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Next Tuesday (Aug. 7) is not only Primary Election Day, it's also National Night Out.

The city will join in the national recognition of public safety departments by hosting a get-together in Zussman Park, across from city hall. The event goes from 6:30 to 8:30

Police officers and firefighters will be on hand to talk with the community and show off some of their equipment. There will also be games for kids.

We asked Police Chief Anne Moise to explain the meaning of the event. She said residents are encouraged to keep their porch lights on to provide security for their home and neighborhood.

"We encourage residents to show their support for crime prevention on National Night Out by lighting up the area around their homes. Hopefully, by promoting this idea residents can see what a bright neighborhood looks like and will be more likely to keep the area bright throughout the year.

"National Night Out uses the slogan 'Lights on means lights out for crime.'"

A major task waits for city officials:

Finding money for the Fire Department

By Charles Sercombe

There is some unfinished business in the city's new yearly budget.

That chore will be for city official to find funding for the Fire Department. And if a preliminary discussion is any indication, it could get ugly.

A prelude to that challenge came up when Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer submitted a proposed budget to city council several weeks ago that does not fill four vacant firefighter positions. The firefighters' union is expected to fight that and demand that at least two of the positions be filled.

told the council that without the two positions filled he cannot guarantee ade- if the city can continue requate fire service.

Hagen and Councilmember Anam Miah got into a testy exchange about filling the positions and funding in general. At one point Hagen warned the council to not balance the budget on "the back of the Fire Department."

That's not the only contentious point.

A federally-funded SAFER grant will run out in January of 2019, which is the halfway point in the city's fiscal year.

For the past two years the grant covered the salary costs of 14 firefighters, which totaled \$2.3 million.

The department's total Fire Chief Danny Hagen budget is \$3.3 million for this year.

At this point it is unclear

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A federal grant that subsidized the salaries of firefighters will run out this coming January. City officials now have to find a way to replace that funding in the

A breakdown of what the Fire Department costs the city

By Charles Sercombe

Just how much does it cost to fund the city's Fire Department?

cover the cost of the department will be coming up for discussion for city officials as a federal

grant, known as SAFER, begins to run out.

That grant covered the salaries of 14 firefight-The future of how to ers and has been in place since 2012. Although the grant covered the salaries of 14 fire-

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Holbrook repaving project is moving forward

By Charles Sercombe

The repaying of Holbrook kicked off as scheduled last

By now, residents in the area are aware of a major inconvenience in driving on the street. At this point there is only one lane open for traffic going eastbound. There is no lane for westbound traffic.

This is the first phase of the project that will repave the street from Jos. Campau

to Gallagher.

After the first phase is completed, work will move between Gallagher and Conant. There is no time estimate on when the second phase begins. Both the first and second phases involve repaving the westbound

There are also two more phases, which involve the eastbound lane.

Residents on Holbrook are invited to park their car just

down the street at the Town Center shopping plaza at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

For those who have a garage in the rear you can still get to it through the

Included in the project is the replacement of water and sewer lines. Work is expected to be completed by late November.

The project will cost \$1 million, of which the federal government is paying 80

percent. The city is kicking in the remaining 20 percent out of its yearly street repair

In general work will occur Mondays through Fridays, starting at 7 a.m. and ending around 6 p.m. There will be occasional Saturday

As with any general road work, there will be a dust issue. A water truck will be on hand to dampen down the dirt that is stirred up.

Candidates aim for Lansing

By Charles Sercombe

Several Hamtramck candidates have high hopes about next Tuesday's Primary Election.

If they win the Democratic nomination, it means they will likely go on to win the November election.

The seats for State Representative and State Senator in the Hamtramck district have traditionally always been won by Democratic nominees. The city's district has been a staunch Democratic stronghold for years.

The State Senate race for this district is unusual this year. Several candidates are running for the remainder of former State Sen. Bert Johnson's term, which ends in January of 2019.

Johnson, 44, stepped down from his office last year after being found guilty of a felony. He admitted he paid a "ghost" employee with taxpayer money to be a member of his

The problem was, however, the so-called employee did not do any work. Instead, the hiring was done to pay off a debt Johnson owed to the employee.

That was the second felony conviction in his life. He held up Oakland Hills Country Club when he was

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A major task waits for city officials: Finding money for the Fire Department cont. from front page

ceiving the grant. But even \$11,000. if it does, the grant program's funding formula has changed, said Fire Chief Hagen.

He said going forward the grant pays for only 75 percent of the salary cost. The city would have to come up with the remain-

Department-wise, firefighters and police officers are among the top earners in the city.

