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A flap over

Pride flag

By Charles Sercombe

Some old divisions in

Hamtramck over gay-re-

lated issues reared their

head at the last city coun-

What was supposed to be a routine resolution to

allow a gay pride flag to

be flown on a city-owned flagpole in Zussman Park

sparked a deep division

on council, and in the

community; and a lengthy

On the council's "con-

sent agenda" last Tues-

day, there was a proposal

to hold a gay pride flag

raising ceremony on June

The proposal came

from the newly-formed

Arts and Cultural Com-

Normally, in a consent

proposals up or down

without discussion, al-

though sometimes there

are certain proposals

19 in Zussman Park.

cil meeting.

discussion.

HAMTRAMCK HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Quick Hits

Share your Hamtramck memories

Do you have a favorite memory of Hamtramck?

Maybe it is of when you were a kid and used to go shopping on Jos. Campau with mom. Or maybe it was just the nice conversation you had with your neighbor yesterday.

In any case, it is a moment that should be preserved and shared, and you can start by sharing that with the Hamtramck Historical Museum. Next year, 2022, will mark the 100th vear since Hamtramck incorporated as a city.

As part of the planned festivities, the Hamtramck Historical Museum is collecting persons' favorite thoughts and memories about the city. These will be put into a special display that will be at the museum throughout 2022. Then they will go into the museum's permanent archives for future generations to enjoy.

You don't have to be a resident to participate.

So share your thoughts with us. Submissions

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The Review wishes a **Happy Juneteeth** Day! June 19, 2021

Caniff parking lot repaving is moving along – with one bump

By Charles Sercombe

Just about done.

The Caniff city parking lot received its final layer of asphalt recently, and the parking spaces have been striped.

The final touch will be the installation of new hitech parking meters.

As soon as some of the striping was completed on Monday, a heavy downpour happened. That resulted in a large pool of water, which stood just a few feet away from a drain.

That pooling of water triggered a dozen local armchair engineers who are apparent experts on paving.

Who knew?

Mayoral candidate Kamal Rahman was one of the first critics to weigh in on the matter, on a Hamtramck Facebook page:

"Look at the quality of the engineering workmanship! The storm drain is nowhere near the water and slope appears to be done incorrectly," Rahman said.

"City Council members should hold the company accountable and hold off on approving the final invoice for this project until the issue is fixed. Do not let taxpayer money go to waste.'

City Manager Kathy Angerer had a simple mes-



The finishing touches were made to the newly repaved city-owned parking lot on Caniff at McDougal. New hi-tech meters will soon be installed.

sage to those critics:

"It's not done!" she

According to Angerer, and contractors we talked to, it's not uncommon

after a first rainfall for water to pool up on a newly paved lot.

This allows the contractor to come back, and re-Continued on page 2

agenda, the council simply votes on the various

pulled aside and placed on the regular agenda for discussion. Such was the case for the gay pride ceremony. Councilmember

Saad Almasmari made the request to separate the resolution and place it on the regular agenda.

That set the stage for what became a lengthy public comment section and, later, a lengthy debate among councilmembers before a vote was

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School district offers cultural events this summer

By Alan Madlane

School may be over but education - and fun - still continues this summer.

The Hamtramck Public School District is sponsoring a handful of summer cultural events through its Pop-Up Literacy, Arts and Culture program.

The rosters of perform-

ers are as yet unspecified, but are sure to please.

Dates and locations for the events are as follows:

· June 23: CMAP (Carrie Morris Arts Production), 2221 Carpenter St.

 June 30: Pulaski Park, 9625 Lumpkin St.

 (For now, there is a three-week break, until)

Center, Community 11350 Charest St.

· July 28: Pulaski Park The events run from noon to 2 p.m.

Buses run from Hamtramck Housing apartments at 11:30 a.m., and back at 2:15 p.m., and from Dickinson West Ele-

· July 21: Hamtramck mentary School at 11:45

If the weather's bad, it will all transition to the Hamtramck High School Community Center at 11350 Charest St.

