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Quick Hits

Vintage baseball comes to Hamtramck

By Alan Madlane

Want a good dose of the old-timey? Love baseball and its history?

Just want an excuse to sit outside on a warm day after a long winter?

You, my friend, are in luck-luck this weekend.

You should mosey on down to Hamtramck Stadium tomorrow (Saturday, May 18) and take in a ball game – 1860s-style.

Four games will be played, all in quick succession: From 10 a.m. to noon, it's the Rochester Grangers versus the Regular BBC of Mt. Clemens; noon-2 p.m., the Bavarian BBC of Frankenmuth versus the Wyandotte Stars; they flip after that, and from 2-4 p.m. it'll be Wyandotte versus Rochester, then from 4-6 p.m. you'll catch Mt. Clemens-Frankenmuth.

This is bare-handed baseball played with the equipment, and by the rules, of the earliest days of the game.

There is no charge, but donations are accepted. Bring your own food and chairs.

HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Schools get a new leader

By Charles Sercombe

In an emotional and packed special school board meeting, a divided board voted Wednesday evening to hire one of their own as the next district superintendent.

In a 4-2 vote, Jaleelah Ahmed, the Director of the district's English Language Development, will now be the next superintendent.

Technically, the vote was to allow contract negotiations to begin with Ahmed, a Yemeni-American, who has worked in the Hamtramck district for three

The first vote to consider on who to be the superintendent went to Dr. Youssef Mosallam, who is from the Dearborn Public School District, where he is Executive Director of Community Partnerships,

College & Career Readiness Achievement.

Mosallam was one of several Dearborn school officials named in a lawsuit filed by a fired school employee, who accused them of harassing non-Arab, non-Muslim employees. That lawsuit was thrown out in court.

Neither of the candidates were at the meet-

The Hamtramck teachers' union started an online write-in campaign for Mosallam. Nearly 200 online letters of support were forwarded to the board in favor of him.

Three board members, Evan Major, Dennis Lukas and Magdalena Srodek voted for hiring Mosallam.

Four boardmembers, Salah Hadwan, Moortadha

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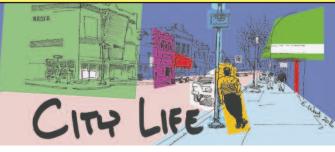


Above: On Wednesday evening the Hamtramck School Board tentatively hired Jaleelah Ahmed, a district department director, as the next superintendent. Below: The public packed Wednesday's school board meeting.





The artwork of Polish artist Miroslawa Sztuczka is



Open up the local night

By Walter Wasacz

My plan was to start walking early Friday evening, take in some local event openings, find a dance party and stroll home on the opposite side of midnight.

When I walk I bring two cameras. One adapts well to night photography, usu-

ally with the help of street lights above or neon coming from storefront windows, the other better for closeups or portraits in-

I left my house at Edwin and Gallagher at around 7:30 and headed west on Evaline to Jos. Campau.

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'Banglatown' is about to get a huge injection of funding

By Charles Sercombe

American Axle & Manufacturing is investing \$5 million into the neighborhood known Banglatown.

That neighborhood is just east - and a little north - of Hamtramck, and runs between Jos. Campau and Conant, starting at about Carpenter.

The neighborhood also blurs into part of Hamtramck, on the northeast corner of the city.

However, the investment is being aimed at the Detroit side of the Hamtramck border.

The five-year plan from Continued on page 6

Candidate's eligibility is questioned

By Charles Sercombe

This year's campaign season is just a few weeks old, and already the gloves are off.

City Council candidate Carrie Beth Lasley is asking the city to rule that Councilmember Saad Almasmari is ineligible to be on the primary ballot, and to also pursue criminal charges against him for saying in his filing to be a candidate that he was qualified.

The request was made on April 23 in a letter to the city, which The Review obtained in a Freedom of In-

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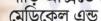


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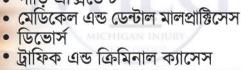
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Schools get a new leader

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Obaid, Jihan Aiyash and Showkat Chowdhury voted in opposition.

