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Councilman

cleared of

'defaulter'

By Charles Sercombe

Attention city council

candidates: Make sure

you are up to date on your

property taxes and water

That's part of the mes-

sage that attorneys for the

Miller Law Firm offered in

a 10-page legal opinion re-

garding whether Coun-

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bills by election day.

cilmember

charge



Quick Hits

You're Invited ... By Alan Madlane

Ever thought you might like to be a cop or a fireman?

Many kids dream about jobs like these, this coming Wednesday, June 12, the city's finest are going to try to help you figure out if you want to realize that try to dream.

Both departments will be combining for an open house on that date, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Officers and firefighters will both be on hand, willing to discuss their jobs with all interested parties.

Obviously, if you choose to attend, you can really benefit from getting first-hand information from the men and women who live it every day on Hamtramck's "mean

streets." You can gain some valuable insight into what it takes, and what you can expect should you ultimate choose Continued on page 6



Panic in Hamtramck? Online outlet says we are overstressed

By Alan Madlane

Feel a little tense, do you, Hamtown?

It comes as no surprise to the folks at Zippia. Zippia do dah, Zippia-ay.

What the heck is Zippia, anyway? Well, it's a job finder

website, actually, and they tend to do these (apparently, continuously updated) most-stressed American

Photo by Emily Pokoj

cities and states, presumably to make it easier for would-be job seekers to come prepared. Does knowing that Ham-

tramck topped the local

list make you even more stressed? Hmm. Sorry! So, to the core of the mystery: What does this

us? Well, they "employ" six factors to create their list:

Zippia think is stressing

Unemployment; for those who do work, hours worked; commute times; percent of population uninsured; population density; and lastly, house-price-toincome ratio.

Let's not even bring up the subject of chairs in the street to try to claim those precious street-parking spaces.

If you need a balm to allay your anxieties, take

some comfort in the fact that we only came in 32nd on the list of 50. On a separate list from January, where multiple cities per state were considered, Hamtramck didn't even make the list of the worst 100; in fact, no Michigan city did.

Summer time, and the livin' is easy?

Other factors play into

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Almasmari is a "defaulter" to the city. The matter came up when council candidate Carrie Beth Lasley filed a complaint with the city over Almasmari falling behind on property taxes

and water bills. She insisted that Almasmari, who is up for re-election, should be removed from the August Primary Election ballot, and also that criminal charges should be considered.

According to the law firm attorneys who were hired by the city to look into the issue, an elected official can only be considered a defaulter on election day, when the ballots are counted.

The city charter's wording on what constitutes a defaulter has been open

to wide interpretation. City Charter section 6-08 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 depart-

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Cass Corridor will be the featured dish at 'Hungry for History' series



Armando Delicato

By Alan Madlane

Detroit's Cass Corridor is known to many - famously or infamously.

Stories were passed from father to son. From mother to daughter. From snickering school kid to, well, another snickering school kid.

For a time, in the 1960s and 70s, it truly was a formidable landscape of twitchy students, searching artists, shuffling figures and lurid come-hithers.

it all on Thursday, June 13 at the Hamtramck Historical Museum in its ongoing series, "Hungry for History."

Author Armando Deli-

cato, co-creator of the book "Detroit's Cass Corridor," will be presenting a program on the storied and notorious - and And now, you can relive lately, regenerating neighborhood as part of the museum's "Hungry for History" series.

> Doors will be at 5 p.m., followed by a catered din-

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Margaret Zacharias' 85th Birthday

- June 10, 2019 -



Marge Zacharias, wife of Frank and mother of Janice (deceased), Amy, Martin and Julie; grandmother of Kris, Jake, Ryan, Carolyn, Rachel, Conor and Shane, is celebrating her 85th birthday.

Marge is a member of PLAVA #10, was a VA hospital volunteer for over 500

hours, a member of St. Ladislaus (usher), and a Blue Star Mother. Marge has been a resident of Hamtramck for over 56 years.

Marge was born on June 10, 1934. She will be celebrating this weekend with family and friends.

Councilman cleared of 'defaulter' charge

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ment 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."

According to the legal opinion, that section means:

"... It is our position that the challenge brought before this city is not ripe until after the votes have been counted at the time of the election."

The attorneys from Miller Law Firm who researched the matter are Angela L. Baldwin and Melvin Butch Hollowell.