Otherwise, bring a chair or a blanket for an afternoon of outdoor fun!

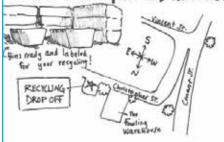




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Hamtramck Housing Commission (HHC) does not discriminate on the

Caniff parking lot repaving is moving along with one bump continued from front page

heat the asphalt to create between a pathway to the nearest drainage location.

It also led to a contrac- tween Trowbridge and tor to lower the level of a Belmont drainage grate.

Repaving the Caniff parking lot is part of this year's alley repaving proj-

Also being repaved in this year's project are the

following alleys:

Belmont and Yemans

- · West of Conant be-
- West of Conant be-Belmont tween and Yemans
- West of Conant between Yemans and Evaline

The total cost for this year's alley repaving is · West of Jos Campau \$440,000, and it is being

done by Great Lakes Contracting Solutions.

At the same time the parking lot is being repaved, Caniff itself is being torn up and replaced, from the I-75 service drive to Jos. Campau.

That project will take most of the summer to complete, and is being paid for through federal financing.

As for the new meters

being installed in the Jos. Campau business district and all city parking lots, brace yourself. The old city parking meters had been 25 cents for 30 minutes.

Once the new meters are installed, and up and running, it will then cost \$1 per hour to park.

School Bell

From the **Superintendent**

In a letter to the HPS families, Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed addressed the recent shooting death of a HHS graduate and the wounding of another student.

The letter said:

"Our hearts are heavy, having learned of the tragic passing of a recent graduate of Hamtramck Public Schools yesterday, the injury of another recent graduate and a current student.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families, and we pray for the swift recovery of the students who were injured. Please join me in standing with the families today as they deal with this tragedy.

"One life lost is too many, and we must come together as a community to mourn this devastating loss and stand up against violence of any kind. We encourage our entire school community to look out for one another during this difficult time. Resources are available should students and staff wish to talk to a counsel-

or today and in the future. "Please know that Hamtramck Public Schools will continue to put safety of our students and staff at the forefront of our thoughts and actions.

"We are committed to

remaining vigilant on providing a safe and supportive school environment that our students and staff deserve.

"We will continue to focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of every student, as we know nurturing the whole student comes from meeting the needs of every individual.

"Should your child have concerns about their safety and wellbeing, please encourage them to reach out to our staff and community members for support.

"If you require assistance, please contact our office at (313) 892-2038."

For additional support, recommended Ahmed reaching out to the following HPS personnel:

- Sarah Peslar LMSW, Clinical Social Worker, speslar@hamtramckschools.org, (313)891-9473
- Menhem Aouad, Special Education Director, maouad@hamtramckschools.org, (313) 872-9270 ex. 2307.
- District Nurse Pieknik, mpieknik@hamtramckschools.org, (313) 454-1645.
- · Amra Poskovic (Bosnian), School and Commu-

nity Facilitator: aposkovic@hamtramckschools. org, (313) 912-4502.

- Elizabeth Alpert, School and Community Facilitator: ealpert@hamtramckschools.org.
- · Aiysha Shamim (Bangla), Parent engagement Liaison: ashamim@hamtramckschools.org, (313)

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- · Rasmia Alnajar (Arabic), Parent Engagement Facilitator: ralnajar@hamtramckschools.org, (313) 717-2259.
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June 18, 2021 This week at the Library

"Tales and Tails": Good news - the library's Summer Reading Program is on it's way. The theme for this year is "Tales and Tails." There will be animal themed magic and musical shows, an animation workshop, and a case to solve with the world famous detective Sherlock Holmes. (All events presented virtually). But the adventures do not end there. We will be challenging our younger patrons to explore, investigate, and imagine our world with the power of books. It is the Summer READING Program after all. More info to come.