Before that vote, Major, the vice president of the board, read from a prepared statement outlining the vast experience that Mosallam has.

Major said that Ahmed, on the other hand, now has to start working on becoming certified to remain as a superintendent, while Mosallam already is quali-

When that vote failed, Major then motioned to

hire Ahmed.

But before that vote took place, Board President Srodek pointedly asked Chowdhury, who had been out of the country for the entire interview process of the superintendent candidates, why he was supporting Ahmed.

Chowdhury, Bangladeshi-American, said he was impressed that Ahmed has been working in the district.

She also asked Hadwan. Obaid and Aiyash, who are all Yemeni-Americans, why they were supporting her.

Hadwan said it came down to imagining himself as a student, and who he would want as superintendent.

"I believe Jaleelah has a better vision," he said.

Srodek, a Polish-American, spoke just before calling the vote, and in a lengthy and emotional plea, she urged those who voted against Mosallam to reconsider.

At times choking back tears, she said that by having Ahmed remain in her department and Mosallam as superintendent, it would be "the best of both worlds"

"I urge you to reconsider," Srodek said. "This is a monumental step. We are on the cusp."

A number of African-Americans in the commuopposed having Ahmed become the superintendent.

Darla Swint said, in a social media exchange, that Ahmed insulted the black community during an interview with the school board. During a portion of

the interview when the public was allowed to ask questions. Swint asked what Ahmed would do for troubled black students.

Swint said she was offended when Ahmed used the term "dysfunctional" to describe the problem. "The moment she used

the word dysfunctional to describe my community of people, I shut down...," Swint said.

The vote for Ahmed went 5-2, with Lukas and Srodek voting in opposi-

The vote stumbled for a moment when Chowdhury at first voted against Ahmed, but then quickly corrected himself.

A murmuring erupted throughout the room and in the hallway where onlookers were pressed shoulder-to-shoulder.

One person was heard saying: "He doesn't even know what he's voting on."

Immediately after the vote, Board President Srodek called for a vote of unity to support Ahmed.

regarding this issue that was unanimous in sup-At the end of the meet-

That was the only vote

ing, passions still ran high.

Seniors (60+)

A number of teachers were visibly shaken, some

Michelle Cook, the president of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers, declined to comment, while wiping away tears.

Inside the board meet-Latrello room, Sephers, 50, an African-American who has lived in Hamtramck his whole life, was shouting at boardmembers.

"You guys just set back black people 30 years in this meeting," he said.

Assuming contract negotiations are successful and the board agrees to the contract, Ahmed will be the first Muslim superintendent of the Hamtramck School District.

That cultural shift has also played out in city government, where the city council is a Muslim majority - a first in the entire country.

Current Superintendent, Tom Niczay, is retiring at the end of June after serving 11 years as superintendent. He has been in education for 40 years, mostly in the Hamtramck District.



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ESL Class - Thursday May 23rd, @ 12:00 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required. Toddler Time - June 6th-Au-

gust 8th, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Toddler time is for Children up to age 5 and their parents and caregivers. This program includes stories and songs and is followed by unstructured playtime.

Movie Night - Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Family friendly movies,

snacks provided. A UNIVERSE OF STORIES, **SUMMER LIBRARY PRO-GRAM 2019** - Registration

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mer Break. Mondays June 24 -August 5, 2-4 p.m. Registration opens June 17th. Grades 6 and up are welcome. Join us for workshops, guest speakers and hands-on events! ANIME CLUB - Every Thurs-

day 5-7 p.m. Begins June 27. Hang out, share and discover Anime and Manga. Grades 6 and up. Adults are also welcome

ESL Conversation Café -10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Weekly on Mondays. Open House Monday June 10th. Program is free and open to adults and teens who want to improve their English language skills. Interested in volunteering?