This is the second time Lasley has filed a complaint against a city councilmember for being in default. Her first complaint was also dismissed.

Asked if she had a comment on the latest opinion, Lasley simply said: "No."

Almasmari previously told The Review he freely admits to having personal financial problems. He has often fallen behind on tax and water bills during his term in office.

Almasmari, a Yemeni-American, said there are other motives behind Lasley's complaint:

racism, and me opposing Almasmari marijuana," said. Lasley is in favor of al-

lowing marijuana grow facilities to operate in the city, but only in industrial areas that are away from the neighborhoods.

She is, however, against allowing dispensaries to operate here.

Almasmari is opposed to both grow facilities and dispensaries.

Former city councilmember Scott Klein, who also served on the city's Charter Revision Commission in 2002-03, said he was opposed to the defaulter charter section.

"Time and time, candidates have wagged their "What's behind this is finger at other candidates

to point out the deadbeat," Klein said.

"This is fair game in a campaign. But time after time, over, at least the last 30 years, voters are not interested in the issue. This provision seeks to undo the informed choice of the voter, and those who wrote and then use the provision are undemocratic."

He also said the inclusion of the section was politically motivated.

"The provision meant to deal directly with political opponents of some charter commission members who had been, at times, in debt to the city or county," Klein said.

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our local stress as well, some residents say, according to a follow-up piece from Clickondetroit.com: The price of housing itself is mentioned (that sure wasn't the case 10 years ago; **HUD** was practically paying you to move in here).

Someone suggests that it's the very melting pot nature of the place. People come, they suggest, but they don't stay, and so one is constantly adjusting to new neighbors, and even new cultures, within a very short time.

Other residents poohpooh such quibbles, and cities, you often are left to ton. Heh heh... say it's nothing most people couldn't handle.

It's worth noting that typ-

ical data for this type of study seem to have been foregone: crime factors such as property theft and break-ins, or assaults, or even car-related hit-andruns, are just some of the obvious aspects of city living that weren't factored into this list, which seems to have focused mostly on economic stressors.

Hamtramck shares the list with cities from other states both familiar (Philly, St. Louis, Milwaukee) and obscure (Manorhaven. New York? Cloverleaf, Texas? Huron, California?).

For most of the named wonder just how bad it could be.

It's hard to imagine Old

Orchard Beach, Maine is going to shave years off your life, isn't it?

And Scottsbluff, Nebraska's biggest stressor would figure to be crushing boredom.

We digress.

The point they're missing is, Hamtramckans are a hardy breed, and maybe – just maybe – it's the very act of living here that both toughens you up a smidge, and yet broadens you out by exposing you to cultures and people you might never meet in, say, Ludington.

Not to pick on Luding-

This week at the library...

FREE CONCERT - Tuesday evening, June 11th @ 5:30 p.m. Presented by Trade Winds Ensemble. All ages welcome.

Toddler Time - June 6th-August 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 4:00 p.m. Family friendly movies, snacks provided.

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Program runs weekly on

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ages are welcome. **A Universe of Stories Summer Break** - Mondays June 24-August 5, 2-4 p.m. Registration opens for workshops, guest

June 17th. Grades 6 and up are welcome. Join us speakers and hands-on ANIME CLUB - Every Thursday 5-7 p.m. Begins

June 27. Hang out, share

and discover Anime and

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A Universe of Stories -(Movies at the Library). Tuesdays 4:00 p.m., 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.

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.



Second Front Page



School Bell

Early Childhood Elementary School News

The activity room and playground were filled with excitement as students and parents welcomed Carousel Farms from South Lyon, Michigan for a

Students worked on crewriting, reading strategies and science ideas while integrating the animals from the farm.

parent-student workshop.

Students made farm visors, wrote a retelling book based on the story, "Mrs. Wishy Washy's Farm"; gave clues to their parents so they could guess the mystery farm animal, wrote dialogue for farm animals, and more.

Ideas for summer reading were shared; in addition, places where you can buy books inexpensively were noted.

Also shared with families was a list of local farms that have dates where you fresh can pick produce. Students and parents went out to meet and feed the farm animals from Carousel Farms.

Among the adorable animals they saw were lambs, sheep, a very affectionate calf, a miniature donkey, alpaca, goats, a sweet little baby goat, a miniature horse, rabbits and ducks.