Juneteenth Celebration: Education. Economic Independence, Engagement these are the themes for the upcoming Juneteenth celebration presented by the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Events take place on June 17th to 20th and will be mainly vir-Check thewright.org/events/ Juneteenth-jubilee-freedom-weekend for

the full schedule. Yasunari Kawabata (1899): June 11th is the birthday of Nobel Prize winning novelist and short story writer, Yasunari

Kawabata. He was the first person from

Japan to receive this prestigious award in 1968. Kawabata, an orphan since age of four, lost even more of his close relatives during teenage years, and the experiences of these loses and ensuing separations found their way into his isolated writing style. The Second World War also has a huge influence on his work, though Kawabata was not one to glorify the militarism of his native land. His writing philosophy sought out a new perception of the world, one of "subjectivity that peels away the naturalized exterior aspects and leans into the thing itself." A number of his works have been translated into English and can be found - you guessed it - at the library.

Hamtramck Library is operating as "Grab and Go" until further notice: -This service includes book pick-ups, remote printing, faxing and scanning. Computers will not be available for use until further notice. Please send attachments you want printed to hamtramcklibrary at gmail.com. Browse our catalog at home, If we have the title, please call 313-733-6822, and we will set it aside for you to pick up.

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

Second Front Page

Mayor: Covid cases continue to persist in Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

Well, Hamtramck had a weird week in the Covid-19 department.

For two days in the past week, the city ranked number one in the number of new cases in the county. Actually, one of those days we were tied with Dearborn Heights.

That was the latest update by Mayor Karen Majewski during her weekly Facebook address to the community about the pandemic, which she has been doing for over a year now.

So, here are the latest numbers: two weeks ago, there were 38 new cases reported here.

Last week, the number was 33, and with one new reported death, which technically happened back on May 21.

"We're all over the map Maiewski once again," said, referring to other past stretches where the number of new cases has been up and down without any discernable pattern.

The death was of an 81-year-old man. His death brings the yearly Covid fatality statistic to 50.

The number of Covid cases here total 2,666.

That represents over 10 percent of the city's popu-

Statewide, the news is good: the number of new Covid cases continues to decline. But there are some disturbing holdouts. A recent media report said that only 39 percent of Detroit police officers, who have plenty of contact with the public, have received vaccinations.

Also, statewide, for the past year or so, there have been 892,469 Covid cases, with a total of 19,548 deaths.

For those still needing a vaccine, the best way to find out where to get one is to go online at vaccines.

Otherwise, there is FRD Sav-More Pharmacy on Conant, and CVS Pharmacy at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

The cost of water bills has been a topic of discussion lately. Namely, why does water cost so much? Hint: it's the sewer-

age charge that especially hurts.

Well, the mayor reminded residents that there is a Wayne County program, called WRAP (Water Residential Assistance Program), that is available low-income-qualifying households.

For more information, call (313) 386-9727.

There is another helping hand for those who have fallen behind on paying property taxes. Wayne County is continuing to hold off from foreclosing on households that are way behind on their tax bills, Majewski said.

The only catch is that the houses in question must be occupied.

Are you breathing a little easier lately? Yes, the mask mandates have been loosened, a bit, for those vaccinated.

But, vaccinated or not, places of business can mandate their own requirements.

"The business owner has the authority to require masks," said Majewski, who owns a vintage clothing shop on Jos. Campau called Tekla.

The mayor prefers to still wear a mask while outdoors in public. Why? Because there are new variants of the disease appearing.

All of this is a way of leading up to the fact that Hamtramck City Hall is now open to the public, albeit only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Majewski said that unless it's something that really requires going there in person, "We encourage you to do your business virtually."

And then she added: "Or by mail."

While city hall might be partially open, city council meetings, which previously had been held in city hall, will continue to meet only by Zoom.

At least until June 30.

If it were up to the mayor, the Zoom-only meetings would continue past that date.

Also loosening up in these waning pandemic

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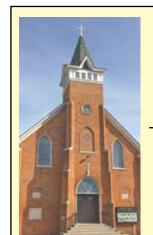




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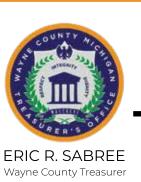
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times, restrictions on outdoor gatherings, and even home gatherings. There is now no longer a restriction on how many people can gather.

