence.

Members of the community who rose up in anger and frustration over the prior appointments need to settle down and let the business of the city to move forward.

Hamtramck needs to impress upon state officials that the city is ready to return to full local con-

## School Bell

This week the schools district's H.O.P.E. program has updates from its many recent activities:

Hamtramck High School H.O.P.E. students are reading "Chicken Soup for The Teenage Soul" and discussing topics they can relate to. Kosciuszko Middle School H.O.P.E. students

are busy team-building, and facilitating camaraderie for the upcoming school year. It can be tricky for incoming students to start school in a new setting, so we are forging ahead with our relationships. We are also making masks, candles, and tie-dye. We even hope to build our own solar-powered oven.

The Dickinson West H.O.P.E. students have been using the emoji board to express their feelings by using their clothespin with their names on it. Activities are led by the use of the emoji ball to identify what student will be called on for participa-

At the end of the day, students do a reflection on their emoji chosen to see if their mood has changed. The students celebrated national Emoji Day on July 17 by coloring emojis and creating skits and stories based on emojis.

The students at Dickin-H.O.P.E. East reached new heights as we raced through the sky and had the opportunity to fly on roller coasters at Michigan Adventure.

Back in our home city we stayed super busy studying physics and roller coasters work. We discussed our reliance on science by studying friction and force, as well as kinetic and potential energy of course.

On July 13 Holbrook H.O.P.E. students celebrated National Summer Learning Day. Mrs. Marilyn Sarkeisian (from the HPS Clinic) spoke to our students about summer safety. Topics included fire, summer skin

Above and below: The H.O.P.E. program has been

busy recently, hosting a reading program (above) and

various other activities.

We would also like to thank Hamtramck Sees for providing students in need with free eye exams and glasses. We also had a Field Day on July 21 at Pulaski Park.

care, and bug safety.

Students from Holbrook enjoyed their trip to Michigan's Adventure in Muskegon. We celebrated Summer Learning Day on July 13 by learn-

When the need arises, these caring professionals are ready to help.

ing about summer. Staff members from the HPS clinic conducted a lesson on summer safety (fire, sun, bugs) that day.

The H.O.P.E. program high school students learned how to make slime and followed the scientific method for their experiment.

Compiled by **Janice Gandelman** 

## Odds & Ends

**Grand Opening...** Hamtramck's high-end chocolate maker, Bon Bon Bon, celebrated the opening of its new location in town on Wednesday.

An open house was held at the new storefront/factory, which is now located at 11360 Jos. Campau.

Owner Alexandra Clark was all smiles as wellwishers dropped by to take a tour of the new facility. Clark and her employees have turned the business into an amazing success story.

If you have never tried their chocolates, get yourself over to their new digs right now. They are out-ofthis-world good.

Hamtramck is very lucky to have this business in town, and hopefully it will inspire others to locate here.

**Bon Bon owner Alexan**dra Clark recently hosted a grand opening of her new store/factory on Jos. Cam-



## Letters • Letters

## These candidates offer 'strong leadership

Mayor Karen Majewski, Councilwoman Andrea Karpinski and Councilman Ian Perrotta in the upcoming Aug. 8 election.

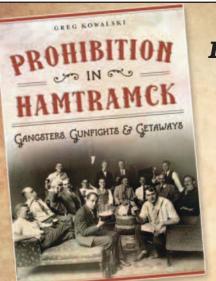
Their professional ex-

commitment to the city is a testimony to their desire to keep it clean and attractive and progressive both to residents and visitors alike.

Voting for these three perience as city officials candidates would reflect

lurge voters to vote for and their passionate a fair representation of the city's makeup and a continuation of strong leadership.

> **Michelle Odrobina Hamtramck**



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## Obituaries

## **MACIEJEWSKI**

Jean W. Maciejewski, 86, died July 12, 2017.

Mrs. Maciejewski was retired from Delta Resins. Mrs. Maciejewski is survived by her son Randall.

Private services were held. Arrangements were



## **Coming events**

TUESDAY, July 25, 5 p.m. - A "Youth Town Hall" meeting will be held at the Public Library. The purpose of the Youth Town Halls is to generate productive discussions, highlight pressing issues, and inspire more youth to speak up and participate in civic engagement. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, July 27, 6:30 p.m. - Music in the Park returns to Zussman Park, located across from Hamtramck City Hall. The vocal group Street Corner will perform, featuring classic oldies and Motown.