After visiting with the animals, the groups came back to the activity room to enjoy some animal crackers and juice. Smiles were on everyone's faces as they ate, and the teachers thanked everyone for com-

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 durfollowing the ing 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 discipli-

nary records. You will need to bring with you: an original birth document (raised seal birth certificate, passport, green card, visa), an up-todate immunization record, a final 2018-2019 report card/transcript, parental identification, two current proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage statement, formal signed lease, pay stub, etc.) and proof of in-

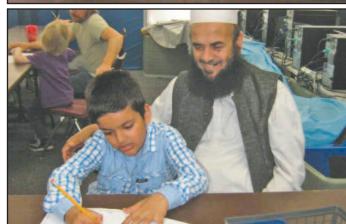
come (required only for



Above and below: Scenes from the Early Childhood Elementary School's special reading program that involved students and parents.













Above and above right: ECE students recently enjoyed a visit by a petting farm.

preschool applications).

Upcoming Events:

Kosciuszko Middle School, semester exams. Half day June 12 – Hamtramck HHS and KMS.

School

and

Records day in afternoon for HHS/KMS.

 June 13 – Hamtramck High School Kosciuszko Middle School-Semester Exams. Half day for all schools. Records day in afternoon for all schools.

· June 14 – End of the 4th quarter and 2nd semester. Semester exams for HHS and KMS. Half day for all schools. Last day for all students. Records day in the afternoon for all schools.

 June 20 – Final report cards mailed.

Recreation Department

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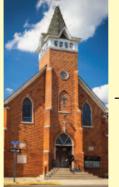
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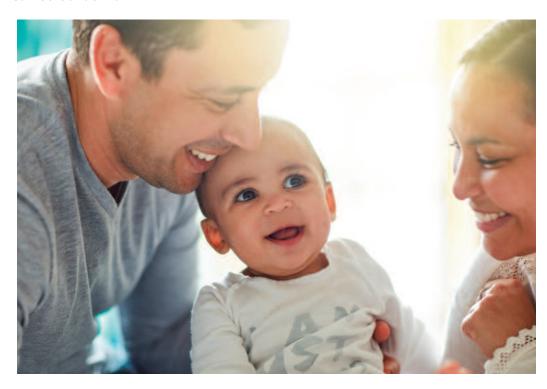
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City Hall Insider ...

We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

What is our City Council up to these days?

Hanley International Academy will be conducting it's random selection drawing of open seats for the 2019-2020 school year. The drawing will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 3:45 p.m. at 2400 Denton Street, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212 in the cafeteria. Names will be randomly selected until all the seats are filled. The remainder of the names will also be drawn and recorded for placement on the waiting list.



By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on March 26, and all councilmembers, except Councilmember Saad Almasmari and the mayor, were present.

During public comment, Justin Petrusak advised the city council to not approve vacating streets near the Missant building on Conant. He argued that, despite the streets having been supposedly vacated years ago, it appears some of them are still being used.

He also said the city should sell the streets, not voluntarily vacate them.

"You should be selling, not giving away," Petrusak said.

(Editor's note: The city vacated already streets years ago, but no record of that action can be found. The Missant family is in the process of selling the building, and need to clear up the mat-

The council later agreed to hold off on vacating the streets until the city attorney researched the mat- three houses are tenta-

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski questioned whether Missant was "taking advantage of us."

(Editor's note: As it turned out, the city did indeed vacate the streets in the 1980s. A city attorney said the city has to honor the deal or risk being sued. The council at a later meeting approved the matter.)

The council agreed to accept a Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant worth \$300,000.

The money will be used to construct two houses to go toward settling a housing discrimination lawsuit filed against the city 50 years ago.

The city settled the lawsuit by agreeing to build 200 housing units for the plaintiffs. The city has three houses left to build. The grant will reduce that number to just one more house to construct.

tive. The council approved the grant. The council also ap-

proved an agreement with the SMART bus service. The agreement is good for five years.

In another matter, Councilmember Pro Tem Anam Miah said the city must make sure GM hears "our voice" on the issue of the company's Poletown Plant shutting down in January.

The plant's closure would mean the loss of about \$850,000 per year that GM pays the city in lieu of property taxes.