So, go ahead, invite your friends for a cocktail party at home. Or somewhere else. It doesn't matter, just get your friends and family together.

Hamtramck, what are your needs?

A local organization called "All in for Hamtramck" is conducting a survery.

Local residents Jamila Martin, Shaffwan Ahmed, and Evan Major explain why they are taking the survey on their website:

"We have heard and seen too many examples of our leadership failing to act with a shared vision, with an accurate or expansive understanding of the issues, or with systematic and meaningful engagement of the community.

"We're starting this effort because we want to

collaborate on visionary solutions, build new relationships with our neigh-

bors, and develop accountable leadership for our city. We believe the path forward will be paved with the participation of ALL segments of our community, and want to have an organization where we can model the cooperation, compassion, and commitment that is so desperate-

Want to learn more? Go online to: allinforhamtramck.org

ly needed."

Moving on, Majewski reminded residents that this Saturday, June 19, is known as the "Juneteenth" celebration, and that Hamtramck will be celebrating it with a cleanup at the city's newest park, Sarah Garrett Park, located on Dequindre, just north of Caniff.

After that, she signed off, saying, "I hope we'll soon see some lower (case) numbers next week."

Quick Hits

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should be brief, no more than 150 words, and include a non-returnable photo, if you can.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

HPS District once again shines during graduation time

Each year, we visit with the Hamtramck High School graduating seniors during their graduation ceremony.

And each year we are amazed at their energy, and the even-more-impressive cultural diversity in the public schools.

This is a very unique experience that is not duplicated in the sub-

Hamtramck is an island unto itself.

The experiences these students have growing up and learning together must be awe-inspiring. No doubt, this rich learning environment will forever play a key part in

their lives.

And this experience will also give them a leg up on being able to get along with others in this increasingly diverse country and world.

Helping all the way are our dedicated teachers and administrative staff. This is truly a team effort, and the results make us proud of this city.

public school district truly exemplifies what can happen if people work together - something our city's elected officials could learn a lesson about.

There have been some serious cultural divides lately in the city, and

we remind folks to look no further than what is happening in our public schools.

We think you'll find inspiration there.

Our graduates are optimistic and, more importantly, moving forever forward in life.

This is the end of their first phase in life, and now is an exciting time for graduates. They can go and do anything they dream of at this point.

The future for them is endless.

We wish the Class of 2021 all the luck in the world, and know one thing: Hamtramck will always be your home.

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Pride flag is part of a larger celebration

Culture Commission

The Hamtramck Arts & Culture Commission shall officially commemorate Hamtramck Pride for the month of June, not only this year but henceforth each June in future years in conjunction with global Pride Month celebrations.

In recognition of the experiences of LGBTQ+ residents, visitors, and queer communities across the globe, the city will fly the 11-color Progress Pride flag at Zussman Park throughout the month of June with a celebratory commemoration to take place on Saturday, 19. June at 9 a.m.

This iteration of the Pride flag, created in 2018 by designer and artist Daniel Quasar, includes black, brown, light-blue, pink, and white stripes to represent the experiences of queer people of all races and gender identities.

As a community whose residents reflect a diverse range of ethnic, religious, cultural, and experiential backgrounds, honoring the

By the Hamtramck Arts & experience of queer people in Hamtramck is a natural extension of the city's ongoing work to make Hamtramck a more open, welcoming, and equitable environment for all.

> While physical events will be limited this year, the Hamtramck Arts & Culture Commission is pleased to have the support of City of Hamtramck, Detroit City Football Club's Northern Guard, GM PLUS, General Motors' LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group, Hamtramck High Schools GSA and the city's own, DDA, Human Rights Commissions and spearheaded by the Arts and Culture Commission as partners in the celebration and promotion of this year's Hamtramck

> These partners will help to celebrate queer experience and visibility throughout the month of June both at DCFC games and in businesses throughout the city, as well as through distribution and display of leaflets, flags, and banners around the city.

Since June 28, 1970

- and following the Stonewall Uprising of 1968 -Pride marches and events have served to promote awareness and equality for queer people both in the United States and across the globe.