A Universe of Stories (Movies at the Library) Tuesdays 4:00 pm, July 2- August 27. Adults and Teens are welcome. Light refreshments will be served

Hamtramck Public Library and Michigan Notable Books 2019 Present Wayne Kramer The Hard Stuff: Dope, Crime, The MC5 and My Life of Impossibilities - Friday, June 21st. Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Program starts at 6:00 p.m. Afterglow 7:30-8:30 at Planet Ant

#READYTOCODE Makerspace STEM+ Art - Youth in 4th to 12th grade are invited for the #ReadyToCode events. Programs are held on Wednesdays in May from 3:45-4:45, and run from May 1st- May 29th. Projects will include: Animation, Games, Videos, Music, and Art!

Memorial Day Bugle Calls Presentation Presented by Richard Gadigian - Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Hear how Bugle calls were used during the Civil War and those that continue to be used in our modern Armed Forces. Special Guests: John Wayne @ Sari Villanueva.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

Contact the library for more in-

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Second Front Page



School Bell



Above and below: Tau Beta Elementary School recently hosted a "Dino-mite" book fair. Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay (above) visited with the students.





Above: Dickinson West Elementary School students recently visited the Detroit Zoo. Below: Dickinson East and KMS students were recently honored by the **Optimists of Downtown Detroit.**





Tau Beta Elementary School News

The first Tau Beta "Dinomite" book fair was recently held. Students had a preview day, then four days of shopping.

There was an afterschool shopping event on May 2, with special guests: Clifford the Big Red Dog, Tina T-Rex (it was dinosaurthemed) and Tau the Tiger.

Superintendent Tom Niczay was a special guest.

Money raised will go to help fund the Tau Beta Library. Students and staff also participated in an "All For Books" collection during the fair week. Money collected stays at Tau Beta, and Scholastic will match the donations, and distrib-

ute books to children in

need.

Dickinson West Elementary School News

Dickinson West is having their "Passport To Learning" night on May 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. for students who attend Dickinson West and their families.

Students must be accompanied by adult. Come experience a fun, educational trip around the world, at Dickinson West.

Dickinson West spent the day on May 10 at the Detroit Zoo for the Michigan Green School Wayne County ceremonv.

Select fourth and fifth grade students from Mrs. Bradlev's, Ms. Mitchell's and Mrs. Segura-Torres'

classes dressed up like their favorite plants and animals for the event.

The Detroit Zoo and Waste Management gave the students reusable bags, reusable water bottles and recycled pencils.

We went on a sustainability trek around the zoo, seeing some of our favorite animals. Unfortunately, we were unable to spot the polar bear, which we adopted this year from the Detroit Zoo.

We plan on continuing to be a Michigan green school, and will add new items to our agenda. Reducing, reusing and recycling are our main focus this school year.

Optimist Club

Eleven Dickinson East and KMS students and some of their parents participated in the Optimists of Downtown Detroit Annual Law Day and Winners' Circle Luncheon.

Enrollment Information

Hamtramck residents may enroll their children in Hamtramck Public Schools at the HPS Business Office, 3201 Roosevelt. School of Choice applications will be accepted during the following dates: Kindergarten: Unlimited, through September 5: Grades 1st through 12th: Unlimited, through June 28.

Late school of choice applications cannot be accepted. School of choice applicants may be denied based on the student's attendance and/or disciplinary records.

You will need to bring with you: an original birth document (raised seal birth certificate, passport, green card, visa), an up-to-date immunization record, a final 2018-2019 report card/transcript, parental identification, two current

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Upcoming Events:

- May 24 Half day for students and staff.
- May 27 –No school for students and staff. Memorial Day.
- · May 28 School resumes.
- May 30 Last day for preschool.
- May 30 Last day for Hamtramck and Horizon High School Seniors.