A small portion of the plant is on the Hamtramck side of the Detroit border.

Miah also urged everyone to promote local businesses, especially social media.

"Let's promote our local businesses," he said.

Mayor Karen Majewski agreed, saying that everyone should "check in" on The locations for all Facebook whenever they

patronize a local business.

She also suggested writing a review on Yelp about your Hamtramck shopping and dining experiences.

During the second public comment portion of the meeting, attorney Mark Koroi urged the city to describe the nature of the council's closed meet-

He said the Ann Arbor council tells the public the general purpose of their closed meetings. (Editor's note: Some of the reasons could be to discuss a specific lawsuit that is pending, or perhaps about a labor contract issue.)

Robert Zwolak said the city's Downtown Develop-Authority ment \$142,000 in its "kitty bank." He said the DDA needs to start spending the money to promote the



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ner (\$18 per person) at 6 Cass Corridor book, are p.m.

All of this is mere preamble, albeit delicious preamble, to the main event, which will begin at 7 p.m. You may choose to attend only the program for a mere \$3 per person.

Delicato is also the author of "Italians in Detroit" and co-author of "Detroit's

part of Arcadia Publishing's popular and familiar "Images of America" mega-series, easily identified by their sepia-toned photo covers. All are easily found on-

line, but if you make it to the presentation, Delihim for sale.

To reserve your spot, Corktown," call (313) 893-5027 by both of which, like the Monday, June 10. You

may also do it by email (hamtramckhistory@gmai I.com) or by going to the website, hamtramckhistory.org.

When you go, note that the museum is at 9525 Jos. Campau, on the west side of Campau between Poland and Norcato will have copies with walk. Parking is on the street.

> Now take a walk on the wild side!



Hanley International Academy will be holding a public hearing on its 2019-2020 Proposed Budget. The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 am.

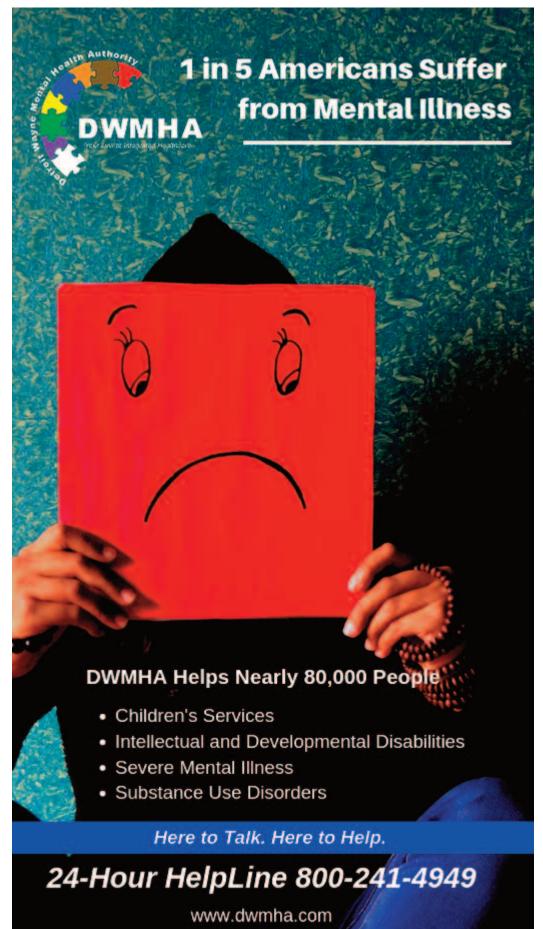
Location:

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Public Notice

Hanley International Academy will conduct its Annual Organizational Board meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:10 am. Location:

2400 Denton Street Hamtramck, MI 48212





Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City council needs to clarify what a 'defaulter' means

Now that a legal opin-tion. ion has come down clearing City Councilmember Saad Almasof being "defaulter," here's a job for the council to tackle:

Either come up with new charter language clarifying what it means to be a defaulter to the city, or else abolish the charter section.

There have been numerous occasions when The Review has pointed out that certain city officials have overdue property taxes or water bills owed to the city, which according to the charter means they are in default and thus ineligible to continue in their posi-

Or so it would it seem. Attorneys for the city have yet to uphold that charter section, having come up with various reasons why it does not

It shouldn't take an attorney to interpret something that reads straightforward to most folks.