Highlighting both the richness and ongoing struggles of queer communities - which include those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex – is a key part in promoting equal justice. visibility, and nondiscrimination both within Hamtramck and worldwide for people of all gender identities and orientations.

As the scope and awareness of Hamtramck Pride grows in future years, we hope to enjoy the support of an even broader range of both programming and community partners, and - while acknowledging that this declaration is long overdue - we happily anticipate this year's celebration being the first of many in Hamtramck to commemorate and honor queer communities across the world.

Mayoral candidate pledges to respect rights of everyone

By Asm Kamal Rahman

In my role as mayor, I will be respectful and work to bring fairness, justice and equality to ALL people in our great city of Hamtramck.

As a longtime civil and human rights activist, I have always supported the Declaration of Human Rights drafted by Eleanor Roosevelt and adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

In this document it states that all human beings on earth are born free and equal in dignity and rights. There are many targets of discrimination and hatred in our world, including the LGBTQIA+ community, BI-POC (Black, indigenous, people of color), Muslims, Asian Americans. Jews. Palestinians, women, the

disabled, and others that need our protection from injustice and hatred.

In 2008, I opposed a poorly written ordinance that has been characterized by some as a fairness ordinance, but that I believe would have failed to meet that goal, lacked public education and thus, was successful in further dividing the community.

Some of the comments made at that time might now be taken out of context however they do not reflect my feelings then or

During that time and since, I have worked to educate myself and others about all civil rights issues and will continue this behavior in the future.

I will continue to support ANY action that affirms the

dignity of and welcomes ANY and ALL residents to Hamtramck, regardless of who their parents are, how they pray or whom they

As a leader in this city, I will work with everyone to improve life in Hamtramck for every citizen. I will oppose any form of discrimination in regards to jobs, housing and social life.

I will work with and appoint to commissions any qualified person regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The real challenge is to bring together people of different beliefs and opinions to work together in effectively addressing our city's many problems.

I will work to safeguard human and civil rights for the benefit of ALL.

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Please note that the Hamtramck Health Center on 9021 Joseph Campau is providing the FREE Covid 19 vaccination services for those 65+.

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One dead in drive-by shooting

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's second homicide of the year occurred Monday evening.

And just like the city's first one that happened two months ago, it involved a street shooting that was apparently, according to sources, in retaliation for a prior shoot-

According to the Hamtramck Police Department, and sources, a 20-year-old man died from his gunshot wounds, and two others were also injured.

The shooting happened at about 7:45 p.m. in the area of Yemans and Buffalo, where a group of about 30 young men were playing basketball.

According to a press release issued by the police department, "Witnesses report an unidentified vehicle drove through the

area and fired multiple shots at a group of individuals that were playing basketball."

The department did not release the name of the person who died, just as the department refused to identify the shooting victim who died in April while he was on Conant Ave.

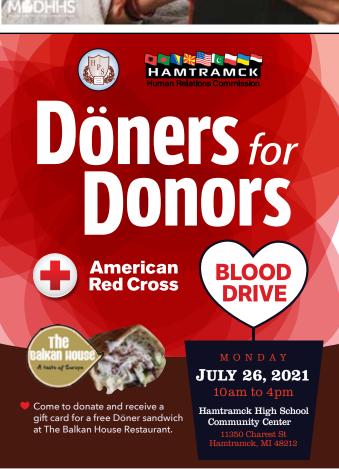
The department cited the privacy rights of the family of the deceased for its reason to withhold the name of the victim.

Two Detroit men have been charged in the April homicide, and both are waiting for further court action.

No further details were provided.

Anyone with information about Monday's shooting is asked to call the Hamtramck Police at (313) 800-5280.





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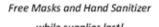


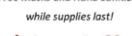
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A flap over Pride flag

taken.

In a rare move, City Attorney James Allen spoke during public comment, and it was a preview for what became a passionate debate among those in favor of the recognition, and those against.

Allen said that having the city display the gay pride flag, for which there are several designs, is "beyond symbolic."