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TUESDAY, Aug. 1, 6-7:30 p.m. - The City of Hamtramck will host National Night Out at Zussman Park. The free event will feature public safety presentations by the police and fire departments and fun family activities.

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

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

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## Businesses pitch in to help homeowners keep their homes

### **Bv Charles Sercombe**

A little over 100 Wayne County homeowners received a helping hand from local businesses and agencies to avoid losing their house to foreclosure.

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree recently said Captain Jays Care & Share Foundation donated over \$20,000 to support this cause. Also contributing was U-SNAP-BAC Non-Profit Housing Corporation, which donated over \$48,000.

Executive Director of U-SNAP-BAC Non-Profit Housing Corporation Linda Smith says this donation was essential.

"I'm excited because this will allow families to remain in their homes with the support of this donation. For us, we would like to also offer the families financial coaching and education

so that next year when the taxes come due they're not in jeopardy of losing their home again," said Smith.

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"We hope to assist them with setting up some type of banking account where they can deposit money on a monthly basis so, next year they will have the funds."

Founder and CEO of Captain Jay's Fish & Chicken and Captain Jays Care & Share Foundation Abdallah Sheik, heard about the opportunity to help and immediately offered assistance and asked others to do the same.

"I do not want to see anyone lose their home and be out on the streets of Detroit. Some of them are my clients and I like to give back to the community." said Sheik.

"I will never have enough, but I would like to be an example. The goal is to be able to set an example for other business owners in the City to do the same. If

other people get together and do this, we will be able to help people save their homes and build up Detroit and help the community."

## **Metro news**

#### **Continued from page 4**

of Contemporary Craft, Pure Detroit, the Fashion Place, and Vera Jane. Yama will offer a fresh energy, and we'll bring a lot of destination shoppers to New Center."

With its first location having opened in New York City in 1990, and a second in Japan, the popular City Bakery will open their third location

in the Fisher lobby this

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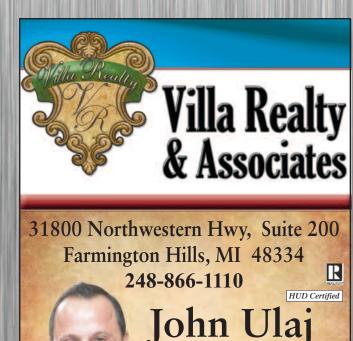
**Bv Mike Galbraith** 

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while she was inside a

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of multiple assaults at an

incident in the 2600

· A resident was ar-

A resident reported

her car was damaged in a

hit-and-run in the 3400

· A resident reported

his car was stolen in the

11500 block of St.

rested for drunk driving

Jos. Campau business.

Wednesday, July 12

block of Carpenter.

after a traffic stop.

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**1816.** 7/28

#### By Charles Sercombe Aubin.

· A resident reported losing her citizenship card while moving a month ago.

· A resident reported being harassed on Facebook.

· A resident reported a package was stolen from her porch.

· A Belmont resident reported someone broke his basement window.

#### Thursday, July 13

· At almost 4 a.m. a resident in the 2000 block of Norwalk reported a break-in.

· A Neibel resident reported the theft of his car.

· A resident in the 12000 block of Dyar reported her car was stolen.

· A Detroit resident was arrested for stealing a cellphone from a Jos. Campau business. A second suspect fled before officers arrived.

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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 June 13, and all councilmembers were present, including Mayor Karen Majewski who chairs the meeting.

Before the meeting a work session was held. City Manager Katrina Powell (who is no longer in that position) gave an overview of a new employment contract for city hall employees, who are part of the national AFSCME union.

Powell said she and the union negotiated the contract for about a year. City hall employees have not had a salary raise for several years. The new contract gives them a 3 percent signing bonus.

A discussion was also held on a proposed new contract for the firefighters. Powell said negotiations for this contract took longer, and won snag was her insistence that firefighters undergo continuous training and education during their down

"This is what held up the contract the longest," Powell said.

Firefighters also received an extra boost in pay to correct a discrepancy in pay scales between the employment tiers. That boost will cost the city \$53,000. Some firefighters also received extra holidays. The total cost to the city was over \$80,000.

A bare majority of the council - Councilmembers Anam Miah, Mohammed Hassan, Abu Musa and Saad Almasmari – later delayed a vote

on the contract during the regular council meeting. About 20 firefighters attended the meeting, most of them in dress uniform.