The council should begin work on this matter right away in order to have a charter revision proposal ready by the November General Elec-

Let's settle this issue once and for all.

As it stands now, all the charter section does

is cause confusion at best, and at worst division among the commu-

Like we have said before, the ultimate judges in issues like this are the voters.

If voters want to elect someone who can't manage their own household finances, so

Having said that, we can't understand why anyone would want to be an elected official if they can't even pay their own taxes and water bills.

One might be inclined to suspect an ulterior motive on their part, and that is truly unsettling.

Obituaries

MCPHERSON



Britney Jane McPherson, 20, died unexpectedly May 30, 2019.

Britney was the daughter of Dee Ann Holley and John Howard McPherson; sister of Josh and Jacob (Julia Heckert) Holley. She is also survived by her grandmother, Pat Byars; step father Teri Baker.

Visitation is Friday, June 7, from noon to 3 p.m. with services at 3, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart of Saint Mary Cemetery, Detroit MI.

MIZEJEWSKI



Elizabeth Mizejewski (nee Shuraleff), 101, died June 2, 2019.

Mrs. Mizejewski was the wife of the late Alexander "Butch" for 68 years; mother of Robert (Linda); grandmother of Maria, Julia (John), and Diana (Keith); great grandmother of Jacob, Noah, and Mary Elizabeth; sister of the late Nick. She is also survived by six stepgrandchildren; seven step-great grandchildren; one great-great grand-

Liz was a member of the Sultana's of Malaga Caravan #188.

The funeral Mass was Wednesday, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck MI 48212. A private cremation was held with inurnment at Mount Olivet Cemetery with

beloved husband Butch. Arrangements were

made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

ROJEK



Lorraine Rojek (nee Lojek), 84, died June 3, 2019.

Mrs. Rojek was the beloved wife of Edward; mother of Dan. Carole. Douglas; and grandmother of Jason, Cheryl (Thomas) Dapkus; great grandmother of Candace, Amber, Amy, and Andrew. She is also survived by her sister, Sophie Jakubowski; brother, Thaddeus (Connie) Lojek.

Visitation was Thursday at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Mrs. Rojek will lie in state Friday, June 7, at 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck MI 48212. Entombment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit MI.

YBARRA



Ophelia "Cindy" Ybarra, 60, died June 3, 2019.

Ms. Ybarra

was the beloved daughter of Lucy Klotz; sister to Raymond and Michael. She is also survived by many cousins.

Private services were held by the family. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck MI.

SHIPAN



Dennis Gerard Shipan, 67, died Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

Dennis Shipan, loving husband of the late Sharon (nee Krajewski) passed away on his birthday at the age of 67. Dennis was born in 1952, in Detroit, to Leonard and Wanda (nee Korczakowski). Both he and his father worked at Zantop International Airlines at Willow Run Airport. Dennis and Sharon were married on April 25, 2009. Dennis had a passion for travel and sports, particularly golfing, and was a member of the Polish Century Club, Knights of Columbus, and the John W. Smith Old Timers Club. Dennis is fondly remembered for his friendly, kind hearted personality by all his friends and family members.

Mr. Shipan was preceded in death by his father, mother, wife Sharon, and his father in law William Krajewski. He is survived by many cousins and his mother in law Karen Krajewski.

A memorial Mass will held at 10 a.m., Saturday June 8, 2019, at Saint Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church, 41300 Romeo Plank, Clinton Township MI 48038. Family will be receiving friends starting at 9:30 a.m.

Arrangements made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

Reader feedback ... Tackling

By Charles Sercombe

Readers have once again been busy discussing the issues of the week.

Former Hamtramck School Boardmember Nasr Hussain had the most to say in our comment sections for the stories we posted online at hamtramckreview.com. This past week, he fo-

cused on the city's financial challenges ahead. For the first time in several years, the city is facing deficit spending this coming fiscal year.

Hussain thinks city offi-

Fortunately, the city has \$6 million financial cushion to absorb the

City of Hamtramck. blow of spending \$2.3 million in the red. City Manager and Finance

track by dipping into the city's budget surplus:

the city's financial crunch

"Continuing to redo the same actions, hoping to get different results, is a form of insanity. The only hope for this city is the removal of restrictions on business development in its ordinances.