"It sends a message on how we welcome people in this community," he said.

Nasr Hussain, a former Hamtramck Public School District Boardmember, said displaying the flag will cause "division."

He said that the council has other pressing issues to talk about, such as finances and public safety.

However, he countered one of Allen's comments. in which Allen had said that recognizing gay rights attracts would-be business owners. Hussain said that the discussion shouldn't just be about "money, money, money."

Hussain said that the gay community is always free to do what they want in their houses."

Making this issue public, he said, is an affront to the city's "majority conservative Muslim community."

Kit Parks, who is a frequent commentator at council meetings, said she doesn't "see this issue as controversial," but conceded that "politics are controversial by nature."

Another frequent commentator during council meetings is Bill Meyer, who said that the city "should support all sorts of flags. ... Let's fight for everyone who is targeted for discrimination."

Timothy Price, the chairman of the Arts and Cultural Commission, said this resolution is "not a political statement. ... It's actually a human rights statement."

Luqman Saleh agreed with Nasr Hussain, saying that the council should focus instead on finances.

"The city is going to collapse very soon," Saleh said. "If anyone wants to practice their rights - they can do so at home."

Sam Alasri urged the council to avoid topics that "divide us," and called this proposal a "political game."

Later, it was the council's turn to take up the issue. Councilmember Carrie Beth Lasley started off the discussion by saying that she identifies with the LGBTQ+ community ("and if you're wondering which one, you're nosey.").

She said that displaying the flag is a message of welcoming to that community, and if the council rejects the proposal, the city might as well take down the various "Welcome to Hamtramck" signs located here.

we're even having this discussion," she added. "This is just really, really ugly." Councilmember Mo-

embarrassing

"It's

hammed Alsomiri noted that this would be the first time the city flew the gay pride flag, but it was unclear what his point was.

Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi said the council and the city have a history of supporting human rights.

"We're here to support everybody," he said.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari said that, while the city is welcoming, the city government should only display the American flag – not that of "someone's lifestyle."

Mayor Karen Majewski took issue with framing this as a "lifestyle" issue.

Gay rights, she said, "is not a lifestyle."

Instead, Majewski said, it's about recognizing "who you are, that is your being, the essence of your being."

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said that bringing this issue up for a vote only "creates more problems."

Flying the gay pride flag, he said, is "destroying respect."

Not surprisingly, the

vote resulted in a 3-3 tie, with Councilmembers Hassan, Alsomiri and Almasmari voting against the resolution.

Councilmembers Nayeem Choudhury, Lasley and Al-Marsoumi voted in favor.

The led to Mayor Majewski having to break the tie with a vote in favor of allowing the flag ceremony to take place.

The council meeting sparked widespread debate among residents, and others, on several Hamtramck-based Facebook pages.

As of this week, that discussion is ongoing with some opinions not fit

for a family newspaper to

Continued from front page

One gay couple who moved out of the city, noted on Facebook that one key reason for their moving out was they felt they faced hatred from half of the city's population.

This debate has played out in many other communities across the nation.

Some states, such as Illinois and Wisconsin, fly the gay pride flag during June, which is Gay Pride Month, over their state capital buildings.

Some communities and counties also fly the flag, always underneath the American flag. The US Flag Code al-

lows communities to fly flags of their choice below American flags. Many states and com-

munities fly their own state flag, as well as the POW-MIA flag, below the American flag.

(The gay pride flag ceremony will be this Saturday, June 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., at Zussman Park, which is located across from Hamtramck City Hall.)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To all property owners, agents and occupants, notice is hereby given to all persons owning or occupying property within the City of Hamtramck, that pursuant to the City Code, it shall be the duty of the owners or occupants to keep all grass, weeds and vegetation cut below a height of five inches on properties and free from noxious weeds. All properties shall include the abutting street right-of-way lying between the curb and sidewalk or the drainage course paralleling the street where there is no curb abutting the properties and any abutting alley. If the provisions of this ordinance are not complied with within three days of notice of the violation, the city shall cause the grass and weeds to be cut or destroyed, and the actual cost of cutting or destruction plus an administrative fee shall be charged to the property owner and, if necessary, collected as a tax lien against the property.