Out of the firefighter staff of 2017, seven were paid in the \$90,000 range a year. Another four were paid over \$80,000, seven were in the \$70,000 range, two were paid over \$60,000, five earned over \$50,000 and two were paid over \$30,000, while one was new on staff and worked only part of the year brought in over

The highest-paid firefighter earns a little over \$99,000 a year.

That information came from a Freedom of Information Act request submitted by The Review.

Hamtramck's department also has a work schedule where firefighters work a little over two weeks out of the month. Their work days are around the clock with sleeping quarters on the second floor of the building.

In this initial budget discussion, it also came to light that the department's service runs are mostly in Detroit.

A couple of years ago the department entered into a unique agreement with Detroit and Highland Park to answer calls to those cities, but the range for mutual service was supposed to be limited to one mile from outside Hamtramck's city limits. However, Hamtramck has been responding to calls in Detroit past that one-mile limit – up to three miles.

In all there were over 800 runs in 2017, which Hagen admitted it was "10 to 1" in Detroit's favor. That prompted Councilmember Anam Miah to

comment, "That doesn't sound like mutual aid to me."

Hagen conceded "it looks lopsided, and it is."

In exchange, Hamtramck is guaranteed crews from Highland Park and Detroit when there is a fire here. That arrangement came in handy over a year ago when a fierce house fire on Trowbridge – whipped up by a strong wind -threatened to spread to nearby houses.

But in truth, there are relatively few serious fire service calls in Hamtramck.

This arrangement has raised concern over the wear and tear of the city's fire trucks and the possibility of firefighters being injured on the job outside of Hamtramck.

The city's employment contract with the firefighters' union runs until 2020. Until a new contract is negotiated, the city is obligated to continue funding at its present level.

tions out there if city officials can't find funding within its present budget. Chief Hagen is in favor of

But there are some op-

joining up with a public safety authority that includes the communities of Eastpointe and Hazel Park. Voters in those communities agreed to form the authority at a cost of an extra 14 tax mills per homeowner.

The two communities share only the tax monies generated from the authority and do not exchange fire fighting services between each other.

Hagen would like to have Hamtramck voters to decide on whether to join the authority. That arrangement would also require voters in Eastpointe and Hazel Park to agree on the deal.

Hamtramck Fire Captain William Dickens also suggested another funding source surplus to cover department costs - tapping into the city's projected \$6 million budget surplus.

"Try to figure out a solution with the fund balance," he said in reference to the city's budget sur-

City officials point out that the surplus was largely due to several onetime-only financial windfalls - such as some temporary vacant department head positions and an unexpected increase from income tax collection.

Candidates aim for Lansing

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19 years old.

But a record of felony convictions isn't stopping one candidate, Brian Banks, from seeking Johnson's job.

Banks also resigned last year as a State Representative after taking a plea deal for falsifying financial records to get a loan. That deal was reduced to a misdemeanor. Prior to that conviction he had eight felony convictions for credit card fraud and writing bad checks.

Also in the running is George Cushingberry, who has had his own legal troubles. He recently lost his license to practice law. Cushingberry is a former representative,

Wayne County Commissioner and Detroit City Councilmember. Locally, Hamtramck City

Councilmember Anam Miah is seeking to win the seat. He is joined on the ballot with fellow Hamtramck resident Abraham Alyash. Both are running to take

a full term, starting in January. Miah, however, is not seeking the partial term.

In the State Representative race, Hamtramck City Councilmember Saad Almasmari is on the ballot along with fellow Hamtramckans Michele Oberholtzer, Syed Rob and Justin Jessop. One candidate, MD Rabbi Alam, listed his address as a post office box

in Hamtramck. It is unclear if he is a Hamtramck resi-

The seat is being vacated by Rep. Rose Mary Robinson, who is being termed out. Her son, Isaac Robinson, is seeking to keep the position in the family.

Another Hamtramck resident, former Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, is challenging longtime incumbent Martha Scott for her position on the Wavne County Commission.

Also of Hamtramck interest is a city charter revision proposal.

That proposal would loosen up the qualifications needed to be appointed the city manager. Instead of re-

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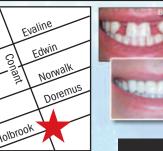
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Recreation Program News

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Tennis has begun at Veteran's Park. Practice on Saturdays, 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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In Our Opinion

Tuesday's Primary Election will determine who goes to Lansing

Next Tuesday is election day, and for two positions in state government, this election will determine who goes to Lansing.

The seats for State Representative and State Senator have traditionally been filled by Democratic candidates, meaning whoever wins the Democratic primary election next Tuesday will likely win in November when they square off with their Republican challengers.