Recreation Department News

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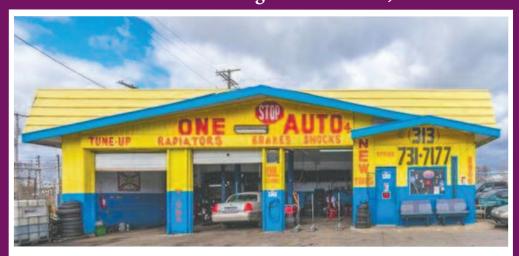
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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

'Banglatown' gets its proper due with a huge investment

ments coming.

Although not in Hamtramck itself, the Detroit Strategic Neighborhood Fund has ambitious plans for what's commonly called "Banglatown" - located

Hamtramck/Detroit bor-American Axle has committed to donating \$5 million total over the next

five years toward the proj-

just east and north of the

The company is one of

There are big improve- dozens pumping in millions of dollars to clean up that neighborhood, remove blight, make park improvements and make Conant and Jos. Campau more pedestrian-friendly.

Ambitious indeed.

neighborhood, This Banglatown, deserves the attention.

Bangladeshi immigrants provided a wealth of energy and talent to bring back Conant back in the 90s, when it had become a collection of empty commercial build-

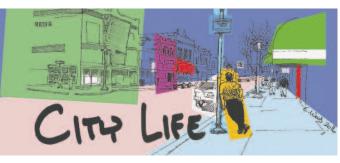
They have also reinvigorated housing in this neighborhood.

They have proven several times over that they are committed to Detroit.

Now it's Detroit's time to return the favor.

And what is good for that neighborhood will without a doubt - benefit Hamtramck's commercial areas and neighborhoods. This is a good

time to be investing here.



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My first stop was at the Ukrainian American Archives and Museum (9630 Jos. Campau), for a photography exhibition on Chernobyl, where a catastrophic nuclear accident took place in April 1986.

The room was full, every seat taken for a lecture that exposed many of the details. I recall the catastrophe vividly, from news coverage at the time, but had not known about the acts of self-sacrifice and heroism that marked those first days after the reactor exploded and the core began melting down.

Firefighters rushed in, divers trolled through radioactive water to shut off valves to prevent a steam explosion that may have crippled the whole of Ukraine, Belarus and European states as far west as Germany. First responders who entered the water were exposed to high doses of radiation, killing them within a week of the grim mission.

Soviet officials Moscow were slow to respond initially, until high levels of radiation were detected as far away as Swe-

took place in the following days as deadly smoke plumes rose above the city of Pripyat (population around 50,000 at the time of the accident; today a ghost town).

The contaminated site was entombed in a temporary "sarcophagus," completed in December 1986. A more protective confinement structure was not finished until 2017.

It was a fascinating talk about the most horrifying nuclear plant accident in Earth's history. A miniseries exploring the disaster and its aftermath is now showing on HBO.

From the museum I walked north on Jos. Campau to Oloman Cafe, where Polish artist Miroslawa Sztuczka was opening her exhibition of new paintings and mixed media work.

Sztuczka's work includes self-referential images (there are five self-portraits) and others that include faces and bodies encased in swirly shadows, muted colors and light.

When I spoke to Miroslawa about her work, she said some of it reflected near-death experiences and glimpses "from the other side."

That sounds about right. Something coming from deep inside heart, soul and the unknown is contained in her work. It haunts long after viewing. It's up at Oloman (10215 Jos. Campau) until May 24 and is well worth seeing.

After the opening, Miroslawa and I walked up Jos. Campau to High Dive, where I arranged to meet my German friends, Kimara and Ricardo. Our plan was to have drinks there, then scoot across the street to Barter, where John Collins of Underground Resistance was DJing.

Miroslawa went back to her car while the three of us walked to Barter, which was already filling up with people. We were greeted by familiar faces: Zlatan from Oloman and our mutual friends Ed and Linda, who also were at the Oloman art opening; and Widespread evacuations Steven and Tyler, the promotions team behind the night they call "Club Sweat," which was launching that night.