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The City of Hamtramck Treasurer's Office is mailing the

SUMMER 2021 TAX STATEMENTS

by July 1, 2021. These taxes are either due in full by August 20, 2021, or

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first half payment by August 2, 2021,

The Winter 2021 Tax Statements will be mailed by December 1, 2021 and will be due by February 14, 2022.

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The Treasurer's Office can be reached at (313) 800-5233 ext 822

City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing Plan Commission

The City of Hamtramck Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom and streaming live on the city's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/CityofHamtramck/) due to the inability to gather in person because of COVID-19 concerns. The public is invited to virtually attend and comment or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Address written comments to Mara Braciszewski, ATTN: Plan Commission, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212. Information about how to log on to the Zoom meeting can be found at Hamtramck.us or by calling Mara Braciszewski at (313) 800-5233 ext. 316.

The subject of the hearing is:

Text amendments to the City of Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance

Please note: This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.71 a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the Meeting to Individuals with disabilities at the Meeting or Public Hearing upon 10 day notice to the City Clerk's Office. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Hamtramck City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x. 342.

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AUTO AUCTION

Car Rescue LLC will be holding a car auction on July 2, 2021 at 11:00 am at 10230 Livernois Ave Detroit, Michigan 48234. The vehicles for auction are:

1987 Buick Regal vin: 1G4GJ11A7HP420264 2012 Dodge Challengervin: 2C3CDYAG1CH154233 2016 Ford Fusion vin: 1FA6P0H75G5135646 2018 Dodge Charger vin: 2C3CDXGJ4HH603232

By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers June 8-14.

Tuesday, June 8

- · At 12:30 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.
- A Selfridge St. resident reported a theft.
- · A resident reported an incident of malicious destruction of property in the 2900 block of Goodson St.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.

Wednesday, June 9

- At midnight, a domestic disturbance was reported on Caniff Ave.
- At about midnight, a Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- · A Detroit resident reported that, while his vehicle was parked on Jacob St., someone damaged it.
- A resident reported an assault that happened in the 12000 block of Selfridge St.
- A resident was arrested for an assault that happened at Carpenter and St. Aubin.

Thursday, June 10

- A resident was arrested during a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- · A resident reported an incident of fraud that

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happened in the 12100 block of Lumpkin St.

 A resident reported an incident of malicious destruction of property that happened in the 12000 block of Oklaho-

Friday, June 11

ma St.

- At 11:30 p.m., a resident reported an incident of domestic assault.
- A domestic disturbance was reported on Norwalk St.
- A Norwalk St. resident reported receiving threats.

Saturday, June 12

- At about noon, a Grand Haven St. resident reported being assault-
- A resident of Warren was petitioned to be taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a mental evaluation. In an unrelated incident, a Detroit resident was also petitioned to be taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a

mental evaluation.

Sunday, June 13

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau
- and Danforth. · An incident of domestic assault was reported in the 3900 block of Prescott St.

Monday, June 14

- · At 11:30 p.m., a resident reported that several windows at their residence had been broken
- · A Dyar St. resident reported a suspicious situation.
- · A Belmont St. resident reported a break-in.
- · A Yemans St. juvenile who had been reported as missing was found and returned home.

A resident in the 2300 block of Botsford St. reported a break-in.

A resident was found deceased in the 1900 block of Belmont St.

A Detroit resident reported being a victim of a theft that occurred in the 3000 block of Belmont St.

Coming Events

MONDAY, July 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - American Red Cross will host a blood donation drive at the Hamtramck High School Community Center (11350 Charest St.). Those who donate will receive a complimentary Doner sandwich from The Balkan House. Register for your appointment online, www. redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: hamtramckhrc), or call 1-800-733-2767.







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Odds & Ends

Fighting hunger... Those fine folks from Gleaners Food Bank are back with a revamped

summer food program.

"Last summer, we saw some of the greatest community need we have ever seen in Southeast Michigan," said Gleaners CEO/President Gerry Brisson.