Councilmember Miah said he did not have enough time to review the contract. He added that council was shut out from giving the city manager "direction" in the con-

Councilmember Ian Perrotta said it's not the council's job to get involved in contract negoti-

"We just have to vote for it," Perrotta said.

City Manager Powell adthe monished councilmembers who delayed the vote, saying: "These employees (firefighters) bust their asses every day, and they don't moan."

Councilmember Almasmari said he wants a new city manager to negotiate the contract.

Mayor Majewski accused the council four of ultimately planning to gut the fire department and replace it with a public safety department concept.

Approving the firefighters' contract, she said, "gets in the way" of that

(Editor's note: The contract was approved at the next council meeting.)

Another contract was reviewed, this one a twoextension for sanitation services, which includes garbage pickups. There was no price change for the service, and it was noted sanitation service now costs less than the contract in

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It was also noted that the sanitation company has been supplying replacement garbage cans at no cost. That was not known to city officials, which then prompted the council to have the administration stop charging residents \$100 to replace their cans.

During the regular meeting some councilmembers balked at passing the contract. When it was said that sanitation service would stop almost immediately the contract was approved.

During public comment, Robert Zwolak urged the council to extend Powell's employment contract. A resolution was on the agenda to do just that.

Zwolak said Powell has made city officials "look good." He added the city needs her to stay on for the sake of continuity.

Andrew Oleksiak, President of the firefighters' union, urged the council to approve the union's contract with the city. He said the contract is "fair," and it will help keep firefighters from leaving the city for other departments.

Bill Meyer said the council should support the majority on council who do not want to extend Powell's contract. He said Powell has a history of being fired from other cities.

"Let's just honor the majority vote," he said. Rachel Srodek urged

the council to extend Powell's contract. "She's been amazing

for this city," she said.

Srodek added that during Powell's tenure here, property values have gone up.

Cathie Gordon, who is running for mayor, said she is in favor of returning ambulance service to the fire department.

"But I'm not in charge here," she said.

As for extending Powell's contract, Gordon said the council has discussed this for five months.

"It's constant chaos here," Gordon said.

The council voted in favor of adopting a city budget for the new fiscal year, which starts on July 1. Councilmember Hassan was the only councilmember to vote against the budget. He did not comment on why he opposed it.

In the vote to extend City Manager Powell's contract, it was rejected by Councilmembers Miah, Almasmari, Hassan and Musa.

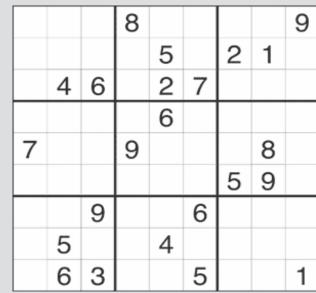
A lengthy discussion was held prior to the vote.

Councilmember rotta said that when Powell's contract expires on June 30, "we don't have a leader in place."

He said that with only two weeks to go before her contract expires, it would be "irresponsible" to have the position va-

(Editor's note: Councilmembers Miah, Almasmari, Musa and Hassan later voted to hold a special meeting to appoint former acting city manager Kyle Tertzag as a temporary city manager. That appointment was later rejected by the stateappointed financial advisory board that oversees tracts of the city.)

## Sudoku



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## Friday, July 14

- · Officers recovered a car that had been stolen in the city.
- An agent for Hanley House reported a 19year-old resident was missing. Hours later, the resident returned. At about 2:30 a.m. a
- resident was arrested for drunk driving after a traffic stop. At 4 a.m. a Botsford
- resident reported their car was stolen. At almost 4:30 a.m.
- a Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- At almost 5:30 a.m. an Oklahoma resident reported her ex-boyfriend broke into her home and broke windows. The suspect was treated for cuts.
- A case of child abuse was reported in the 3000 block of Hanley.
- · A resident reported the theft of his license plate while his car was parked in the area of Jos. Campau and Hanley.

### Saturday, July 15

- A Dyar resident reported being assaulted by a neighbor.
- · At almost 3 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for assaulting a family member in the 2600 block of Holmes.
- · A resident in the 1900 block of Edwin reported the theft of his car.
- · A resident reported items were stolen from inside his car while it was parked in the area of Jos. Campau and Yemans.

### Sunday, July 16

- At 2:30 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for disorderly and obstruc-
- At a little after 3 a.m. a resident in the 12000 block of Sobieski reported a garage break-in.

#### Monday, July 17 · A resident reported a

- hit-and-run accident in front of city hall. · A resident was ar-
- rested in the 9400 block of Charest for domestic violence.

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