> Soon, more people streamed in, including Alex, a techno producer and DJ who relocated from Los Angeles earlier this year and recently bought a house in Hamtramck; and Paulina from the art-fashion space Playground Detroit and her boyfriend Michael, a colleague of mine on the board of the Detroit-Berlin Connection.

John Collins, the headline performer on this opening night, is also part of our group, which has its sixth annual conference next week.

People stood around mingling and talking, then made their way into Barter's pitch-black back room, which is perfectlysized for dancing to techno and house music.

I parted the curtains and found Kimara and Ricardo in front of the DJ table where Collins, who began

performing in Detroit clubs like Heaven and Cheeks in late-1970s/early-1980s, was spinning and mixing vinyl.

Back in the front area, which features a large picture window that offers a view of Jos. Campau and Casmere behind it, I noticed new faces had arrived. All stools at the bar were filled, as were couches and chairs in the far corner of the lounge.

Outside, I met more strangers, was recognized by an artist-designer with whom I once shared a Red Bull Radio interview, and said good night to my German friends, who were heading back via Uber to where they are staying in Detroit's North End.

I stayed until 1:45, then began walking home. It was quiet and still. I saw no one else on foot as I walked, a letdown (though not surprising) after what had been a stimulating six

People have identified with Hamtramck cultural life for decades. Art, music and food are all partners in what could be a robust local night economy on the city's three commercial corridors: Jos. Campau, Caniff and Conant.

When I was home it struck me that only one food business, Dos Locos Tacos, was open at this hour. Why not several options open until, say, 4 a.m. (when Dos Locos closes) to serve rooms full of patrons at places like High Bumbo's, Ghost Light, Sanctuary, Trixie's and oth-

Three new bars or music clubs are in planning stages now. Hamtramck's night economy has been an integral part of the overall local economy, an attractor of unique individual talents, a catalyst for

How can it be better programmed and promoted to take advantage of natural assets it already has in its DNA? At the same time bringing more pedestrian traffic to the streets and making them safer 24/7?

creative industries.

More thoughts and ideas about this after the Detroit-Berlin conference, which is all about the future of the urban night: here, there and everywhere.

Hamtramck native Walter Wasacz walks the city streets day and night and writes about it for the Review

Odds & Ends

Looking good... Recently, a film crew set up at Hamtramck High School to shoot part of a Nike commercial.

HHS never looked better. A sneak preview of the ad has already hit the internet, and can be seen on YouTube.

The high school's old locker room is featured, as well some hallways and Charest St. out front of the school. The ad features a series of multi-ethnic female student athletes in various locations in the

The Hamtramck portion is in the beginning, and lasts for several seconds. Call us biased, but Hamtramck looked pretty darn good.

The message of the ad is for school girls to shoot for their dreams. The ad will be playing during the Women's World Cup soccer tournament, sometime this summer.

Like we said, go over to YouTube to get a sneak

And just in case you were wondering, yes, Nike paid the school district to use the high school -\$4,000 to be exact. Not bad for a day's work, eh?

Movie time... It's been decades since Hamtramck has had a movie theater.

Get some popcorn ready, because there is about to be a new theater opening soon.

It won't be like a traditional one, though. A former veterans hall on Holbrook, which for a short time was the home of the Hamtramck Historical Museum, is being converted into a combination bar and

movie theater. A young couple will be renovating the building, and hope to open it this summer. The theater will be called "Film Lab."

Foreign flicks, independent films and cult favorites will be shown.

We can't wait.

County health agency honors officers for saving overdose victims

By Charles Sercombe

Three Hamtramck officers were honored this week for their part in battling opioid abuse.

At a luncheon on Wednesday, The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) honored over a dozen officers in the metro area for saving the

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City Manager Kathy Angerer poses with Hamtramck police officer Dennis Sonntag, Sgt. Richard Seely and officer Naseer Golla at a recent county health awards ceremony.