"While there are new signs for hope," he added, "far too many children and families in our community will not be hunger-free this summer without our help."

To that end, Gleaners is mobilizing its 660-partner network to help stock its emergency food distribution sites and emergency food box deliveries.

Two of those will be directly operating in Hamtramck.

They are: a Mobile Distributing Site, operating out of the Hamtramck Housing Commission location at 12025 Dequindre (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on the city's northwest end, and an Emergency Mobile Pantry at Friendship House at the Hamtramck Town Center, 9215 Jos. Campau, which runs only once or twice a month, always from 9 a.m. to noon.

The specific dates for the pantry to be open are: June 23, Jul. 21, Aug. 4, Aug. 18, Sept. 1, Sept. 15, and Sept. 29.

Remember the dates, but if you miss them,

the Dequindre location should still be able to serve your needs during its weekday hours.

Call Gleaners at (313) 923-3535 if you need more information.

By the way, donations can be made to the Gleaners Hunger Free Summer Plus campaign. Again, call the above number, or visit the physical locations.

Those donations are matched by a host of corporate and foundation donors, including Ford and GM, Citizens, the Mandell and Madeleine Berman Foundation, and the Toni Wisne Sabina Foundation, among others.

Paul Janas, an alumnus of the school, recently sent us this email about a reunion of the school's 1971 championship baseball team:

"On Saturday June 19th, the St. Ladislaus baseball state championship team from 1971 will meet at Hamtramck Stadium at 1p.m. to take a 50th year reunion team picture. ...

"Our team, in 1971, had 18 players and two coaches and 16 players are expected to be there Saturday. Our two coaches have sadly passed away.

"On June 19,1971 the St. Ladislaus Greyhounds won the Class "C" baseball championship in Marshall, Michigan by defeating Dearborn Sacred Heart 4-0 in the finals.

"The Greyhounds were led by the shutout pitching of Tom Crepeau and timely hitting of Rick Radzinski and Bernie Biringer. The defense was solid with Mike Venditti, Dennis Dombrowski and Gary Koliba."

The team members include: Rick Radzinski, Tom Crepeau, John Skiragis, Bernie Biringer, Mike Venditti, Dennis Dombrowski, Moe Danielewicz, Jim Doyle, Harry Cendrowski, Ralph Pryzbylski, Jim Bielaniec, Chuck Maiorana, Paul Maiorana, Ken Bearre, Frank Szymanski, Dave Mann, Gary Koliba and Paul Janas.

The coaches were Mike Soluk and Frank Wilczyns-

Lawsuit... The city was recently served with a lawsuit, filed in federal court, claiming violations of the Voting Rights Act.

It boils down to a dispute over which Bengali dialect the city should use when printing ballots.

State election officials are actually in charge of overseeing translations for election materials.

The city also offers ballots in the Arabic language.

The lawsuit was filed by Rahima Begum and an organization called Detroit Action.

We will have more on this next week.

For the Class of 2021, this year featured unique challenges

By Charles Sercombe

It was a return to normal for this year's Hamtramck High School graduating class.

Last year, during the Covid-19 restrictions on social gatherings, the ceremony was held at Keyworth Stadium, but grads received their diplomas at staggered times.

This year's class met as one group last Friday evening, although attendees still had to wear masks. While masking up might have been a minor inconvenience, the intense sun and heat in the 80-plus degree early evening presented more of a challenge.

Nearly 300 seniors graduated.

The class motto this year emphasized what the future holds for them:

"Behind you, all your memories. Before you, all your dreams. Around you, all who love you. Within you, all you need."

The inspirational quote is from author Lillie Vaihere.

Most of this school year was spent learning from home via the internet. Because of the pandemic, students could not meet in-person until the last month or so of the school year.

Students across the country complained of the separation from their classmates, and the challenges of learning via Zoom.

No doubt, the school year of 2020-2021 will

forever be etched in their memories.

A few days before the graduation ceremony, Hon-

ors Students held their own ceremony at the Community Center.











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