We have Hamtramck candidates in both races. We wish them the best. So far, it looks a like a toss up on who will win in those two elec-

Also of local concern is a charter revision proposal on the ballot, which strangely no one has talked about. Particularly curious is that the very people who want the change — a majority of city councilmembers — have done nothing to promote it.

The charter proposal will open up the qualifications of who can be appointed city manager. The current requirement have proven to be too restrictive in the city's ability to hire an otherwise qualified candidate.

Give this proposal some serious thought.

No matter what, be sure to go out and vote this Tuesday, and defilagher. nitely come back in November for important Congressional elections.

Odds & Ends

Attention. lovers!... What's being billed as Detroit's most popular musical, "Wicked." returns to the Fisher Theater for a four-week run, starting this coming Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The show is about the unlikely friendship between Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, and Glinda, the Good Witch of the South, and it's based in part on the 1995 book by Gregory Maguire. It features lyrics and music by Stephen Schwartz, previously best known for "Godspell" in the 70s.

Lauded by Entertainment Weekly, Variety, and the New York Times during its initial run, it is the highest single week grossing show in Broadway history, and has been performed in over 100 countries. Since 2005, the show has broken the house record in every single city in which it has played.

Tickets, starting at \$43, online available

broadwayindetroit.com or Ticketmaster, by calling (800) 982-2787, or at the Fisher and Opera House box offices. Group sales for 15 persons or more people are available.

The show runs Tuesdays through Sundays from Aug. 8 through Sept. 2, with evening performances beginning at 8 p.m. (7:30 on Sunday nights), regular Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., and a special Thursday Aug. 9 matinee at 1 p.m.

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quiring at least three years in that role in a community with at least 10,000 residents, the new qualifications would require:

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New school year ushers in new principal for Tau Beta School

By Alan Madlane

Nabil Nagi has been tapped to become the new principal of Tau Beta School here in Hamtramck.

He replaces the interim principal, Terry Taylor. Nagi's appointment was unanimously approved by the school board on June

The school is located in the city's southend, at 3056 Hanley, between Jos. Campau and Gal-The school opened its doors to the public on Saturday, January 27 and held its first official day of classes two days later. It took over the space of a failed charter school, American International Studies.

The building itself dates to 1927, when four Grosse Pointe teens



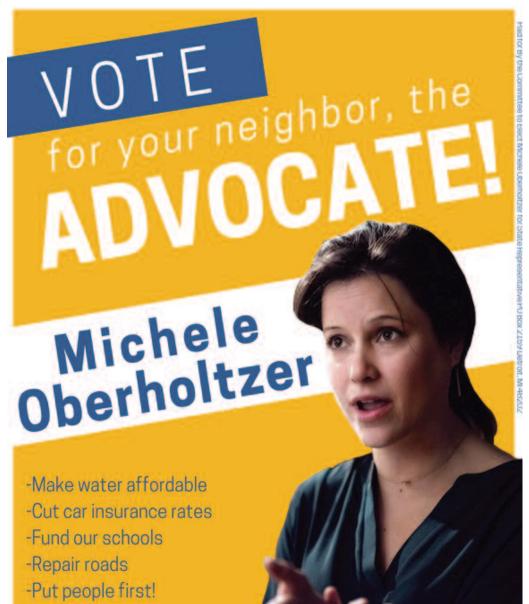
Nabil Nagi

who were members of the Tau Beta Society training founded а school for new immigrants to better help them assimilate American culture.

Nagi is a former elementary instructional facilitator for Hamtramck Schools, and possesses an array of credentials. He holds a Bachelor's in Education, a Master's in English as Second Language (ESL) and an Educational Specialist degree to boot. He also has 13 prior years of experience as an administrator, teacher and para-professional.

An announcement from School Superintendent Tom Niczay states, in part, that "The district is excited about the skills Mr. Nagi brings to our team, and welcomes him to our school district family."

The announcement also went on to note, with due appreciation, Interim Principal Taylor's past contributions in helping to get the school up and running.



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Recreation Department's fireworks show is a blast



Scenes from Saturday's fireworks show held at Keyworth Stadium.

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fighters, recently the city has not filled two vacant positions.

The last payment the city received was in 2016 for \$2.3 million. The money remaining in the pot, about \$1.2 million, will be spent by January of 2019 - less than six months from now.

This year's city budget, which covers 2018-19, calls for spending \$3.3 million for the department.

By Charles Sercombe

Thousands of folks got a special mid-summer Saturday last evening.

The Hamtramck Recreation Department held a "Hamtramck Colors of Summer Fireworks" event at Keyworth Stadium.