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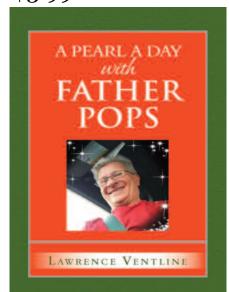
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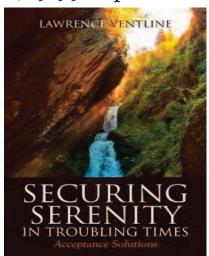
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'Banglatown' is about to get a huge injection of funding cont. from front page

American Axle, which is being directed by the Detroit Strategic Neighborhood Fund, calls for a number of improvements, including: razing dilapidated houses and buildcontinued ings, improvements in Jayne Field, renovating housing and storefronts, and making Conant and Jos. Cammore pedestrian pau friendly.

The investment got a boost at Tuesday's city council meeting, where the council approved having the University of Michigan perform a study of the area, with an eye toward finding out what other improvements can be made.

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The state's Treasury Department is funding the study, which will take about three months to complete.

Hamtramck City Councilmember Anam Miah said he knew an investment was in the works, and that is why he recently introduced a resolution to extend the honorific title of "Banglatown" to include all of Conant, which runs north and south in Detroit and Hamtramck.

"I wanted to make sure Hamtramck is associated

with Banglatown, so when you Google the name, not just Detroit comes up," Miah said.

The resolution was passed with only Councilmember Andrea Karpinski objecting.

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wanted to first make sure all of the businesses along Conant were aware of the designation. Miah responded by say-

doesn't mean Conant will be renamed, and that there will be "zero cost."

A number of years ago, the city gave Conant an

honorific renaming as Bangladesh Ave. Signs were installed on top of Conant street signs, but they did not remain for long.

Friday, May 17, 2019

The Bangladesh community has been recognized for revitalizing the Conant business district in the 1990s when that street was pocked with one empty storefront after another.

Conant is now a thriving commercial strip.

Conant is also where the Bangladeshi community holds its annual street fes-

Candidate's eligibility is questioned cont. from front page

formation Act request.

Lasley said Almasmari filed to be a candidate "knowing he was in debt to public bodies."

Lasley further said in her letter: "I would like the city to consider a criminal referral to demonstrate its commitment to fair elections and rule of law."

According to the city charter, there is a section saying that anyone who is a "defaulter" to the city or any other government agency cannot be elected or appointed to office.

It is Section 6-08 of the Hamtramck City Charter, and it says:

"No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who is a defaulter to the City or to any board, or office, or department thereof, or to any school district, county, or other municipal corporation of the State, now or heretofore existing. All votes for the election or appointment of any such defaulter shall be void."

That charter section has never been enforced, and there has been speculation that it would not hold up in court.

Almasmari is seeking reelection, but has a history of falling behind on his taxes and water bills throughout his term in office for the last four years.

Almasmari is not alone. The Review has previously reported on other city councilmembers who have been delinquent in paying bills owed to the city.

Reached by phone, Councilmember Almasmari, a

Yemeni-American, told The Review: "I don't have to be rich to be a candidate. What's behind this is racism, and me opposing marijuana."

Lasley, a frequent critic of city officials, has advocated for the city to allow medical marijuana dispensaries and grow facilities to operate here. Almasmari and a bare majority of the council have so far blocked that from happening.

Lasley is also no stranger to the issue of an elected official being a "defaulter" to the city.

A few years ago, she submitted documentation to the city showing that, in Councilmember 2015, Anam Miah lost property he owned in Detroit to foreclosure after failing to keep on top of property tax payments.

But, in a review of the matter, then-City Attorney John Clark said that since the issue happened before Miah was elected, he was not technically a defaulter.

The latest issue came to the public's attention in a proposed resolution for the city council to hire an outside law firm, the Miller Law Firm, to handle the matter.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said, in a background letter to the council, that she is recommending hiring an outside firm "in order to be completely impartial."