"Abolishing the city's income tax should be the first step to attract businesses and investment to our city.

Dennis Nowak doesn't agree with eliminating the

income tax: "Abolishing the city income tax is a recipe for fi-

nancial disaster for the "Ask the City Treasurer,

Director what implications

that action you propose

will have on the city's ability to meet its obligations. Hussain replied:

"I don't need to ask. The city has been through bankruptcy twice with this tax revenue stream. And projected to go into it again by the persons you are referring me to ask, with income tax still here.

"This is the best time to try something different. The budget surplus will allow us to go for a year or two without income tax and see the difference. If nothing changes, then it can be easily re-instituted.

"We pay the highest insurance rates and water rates. Income tax is something that is under

our control to get rid of. Continued on page 8

Odds & Ends **Update...** Hamtramck black and white. Condolences...

detectives are still seeking tips on last week's Wild West shoot-up on Danforth St.

Here's a recap from last week's story on what hap-

Hamtramck police have footage of a car cruising down Danforth St., and someone inside it shooting up multiple houses and cars.

Amazingly, no one was injured.

The image of the car in question is grainy and in

In a posting on the City of Hamtramck Facebook page, the department issued this statement:

"At this time, we believe a gray vehicle occupied by multiple unknown suspects was involved. Detectives are canvassing the area for any video or

"Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or a retired Hamtramck fireanyone that may have video, please contact Hamtramck Police at (313) 800-5281."

thoughts go out to the family of Lorraine Rojek, who died this past Monday.

She was 84 years old. Her husband, Edward Rojek, is a former city councilmember. Eddie, as everyone calls him, is one of the good guys who witnesses to the incident. served this city well.

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Crime Watch ... Domestic violence is on the increase

By Charles Sercombe

A few weeks ago, the number of domestic assault incidents spiked from the usual two or three per week to a dozen or so.

Some of the reasons for an increase of domestic violence can be weather-related: When it gets super cold, people tend to stay home, and then they are more likely to get on each other's nerves.

Assaults are also known to increase during hot weather, when the oppressive heat leads to short-fused tempers.

Another stress factor is the city's dwellings are generally small and cramped with people living on top of each other. Neighbors also about an arm's length away next-door - cranking up even more stress.

Add it all up, and it's just too much pressure.

But really, there is no one reason why domestic assaults fluxuate.

In general, it's women who are mostly likely to be the victims.

We asked Police Chief Anne Moise if she had any guess as to why there was such an alarming uptick.

"They are unpredictable for the most part, and can occur at any time," Moise said.

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Victims have resources she said.

"If anyone is in immediate danger, they should call 911," Moise told The Review.

"In Wayne County, First Step is an organization for victims of domestic violence. They can be reached 24 hours a day at (734) 722-6800 or (888) 453-5900.

"Their services are available for both female and male victims. They have support groups and counseling services as well."

Also recently, there was another rash of catalytic converters being stolen generally at all times of the day. It's rare when anyone gets a glimpse of who is doing this, because the process of stealing them is quick and easy.

It can be done within seconds, police say.

Stolen converters are said to resell for a whopping \$600 each or so.

What?

It's all about the precious metals the convert-

ers contain, such as platinum, palladium and rhodium.

Thieves bypass even the shady dealers who purchase stolen parts for resale, and instead go directly to scrap metal dealers.

A "productive" thief can steal 10 to 15 in a

Just what do catalytic converters do?

Since 1975, new cars have had to have them. in order to cut down on smog.

One other recent incident also caught our attention.

Thieves once again did the seemingly impossi-

Two suspects managed to drive away with two Ford F-150s being stored on the American Axle lot at Poland and Dequindre.

There had been a rash of similar thefts a couple of years ago, before the lot was secured with concrete blocks and an around-the-clock guard.

This time, the thieves were even more reckless. actually They rammed security guard's car that was blocking the exit. The

guard managed bailout of his car before it was struck, Moise said.

Moise said one of the stolen pickups was later recovered a few blocks away at Dequindre and

The other pickup got away. No arrests have yet been made.

Belmont.