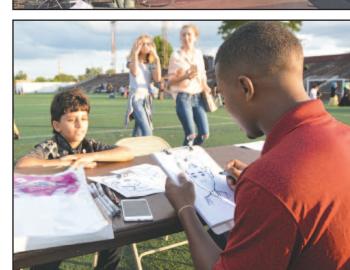
Kids got to enjoy rides and even go down a zip

Several performers hit the stage as well, including Hamtramck's own Danny D.

To cap off the night, onlookers were treated to about 30 minutes worth of fireworks - which some said was the best show in recent years.







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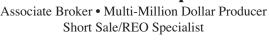
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's crime Log covers July 24-30.

Tuesday, July 24

- · A juvenile was reported missing from her home on Charest. The teen was later found in Warren by the Warren police.
- At 9:30 p.m. a group of people reported being followed by another group. They were later assaulted in the Hamtramck Town Center by the suspects who were armed with sticks.
- · At a little after 3 a.m. police officers attempted to pull over the driver of a dark-colored sedan for speeding but the driver sped off.
- A resident reported that while walking their dog on Fleming near Casmere a white-colored pit bull attacked and bit their dog.

Wednesday, July 25

- · A Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving after causing a traffic crash.
- · A resident reported a road rage incident that turned into an attempted

carjacking while in the area of Conant and Carpenter.

- · At about 2 p.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for being disorderly and publicly intoxicated while at Pulaski Park.
- Taylor police reported they recovered a car stolen out of Hamtramck.
- · A resident dropped off at the police station a small white dog with a blue collar but no tags. The dog was taken to the Westland Humane Society.

Thursday, July 26

- · A Gallagher resident reported receiving harassing communications.
- · A Faber resident reported an incident of fraud.
- · A resident in the 2200 block of Norwalk was arrested for domestic violence.
- A resident was arrested for driving without a license and being wanted on various warrants.

Friday, July 27

· A Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving after officers found him passed out in a car on the

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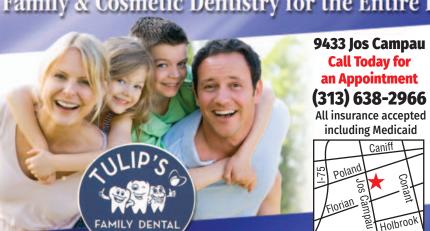








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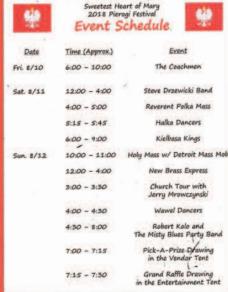
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steering wheel.

- · A Casmere resident reported a suspicious incident.
- A resident on Hanley reported someone stole his city-issued trash can.
- A resident in the 9400 block of Gallagher was arrested for obstruction and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

Saturday, July 28

- · At 2:30 a.m. an Allen Park resident was arrested for drunk driving and possessing narcotics.
- · At 3:30 a.m. a resident was arrested for drunk driving.
- A resident reported items stolen from his open garage.
- A resident reported being assaulted by a male while in the 3500 block of Caniff.

Sunday, July 29

- · A resident reported someone stole his bicycle while it was parked at Keyworth Stadium.
- · At about 4 a.m. a suspect was arrested at a residence in the 12000 block of Nagel for multiple charges.
- Officers responded to an alarm at a building on

Dequindre where they found an open door. Officers secured the building.

 A resident reported his garage was broken into and several items were stolen.

Monday, July 30

- · A resident reported being sprayed in the face with mace by a family member while in the 2000 block of Belmont.
- At a little after 11 p.m. a resident came to the police station with a self-inflicted wound.
- · A resident reported they lost their passport.

At almost 1 a.m. a Ham-

tramck couple reported their family dog was stolen from their fenced yard.

- · An agent for a Conant business reported someone broke their building's window.
- A Grand Haven resident reported being assaulted by her boyfriend.
- A resident in the 9400 block of Charest reported the theft of their city-issued trash can.
- A resident in the 1900 block of Edwin reported a garage break-in and the theft of numerous powered lawn items.
- · A resident in the 5000 block of Evaline reported the theft of their city-issued trash can.

Coming events

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

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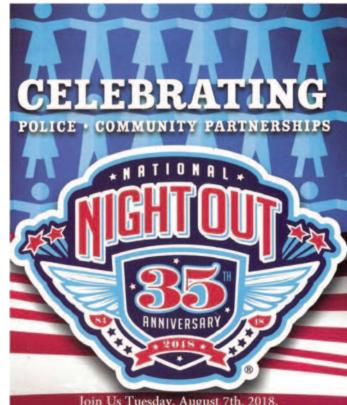
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