But the resolution also stirred up another controversy. Lasley said there is a conflict in hiring the Miller Law Firm because a member of that firm, Melvin a former member of City Attorney James Allen's law firm and had "invested" in

Allen said Hollowell left his firm eight years ago.

At Tuesday's council meeting, a lengthy discussion was held on whether to hire an outside legal

City Attorney Allen said he declined to investigate the matter because it could ultimately affect other candidates in the election, and he wanted to remain impartial on the matter.

A suggestion was made to request the state Attorney General to step in, but Angerer said that office only takes up state law issues. The council eventually voted to approve hiring an outside attorney to look into the complaint, with Councilmember Andrea Karpinski being the sole opposition.

It is expected the investigation will take about two weeks to complete.

Prior to the council meeting, in an exchange on her Facebook messenger service, The Review asked Lasley if she thinks hiring the law firm with Hollowell would affect how her complaint is handled.

Lasley replied:

"I really don't have a thought one way or the other. It certainly opens the city up to additional litigation on the matter. I do wish the city would take transparency, and the appearance of transparency, seriously. It is perhaps the leading cause of the hostil-

ment. This shows me there is still no interest in reducing hostilities."

The Review also asked Laslev whether she was the one who had made the complaint about Almasmari.

She replied: "I don't think if it was my challenge or another person challenging is relevant to the issue, but I would imagine that would be available to you by FOIA or by asking the City Clerk or Mr. Almasmari.

"I also don't believe it appropriate for me to discuss any issues that my competitors may be facing at this time."

Instead, she said, she is "focused on my own campaign, finding fiscal solutions to the (negative) \$1.8 million budget being proposed this week and moving Hamtramck forward responsibly."

City Clerk August Gitschlag confirmed it was Lasley who filed the complaint against Almasmari. The Review subsequently filed a FOIA request.

Almasmari, once again, appears to not be the only candidate who is in default to the city. According to city records, candidate Mohammed Hassan owes money to the city.

Hassan is a former councilmember who has previously fallen behind on water bills while in office. That was during a time when the city was still under the control of a stateappointed emergency manager. That manager declined to take action to remove Hassan from office.



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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers May 7-13.

Tuesday, May 7

- · At 1 a. m., a resident reported someone broke into his residence through a side door.
- · A hit-and-run crash was reported at Caniff and Mackay.
- A resident reported that someone stole building supplies from a residence he is renovating in the area of Doremus and Gallagher.

Wednesday, May 8

- · A Detroit resident was issued a parental responsibility ticket after their daughter assaulted a person.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported at Trowbridge and Conant.

Thursday, May 9

· No incident report was available for this date.

Friday, May 10

 A hit-and-run crash happened in the city parking lot between Evaline and Yemans, east of Jos. Campau. Part of the parking lot brick wall was damaged.

- Officers rescued a dog that had been chained to a fence for hours in the alley of Evaline and Lumpkin. The dog was taken to the Westland Humane Society.
- · An agent for a business in the 8000 block of Conant reported an incident of fraud.
- A resident in the 2300 block of Yemans St. reported that someone broke down his garage door and stole several items.
- · A resident was arrested during an investigation for being wanted on multiple warrants from several cities.
- · A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license.

Saturday, May 11

- · Officers secured an open door found at a building in the 2700 block of Florian St.
- · At about 2 a.m., a suspect was arrested for fleeing the scene of an accident, and for driving drunk.

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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.

MONDAY, May 20, 9 a.m. - Wayne County Commissioner Martha Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Monday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.

MONDAY, May 27m 10 a.m. – The Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council will host Memorial Day services at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church (3851 Prescott. A ceremony will also be held after Mass at PLAV Post 10.

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 A juvenile on Nagel St. was bitten by a neighbor's dog. The dog was quarantined while being tested for rabies.