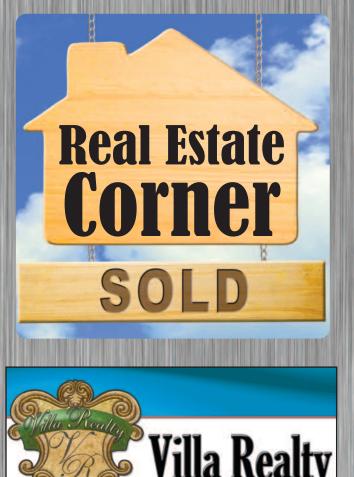
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and obtain such a career. As a bonus, they're going to let you tour the firehouse, where the open house will be held (2625 Caniff). No word on whether you'll be able to slide down the pole.

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Bv Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log covers May 28-June 3.

Tuesday, May 28

· A resident in the 2600 block of Norwalk St. reported the theft of their Genesis BMX bike from their backyard.

Wednesday, May 29

- · Officers took a resident to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.
- · A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a three Hamtramck warrants. · A resident in the
- 1900 block of Trowbridge St. reported the theft of their car's catalytic converter.
- · A resident in the 12100 block of Moran St. reported an incident of illegal dumping.
- · A Detroit resident was arrested while in the Wayne County Jail for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

Thursday, May 30

 A driver was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license and

for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

- · An assault was reported in the 3300 block
- of Norwalk St. · A suspicious situation was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff.

Friday, May 31

- · A resident in the 11300 block of Moran St. reported a garage breakin and the theft of his bike.
- after a police chase for fleeing and eluding, and for obstruction. · A suspicious situation

· A driver was arrested

- was reported in the 12000 block of Sobieski
- · A person reported that, while in the 2600 block of Casmere St., they received harassing text messages.

Saturday, June 1

- · A Sterling Heights resident reported the theft of his car while it was parked in the Yemans-Alpena area.
- At a little after 1 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop

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SATURDAY, June 8, 2-4 p.m. – Soup kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski and Fleming streets. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY, June 24, 9 a.m. - Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Monday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.

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for possessing drugs and an open intoxicant, as well as for driving without a license.

· At almost 5 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested after officers found him passed out behind the wheel of a running vehicle. The passenger, also a Detroit resident, was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

- · A Caniff resident reported being harassed.
- · A Jos. Campau building had an open door. Ofsecured ficers building.
- A Caniff resident was discovered to be deceased.

Sunday, June 2

 Officers secured an open door at a residence in the 2300 block of

Whalen St.

- · A person was arrested for shoplifting from a store in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau and also for possession of narcotics.
- · A Doremus St. resident reported a suspicious incident.
- Officers responded to a man who had overdosed in the area of Mc-Dougall and Casmere. The man was resuscitated with two doses of Narcan.
 - A resident was ar-

rested after stabbing a Livonia resident in the leg.

Monday, June 3

- · At 11:30 p.m., a resident was arrested in the area of Moran and Casmere for being disorderly.
- At almost midnight, officers captured a black and white pit bull puppy that was found roaming in the area of Nagel and Casmere. The dog was taken to the Westland Humane Society.
- · At about 2 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.
- · A Sobieski St. resident reported that someone damaged his vehicle.
- · A Norwalk St. resident reported an incident of domestic assault.

Reader feedback ... Tackling the city's financial crunch

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Only failing cities like Detroit, Pontiac, Flint and Highland Park have income tax. Successful cities don't.

"It made sense when the city was full of factories but now the burden mostly falls on struggling city residents.

"Besides, it discourages wealthy people and businesses from staying in the city, and causes continuous flight or the residents to the suburbs where there is no such tax.

Hussain also claims some city leaders don't live here:

"Even our city leaders, who have a choice, do not live in Hamtramck with income tax being one of the reasons they don't.

"Not to mention other 'leaders' who fake residency in Hamtramck.

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The **School District of the City of Hamtramck** Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A copy of the RFP will be available by email at slynem@hamtramckschools.org by June 17, 2019. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at 3201 Roosevelt, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

All proposals must be submitted no later than July 10, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the **School** District of the City of Hamtramck and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET

The Board of Education of the School District of the City of Hamtramck will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3201 Roosevelt Street, to review and consider the school district's 2019-2020 proposed budget.

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

Copies of the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget will be available for examination in the Superintendent of Schools Office, 3201 Roosevelt, from 8:00 a.m. June 25, 2019, until the time of the Public Hearing.

Salah Hadwan, Secretary Hamtramck Board of Education