Sunday, May 12

- · At almost 11 p.m., a suspect was arrested for domestic assault for an incident that happened in the 3800 block of Belmont
- A hit-and-run accident happened at Caniff and Conant.
- At about 1:30 a.m., a resident said that, while he was in the area of Carpenter and Klinger, a suspect

approached him and stabbed him in the neck. The suspect then ran away.

- A hit-and-run accident happened at about 2:30 a.m. in the area of Evaline and Conant.
- At about 11:30 a.m., a resident reported being robbed and assaulted at Norwalk and Gallagher.
- A Gallagher St. resident reported that someone damaged his living room window.

Monday, May 13

fraudulent insurance cer-

was cited for presenting a

• At 1 a.m., a resident

tificate after being pulled over during a traffic stop.

- · At a little after 1 a.m., a resident was arrested in the area of Danforth and Lumpkin for domestic assault.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported at Evaline and Conant.
- · At 11:40 a.m., a resident was arrested in the 3500 block of Caniff for domestic violence.
- · A child reported that, while at Memorial Park, a male about 6-foot, 2inches tall punched him in the mouth, breaking a tooth, and stole \$4 from him. The suspect was wearing black pants and a black shirt.

Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council **Memorial Day Services**

Monday, May 27, 2019 10 a.m.

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American Legion 455 Polish Legion of American Veterans 10 Disabled American Veterans 83 Polish Legion of American Veterans 6

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County health agency honors officers for saving overdose victims

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lives of hundreds of people who overdosed on drugs.

Officers in many departments have been trained and equipped with Narcan

Narcan is used to try to reverse an opioid over-

Hamtramck Naseer Golla, Sgt. Richard Seely and officer Dennis Sonntag were among over a dozen officers named as "Narcan Heroes."

"We are proud that we can offer these free Narcan trainings to the community, and will continue to do so - which helps equip everyone with these lifesaving tools," said DWMHA CEO & President Willie Brooks.

In all, 22 metro police departments were hon-

Arts group has a summer filled with activities

By Alan Madlane

Those busy folks at Popps Packing are packing a lot of fun in this month, for sure.

They have a doubleheader, of sorts, on their calendar for this Saturday, May 18. The first of the two items on that day's agenda is something they're dubbing a "weed walk," and no, it's probably not what you're thinking.

But it is a chance for you to traipse along in the nearby neighborhoods with resident "green witch" Zarah, as she shares her noted wisdom on the many plants growing right under our noses here in town.

She's even scheduled to an "urban salad" in a pinch, and also how to fashion natural remedies out of some of these plants. And bonus: you'll get to browse their vast seed library for some takehomes.

The walk begins at their

Aubin St., on the southeast worthwhile evening. corner at Carpenter, at 10 a.m., and is to conclude by noon.

Also, later on in the evening, from 6 p.m. through to 9 p.m., they unveil a new art exhibit, "(W)Here," by three students from the Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills.

The students – Ashley Beatty, Madelaine Corbin and Jeff Schofield – will exhibit their photographs and other media.

" '(W)HERE' features artwork expressing humanity's complicated relationships with natural landscapes and urban terrains," their website explains.

"While celebrating natuteach how one could make ral phenomena as essential elements of human existence, '(W)HERE' also explores human transgressions of both natural and constructed environments."

> So, there you have it, in a nutshell.

Sounds important, plus

Finally, they wish to announce that they are now taking registrations for their "pop-up" summer ceramics school. The roughly sixweek endeavor, run by Popps Packing neighbors Virginia Rose Torrence and Henry Crissman, kicks off Sat., June 8, per their own website.

It will then run for six active weeks, spread out over seven-week through July 25. There will evidently be a week-long break over the Fourth of July. Watch for courses on both hand building and wheel throwing for pottery, as well as for advanced techniques.

Also, within that time period there are several "Free Friday" nights, as well as some "Youth Drop-In" Saturday afternoons, scheduled. Ceramicsschool.com for more info.

Poppspacking.org more from their website as



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